UniKL RCMP donated 10 wheelchairs to Hospital Raja Perempuan Bainun (HRPB) Ipoh on 21 November 2016 as part of its University Social Responsibility (USR) program. The 10 wheelchairs were handed over by Associate Professor Dr Syed Rahim Syed Hamid, Dean of Faculty of Medicine who was representing En Hisshamuddin Omar, the Chief Executive Officer and Head of Campus of UniKL RCMP to Mr. Kumarasen Linggam, Deputy Director of Management representing Dr. Premavathy Bala Krishnan, Director of Hospital Raja Perempuan Bainun Ipoh.

In a simple ceremony held at HRPB, Mr. Kumarasen Linggam thanked UniKL RCMP for its continued support to the hospital. He said the wheelchairs will be placed at the hospital wards for the use of patients. He hoped more organizations will come forward to assist the hospital in such matters.

In a separate ceremony, UniKL RCMP also donated 10 wheelchairs to Hospital Taiping on 14 December 2016. The wheelchairs were handed over to Puan Suhaila Mahat representing Dr. Haji Kamaruddin bin Haji Alias, Director of the Taiping Hospital.
As we reflect on the year that has just passed and look forward to 2017, I would like to share with you some of our accomplishments of 2016 as well as some of our plans for the years ahead. I can say that UniKL RCMP is gaining momentum in a variety of ways, and there is a renewed sense of enthusiasm in the air. As such we look forward to a busy and fruitful year ahead.

In 2016, we have achieved almost 90% of the total KPIs set, notably in overall academic performance with 98.7% of our students are at good standing status, 85.9% students graduated on time, 41 papers published in ISI/SCOPUS journals and overall student satisfaction index of more than 90% for both lifestyle and facilities. I wish to put on record my utmost gratitude and appreciation to all for the commendable performance for Year 2016. BRAVO!

In anticipation of a more challenging Year 2017, we have recently reviewed and formulated new business strategy, hence the reorganization of our management and operational structure, to meet the challenges of the coming year and beyond. The newly restructured and beefed-up International, Industrial & Institutional Partnership Division (IIIP) is now put to the forefront to spearhead the generation of greater proportion of revenue which was traditionally almost derived solely from tuition fees, while we will strive to continually improve and enhance our academic excellence and student development and experience in the campus albeit with limited resources at our disposal. We, inevitably, will exercise greater discipline and due care in investment, financial management and cost management to improve organizational value and wealth, hence resources to ensure long-term sustainability and growth of UniKL RCMP.

I like to briefly share with you that Year 2017 is and will be a very challenging year. The Malaysia economic outlook for 2017 is similar to 2016 at its best, with greater downside risk. The market competition in the education sector will be stiffer, and for medical education market, competition will intensify with shrinking market size due to lesser affordability as the real disposable household income is expected to decline, the reduction in sponsorships and funding aids, and credit crunch. Therefore, UniKL RCMP will need to take bold steps to remain competitive and relevant in the market. It is also a matter of concern that the management cost of running the institution has been rising steadily in relation to our revenue. Our gross income has also seen a decline due largely to the drop in student numbers and a large backlog of unpaid student fees. In order to counter these negative trends, UniKL RCMP is planning to launch new programs such as Bachelor in Pharmaceutical Technology, Bachelor in Physiotherapy, Bachelor in Nursing and Certificate in Paramedic within this 2 year period.

We would also like to explore the possibilities of recruiting foreign students in bigger numbers. At the same time we need to device ways and means of reducing and if possible avoiding any backlog in the payment of student fees in the future. With these new programs and activities, we not only hope to generate additional revenue but also continue to maintain our dominant presence in the private education industry.

In the past, whatever savings the institution had at the end of the year would normally be rechanneled to improve and upgrade the teaching and learning facilities. This is important to continually upgrade educational facilities for teaching and learning. In this context, I am pleased to note that the installation of teaching & research lab facilities at the new building is progressing well and we can expect it to be completed by March 2017. Upon completion, the new building will be fully functional for the Faculty of Medicine and Faculty of Pharmacy and Health Sciences.

In addition, UniKL RCMP is fully committed to providing the necessary facilities for students' recreational and co-curricular activities at the new building so as to accommodate the requirements of the Student Development and Campus Life Style (SDCL) vision. I think it is time to relook at the way we have been operating in the past. It is now time to work out new strategies to face the challenges head-on, to increase research and publication by obtaining more external grants relevant to the national and global needs.

Please remember that nothing remains static in this world. Circumstances, the environment, expectations of people and the needs of the nation are ever changing. Those who fail to adapt to the changing environment will become extinct. I hope academic staff as well supporting staff will strive to upgrade their professional qualifications so as to provide better service to their clients. In this context, we would like to see an increase in the number of PhDs, Masters and other relevant professional qualifications.

I am proud to note that in 2016, a faculty member of Faculty of Medicine managed to get external grants worth RM2.0 million. Congratulations! This is something we can be proud of and I would like to see a further increase of these grants in 2017.

Another area that needs improvement is IT and we hope to upgrade the Internet coverage in our campus as well as improve on the Electronic learning (LMS) strategies that has already been started. This needs to be further strengthened to ensure the infusion of the latest educational technologies in Teaching and Learning. I hope this can be further improved in 2017.

I am also proud to note that RCMP has been in the news for its CSR/USR activities especially during natural calamities such as floods. As an educational institution, it is very important that we inculcate such noble values among our students as well as the staff as a way of giving back to the society in whatever ways and means available to us. I like to congratulate all those who had voluntarily undertaken such efforts in the past and it is my wish that such efforts are continued with greater enthusiasm in the coming year.

In the field of innovation, we would like to see more innovative and creative ideas and products coming from staff and students alike which are designed to improve and introduce interesting as well as cost saving measures in our various operations both at the administrative and academic spheres. In addition to this, it is also our responsibility as an entrepreneurial university, to encourage more of our students to explore the possibilities and provide opportunities to engage in entrepreneurial activities.

With concerted efforts and cooperation of everyone concerned, I hope and believe that all our resolutions and future projections for 2017 can be achieved. Let’s work together to make 2017 a memorable and successful year for UniKL RCMP.

With that, I would like to wish everyone a very happy, prosperous and successful New Year 2017. I hope everyone will come back with new vigour and new resolutions to make 2017 a much better year. Have a wonderful New Year.

May God bless us all.
Thank you and Happy New Year 2017

Hisshamuddin Bin Omar
CEO / Head of Campus
Universiti Kuala Lumpur
Royal College of Medicine Perak
A charity dinner entitled “A Gift for You: Charity Dinner” was held at the Weil Hotel, Ipoh Perak on 12th May 2016. The event was organized by the Medical Society (MedSoc) in collaboration with the General Studies Unit, Faculty of Medicine. The objective of this charity dinner was to raise funds for orphans and underprivileged children around Ipoh. The orphanages which received the aid were Rumah Anak-anak Yatim Warga Miskin Budi Mulia Nurul Huda, Pertubuhan Ihsan Kanak-kanak Arut Perum Jothi, Buntong, Pertubuhan Kebajikan Anak Yatim dan Miskin Ar-Ridwani dan The Salvation Army Boys Home, Tambun.

The event was officiated by the Chief Executive Officer of UniKL RCMP, En. Hisshamuddin Bin Omar. The CEO thanked all the donors for their financial contributions to help the underprivileged people in our community. He also expressed his gratitude for the generous support of every individual who made it possible for this event to happen.

A total of 42 orphans from Rumah Anak-anak Yatim Warga Miskin Budi Mulia Nurul Huda were also invited to the Mydin Mall for Hari Raya shopping sponsored by some well-wishers as well as Mydin Mall on 19 & 20 June 2016. The children got to choose their new clothes for Hari Raya and also attended a “Majlis Berbuka Puasa” with 20 MBBS students in collaboration with KFC Meru Raya, Ipoh.

Our sincere thanks to Mdm. Nur Iman Abdul Wahab, Ms. Ayu Norafida Binti Ayob, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Rajendran Choubey and Arts and Performance Club (APC) for their wonderful performances on that night and also to the Finance & IT Department for their support in organizing this event.

The organizing committee would like to express their gratitude to the CEO of UniKL RCMP, En. Hisshamuddin Bin Omar; Dean Faculty of Medicine, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Syed Rahim Bin Syed Hamid; Deputy Dean Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mah Kin Kheong and all the donors who supported this charity programme.
Y Generation Undergraduate Camp Perak

By Wong Siaw Wuei

The Non-Muslim Sector of the Perak State government and nine institutions from Perak jointly organized the “Y Generation Undergraduate Camp Perak” from 26 November to 27 November, 2016. Approximately 450 students from the nine different institutions, namely Universiti Kuala Lumpur (UniKL), Universiti Teknologi Petronas (UTP), Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman (UTAR), Quest International Universiti Perak (QIUP), Politeknik Ungku Omar (PUO), Institut Pendidikan Guru Kampus Ipoh (IPGKI), Universiti Pendidikan Sultan Idris (UPSI), and Politeknik Sultan Azlan Shah (PSAS) took part in this two-day camp. The objective of this camp is to provide a platform for the students of the nine institutions in Perak to interact and co-operate in conducting a high-impact programme of activities.

UniKL RCMP Chinese Character Writing Competition

By Chong Yee Shan

On 26 October 2017, Universiti Kuala Lumpur Royal College of Medicine Perak (UniKL RCMP) held a Chinese Character Writing Competition. Students from Diploma MBBS Year 2, Diploma in Pharmacy Sem 3 and Sem 4, and Diploma in Physiotherapy Sem 1, participated in this competition. This competition was held at Lecture Room 5, UniKL RCMP. 204 students participated in this competition, and there were given a sample of Chinese Character from a classic poem by a very famous poet Li Bai. The poem is about a homesick person who sees the moonlight which reminds her of her hometown.

Students were given 30 minutes to complete the script. The participant gave full attention and tried to write neatly according to the script given. Lecturers from the general studies department, Ms. Chong Yee Shan, Ms. Wong Siaw Wuei and Mr. Tay Yang Lian were the judges for this competition. This competition was held to select a UniKL RCMP representative for the UniKL Olympiad 2016.

After a long discussion, finally the judges made their decision. The champion was Nur Ilya Syafiqah Binti Mohd Yusri from MBBS year 2, first runner-up was Saida Riqqah Binti Mohd Aminuddin from Diploma Physiotherapy sem 1, second runner-up is Hanis Hanania Binti Zulfi, from Diploma Pharmacy sem 3. Nur Fatin Nasuha Binti Mat Nawi, Syed Noor Shafiqah Binti Jamal Mohamed, Nur Suraiya Binti AB Latif, Najihah Binti Abu Sufiah, Syafik Bin Zainurin, Hazim Kamalaih Binti Hashim, and Amirul Muhaimin Bin Ishak the were the consolation prize winners.
Promoting Unity through Chinese and Jawi Calligraphy

By Wong Siaw Wuei and Pakirisamy a/l Saminathan

A workshop and exhibition entitled ‘Promoting Unity through Chinese and Jawi Calligraphy’ was jointly organized by the Non-Muslim Affairs Unit of the Perak state government, General Studies Unit of Student Development Department, UniKL RCMP, Perak Chinese Calligraphy Association, National Seni Khat Association and MBBS Year 2 students. It was held on 2 November, 2016 at the Multi-Purpose Hall of the UniKL RCMP main campus in Ipoh.

The objective of this programme was to showcase the link between the two types of artistic writing and the cultural and religious influences that have shaped these art forms popular among the Muslim and Chinese communities. This activity is also expected to bring about greater understanding among people of different cultures and promote these artistic forms among the younger generation of Malaysians. Beauty or ‘Cantik’ was chosen as the theme for the workshop to symbolize the beauty that is portrayed in the writing styles of Chinese calligraphy and Seni Khat.

Approximately 327 participants from the MBBS programme (Year 1, 2 and 3), Bachelor of Pharmacy Sem 3, Diploma in Physiotherapy Sem 1, Raja Perempuan Taayah Secondary School, Ave Maria Convent and the general public from Ipoh took part in this half-day workshop.

The workshop presented talks and activities arranged by the Perak Chinese Calligraphy Association and the National Seni Khat Association. A Chinese Character and Jawi Calligraphy writing Competition was also carried out, sponsored by the Recreation and Sports Club of RCMP.

The interaction of Kaligrafi Cina and Seni Khat using the theme “Beauty”.

Mr. Low Leong Sin(left), AP. Dr. Syed Rahim Syed Hamid, Ustaz Muhammad Iqbal Samadi, Tengku Azlan Shah Tengku Mohamad and En. Ibrahim Ahmad at the exhibition.

En. Low Leong Sin explaining the word for ‘Love’ written in Chinese calligraphy and Jawi.
‘DARAH SATRIA’ BLOOD DONATION CAMPAIGN

By Muhammad Anuar Bin Abdul Aziz

The SDCL Division of UniKL RCMP organized the above campaign on the 4th and 5th of October 2016. This was in support of the collaborative effort between 1M4U and UniKL Chancellery which jointly organized the campaign as a social programme to commemorate the 59th ‘Merdeka’ celebrations. This campaign was simultaneously held in all the twelve UniKL campuses throughout the nation.

Though it was supposed to be a one day event, RCMP had to extend it for two days due to popular response from the students and staff. Unit ‘Tabung Darah’ of Hospital Raja Permaisuri Bainun, Ipoh apparently came under-staffed on the first day as they had not expected the overwhelming response from our students. On normal blood donation campaigns (this was actually their 3rd trip to RCMP), we usually attracted some 30-40 donors. However, it was somewhat different and special this time around, judging from the enquiries received from the time the banner/buntings were hung up at the Foyer, one week before the event.

RCMP recorded a total of 154 donors. It could have been more but quite a big number were rejected at the medical doctor’s desk due to various reasons, such as low count of hemoglobin and being underweight. Some were also ineligible because they had not completed the minimum period of three months from the previous donation.

As a gesture of appreciation from the main organizers, each donor was treated to a packet of chicken rice and a DARAH SATRIA badge as a sign of appreciation from the organizers. MBBS students were rewarded with substantial activity points for their co-curriculum. The few volunteers who were on duty that day got to wear colorful 1M4U volunteer T-shirts.

Though we were unable to break last year’s record of 198 donors during a similar MEGA UniKL CARE Blood Campaign in 2015, it was indeed a commendable effort and the organizers would like to thank everyone who contributed their life-saving blood to make this event a success.

-- Joshita Kaul Chahil

"UniKL provides an excellent learning atmosphere and an excellent environment for a complete educational experience. UniKL gives us different opportunities and challenges during the program."

- Joshita Kaul Chahil
UniKL Mandarin Singing Competition

By Wong Siaw Wuei

UniKL MIIT (City Campus) and UniKL RCMP jointly organized the UniKL Mandarin Singing Competition on 6th May 2016 (Friday) at Bestari Hall, UniKL City Campus. All participants were from University Kuala Lumpur who had taken Mandarin 1 and Mandarin 2 subjects. Fourteen students took part in this Competition. The participants from UniKL MIMET won the first prize and second prize in this competition. Thivyatharshiny A/P Subramaniam of UniKL RCMP an MBBS second year student won 3rd prize. Five consolation prizes were won by participants from UniKL MIIT, UniKL UBis, UniKL MFI and UniKL MIAT.

Students from UniKL MIIT performed two Mandarin songs.

Thivyatharshiny A/P Subramaniam (on the left) from RCMP won 3rd prize at the Mandarin Singing Competition.

Camp to Empower Undergraduates towards Excellence

By Wong Siaw Wuei

The Non-Muslim Sector of the Perak State government, Institut Pendidikan Guru (IPG), Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman (UTAR), and Universiti Kuala Lumpur Royal College of Medicine Perak (UniKL RCMP) jointly organized the “Camp to Empower Undergraduates Towards Excellence” on 9 April 2016. Approximately 80 students from the five different universities, namely IPG, UTAR, UniKL RCMP, Universiti Teknologi Petronas (UTP), and Universiti Pendidikan Sultan Idris (UPSI), took part in this one day camp. The objective of this camp is to provide a platform for the students of the five Institutes/Universities in Perak to interact and co-operate to develop networking among themselves for a better future.
Anatomy is one subject that is steeped in tradition. It is commonly taught using cadaveric specimens. In the textbooks everything is colour coded and pretty, while in labs everything is grey, except for the tendons which have a silver shine to them. For many years art, anatomy and medicine have shared a close relationship, as demonstrated by Leonardo da Vinci’s anatomical drawings and Andreas Vesalius’ ground-breaking illustrated anatomical textbook from the 16th century.

Artists and anatomists worked together to investigate the body through dissection. If no bodies were available for dissection, pictures and three-dimensional wax models were used by medical and art students alike. These models were prized as much for their artistic value as for their anatomical value. However, in the modern day, art plays an important role in medical education. Studies have suggested that art can be utilized to teach observational skills among medical students, a skill that is integral to patient examination but seldom taught directly within the medical curriculum.

In recent years we have seen a lot of changes in teaching. Student - teacher interaction has been replaced by self-directed learning.

Body painting proves particularly useful for introducing surface anatomy in medical teaching and complements the teaching of clinical skills and peer examination, including techniques such as palpation and auscultation.

Drawing trains students to observe the asymmetry of the body - a skill particularly useful for those going on to clinical practice. When taking time to draw something the artist must take time to study the object in great detail. Such as area of referred pain, dermatomes and bones.
On 26th July 2016, five final year students from Bachelor of Pharmacy programme participated in the 6th “Made in UniKL” Final Year Project Competition, organized by the Centre for Research and Innovation (CoRI), UniKL, at UniKL-MICET campus, Alor Gajah, Melaka.

The event was officiated by Prof. Dato. Dr. Mazliham Mohd Su’ud, President/CEO of UniKL.

This year’s competition attracted 40 projects from 12 campuses of UniKL, with the number of participants exceeding 100. Three teams from UniKL RCMP participated in this competition. The projects were evaluated based on their possible commercial value and usefulness. The RCMP team comprised of the following students:–

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The prize giving and closing ceremony was officiated by Deputy President Prof. Dato. Dr. Azanam Shah Hashim. The UniKL-MIAT team with the project entitled “Development of Bio Bricks” was adjudged the overall champion.

It was a great result for all the efforts of our students. This competition encourages students to be more innovative and to explore their entrepreneurial skills for future use.

Based on the excellent presentation of our students, the panel of judges recommended Pavitra Sivalinggam and Noor Jasmin Shamsul Ariffin to represent UniKL in the “Novel Research & Innovation Competition (NRIC) 2016” under the category of “Community Research and Innovation” at Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM), in Penang from 16 to 19 August 2016. Congratulations to all our students for a great show.

8th National Pharmacy Quiz Competition 2016

By Dr. Mahendran Sekar

On 30th April and 1st May 2016, 10 of our students from the Bachelor of Pharmacy programme participated in the “8th MyPSA National Pharmacy Quiz Competition 2016”, organized by the International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM), Kulliyyah Pharmacy, in Kuantan.

All the 10 participants along with Dr. Mahendran Sekar lecturer in charge of the team arrived at the Kuantan campus on Saturday, 30th April 2016. Then we went to Kulliyyah of Pharmacy, IIUM to attend the opening ceremony. There were 18 teams from 13 Universities for this quiz competition. UniKL sent two teams to participate in this competition - UniKL A and UniKL B.

Both our teams qualified for the semi-final rounds. All our students were very excited with the results. On the same night, there was a Gala Night Dinner for all the participants and accompanying lecturers from different Universities. We enjoyed the dinner and took the opportunity to make friends with contestants from other Universities.

The semi-final round was conducted the next day. Unfortunately both our teams did not get through to the finals. UniKL Team A and Team B were placed 6th and 8th respectively among the 18 teams from 13 Universities. This quiz competition encouraged the students to become more knowledgeable and it was a great exposure for all of them.
10th NOVEL RESEARCH AND INNOVATION COMPETITION

By Dr. Mahendran Sekar

On 16th August 2016, two final year students from Bachelor of Pharmacy programme participated in the “10th Novel Research and Innovation Competition (NRIC)”, organized by Universiti Sains Malaysia. The participants were accompanied by their lecturer and advisor Dr. Mahendran Sekar.

The opening ceremony was officiated by Dato’ Seri Idris bin Jusoh, Minister of Higher Education. This year’s competition attracted 111 projects from Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia and India with more than 400 students participating in the event. The judges evaluated the projects based on novelty, innovation, creativity and commercial value of the products and its usefulness and application to address current needs and situations.

We participated under the “Community Research and Innovation Competition (CoRIC)” category. CoRIC is a viva-oriented competition which requires the participants to present their ideas on how to make it a better world. The team with the most innovative idea would be granted the capital to make it a reality. The judges included representatives from the community, academics, and the industry.

The prize giving ceremony was officiated by Prof Dato’ Dr. Omar Osman, Vice Chancellor of USM. The winner of the 10th NRIC Competition was the team from King Mongkut University of Technology, Thonburi, Thailand (KMUTT) and the winner of CoRIC was the team from Universiti Malaysia Terengganu.

WELL DONE AND CONGRATULATIONS PAVITRA AND THE ENTIRE TEAM!!

Our Pharmacy student, PAVITRA SIVALINGGAM received the “BEST PRESENTER’S AWARD” under CoRIC category for the project entitled “Formulation and evaluation of novel anti-aging cream containing Rambutan fruit extract”.

Our students Pavitra Sivalinggam and Noor Jasmin Shamsul Ariffin made impressive presentations under the CoRIC category.
UniKL RCMP Visits Nurul Iman Palace of Brunei Darussalam

By Pakirisamy Saminathan

Twenty four members of the Sports and Recreational Club of Universiti Kuala Lumpur, Royal College of Medicine Perak who were on a recreational tour to Miri and Brunei Darussalam were granted permission to visit Istana Nurul Iman, the Royal palace of Sultan Hassanul Bolkiah on 14 November, 2016.

After the mandatory security checks, the group was led into the sprawling palace grounds accompanied by a member of the police force. The group was met by the palace manager Miss Bettina Salher and several other palace officials.

According to Ms.Bettina almost a thousand applications are received by the authorities every year requesting for permission to visit the palace and UniKL RCMP was one of the few that received the approval this year and was accorded special treatment. The delegation was taken on a guided tour by Ms Bettina to see the Main Hall of the palace, the dignitaries’ waiting room, the Royal Hall and the Royal Court. The Palace is open to visitors only twice a year, especially during national celebrations. As such it was indeed a rare opportunity accorded to the group from UniKL RCMP.

Ibrahim Ahmad, the president of the Sports and Recreational Club, who led the group of visitors said it was a rare honour for his group. He thanked the sultan and his officials and hoped that all the club members would savour the experience. The director of the program, Zahaimi Abdullah Sani, said she was speechless when she received a call from the palace approving the request for the visit and felt extremely overjoyed at the opportunity to visit the world’s largest palace owned by the world’s richest monarch.

The delegation was treated to a sumptuous lunch at the palace prepared by the palace cooks many of whom are actually Malaysians. The visit ended with a ‘doa selamat’ recited by Ibrahim Ahmad, the leader of the group.
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