



## FFar AktivUKM® Space Empowering Students' Futuristic Learning

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2021 saw the handing over of the completed FFar active learning room (AktivUKM® space), in another milestone of enriching students' learning experience in the Faculty. This refurbished space utilised several smaller group seminar rooms in Block D of the UKM KL campus combined and fitted with furnishing and appliance to support digital learning and encouraging active learning practices.

The AktivUKM® Space initiative, spearheaded by the Center for Teaching and Curriculum Development, UKM (Pengajaran-UKM) is in-line with UKM's 2019-2021 Strategic Plan to empower teaching and learning, and talent development through provision of relevant and futuristic skills for students to face the challenge of the 4<sup>th</sup> Industrial Revolution. Each faculty was provided with the resources to identify and repurpose existing learning spaces to fulfil this ambition.

At a cost of nearly RM 100 000, the Faculty of Pharmacy AktivUKM® space is equipped with 5 units of smart TV, including a kind donation from Prima Nexus Sdn. Bhd., a wireless presentation system and high-speed internet, which would allow students and lecturers to eschew traditional whiteboard/projector setup and cast the screen of their smartphones or laptop to the multiple television displays. The triangular, movable desk and chair setup encourages collaborative learning and discussion sessions, leading to a more interactive learning session.

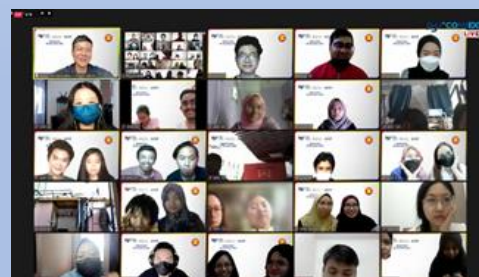


Since its inception, the space has seen active use, and the Faculty of Pharmacy is proud to be part of UKM's agenda to move towards innovative and futuristic teaching and learning practices and producing future-ready graduates.

## ASEAN Intersarsity Youth Competition (AIYC) 2021

By Assoc Prof Dr Farida Hanim Islahudin, Assistant Dean (Student & Alumni)

The 2021 ASEAN Intersarsity Youth Competition (AIYC) competition was organized by Prince of Songkla University, Thailand in collaboration with Universiti Utara, Malaysia and Universitas Airlangga, Indonesia, from the 20th – 27th November 2021. The objective of the competition was to provide opportunities for undergraduate students to propose sustainable economic ideas related to the COVID-19 challenge. For the ASEAN Quiz Contest, each team consisted of two students. A total of 119 teams from 20 universities participated. Congratulations to UKM students, Hazzel Kong Jia Hue (Year 1) and Muhammad Afif Bin Ayak (Year 1) for winning the 2nd runner-up in the overall ranking of the competition.



The participants during the first round of The ASEAN Quiz Contest has been organized on 20th November 2021.



## Industrial Research Collaboration with Delightex Pte Ltd (Singapore)

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Good mental health signifies a state involving emotional and psychological well-being that can influence our thoughts, feelings, and actions which can be displayed as positive emotion and cognitive functions as well as good physical health. Delightex Pte. Ltd. is a company based in Singapore which aims at identifying and building the next generation business in creating natural remedies that could help achieve a state of relaxation and calmness with improved energy and mental alertness. Together with our researchers at the *Centre for Drug and Herbal Development*, a mutual collaboration with RM50,000 in research fund was formed to explore scientific literary evidence to identify Malaysia’s plants and herbs hidden potential in providing positive mental health and wellbeing. Titled “Systematic Review of Potential Malaysian Plants and Herbs for Mental Healthcare and Wellbeing”, this research will thoroughly explore a wide collection of plants and herbs known locally or traditionally that can potentially be used to achieve a positive mental state via neurological system that regulates related psychological functions.



Friendly visit to FFAR by Delightex representatives on 6<sup>th</sup> of December 2021.

## SULAM @ FFar

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SULAM or Service Learning Malaysia is an initiative by the Ministry of Education. It is a course-based, credit-bearing educational experience in which the student participates in a structured service activity that meets identified community needs, reflects on the service activity and experiences to achieve desired learning outcomes. The Faculty of Pharmacy was appointed as the leader for the ‘Elderly and Medicines’ project in UKM with an allocation of RM47,500.00 provided in the phase 1 of the project. Home Medication Review (HMR) program is one of the programmes that will be conducted under this project and will be embedded under NFN4326 (Rural and Community Pharmacy Clerkship) and NFNK6082 (Clinical Practice in Community Pharmacy) in semester II 2021/2022.

