

Bridging Training to Career Hybrid Event:

UiTM Bertam–KPJ University Pharmacy Collaborative Programme 2026

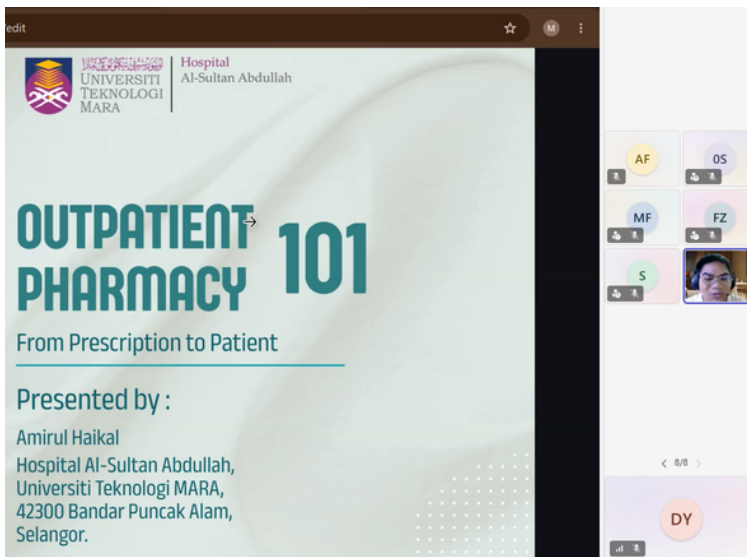
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The Faculty of Pharmacy, Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) Bertam Campus, in collaboration with the School of Pharmacy, KPJ Healthcare University (KPJU), successfully organised a two-part collaborative programme comprising a physical benchmarking visit and an online experience-sharing event.

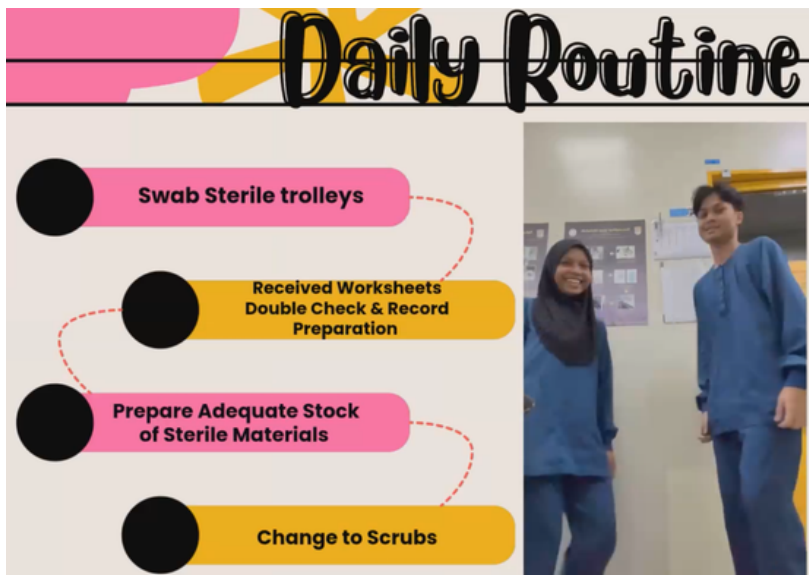
On 5 June 2026, a delegation of ten academicians from KPJ Healthcare University (KPJU), led by Professor Dr Tan Ching Siang, Dean of the School of Pharmacy, visited the UiTM Bertam Campus. The benchmarking session facilitated constructive discussions on strengthening the Diploma in Pharmacy curriculum. During the visit, the UiTM Bertam team shared its experiences in aligning the curriculum with the Malaysian Qualifications Framework (MQF) 2.0 and the preliminary programme requirements outlined by the Pharmacy Board Malaysia. The meeting also generated opportunities for future teaching and research collaborations.



The second component of the initiative was a virtual experience-sharing programme, an annual initiative organised by UiTM Bertam since 2018. Previously known as "Hospital Training: Surviving Tips from the Seniors", the programme is designed to prepare semester four Diploma in Pharmacy students for clinical attachments by strengthening their understanding of workplace expectations and essential practical skills.



This year, the collaboration with KPJU broadened the programme to include perspectives from private hospitals and community pharmacies. More than 130 students from both UiTM Bertam and KPJU participated in the event, which was conducted via Microsoft Teams on 13 June 2026. Among the highlights were presentations by semester six Diploma in Pharmacy students from UiTM Bertam, who shared practical advice on navigating outpatient pharmacy services at Hospital Al-Sultan Abdullah UiTM and sterile pharmacy services at Hospital Canselor Tuanku Muhriz. Ms. Nur Wahidhah from KPJ Penang Specialist Hospital discussed her career progression from a diploma pharmacy graduate to a registered pharmacist. Ms. Angeline Lim from the BIG Caring Group highlighted evolving career opportunities in community pharmacy, while Mdm. Siti Noornaima, a UiTM alumna and KPJU lecturer, introduced essential community pharmacy skills, including customer service and the WWHAM protocol for assessing minor illnesses.



The programme concluded with small-group discussions moderated by senior students undergoing hospital attachments across Malaysia. These interactive sessions enabled junior students to obtain personalised guidance and practical insights. Overall, the collaboration broadened the students' understanding of training and career pathways across government, private hospital, and community pharmacy settings.