

A STEP INTO PHARMACY :



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On 7th February 2026, the Faculty of Pharmacy, Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) Pulau Pinang Branch, Bertam Campus, was honoured to participate in an academic outreach programme at Sekolah Menengah Sains Kubang Pasu, Kedah. The visit marked UiTM Pulau Pinang's first engagement with the school, following an invitation from the Parents and Teachers Association to introduce the academic programmes available at UiTM. The Faculty of Pharmacy was delighted to take part in this meaningful initiative by introducing the field of pharmacy to secondary school students and parents, while providing early exposure to educational opportunities in the healthcare sciences.



The programme began with a general introduction to UiTM and UiTM, Penang Branch. There are a total of seven faculties in the campus, and five joined the programme. Each faculty was allocated 30 minutes to present its respective academic programmes. During the session, students were introduced to the Diploma in Pharmacy programme offered at UiTM Bertam Campus. The presentation highlighted key aspects of the programme, including its syllabus, learning experience, essential skills developed throughout the course, and career pathways available to pharmacy graduates, as well as possible future directions after completing diploma studies. In addition, students were also exposed to the Bachelor of Pharmacy programme offered at UiTM Puncak Alam Campus, enabling them to better plan their educational journey. The talk also provided valuable insight into the vital role of pharmacists in the healthcare system, from ensuring the safe and effective use of medicines to contributing to patient care in hospitals, community pharmacies, pharmaceutical industries, and research institutions. Ms Alyaa, the speaker for the session, shared meaningful insights into the responsibilities of pharmacists, the impact of the profession on public health, and the rewarding opportunities available in this field. The session further emphasised the importance of having a strong foundation in science subjects for students aspiring to pursue health-related professions.

Students showed great enthusiasm by asking questions and expressing interest in learning more about life as pharmacy students and the career prospects in this dynamic profession. Overall, the academic outreach programme successfully raised awareness about pharmacy education and inspired students to explore future opportunities in healthcare and science-related fields. The Faculty of Pharmacy extends its sincere appreciation to the management, teachers, and students of SM Sains Kubang Pasu for their warm welcome and cooperation.

