

A Global Confluence of Educational Innovation

On November 8th and 9th, 2023, the Universiti Pendidikan Sultan Idris (UPSI) hosted the much-anticipated International Education Innovation Expo 2023 or also known as Edu@Innovate, which highlights innovations related to educational research. This event garnered a diverse gathering of participants from various countries including Japan, Indonesia, and China, and a total of 10 contingents were selected to represent Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) this time around. This includes one team from the Faculty of Pharmacy, led by Dr. Hisyam bin Abdul Hamid.

This esteemed event, encompassing four distinct categories - Academics, Professionals and Industry Players, School Teachers (secondary and primary), Higher Institution Graduate Students, and Higher Institution Postgraduate Students - served as a melting pot of innovative ideas and collaborative ventures in education. By highlighting 10 clusters which are: Pedagogy and Curriculum, Assessment and Evaluation, Educational Organisation and Leadership, Early Childhood Learning, Learning in Higher Education, Adult, Community, and Professional Learning, Learner Diversity and Identities, Technologies in Learning, Literacies Learning and Science, Mathematics and Technology Learning, this event managed to attract more than 300 groups participating in the competition.

However, amidst the vast number of competitors, Dr. Hisyam's team, representing the Faculty of Pharmacy UiTM stood tall among the Academics, Professionals, and Industry Players category with their product called STEMina: The Banana Soft Pith Fiber-Based Chocolate Cookies, Dr. Hisyam's team, representing the Faculty of Pharmacy UiTM, With the support from the team members, Dr. Noreen Husain, Dr. Khuriah Abdul Hamid, Dr. Nadia Jalaludin, Dr. Maziana Mahamood and Cik Suhaidah Mohd Jofry, the team managed to capture the judges' attention thus clinching the Silver Award.



What sets this project apart is its unique, marketable product that transcends age, gender, and race. By adding banana soft pith as an ingredient for the cookies, it provided the dietary fibre needed, while still maintaining the good taste of a chocolate chip cookie. This product has already been awarded Gold Award at the Faculty of Pharmacy's Invention, Innovation and Design (PHARM-IIDEx) competition in 2022 as well as at the UiTM's Invention, Innovation and Design Exposition in 2022 which is a testament to its immense marketable potential.

In a nutshell, Edu@Innovate 2023 is not just an event but it acts as a testament to the collective dedication towards advancing education through innovation. It was a great pleasure for the team to be representing UiTM at such an esteemed event.

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