

# Welcoming Delegates

## FROM THE FACULTY OF PHARMACY, UNIVERSITY OF SANTO TOMAS!

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The Faculty of Pharmacy, Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM), had the distinct honour of hosting esteemed delegates from the Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Santo Tomas (UST), Philippines, on February 12, 2025. This visit marked a significant milestone in fostering international collaboration and strengthening ties between the two prestigious institutions.

We were privileged to welcome Prof. Aleth Therese L. Dacanay, Dean; Asst. Prof. Renz Kenneth G. Cadiang, Assistant Dean; Ms. Irish Mhel C. Mitra, PharmD Programme Coordinator; and Ms. Regine Camille V. Gonzales, PharmD Preceptor.



The delegates were warmly received by the Dean of the Faculty of Pharmacy, UiTM, Prof. Dato' Dr. Abu Bakar Abdul Majeed, alongside the Deputy Dean of Research and Innovation, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Shahezwan Abd Wahab. The visit served as an invaluable platform for insightful discussions on potential collaborative initiatives, particularly in pharmacy curriculum development, research, and student and staff exchange programmes.

A key highlight of the visit was the dialogue on enhancing academic excellence and innovation in pharmacy education, highlighting the shared commitment of both institutions to advancing the field of pharmaceutical sciences.

The fruitful exchanges during the meeting set the foundation for future partnerships aimed at enriching learning experiences, fostering research synergies, and expanding mobility opportunities for students and faculty members alike.

Following the discussions, the delegation was given a guided tour of the Faculty of Pharmacy, UiTM's state-of-the-art facilities. The visit included the smart classroom, designed to integrate cutting-edge technology for an interactive learning experience, and the Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) Pilot Plant, which provides hands-on training in pharmaceutical manufacturing processes. These visits offered the UST representatives a glimpse into UiTM's commitment to equipping students with industry-relevant knowledge and practical expertise.

