

AN EDUCATIONAL VISIT FROM UNIVERSITY OF SANTO THOMAS:

Mobility Training and Internship Programs

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Welcome to the Faculty of Pharmacy, UiTM

As part of its ongoing commitment to expanding global learning opportunities, Faculty of Pharmacy, Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) welcomed 43 students from the Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Santo Tomas (UST), Philippines, on 3 June 2026. The students participated in a month-long combined international mobility and internship program, which concluded on 1 July 2026.

Upon their arrival, the UST delegation was warmly welcomed by the administrative and academic officials of the faculty, led by the Dean, Professor Dato' Dr. Abu Bakar Abdul Majeed. The visiting students are accompanied by Professor Dr. Franelyne P. Casuga, Program Chair of the UST Department of Pharmacy, and Professor Dr. Maria Ruth B. Pineda-Cortel, Program Chair of the UST Department of Medical Technology.



A month-long Journey

The visiting cohort comprises 16 students from Bachelor of Science (BS) in Pharmacy, 15 from BS in Medical Technology, and 12 from BS in Biochemistry. This specialized program was designed to offer participants an international exposure through experiential learning, academic engagement, and hands-on research activities.

During the program, the BS Pharmacy students completed their Introductory Pharmacy Practice Experience (IPPE) hospital rotations. This integration allows them to observe and actively participate in various aspects of pharmacy practice within the Malaysian healthcare framework.

Meanwhile, the BS Medical Technology and BS Biochemistry students undertook research attachment programs. Under the Pharmacology and Life Sciences (PLS) Department, their internship research activities covered a diverse array of fields, including genetic screening, zebrafish experiments, cancer and immunology, plant extractions, microbial testing and many more. This setup provided them with valuable exposure to laboratory research, scientific discussions, and collaborative academic activities alongside their Malaysian counterparts.

Beyond student development, this visit served as an excellent platform for academic leaders from both institutions to convene, strengthen ongoing partnerships and explore future collaborative initiatives.

HIGHLIGHT

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