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On 16 June 2023, the Library Community Engagement at Perpustakaan Tun Abdul Razak (PTAR), Universiti Teknologi MARA Pulau Pinang (UiTMCPP) Branch, Permatang Pauh Campus, came alive with the vibrant voices of the university students participating in the live public speaking event, Speak Up@PTAR with Ms Marni Jamil (Speak Up@PTAR). This event, organised by PTAR UiTMCPP, aimed to improve communication skills creatively while providing a platform for university students to express their views on various topics under the guidance of Ms Marni Jamil, a lecturer from the Academy of Language Studies, UiTMCPP.



The event captivated an audience of UiTMCPP staff and students from 8.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m., as 12 undergraduate participants enthusiastically presented their viewpoints on various topics in a responsible, fact-based, and respectful manner. These students proved that they were able to think critically and articulate their wonderful ideas and opinions with confidence by highlighting a wide array of subjects, encompassing technology, legal matters, business, health, and other current topics. In addition, the significance of extensive reading became apparent via the content of their speeches, motivating everyone present to venture into reliable information sources and cultivate a habit of reading for personal development. The event provided a safe and inclusive avenue for university students to share their perspectives, which brilliantly encouraged intellectual discourse and fostered an environment where diverse perspectives were respected and valued.

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Furthermore, the committee members from PTAR UiTMCPP played a vital role in ensuring the success of the event, showcasing their exceptional dedication. Through their tireless efforts, they ensured the seamless execution of Speak Up@PTAR, transforming it into a lively platform for university students to learn from one another, and engage in meaningful discussions. By undertaking this initiative, PTAR UITMCPP and UITMCPP continuously empower the community, providing individuals with the essential skills to excel academically and in their prospective careers. This serves as evidence that everybody plays a crucial role in fostering a strong support system and being proactive by creating opportunities to explore a wide range of topics responsibly and innovatively.

As the event concluded, it left a lasting impression of inspiration and positivity. The voices that echoed within the Library Community Engagement Space served as a reminder of the power of knowledge, communication, and collaboration as well as the importance of creating spaces for sharing ideas. Speak Up@PTAR has set a precedent for future events that will continue to nurture and celebrate the intellectual growth of university students at UiTMCPP.

"Continuous improvement is better than delayed perfection."

– Mark Twain