

## Strengthening bonds and celebrating milestones at the Faculty of Pharmacy, UiTM Bertam Campus

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On 5th September 2024, a short yet meaningful meeting was conducted with staff from the Faculty of Pharmacy and the newly appointed Assistant Rector for UiTM Pulau Pinang Bertam Campus, Ts. Dr Mohamad Azhar Mohd Noor. September 2024 is the third month of his appointment as Assistant Rector. Hence, the purpose of the meeting was to get to know all the staff from the Faculty of Pharmacy, including lecturers, clinical instructors, and laboratory staff as he wanted to ensure a smooth transition and management during his tenure. In this meeting, all the issues related to teaching and learning, students' development, and facilities were addressed to him. This meeting concluded with his hopes for the faculty to lead in academic and research excellence, fostering collaboration and innovation for the coming semester 20244. Next, a staff get-together brunch buffet was organized on 6th September 2024 at Swiss Avenue Hotel, Sungai Petani, to appreciate the hard work of all the staff for the semester March-July 2024 (20242) while providing a golden opportunity for academic and non-academic staff to gather around, reflecting on the previous semester, and strengthening their bonds; thus, helping them to gear up for a new semester in October 2024 (20244). In this event, a token of appreciation was also given to our senior laboratory officer, Pn Ropishah Idris, who will retire in December 2024. Lastly, a special lunch buffet was organized by yours truly, Dr Syuhadah Othman, on 11th September 2024 to celebrate her remarkable achievement of earning her PhD recently. Dr Syuhadah Othman passed her PhD viva on 16th May 2024 and was approved by the UiTM senate on 6th August 2024. This significant milestone inspired all faculty members and thus, reinforced their commitment to academic growth and professional development. These events celebrated individual success and nurtured a sense of agreement and shared purpose among the staff, ensuring that the faculty continues to succeed.



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