

PHARMALINK: UiTM x UNHAS 2025

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In September 2025, six students from the Faculty of Pharmacy, Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM), embarked on a six-day student exchange programme at Universitas Hasanuddin (UNHAS) in Makassar, Indonesia. The programme offered a rich mix of activities, from hands-on laboratory sessions to leadership development workshops. During their stay, the students explored laboratory techniques and gained firsthand insight into the organisational practices at UNHAS, inspiring ideas that could enhance UiTM's Faculty of Pharmacy, particularly in student engagement and organisational structure.

The students also had the exciting opportunity to present their own research, leaving a strong and lasting impression on the Indonesian students. In a festive highlight, they joined the anniversary celebration of *Keluarga Mahasiswa Farmasi Universitas Hasanuddin (KEMAFAR-UH)*, performing a traditional Indonesian dance and singing a song from the host university, creating memorable cross-cultural moments.



At the end of October 2025, the exchange came full circle as UiTM welcomed students from UNHAS for the inbound phase of the programme. The visiting students immersed themselves in academic and leisure activities, attending a 'flipped classroom' lecture, participating in students organisational exchange sessions, and exploring the faculty's laboratories and facilities.

Over the weekend, they actively joined EcoPharma 2025 x World Pharmacists Day at Wangsa Walk Mall, Kuala Lumpur, gaining fascinating insights into Malaysia's healthcare sector. On their final day, they toured Kuala Lumpur, experiencing the city's vibrant culture firsthand.

This exchange not only strengthened the bond between the two universities but also fostered deeper academic and cultural ties between Malaysia and Indonesia, offering students invaluable opportunities for personal growth, collaboration, and cross-cultural understanding.

