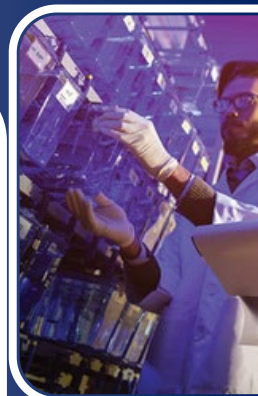


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International Community Engagement Initiative: Nurturing Children's Health through Pharmacy Education and Community Gardening

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Muhsain**

The Faculty of Pharmacy, **UiTM Pulau Pinang Branch (Bertam Campus)** in collaboration with the Special Interest Group (SiG) Social Organisation Cultivation Love for Children (SOLID) from the Department of Business and Management at UiTM Pulau Pinang Branch successfully organised an international community service (CSR) initiative titled "Nurturing Children's Health through Pharmacy Education and Community Gardening" at **Pusat Aktiviti Kanak-Kanak (PAKK) in Kuala Muda**. This event, held on 22 November 2023, was part of a three-day academic visit to UiTM, welcoming around 70 academic staff and students from **35 institutions across Indonesia**. The main beneficiaries of this initiative were approximately 30 children from PAKK.



Participants of CSR "Nurturing Children's Health through Pharmacy Education and Community Gardening" at Pusat Aktiviti Kanak-Kanak (PAKK) Kuala Muda.



This event was particularly significant as it marked the Faculty's inaugural community service initiative involving academic staff and students from abroad. The event began with an opening speech by Dr. Siti Nur Fadzilah Muhsain, the Head of the CSR activity, who underscored the importance of the event and outlined the day's activities. The first session, led by Dr. Nor Hidayah Harun, Head of SiG SOLID, emphasised the benefits of engaging children in gardening and agriculture. Following this, Madam Wan Nordini Hasnor Wan Ismail and Puan Nursyuhadah Othman, academic staff from the Faculty of Pharmacy, delivered presentations explaining the importance of sunlight for health and demonstrated the preparation of 'Do It Yourself' DIY hand sanitisers.

En. Mohd Muzammir Musa from Pejabat Pertanian Daerah Seberang Perai Utara, demonstrating on the hydroponic gardening techniques to participants and children from PAKK.



The programme was further enhanced by the contribution of En. Mohd Muzammir Musa from Pejabat Pertanian Daerah, Seberang Perai Utara, who provided expert advice and demonstrations on hydroponic gardening techniques. The event yielded numerous benefits: both staff and students gained valuable knowledge, boosted their confidence, and improved their social skills through community engagement. It also served as a platform to strengthen ties between local and international participants, as well as the PAKK community. Most importantly, the event imparted valuable knowledge and practical skills to the children that will benefit them in the future. By promoting gardening, hygiene practices, and insights into nutrition and wellness, the initiative laid the foundation for long-term positive impacts within the community. The hands-on activities enabled the children to develop practical skills that will empower them to lead healthier and more sustainable lives.



DIY Hand sanitiser session by Puan Nursyuhadah Othman and students from the Faculty of Pharmacy, to children at PAKK.

This event symbolises the Faculty of Pharmacy's commitment to community service and its dedication to enhancing the well-being of children through innovative educational initiatives. By collaborating with various stakeholders and leveraging expertise from different disciplines, the faculty has demonstrated its capacity to address complex societal challenges and make a meaningful difference in the lives of others. Furthermore, the international dimension of this event amplifies its significance on a global scale. The participation of academic staff and students from Indonesia not only enriches the cultural exchange but also fosters cross-border collaboration in addressing societal challenges. This intercultural dialogue and cooperation are essential pillars in building a more interconnected and empathetic global community.



PAKK participants with self-made hand sanitiser.

Moving forward, it is imperative to build upon the success of this initiative and explore further opportunities for collaboration and community engagement. By continuing to harness the collective efforts of academic staff, students, and community partners, the Faculty of Pharmacy can play a leading role in promoting health, education, and social development in local and international communities alike. Through sustained commitment and collaboration, we can aspire to create a brighter and more equitable future for all.

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