

Collaboration Visit of the Nuclear Medicine Team from Universitas Padjadjaran, Indonesia to Universiti Teknologi MARA

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On April 18, 2024, a delegation from Universitas Padjadjaran, Indonesia, visited the Faculty of Pharmacy at Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM). The delegation comprised five distinguished researchers: Professor A. Hussein S. Kartamihardja, Associate Professor Dr. Holis Abdul Holik, Dr. Arifudin Achmad, Dr. Kharisma Perdani K., and Dr. Neneng Elly Rosilawaty. Representing both the Faculty of Medicine and the Faculty of Pharmacy of Universitas Padjadjaran, the team arrived at 10 a.m. and was formally received by Dr. Norkasih Ibrahim, Deputy Dean of Industry, Community, Alumni, and Networking (ICAN), and Dr. Muhamad Faiz Othman.

The visit initiated with a 30-minute briefing held in the smart classroom, where potential areas of collaboration were outlined. Key discussions centred on three primary objectives: (1) collaborative research activities in radiopharmacy and nuclear medicine, (2) student and staff exchange programs between the Faculty of Pharmacy, UiTM, and the Faculties of Pharmacy and Medicine, Universitas Padjadjaran, and (3) industrial training opportunities for UiTM pharmacy students at Universitas Padjadjaran's industry partners. Professor A. Hussein emphasized the promising potential for joint clinical trials of new radiopharmaceuticals, advocating for the synergistic benefits of such endeavours.

Post-briefing, the visitors were escorted on a comprehensive tour of UiTM's laboratory facilities, which included the Analytical Unit, NMR Laboratory, and the Laboratory Animal Facility and Management (LAFAM). The delegation expressed keen interest and enthusiasm for the advanced facilities and discussed future plans for student exchanges. The visit underscored a mutual enthusiasm for forthcoming collaborative activities, with both institutions looking forward to formalizing these engagements through a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) in the near future.

The delegation concluded their visit to UiTM at 12:30 p.m., proceeding to Universiti Putra Malaysia for a subsequent meeting, followed by a visit to the Malaysian Nuclear Agency in Bangi, Selangor. This visit marks a significant milestone in fostering a collaborative relationship aimed at advancing the fields of radiopharmacy and nuclear medicine.

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