

'1957 Hati Malaya' Film Screening Brings Patriotism to Life at Faculty of Pharmacy, UiTM

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In conjunction with the National Month Celebration 2024, the Faculty of Pharmacy, UiTM, hosted a special screening of the film '1957 Hati Malaya' on August 28, 2024. Held at Lecture Hall 4 (DK4), the event was a resounding success, with the UiTM Selangor community coming together in a spirited celebration of patriotism and national pride.

The program began with an opening speech by Dr. Fazleen Haslinda Mohd Hatta, Deputy Dean (Industry, Community & Alumni Network), who stressed the importance of understanding the nation's struggle for independence. She reminded the audience that the freedoms Malaysians enjoy today are the result of tremendous sacrifices made by past generations and urged attendees to reflect on their role in preserving these hard-earned liberties.

'1957 Hati Malaya,' directed by Datuk Paduka Shuhaimi Baba, is a historically significant film that portrays Malaysia's journey to independence from British rule. The film tells the story of Dato' Onn Jaafar, Tunku Abdul Rahman, and other key figures who led the country's fight for freedom. Through powerful storytelling, the film captures the emotions, struggles, and unity of the nation's diverse ethnic groups during one of the most important periods in Malaysian history. It serves as a poignant reminder of the sacrifices made to achieve independence and reignites a sense of patriotism and gratitude in those who watch it.

Following the screening, a 'Jiwa Merdeka' reflection session was led by Ustaz Muhammad Najih Irsyad Bin Ahmad Puhad, Assistant Registrar (Islamic Affairs Unit, UiTM Selangor Branch). Ustaz Najih shared reflections on the themes of struggle and sacrifice portrayed in the film, highlighting the importance of not only valuing our freedom but also striving for excellence within ourselves and our institutions. His reflections encouraged attendees to contribute positively to Malaysia's development and embody the values of unity and resilience.

As we continue to celebrate National Month, this event serves as a poignant reminder of Malaysia's historical journey and the ongoing need to uphold the spirit of independence. We extend our gratitude to Pesona Pictures Sdn. Bhd. and Datuk Paduka Shuhaimi Baba for their meaningful contribution to Malaysian cinema. Appreciation also goes to the organising committee for their dedication to making this event successful. May the spirit of Merdeka inspire us all to commit to personal and institutional excellence, fostering progress and prosperity for our nation.

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