

A VALUABLE SUMMER EXPERIENCE

On 2nd August 2023, the Faculty of Pharmacy, UiTM welcomed 17 students and 1 lecturer from the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Science, Zhejiang Medical University (ZMU). This visit was organised by the National Council of Professors (Majlis Profesor Negara) as part of ZMU's Summer Camp Programme in Malaysia, making it a significant academic and cross-cultural exchange event.



The host, represented by the respected Deputy Dean(s) and lecturers as well as representatives from students' association SOPHYS and SMF, welcomed the delegation with a vibrant sharing session, that began with an insightful introduction to the faculty, including its rich history, academic outline, and diverse range of programs offered. The students from both institutions engaged in lively discussions, fostering a sense of closeness and a deeper understanding of their respective educational systems.

Following the introductory session, the delegation embarked on a tour around the faculty. The highlight of the visit was undoubtedly the Advanced Therapeutic Laboratory, where students participated in simulation exercises on drug application to a simulated patient, gaining hands-on experience with the advanced equipment and technologies. This interactive engagement allowed for the exchange of knowledge and experiences between the visiting students and the host counterparts, enriching the learning experience for everyone involved.

The tour continued with a visit to the Laboratory Animal Facility and Management (LAFAM), where they were exposed to innovative research projects and ethical animal testing procedures. This segment of the tour provided a unique insight into the critical role of pharmaceutical research and development in improving healthcare and patient outcomes.

As the visit concluded, the students and faculty members shared their reflections, expressing their gratitude for the enriching experience. The visit exemplified the importance of international collaborations in the field of pharmacy and pharmaceutical sciences, and it will undoubtedly leave a lasting impact on the participants, shaping their future careers and global outlook.

In conclusion, the visit by the Zhejiang Medical University delegation was a resounding success, promoting academic exchange, cultural understanding, and friendships across borders. It served as a reminder of the boundless potential that international collaborations hold for the advancement of pharmaceutical education and research.

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