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Beyond the Chessboard: Building Strategy, Talent, and Community at the Kejohanan Catur Minangkabau UiTM Cawangan Negeri Sembilan

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Kejohanan Catur Minangkabau was successfully organized by the Faculty of Computer and Mathematical Sciences (FSKM), Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) Cawangan Negeri Sembilan, at Dewan Anjung, Kuala Pilah Campus, on 11 October 2025. The championship attracted **183 participants** from various age groups, particularly students from schools around Kuala Pilah and nearby districts.

The event aimed to promote strategic thinking, logical reasoning, and discipline through the game of chess, while strengthening collaboration between UiTM, local schools, and the wider community. With the theme **“Warisan Dijaga, Strategi Dibina,”** the program highlighted both intellectual development and cultural appreciation. The positive response from participants and the community demonstrated the effectiveness of the championship in promoting chess as a mind sport and a community engagement activity.

INTRODUCTION

Chess is widely recognized as a strategic board game that enhances **critical thinking, problem-solving skills,** and **decision-making abilities.** In educational environments, chess competitions serve as a valuable platform for intellectual development and healthy competition among students.

The **Kejohanan Catur Minangkabau** was organized by the Faculty of Computer and Mathematical Sciences, UiTM Cawangan Negeri Sembilan, Kuala Pilah Campus, with the objective of promoting chess as a constructive and intellectually stimulating activity. The program also aimed to strengthen community engagement by involving school students, parents, teachers, and the public.

Through this initiative, the organizers hoped to encourage young participants to develop analytical thinking while simultaneously creating opportunities for collaboration between the university and the surrounding community.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The championship was coordinated by an organizing committee consisting of academic staff and supporting members. The program was led by Program Director Siti Zaharah Mohd Ruslan and supported by advisors, technical teams, logistics coordinators, and student facilitators.

The opening ceremony was officiated by Dr. Rashidah Ibrahim, Student Leadership Coordinator, representing the Deputy Rector of Student Affairs of UiTM Cawangan Negeri Sembilan. The event was also supported by the main sponsor, Dr. Amil Abd Latif from Klinik Arafah, along with other sponsors, including Milenia Mortgage Resources; Yang Berhormat Dato’ Hj. Adnan bin Hj. Abu Hassan (Member of Parliament for Kuala Pilah); Didik Catur; Budi Luhur Resources; SK Resources Sdn. Bhd.; and Murni Cendol and Coconut Shake.

The event featured several competition categories, including:

1. Under 10
2. Under 12 (Boys and Girls)
3. Under 17 (Boys and Girls)
4. Special categories, such as children of UiTM staff and district-level awards

In addition, five special categories were introduced to provide wider opportunities for participation. The Under 12 category recorded the highest participation, with 131 players, while 52 participants competed in the Under 17 category.

The tournament was conducted over seven rounds using a 10+2 time control, where each player was given 10 minutes with an additional two-second increment per move. Participants competed using official chess boards and clocks under the supervision of arbiters. In addition to the competition, the event also featured family-friendly activities, food trucks, and promotional booths, creating a vibrant and engaging environment for visitors.

RESULTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Kejohanan Catur Minangkabau achieved several significant outcomes. First, it successfully attracted 183 participants, demonstrating strong interest in chess among young players and the local community. The winners of each category were awarded cash prizes, medals, and certificates of appreciation in recognition of their achievements. These awards served as motivation for participants to continue developing their chess skills.

Participant feedback indicated a high level of satisfaction, with over 90% of respondents expressing satisfaction with the organization and facilities provided during the event. Notably, more than 70% of the participants were first-time competitors, highlighting the championship's success in attracting new interest in chess. The event also strengthened collaboration between UiTM, local schools, sponsors, and the community, reinforcing the university's role in supporting educational and intellectual development initiatives.

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

In conclusion, **Kejohanan Catur Minangkabau** successfully achieved its objectives of promoting strategic thinking, identifying young chess talents, and strengthening engagement between UiTM and the community. The enthusiastic participation and positive feedback from participants reflect the program's effectiveness in encouraging intellectual sports and fostering a culture of strategic learning.

The collaboration among faculty members, students, sponsors, and community participants played a crucial role in ensuring the smooth execution of the event. High satisfaction ratings regarding venue suitability, program scheduling, and teamwork further highlight the quality of the event's organization.

Moving forward, the championship has significant potential to grow into a larger annual event that attracts more participants from various regions. Continuous improvements based on participant feedback will further enhance the quality and impact of future tournaments.

GALLERY: CAPTURING THE MOMENTS OF THE PROGRAM

The championship was not only a competitive event but also a vibrant gathering of students, parents, educators, and chess enthusiasts. Throughout the program, numerous memorable moments were captured, reflecting the enthusiasm, concentration, and excitement of the participants.

Figures 1-6 below highlight selected snapshots from the event, including the registration process, intense chess matches, interactions between participants and arbiters, as well as the prize-giving ceremony. These images illustrate the dynamic atmosphere of the championship and the collaborative efforts of the organizing committee, volunteers, and participants in making the event a success.

Each photograph represents the spirit of strategic thinking, sportsmanship, and community engagement that defined the **Kejohanan Catur Minangkabau** UiTM Cawangan Negeri Sembilan.



Figure 1: Participants registering before the start of the competition.



Figure 2: A memorable moment as participants gather for a group photo before the competition starts.



Figure 3: Parents and visitors supporting participants during the tournament.



Figure 4: Chess players focusing intently during the match.



Figure 5: Prize-giving ceremony recognizing the winners of each category.



Figure 6: Organizing committee and volunteers who contributed to the success of the event.