

BUILDING GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS:

LAB VISIT AND

RESEARCH SEMINAR

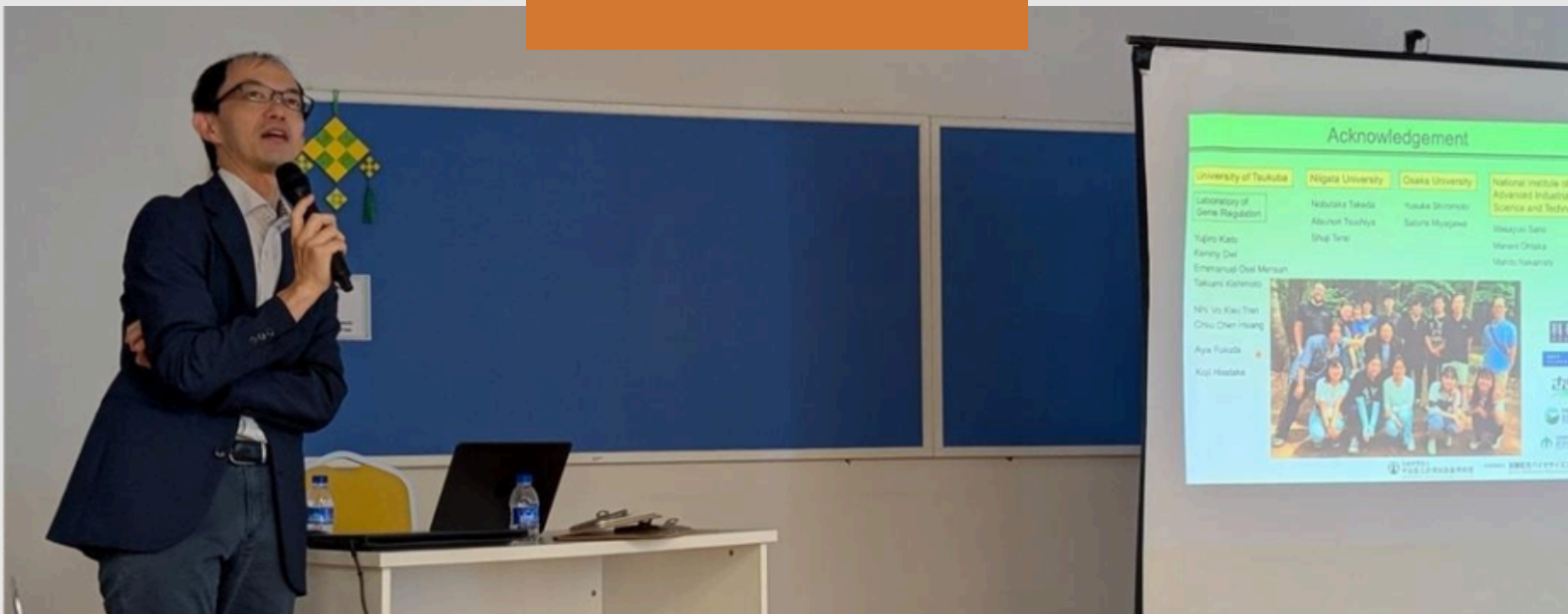
by Professor Ken Nishimura from the University of Tsukuba

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On April 8th, 2026, the Faculty of Pharmacy UiTM welcomed Professor Ken Nishimura from the University of Tsukuba, Japan (Malaysia Campus). Organised by the Research Empowerment Unit (RAMP-IT), this programme serves as a strategic initiative to foster international collaboration, as well as to ensure the faculty is at the forefront of biotechnological advancements.

The programme commenced with a tour to the faculty's research facilities, led by the programme director, Dr. Nurfarhana Ferdaos, alongside the Head of Department of Pharmacology and Life Sciences, Dr. Siti Azma Jusoh, and the Deputy Dean (ICAN), Assoc. Prof. Dr. Fazleen Haslinda Hatta. During the hour-long session, Professor Nishimura visited the BRAIN lab, i-Promise, and the Tissue Culture Lab. This firsthand look at the faculty's advanced infrastructures serves as a key foundation for future research partnerships.





The highlight of the day was the Research Skill Seminar entitled ***“Development of Unique RNA Virus Vectors and Their Applications to Stem Cell Research”***. Held at the Postgraduate Lounge, the seminar drew 35 faculty members and students. Professor Nishimura captivated the audience with his groundbreaking work on the Sendai Virus, a non-integrating RNA virus vector, and its transformative applications in stem cell research.

The programme concluded with an engaging discussion in the SMART classroom, where faculty members and Professor Nishimura exchanged collaboration research ideas. Overall, the initiative successfully achieved its goals of promoting academic networking and deepening participants' understanding of non-integrating RNA virus vectors. Ultimately, the visit laid the groundwork for future collaboration between the Faculty of Pharmacy UiTM and the University of Tsukuba – reinforcing the faculty's commitment to advancing research excellence and global engagement.



