

On October 22nd and 24th, 2024, the Internationalisation Unit organized a benchmarking visit to the esteemed medical faculty and teaching hospitals of Universitas Indonesia in Jakarta and Universitas Padjadjaran in Bandung. These visits served not only as a platform for academic and clinical benchmarking but also aimed to promote the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences at Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) and to foster future collaborative projects.

The delegation, led by AP Dr. Fairul, Head of the Internationalisation Unit, included representatives from the departments of Radiology, Ophthalmology, Surgery, and Medicine. The visits provided invaluable insights into the remarkable progress made by both universities in terms of their academic and clinical facilities and services since their establishment in the pre-war era. Despite their prestigious standing, both institutions extended a warm welcome and demonstrated exceptional hospitality.

During our visit to Universitas Indonesia in Jakarta, we were particularly impressed by the factors contributing to its status as the top-ranked university in Indonesia. This institution exemplifies the integration of historical and contemporary advancements in medicine. The Radiology Department boasts a team of 18 radiologists, 90% of whom possess either single or double subspecialties, a remarkable achievement. Additionally, they are equipped with state-of-the-art medical imaging technology that many neighboring institutions aspire to emulate. The Ophthalmology team has developed an innovative eye screening kit, comparable to well-known alternatives in the field. The medical faculty, housed in a beautifully maintained historical Dutch building dating back to 1920, complements the modern architecture of the teaching hospital's twin towers.

Similarly, our visit to Universitas Padjadjaran in Bandung revealed outstanding medical expertise and facilities, particularly within the Cicendo National Eye Center Indonesia. This comprehensive hospital is fully equipped with operating theaters, clinics, a Radiology Department, and advanced clinical screening and evaluation rooms, alongside meeting rooms and an auditorium dedicated to various ophthalmology subspecialties.

Throughout these visits, both institutions expressed a sincere desire to explore future collaborations in research, publications, courses, and the exchange of students and staff with the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences at UMS.



Visit to Universitas Indonesia.
The historical Dutch building is in front of the modern twin tower university hospital.



Group photo with the dean and the Universitas Indonesia team



Group Photo with the Dean and team from Universitas Padjadjaran



Group photo with the Director and team from Cicendo National Eye Center Indonesia

