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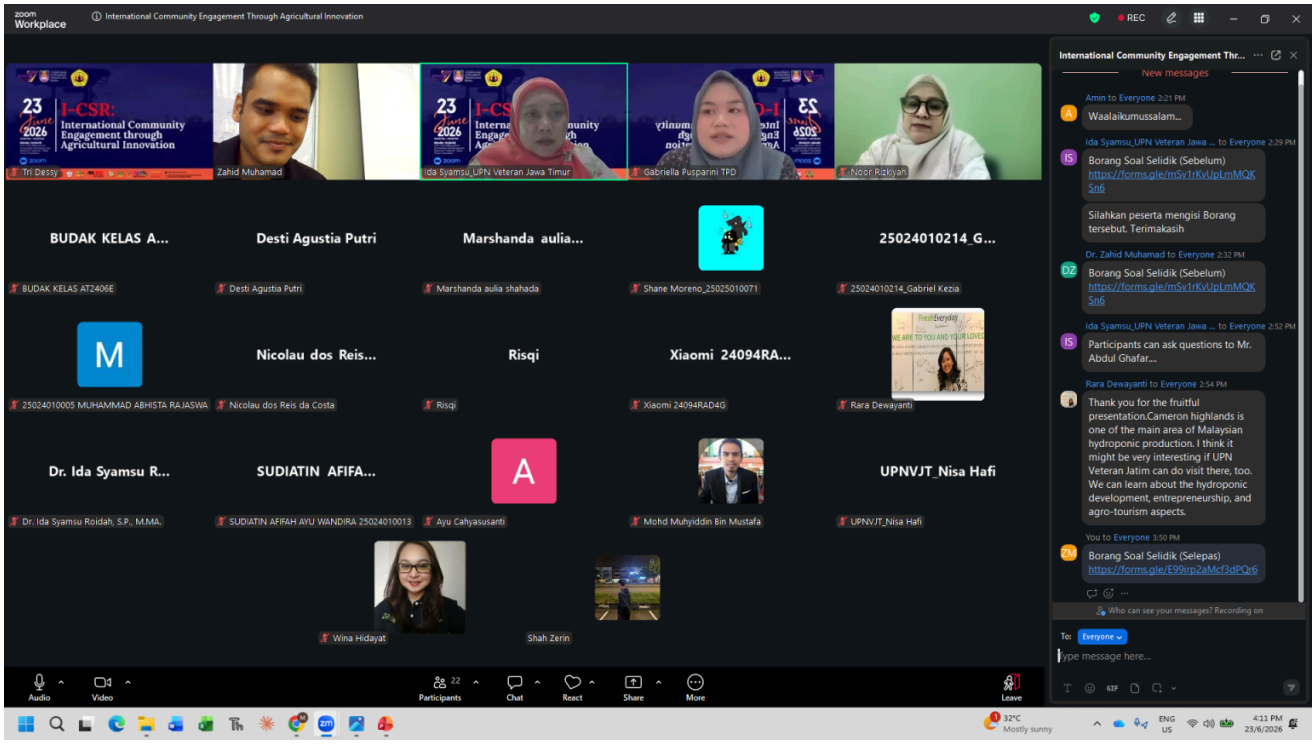
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SHAH ALAM, 26 July 2026 – Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) through its Faculty of Plantation and Agrotechnology (FPA) has successfully spearheaded the “International Community Engagement Through Agricultural Innovation” programme, an International Community Social Responsibility (I-CSR) initiative aimed at revolutionizing local farming practices. Conducted in a hybrid format on 23 June 2026, the milestone event was co-organized with Universitas Pembangunan Nasional (UPN) “Veteran” Jawa Timur, Indonesia.

The initiative engaged 40 participants, bringing together residents of Kampung Seri Mendapat in Jasin, local community members, and students, alongside academic staff and students from UPN “Veteran” Jawa Timur’s Faculty of Agriculture. The collaborative effort was designed to elevate the knowledge, skills, and attitudes (PSKA) of local beneficiaries in modern hydroponic vegetable production while solidifying academic and community linkages between Malaysia and Indonesia.





To ensure practical, community-level impact, the technical sessions were led by Encik Abdul Ghafar Zainal Abidin, a prominent local hydroponic entrepreneur and recipient of the Geran Ummahmadani (2025–2026). He delivered three comprehensive, hands-on modules

tailored for small-scale sustainability:

- Introduction to Hydroponic Cultivation
- Basic Workshop on Selecting Quality Vegetable Seeds
- Preparation and Mixing of Nutrient Solutions for Hydroponics

Complementing the practical workshop, the programme featured an academic forum titled “From Fields to Profits: Empowering Rural Agriculture Through Smart Mechanization.” Led by FPA UiTM experts Ts. Dr. Mohd Muhyiddin Mustafa and Dr. Muhammad Zahid Muhamad, the session highlighted the critical role of digital tools and mechanization in uplifting rural agricultural productivity and income. The experts also shared strategic perspectives on agrotechnology to support sustainable community agriculture and bolster regional food security.

The event was officially inaugurated by Associate Professor Ts. Dr. Shamsiah Abdullah, Dean of the Faculty of Plantation and Agrotechnology, accompanied by Associate Professor Ts. Dr. Fazleen Abdul Fatah, Deputy Dean (Research & Industrial Networking). Both leaders emphasized the faculty’s strong dedication to translating university expertise into tangible, real-world impacts for local communities and regional partners.

This strategic I-CSR collaboration between FPA UiTM and UPN “Veteran” Jawa Timur underscores a unified commitment to strengthening food security awareness, advancing modern and sustainable agricultural practices, and nurturing a new generation of competent, future-ready community agropreneurs across Malaysia and Indonesia.

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