



UPM, Universitas Sebelas Maret forge strategic partnership to advance diagnostic imaging and medical research

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SERDANG, 22 June – Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) has strengthened its position as a regional leader in diagnostic imaging and nuclear medicine through a strategic partnership with Indonesia’s Universitas Sebelas Maret (UNS), paving the way for collaborative research, specialist training and innovation in precision healthcare.

The partnership was formalised through the signing of a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) between UPM’s Centre for Diagnostic Nuclear Imaging (PPDN) and the Faculty of Medicine, UNS, marking a significant milestone in expanding Malaysia-Indonesia collaboration in medical education, diagnostic imaging and research.

Director of PPDN, UPM, Prof. Dr. Subapriya Suppiah, said the agreement builds on a strong working relationship that has developed over the past three years.



“We are proud to formalise this collaboration through the signing of the MoA. It provides a strong platform to expand cooperation in nuclear medicine, advanced radiology, research and specialist training while creating greater opportunities for knowledge exchange between our institutions,” she said.

She added that the partnership reflects UPM’s commitment to advancing healthcare innovation through international collaboration and the development of highly skilled medical professionals.

“PPDN has continued to strengthen its diagnostic capabilities through the adoption of advanced imaging technologies, including the latest Artificial Intelligence (AI)-enabled Digital PET/CT system. The technology is expected to enhance clinical services, research and specialist training, particularly in oncology, neurology and cardiology,” she said.

Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, UNS, Prof. Dr. dr. Reviono, Sp.P(K), described the agreement as an important milestone in strengthening academic and professional cooperation between the two universities.



“We sincerely appreciate the warm hospitality extended by UPM and regard this visit as an invaluable opportunity to further strengthen the relationship that has already been established between our institutions.

“We hope this collaboration will continue to grow through joint research, academic exchanges and training programmes that benefit our students, academic staff and the wider community,” he said.

The collaboration is expected to generate wider opportunities in student and staff mobility, joint supervision, collaborative research, scientific publications and professional development programmes in medical and health sciences.



It will also support the advancement of molecular imaging and precision medicine while contributing to human capital development and reinforcing regional academic collaboration in healthcare between Malaysia and Indonesia.

Also present at the signing ceremony were Deputy Director of PPDN UPM, Associate Prof. Dr. Suraini Mohammad Saini; Deputy Dean for Academic and Research Affairs, Faculty of Medicine, UNS, Prof. Dr. dr. Eti Poncorini Pamungkasari, M.Pd. and representatives from both institutions.

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