

Decorative Soap-Making Activities at the Faculty of Pharmacy, UiTM Puncak Alam

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The production of handmade soap is one of the activities conducted at the Faculty of Pharmacy, Universiti Teknologi MARA, Puncak Alam Campus. This activity began in January 2023, starting with a hands-on session during the Innovation Carnival organised by the UiTM Selangor Branch (UCS) at Dewan Berlian, UiTM Puncak Alam. Participants were introduced to the melt and pour technique using high-quality soap bases, suitable colourants and fragrances, and various soap mould designs.

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Following that, the activity was further expanded through the involvement in the district-level Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) program in collaboration with UiTM Industry, Community and Alumni Network (ICAN) office. This initiative aims to introduce elements of innovation and creativity in soap making to students while providing an engaging and interactive exposure to science.



Soap-making activities have also been extended through programs organised by the Faculty of Pharmacy at an affordable fee. This community program serves as a knowledge and technology transfer initiative to the public. The response has been highly encouraging, especially from school students who are excited to see soaps in various shapes and colours, along with captivating fragrances. Decorative soap making enhances creativity among school students and the community.

The idea was further expanded to focus on producing soap as a souvenir (signature door gift) for visitors to the faculty. Special attention is given to attractive and unique packaging, showcasing faculty-branded products through labelled boxes or wrappers. These products are also sold to student associations, such as Society of Pharmacy Students (SOPHYS), as souvenirs for their events. Hands-on activities are also conducted during programs organised by the students.

The Faculty of Pharmacy UiTM plans to expand the soap-based souvenir initiative to other faculties and institutions within UiTM as corporate gifts, replacing the conventional souvenirs previously given. This idea is proposed as a revenue-generating initiative for the faculty. The faculty is also planning to produce a Do-It-Yourself (DIY) Soap Making Kit for sale during faculty events. The kit will be equipped with basic melt-and-pour soap materials, soap molds, and an easy-to-follow instructional pamphlet, making it convenient for home use.



It is hoped that this initiative will not only generate income for the faculty but also foster creativity, innovation, and entrepreneurial skills among students and the community. Furthermore, it is envisioned that this effort will strengthen UiTM's identity by promoting unique and sustainable faculty-made products, leaving a lasting impression on recipients and contributing to the university's overall excellence.