

# Global Education in Practice: Indonesian Students Explore the Faculty of Pharmacy at UiTM Bertam

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On May 3, 2024, the Faculty of Pharmacy at UiTM Bertam welcomed four international students from Universitas Muhammadiyah Malang, Indonesia, for a 25-day educational exchange program. These students are pursuing Bachelor of Pharmacy degrees, with two of them in Semester 6, Year 3, and the remaining two in Semester 4, Year 2. The main purpose of this attachment is to expose the students with pharmacy education system in Malaysia and the facilities available at the faculty. Given the different educational backgrounds of our students (UiTM Bertam offers a Diploma in Pharmacy), it is important for the faculty to provide a comprehensive learning experience for these visiting students.



During their time with the faculty, the students fully immersed themselves in academic life by attending lectures, tutorials, and laboratory sessions as scheduled by the lecturer in charge, Ms. Alyaa. The lecture sessions covered a wide range of pharmacy-related topics, including pharmacology and hospital pharmacy. The students enjoyed every lecture session as it familiarised them with Malaysia's pharmacy syllabus and provided insight into hospital settings. One of the most exciting activities for the students was the extensive hands-on laboratory sessions. They actively participated in practical sessions, including the aseptic dispensing lab and hospital pharmacy lab. These two labs not only allowed them to apply their theoretical knowledge but also helped them develop professional communication skills, essential for their future career as pharmacists.

Attending all academic activities provided the Indonesian students with a wealth of new knowledge and insights into pharmacy education in Malaysia. This integration is critical because it allows for the exchange of various ideas and practices, ultimately improving the overall educational experience. The collaborative environment encourages students to share their knowledge and benefit from one another's cultural and academic backgrounds. Lastly, the Faculty of Pharmacy at UiTM Bertam hopes that these students will gain valuable insights from their attachment and bring back new and diverse perspectives on pharmacy education to their home institution in Indonesia.

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