

# PHARMAFIESTA 2023



Pharmafiesta, an annual programme organised by the Bureau of Cultural and Arts, Society of Pharmacy Students (SOPHYS), Faculty of Pharmacy, UiTM Puncak Alam, resumed in 2023 after being suspended due to online distance learning since 2021. The event took place on May 24, 2023, at DK 500, UiTM Puncak Alam. Designed not only to provide pharmacy students with a platform to showcase their skills but also to boost their self-esteem and confidence, Pharmafiesta proved to be a remarkable success.

The theme for Pharmafiesta 2023 was Nusantara, a vibrant cultural theme. Participants were required to demonstrate their creativity by developing storylines that aligned with this theme. Each batch was represented by a group of 15 participants, and their performances were evaluated by esteemed judges from the Society of Culture and Arts, UiTM Puncak Alam.

One standout performance was presented by Rx21 performers, who called themselves Kampung Karut. They mesmerised the audience with a captivating musical theatre piece inspired by the rich folk tales of Nusantara. Another remarkable performance was delivered by Rx20 performers, known as Kurkumasari, who expertly blended traditional dance and singing in their theatre pieces.

Rx19 participants, performing as Sukma Kenangan, showcased a unique blend of traditional dikir barat in their theatre performance, leaving a lasting impression on the audience. Dikir barat is a form of traditional Malay musical art that involves singing and poetry recitation. Lastly, Rx18 performers, known as Citra Chandra, closed the event with a memorable musical theatre performance featuring a fusion of traditional dances.

Rx21 secured the third runner-up position, while Rx19 claimed the second runner-up position. Rx20 earned the first runner-up spot, and the overall winner was awarded to Rx18, whose exceptional performance left a lasting impact.

In addition to the group awards, the organising committee of Pharmafiesta recognised the best male and female performers. The audience had the opportunity to vote for their favourite male and female performers, while the committee carefully selected the best outfit in each category.

Pharmafiesta 2023 not only celebrated the talents of pharmacy students but also promoted cultural appreciation and heritage. It served as a reminder of the diverse traditions and stories that make up the fabric of Nusantara. With its successful comeback, Pharmafiesta continues to be a testament to the creativity and dedication of the participants, enriching their educational journey and fostering a sense of pride in their cultural identity.



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