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Editor's Message

Dear Readers,

It gives me immense pleasure to present the first edition of i-PIDC, the official newsletter of Penang International Dental College. The idea of the newsletter was reignited during the inaugural meeting between the Dean, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ajay Telang and the SCOP office bearers of tenure 2024/2025. I am flattered to be part of the brilliant team that brings the idea to life.

The first issue of 2025 is dedicated to our achievements and accolades in 2024. This issue highlights the key events and notable achievements by our students and faculty as well as glimpses of the vibrant campus life that defines our institution.

I would also like to extend my warmest gratitude to the members of the editorial team for their hard work and the staff for their unwavering support in making this publication a reality.

Thank you for being part of the journey and let us look forward to 2025 with renewed determination and enthusiasm!

Warm regards,

Batrisyia Aimuni Binti Kamal

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HIGHLIGHTS OF 2024: REMINISCING PIDC'S WONDERFUL JOURNEY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

As we close the book on 2024, we would like to proudly reflect on all the unforgettable moments and the incredible achievements accomplished by the team of Penang International Dental College (PIDC). From groundbreaking research and award-winning academic programs to impactful community projects, this year had shown how dedicated and committed our students and faculty are in bringing PIDC to greater heights. Join us together in celebrating these milestones as we continue to inspire and embrace the leaders of tomorrow.

January

Bringing Healthy Smiles to the Community

24 January 2024 | Kedah

In January, PIDC organised an Oral Wellness Expedition Dental Camp in conjunction with World Oral Health Day. The Dental Camp was conducted at Dewan Tuan Haji Zulkefli, and a total of 119 students from Sekolah Kebangsaan Sungai Seluang participated in it. The activities that were done included comprehensive dental screening, referral for emergency care and oral health education. Dr. Madhu and Dr. Jaya led the PIDC team.

MDA Scientific Convention and Trade Exhibition 2024: Dentistry Reimagined

26-28 January 2024 | Kuala Lumpur

We are also thrilled to showcase the brilliance of our college at the 31st MDA Scientific Convention and Trade Exhibition 2024 at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre (KLCC). Five of our excellent students participated in SCATE 2024 under the mentorship program. Kudos to the students who had managed to represent us with utmost professionalism and dedication!



Head I/C of Dental Public Health, Dr. Madhu (right), received the World Oral Health Day Grant for CSR activities from the Malaysian Dental Association (MDA) President, Assoc. Prof Mas Suriyalis (left), at the SCATE Conference 2024.

Check out the post on our official Facebook page



February

#JomPeriksaMulutSendiri

4 February 2024 | Kuala Lumpur

Starrkate Brenis Ticong from the Class of 2024 secured 2nd place in the Oral Cancer Awareness Photography Contest that was organised by the Oral Cancer Research and Coordinating Centre as well as the Malaysian Dental Students Association. It was an incredible way to showcase her mesmerising photography skills!

Fourteen PIDC students participated in the Mouth Cancer Awareness Month event that was held at Dataran DBKL on 4 February 2024. We are amazed by the enthusiasm and passion shown by our students.



Pioneering Ideas: A look back at Research Day

29 February 2024

Research Day is an event where students showcase their hard work and efforts in carrying out their research projects. The Year 3 students had presented brilliant research proposal ideas according to their respective groups. One of the groups, which included Easter, Wajah, and Yusuf from Class of 2026, achieved the 'Most Promising Research' award for their research title "A Cutting-Edge Exploration into AI-Driven Virtual Patients for Enhancing Dental Students' Diagnostic Skills."

Blooms of Thanks

29 February 2024

Another event that was successfully conducted was the Thank You Event, which is an annual event organised by PIDC Virtual Circle (PVC) members. Students showed their gratitude by sending roses and chocolates to people they appreciate. Sixty percent of proceeds were donated to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA Penang).

See more on our PVC Instagram account!



March

A Happy Mouth is... A Happy Body!

20 March 2024

The event in conjunction with World Oral Health Day (WOHD) was conducted by students of Class of 2026 in collaboration with the Dental Public Health and Periodontology Department. The event raised awareness about good dental hygiene, effects of smoking and vaping habits. There were also demonstrations on the correct brushing techniques for the visitors. Mini games were held for paediatric patients.

On the same day, Mr. Vijayendiran Subramanian, CEO of PIDC inaugurated the new dental chairs in the clinic, and new patient management system, Kumo Dent, and a new 25 units simulation lab.



The State of the Art Dental Simulation Lab was designed and developed in collaboration with Nissin Dental Product Inc. with an investment of RM1.5 million



Scan below to take a look at an Instagram reel made by one of our students in conjunction with WOHD



A Milestone in Innovation

Dr. Gururajaprasad Kaggal Lakshmana Rao, HOD of Orthodontic Department secured a patent for his entrancing invention entitled "Simulation System For Dental Impression". We are all immensely proud of it!

April

Dental Undergraduate Survival Kit 7.0

20th – 21th April 2024 | University of Malaya

PIDC students participated in the Dental Undergraduate Survival Kit (DUSK) 7.0 held at the University of Malaya, organised by the Malaysian Dental Students' Association (MDSA). The theme of event was 'Mastering the Basics'. It was an enriching experience for our dental students.



Eid Al-Fitr Celebration with Joy and Unity

24th April 2024 | PIDC

A vibrant Hari Raya Eid-Fitr celebration was hosted by Class of 2026, at the Student Lounge, bringing together students, faculty, and staff for an evening filled with joy, cultural exploration, and camaraderie.



See more on our PVC
Instagram account!



NDIVG 2024: PIDC Athletes Shine at NDIVG 2024

10th – 12th May 2024 | Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia

The National Dental Intersivarsity Games (NDIVG) 2024 was hosted by Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia (USIM) in Nilai, Negeri Sembilan, from May 10 to 12.



See more on our PVC
Instagram account!



PIDC's athletes displayed great sportsmanship and team work and secured several medals across a range of sports:

- **Gold Medal – Badminton Men's Single**
 - Eugene Lim Qi Wen (CO28)
- **Silver Medal – Badminton Men's Doubles**
 - Matthew Lim (CO24)
 - Syafi Hazheem (CO25)
- **Silver Medal – Archery Female**
 - Laavanya Murugesan (CO24)
- **Silver Medal – Table Tennis Women's Single**
 - Diyana Zafira Binti Mohd Ghazali (CO27)
- **Bronze Medal – Tug of War Team**
 - Anandev Singh (CO24)
 - Jordan Alistair Tan (CO24)
 - Muhammad Khairan Al-Hilal (CO24)
 - Starrkate Brenis Ticong (CO24)
 - Leah Regina Lopez (CO25)
 - Muhammad Haziq Darwis (CO25)
 - Mohd Amir (CO26)
 - Nurh Wajhah Haqiemah (CO26)
- **Bronze Medal – Table Tennis Men's Doubles**
 - Elvin Liew (CO24)
 - Muhammad Haziq Darwis (CO25)

PIDC Night 2024: An Evening of Mystery and Glamour

21th May 2024 | Bertam Resort and Waterpark Penang

Class of 2024 hosted the most anticipated annual event, the dazzling "Le Bal Masque," on May 21, 2024. The grand celebration unfolded at the breathtaking Bertam Resort and Waterpark Penang. The event saw dazzling singing and dance performances. The evening was filled with laughter and happiness with many lucky draws and games. The event was attended by PIDC management, event sponsors, alumni, staffs and students.



Student Experience Open Day

22nd June 2024 | PIDC

Penang International Dental College (PIDC) successfully hosted its Student Experience Open Day on the 22nd of June 2024. The event provided prospective students and their families valuable insights into the vibrant life of dental students and the academic pathways offered at PIDC.



See more on our
PIDC Facebook
account!



16th National Dental Students' Scientific Conference (NDSSC) 2024

28th – 29th June 2024 | Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia

PIDC students joined the 16th National Dental Students' Scientific Conference (NDSSC) 2024 at Zecon Hotel & Convention Centre (UKM), Cheras, Kuala Lumpur. We are very proud of all the students who participated and demonstrated their talents at the conference. Our Year 3 students, Nur Liyana, Sri Enynadia Nabihah and Batrisyia Aimuni won 3rd place in the Anatomy Face Painting competition.

Here are the achievements of PIDC students at NDSSC:

- 3rd Place: Anatomy Face Painting
- Participation: Research Oral Presentation, Research Poster Presentation, Bicara Ilmu, and Restorun.





National Oral Health Research Initiative (NOHRI) 2024

5th – 7th September 2024 | Putrajaya

The NOHRI Conference, organised by the Ministry of Health Malaysia (MOH) and the Malaysian Association of Dental Public Health Specialists (MADPHS), highlighted advancements and innovations in oral health research.

We are proud to share that Ms. Abirami Magendran, Class of 2024, clinched the FIRST PRIZE in the Rising Star category. Heartiest congratulations to Abirami for this exceptional achievement! A special mention goes to Dr. Kugashini Subbarao, our Dental Officer, who earned a consolation prize in the same category. Both of them have made us proud with their hard work and dedication to excellence.

See more on our
PIDC Facebook
account!



Cochrane Malaysia Intersivity Competition Result

26th September 2024

On September 26th, our institution's future stars made their mark at the Cochrane Malaysia Intersivity Competition. Ooi Chiao Ling (Class of 2028) and her group, 123 Myth Busters, impressed the judges with their evidence-based approach, earning a consolation prize from YB Dato Lukanisman bin Awang Sauni, Deputy Minister of Health. Congratulations to them on this commendable achievement!



PIDC Achieves Historic Milestones in Accreditation and Certification

PIDC has secured a six-year MQA reaccreditation for its DDS program, marking the longest accreditation period in the institution's history. Additionally, PIDC has been awarded Berdaya Saing status by the Ministry of Higher Education as part of the MyQuest evaluation and has successfully recertified its ISO 9001:2015 for Teaching & Learning.



Class of 2027 White Coat Ceremony: A New Chapter Begins

4th October 2024 / PIDC

The White Coat Ceremony for the Class of 2027 was held on 4th October 2024. It marked the 3rd-year students' transition to clinical dental education after two years pre-clinical training at MAHSA University. Led by Dr. Ajay, Dean of PIDC, the event celebrated their achievements as they donned white coats, recited the Dentists' Pledge, and committed to ethical patient care.



Meet our new Year 3 students – scan to see more on our official Facebook page!



Cultivating The Career Pathway: Insights from Dr. Lim Sing Ying

25th October 2024 / PIDC

Dr. Lim Sing Ying, an esteemed PIDC alumna and practicing dentist at Arteestic Dental Clinic, delivered an inspiring talk titled "Cultivating The Career Pathway". She shared her career journey through public and private sectors and her decision to specialise in paediatric dentistry after a profound experience with a young leukaemia patient.

Year 5 PBL Product Discussion: Ethical Dilemma Roleplay

28th October 2024 / PIDC

This hands-on experience strengthened students' communication skills and deepens their understanding of how ethics and law play a crucial role in the healthcare profession. The PBL approach fosters critical thinking and encourages students to reflect on their personal values and professional duties.





Celebrating new milestones for Class of 2024!

16th November 2024 | Mahsa University

The Class of 2024 Graduation Ceremony at MAHSA University was a momentous occasion for PIDC to proudly celebrate the achievements of 45 outstanding graduates. This event marked their readiness to contribute their expertise and compassion to the field of dentistry for the benefit of the community.

Scan here to hear what our graduates have to say!



Product Sharing Session

22nd November 2024

Mr. Por, a product specialist of Sensodyne, Parodontax, and Polident, shared his expert advice with the Class of 2027 on managing common dental issues like sensitive teeth and bleeding gums. He stressed on the importance of using the right toothpaste for sensitive teeth and preventing gum problems.



Financial Literacy Program by KWSP

27th November 2024

A talk and a sharing session was conducted by KWSP cawangan Seberang Jaya (Employees Provident Fund), that offered valuable insights into financial planning and retirement savings for all PIDC students and staff. Participants were also provided with the opportunity to register and open a KWSP account on the spot, ensuring a proactive steps toward their financial security.

December

PIDC's Festive Deepavali Celebration

6th December 2024 / PIDC

The Deepavali celebration at PIDC was organised by the clinical support staffs and led by Ms. Kalaivani. It was a vibrant event filled with festive decorations, ethnic attire, and captivating performances. Dr. Guru and a few students sang a mesmerizing song and performed a beautiful dance. The event was highlighted by the lighting of candles symbolising light overcoming darkness and ending with a feast of traditional Indian cuisine.



From Sweat to Glory: PIDC CUP 2024

19th November – 7th December 2024

PIDC CUP 2024 kicked off with an unforgettable opening ceremony on 20th December. Four teams—Earth Kingdom, Water Tribe, Air Nomads, and Fire Nation—competed in a range of exciting activities. Students, staff, and lecturers brought their A-game, competing fiercely in over 15 exciting activities, including badminton, chess, quiz challenges, and Mobile Legends. The energy was unmatched, and the competition fierce—but the ultimate winner remains a mystery until PIDC Night 2025!

Watch the PIDC Cup
Opening Ceremony!



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas in PIDC!

19th December 2024 / PIDC

On December 19, 2024, PIDC transformed into a hub of holiday cheer with an afternoon filled with fun, laughter, and festive spirit. The Christmas Party featured a Popping Gift Session where participants exchanged thoughtful gifts, exciting games and activities, and delicious refreshments that brought everyone together. Adding to the magic, Santa himself made a special appearance, spreading joy and surprises. Attendees embraced the festive theme by donning formal attire in festive colors, making the event a visual treat!





WHAT'S IN STORE FOR 2025?



With 2025 on the horizon, it brings along a world of possibilities and excitement. As we leave behind the challenges and triumphs of the past year, we now look towards a future brimming with potential. Whether you are eager for scientific discoveries, personal milestones, or marvelous events, there's plenty to look forward to! Let's look into what makes 2025 a year worth anticipating.

- PIDC Night
- Festive celebrations such as Chinese New Year, Hari Raya, Deepavali and Christmas
- Thank You Event
- National Dental Intersivity Games (NDIVG) 2025
- Mouth Cancer Awareness Month 2025
- Malaysian Dental Intersivity Debate Competition 2025

...and many more await

Here's to another year full of excitement!

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