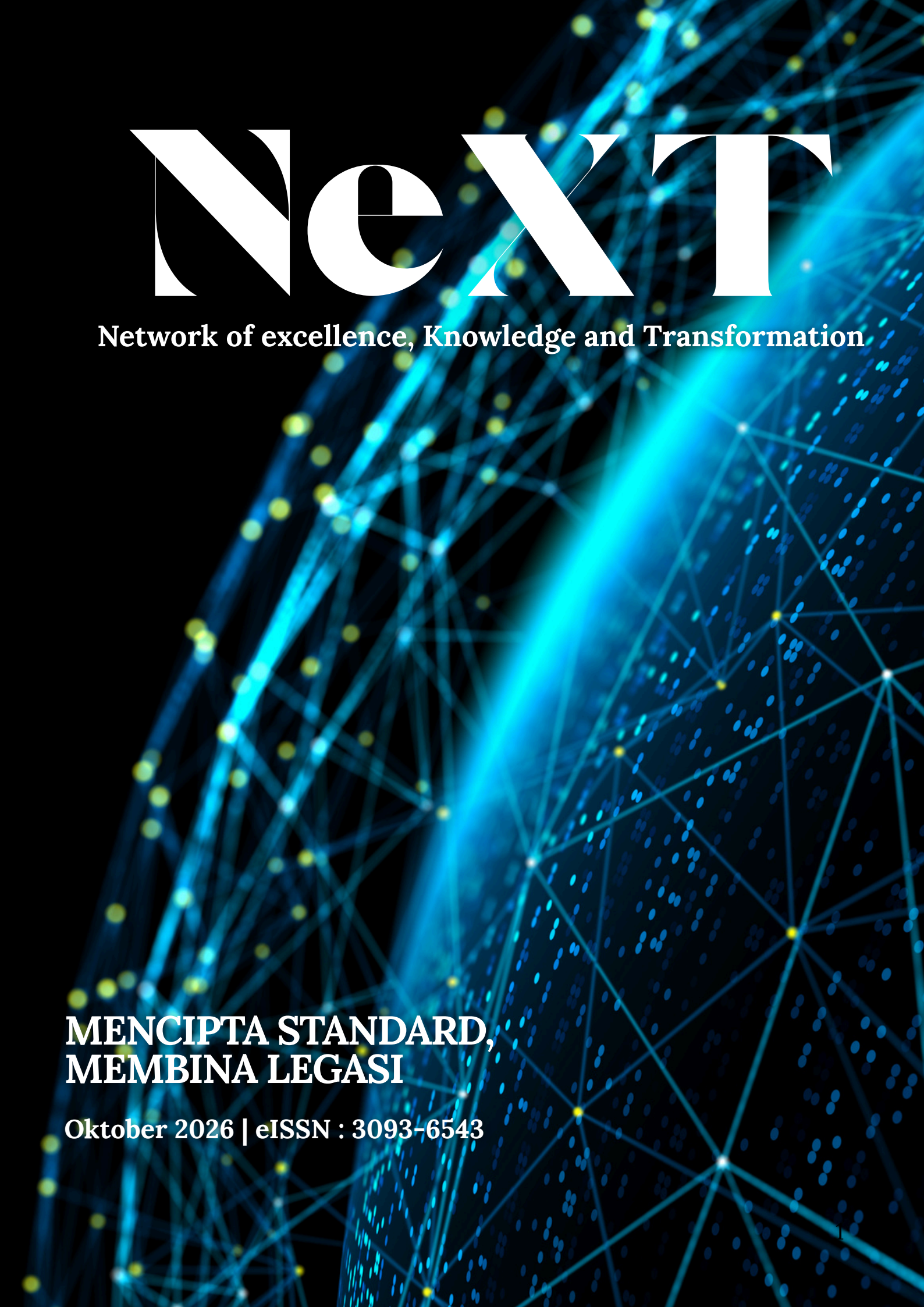


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Zoolunteer Program: Cleaning dan Loving Animals

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The year 2025 marks UiTM Negeri Sembilan, Seremban Campus, continuing to strengthen its role as an institution of higher learning that excels not only in academics but also actively contributes to society and environmental sustainability. One of the high-impact programmes highlighted this year is the Zoolunteer Program: Cleaning and Loving Animals, a community service initiative that integrates volunteerism, environmental awareness, and experiential learning.



Figure 1: Participants of the Zoolunteer Program: Cleaning and Loving Animals posing for a group photo before commencing activities at Zoo Melaka.

This programme was approved by the management of the Faculty of Administrative Science and Policy Studies (FSPPP) and was scheduled to take place on 28 June 2025 at Zoo Melaka. With the involvement of 105 participants comprising students and accompanying staff, the programme aimed to cultivate a sense of social responsibility, concern for animal welfare, and teamwork among members of the campus community.



Figure 2: The spirit of cooperation and teamwork among students throughout the implementation of the Zoolunteer Program.



Figure 3: Students from the Faculty of Administrative Science and Policy Studies, UiTM Seremban Campus, carrying out zoo cleaning activities.

The Zoolunteer Program was designed as an outdoor learning platform that provides participants with direct exposure to zoo environmental hygiene management and the importance of animal welfare. Through activities such as area cleaning, controlled interaction with animals, and planned awareness sessions, participants were able to gain insight into the real challenges involved in animal care and the operations of conservation institutions.

More than just a volunteer activity, the Zoolunteer Program added significant value to students' character development. Direct involvement in community service activities helped shape students to be more empathetic, disciplined, and sensitive to sustainability issues. Noble values such as cooperation, leadership, and responsibility were cultivated in a practical manner, in line with UiTM's aspiration to produce holistic and competitive graduates.



Figure 4: Controlled interaction between program participants and animals as exposure to aspects of animal welfare and conservation.

The implementation of the Zoolunteer Program clearly demonstrates UiTM Negeri Sembilan's continuous commitment to supporting the Malaysia MADANI agenda and the slogan "Berkhidmat Untuk Negara" (Serving the Nation). This programme not only benefited the participants and the zoo management but also strengthened the campus's image as an institution that is caring toward society and the environment.

Overall, the Zoolunteer Program: Cleaning and Loving Animals serves as an excellent example of how co-curricular activities can be systematically planned, high in impact, and aligned with the core values of the university. It is hoped that similar programmes will continue and be expanded in the future so that more members of the campus community may have the opportunity to contribute meaningfully to the community and national sustainability efforts.