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# Editor's Note

Dear Readers,

Welcome to the new edition of the i-PIDC newsletter, a space where we celebrate the vibrant achievements, milestones, and talents that shape our academic community.

This issue marks an exciting step forward as we introduce new sections that showcase the depth and diversity of our PIDC community. These additions reflect our ongoing commitment not only to inform but also to inspire, which helps connect students, staff, and readers through stories that matter.

Thank you for being part of this growing platform, and we hope this issue not only informs but also sparks curiosity, reflection, and pride in the path you've chosen.

Here's to learning, sharing and shaping the future of dentistry together!

*Batrisyia Aimuni*  
**Editor-in-Chief**

## *Meet the Editorial Team!*

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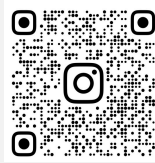


Head I/C of Dental Public Health, Dr. Madhu (right), receiving the World Oral Health Day Grant for CSR activities from the Malaysian Dental Association (MDA) President, Assoc. Prof Mas Suriyalis (left).

## MAKING A DIFFERENCE, ONE SMILE AT A TIME

Huge congratulations to Dr. Madhunirajan Swamy, Dr. Amjad Hussain, Ms. Wang Yee Pee (Year 5 DDS), and Ms. Sri Enynadia Nabihah (Year 4 DDS) for securing the prestigious CSR grant from the Malaysian Dental Association as part of World Oral Health Day 2025!

With that, a new program called Smile Safari at PIDC was introduced. It is a fun and engaging initiative aimed to improve the oral health of schoolchildren with limited access to dental care.



CHECK OUT THE VIDEO MADE BY ONE OF OUR STUDENTS OF THE EVENT HELD IN MELODY KINDLAND, BAYAN BARU.

## CNY 2025: SHEDDING THE OLD, WELCOMING THE NEW

This year's Chinese New Year event, held on 13th February 2025, was a joyful and vibrant celebration filled with cultural activities and fun!

Highlights of the day included; Gold Exchange to symbolize prosperity, Calligraphy & Origami Booths, and a special performance from the students, which included a lively lion dance that energized the crowd.

The event brought everyone together to celebrate the Chinese culture, promote creativity, and strengthen community spirit.



## THANK YOU EVENT 4.0 WAS A SUCCESS!

On 7th February 2025, this special event gave everyone a chance to express their heartfelt gratitude to lecturers, staff, friends, colleagues, and loved ones with a thoughtful gift of a chocolate bouquet and gift card. The appreciation was shared far and wide.

This event was made even more meaningful as 60% of the profits were donated to a charity home for children with special needs.



TAKE A LOOK AT THE LOVELY REACTIONS OF EVERYONE RECEIVING THEIR GIFTS

## Did you know?

### LATEST DENTAL FRONTIER



Virtual reality (VR) has been used by clinicians to manage dental anxiety among dental patients. It is a transformative technology that is able to immerse us in different environments and scenarios! HypnoVR, launched in 2016, is a notable example, being the first medical hypnosis solution using VR to reduce patient anxiety during dental treatment.

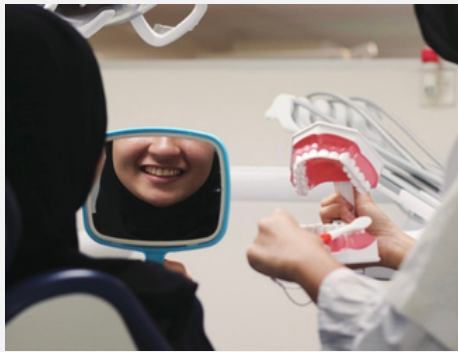






## NATIONAL DENTAL STUDENTS' CLINICAL SKILLS COMPETITION 2025

On 15th March 2025, the National Dental Students' Clinical Skills Competition was held at the Faculty of Dentistry, UiTM. Representing PIDC with pride, two of our talented students participated in this prestigious event. Sri Enynadia Nabihah binti Apandi showcased her skills in the Crown Preparation competition, while Leah Regina Lopez competed in the URA Design & Wire Bending category. Well done to both participants on their dedication and effort!



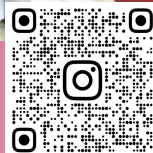
## WORLD ORAL HEALTH DAY PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION 2025

We're proud to share that PIDC students made their mark at the World Oral Health Day Photography Competition 2025. Goh Deng Yi, Shamini A/P Chandran, and Razinah binti Abdul Manaff, with their creative and meaningful entry won the first prize. Kudos also to Leah Regina Lopez for earning a consolation prize. Great job to all for spreading awareness through art and photography!



## RESEARCH INNOVATION AND ENTERPRISE DAY

PIDC proudly hosted the Science Innovation Exhibition & Competition 2025 in conjunction with Research Innovation & Enterprise Day. We were honoured to have Mr. Kalitazan Gannesa and Prof. Dr. Valliappan Raju as our special guests, who shared inspiring insights on science and innovation. Congratulations to all winners in both the Primary and Secondary School Categories! A special shoutout to our Year 3 and Year 5 PIDC students for their outstanding research presentations.



WATCH THE REEL SUMMARISING OUR RESEARCH DAY EVENT!



## PIDC @ ICD 2025

PIDC proudly participated in the prestigious 10th International College of Dentists (ICD) Conference held in Penang. The event brings together dental professionals, researchers, and students from across the globe.

*Below: Team PIDC with the Chief Minister of Penang, YAB Tuan Chow Kon Yeow.*







## HARI RAYA CELEBRATION AT PIDC 🌙

Penang International Dental College (PIDC) warmly celebrated Hari Raya Aidilfitri 2025 with a vibrant and heartwarming event filled with joy, culture, and togetherness.

Students, lecturers, and staff came together in traditional attire, bringing colour and charm to the festive atmosphere. The celebration served as a beautiful reminder of the importance of unity, respect, and cultural appreciation within the PIDC community.

## NDIVG 2025 ENDS WITH SPIRIT AND SPORTSMANSHIP

The National Dental Inter-Varsity Games (NDIVG) 2025 wrapped up with great energy, showcasing teamwork, discipline, and enthusiasm from dental students across institutions.

### Congratulations to our champions!

#### 1 Gold

Pickleball (Men's Singles) - **Syafi Hazheem** (Co24)

Pickleball (Men's Doubles) - **Syafi Hazheem** (Co24) & **Haziq Darwis** (Co25)

#### 2 Silver

Tug of War - **Khoo Xi Xian** (Co28), **Loh Kin Xing** (Co28), **Mark Greatingan** (Co27),

**Hazim Azizi** (Co26), **Francesca** (Co29), **Wajhah Haqiemah** (Co26),

**Easter Edele Colin** (Co26), **Mohd Amir** (Co26)

Table Tennis (Men's Doubles) - **Danish Fahmy** (Co27) & **Peor Yong Sheng** (Co26)

Swimming (Men's 50m Backstroke) - **Henry Liaw Pak Kin** (Co28)

Badminton (Men's Doubles) - **Eugene Lim Qi Wen** (Co28) & **Ong Phang Hang** (Co29)

Track & Field (Women's 200m) - **Ooi Chiao Ling** (Co28)

#### 3 Bronze

Badminton (Men's Singles) - **Eugene Lim Qi Wen** (Co28)

Swimming (Men's 50m Breaststroke) - **Wilson Ling Kung Chiong** (Co28)



SEE ALL THE PICTURES  
AND CONTENTANTS OF  
NDIVG

# PIDC NIGHT: RETRO REWIND 2025

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On 30th April, the PIDC community came together for a vibrant evening of music, nostalgia, and retro vibes at the Crowne Plaza Hotel.

A heartfelt thank you to all the students, faculty, and staff members who made the night unforgettable. Here's to more moments of unity and celebration at PIDC!

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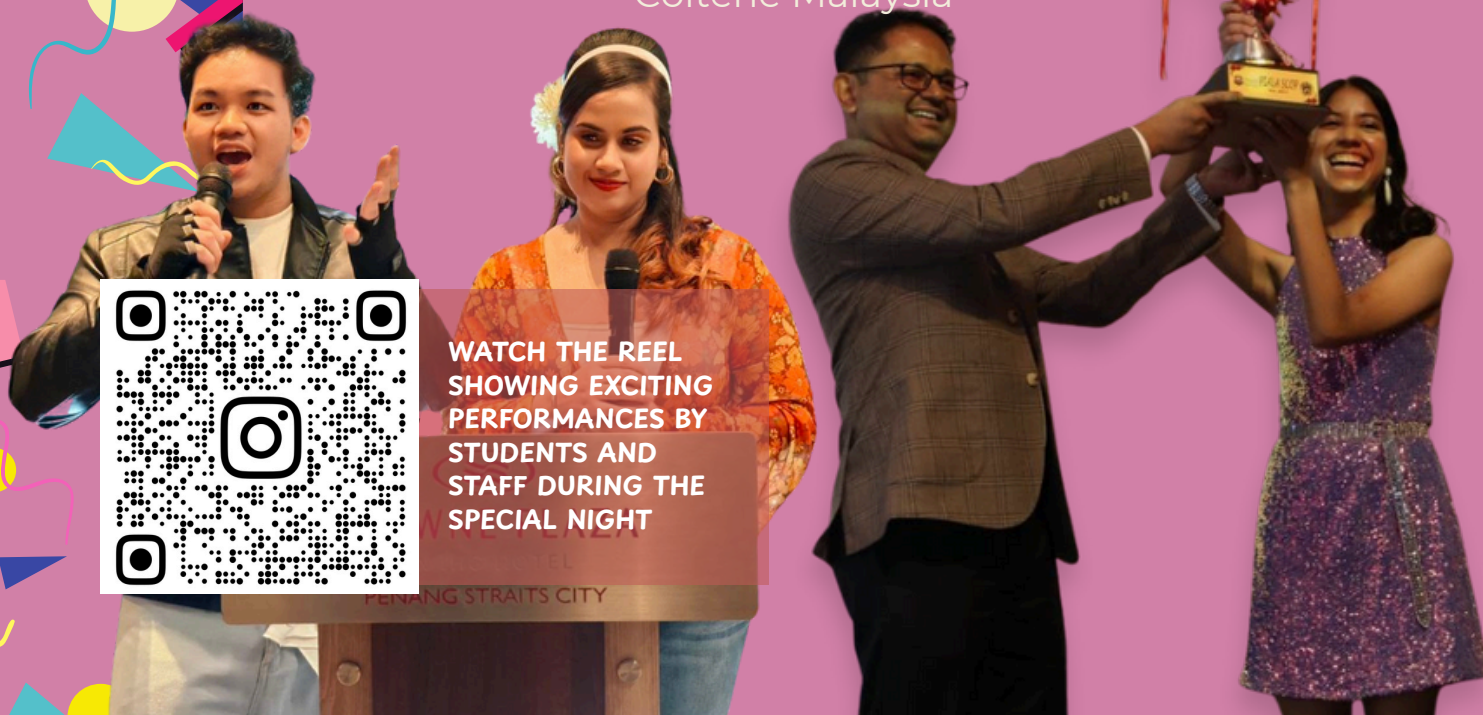
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SHOWING EXCITING  
PERFORMANCES BY  
STUDENTS AND  
STAFF DURING THE  
SPECIAL NIGHT







## 🌟 ROTARACT CLUB 2025 – CHARTERING CEREMONY 🌟

On 27th May 2025, history was made at PIDC as we proudly witnessed the official chartering of the Rotaract Club (RC) of PIDC — a student-led initiative driven by passion, leadership, and a strong commitment to service.

A heartfelt congratulations to Ms. Leah Regina Lopez, our newly installed President for the 2024–2025 term! We also extend our sincere appreciation to Dr. Kalyan, who has been instrumental as Rotary Advisor in guiding and supporting the formation of this club.

We look forward to the many meaningful projects and positive impact that RC PIDC will bring to both campus and community.

Congratulations once again to the inaugural team of the Rotaract Club of PIDC!



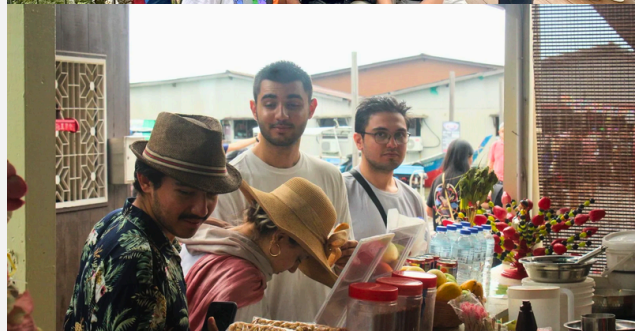
## 🌍 INTERNATIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE VISIT

### Unforgettable Friendships 🌍

We had a wonderful time hosting students from Tehran University of Medical Sciences as part of our International Student Exchange Program.

From engaging campus tours and interactive student meetups to insightful seminars and fun-filled activities — it was an enriching experience filled with learning, cultural exchange, and unforgettable memories.

Here's to building more global connections and lasting friendships!





## Fostering International Collaboration: Academic Visit from Prince of Songkla University, Thailand

On the 20<sup>th</sup> of June, we had the honour of welcoming Assoc. Prof. Dr. Songchai Thitasomakul and his esteemed team from the Faculty of Dentistry, Prince of Songkla University, Thailand, for an academic visit.

Their visit marks a new chapter in international collaboration, bridging expertise, research, and academic excellence in dental education.



## Showcasing Brilliance at the 5th International Dental E-Quiz

Leah Lopez Regina, Careena Tan, and Prasheela Ramasany from the Class of 2025 proudly represented PIDC and secured 2nd place in the 5th International Dental E-Quiz competition organized by International Islamic University Malaysia on the 5th of July 2025. This event saw participation from a total of 22 teams from Malaysia, Indonesia, and Thailand.

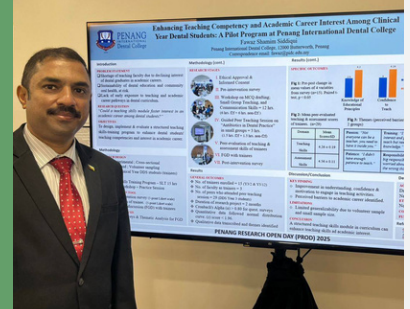
We congratulate Leah, Careena, and Prasheela for their outstanding accomplishment and for bringing pride to the institution on an international platform.



## Best Poster Award for Faculty Project Advancing Dental Education Innovation

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Dr. Fawaz for receiving the prestigious “Best Poster” award for his faculty research and FAIMER project titled “Enhancing Teaching Competency and Academic Career Interest Among Clinical Year Dental Students: A Pilot Program at Penang International Dental College.” The award was presented at the Penang Research Open Day 2025, organized by the Clinical Research Center, Hospital Seberang Jaya, Penang, on 11th June 2025.

This innovative project aimed to inspire DDS clinical year students to pursue academic careers. The project introduced a dedicated learners’ module focused on developing and honing teaching skills in health profession education.





## ***A Warm Welcome to Our New PIDC Staff!***

We're delighted to welcome our newest members to the PIDC family, bringing more energy, ideas, and passion to our growing community.

**Assoc. Prof. Dr. Rasika Manori Jayasinghe – Faculty of Dentistry**

**Dr. Kuhilan a/l Selvarajo – Faculty of Dentistry**

**Dr. Dhaniya Rani a/p Raja Mohan – Faculty of Dentistry**

**Asst. Prof. Ms. Ong Cheng Hoon – School of Business**

**Assoc. Prof. Rajeswari a/p Sinnasamy – School of Nursing**

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## ***Congratulations to Our Staff!***

**Congratulations on your well-earned promotion!**  
**Your dedication and excellence continues to inspire us all at PIDC.**

**Dr. Fawaz Siddiqui**



**Associate Professor of  
Pediatric Dentistry**

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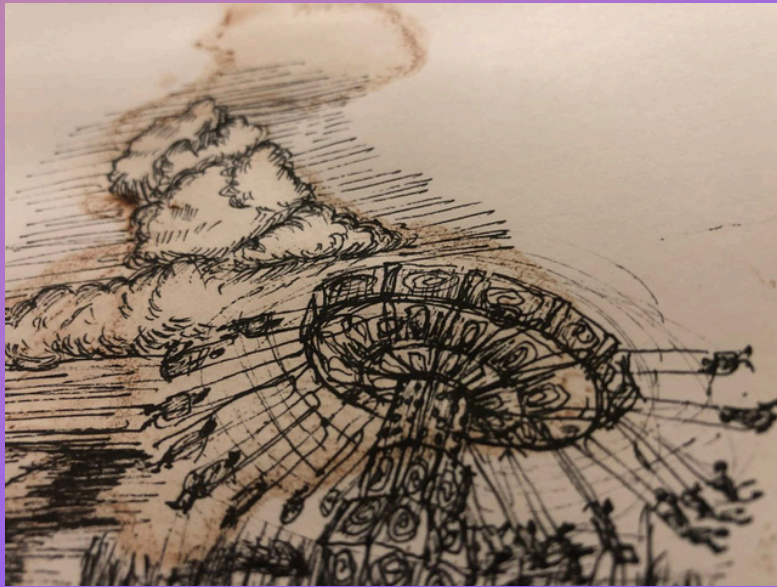
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binti Mohammad  
Jamil**



**Assistant Manager of  
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# Students' Corner ARTWORK

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*"Yeehaw I'm flying"*  
(Sri Enynadia Nabihah, CO26)



*"After 7 years" (Titan arum)*  
(Sri Enynadia Nabihah, CO26)



*"Kotobian Tadau Tagazo  
do Kaamatan"*  
(Mark Greatingan, CO27)



# Students' Corner

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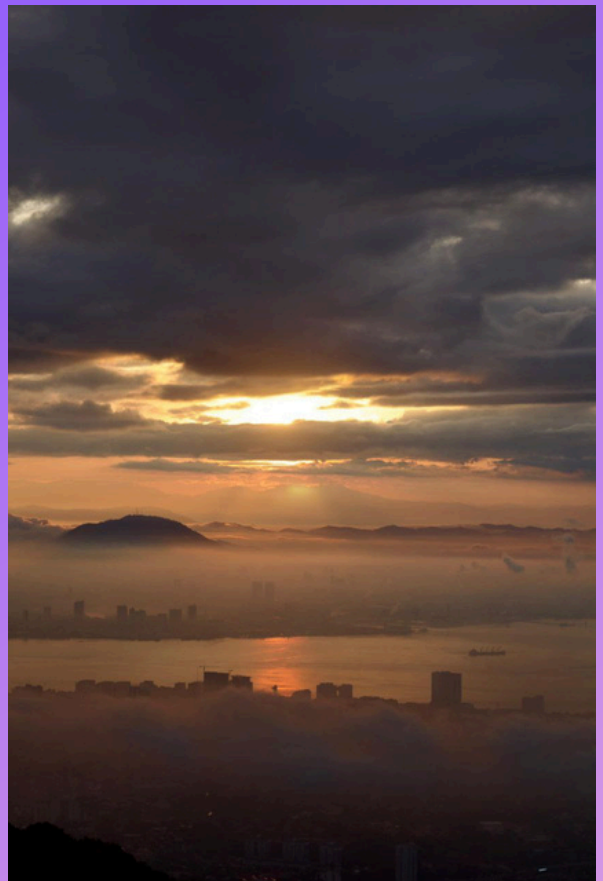
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CO29



Submitted by  
Leah Regina Lopez,  
CO25



Submitted by  
Nur Adriana binti Zahrul Azhar  
CO26



Submitted by  
Feylyana Elvy Anak Lusen  
CO25



# SEGMENT BAHASA

## BEBASKAH DIA?

Pernah lihat si dewasa Sang Rajawali ? Terbang bebas atas cakrawala

Lebarkan sayap,  
Terus terbang tanpa berhenti.  
Tapi, bebaskah dia ?

Bebaskah dia tika berjumpa helang si pemangsa?  
Bebaskah dia tika petir menyambar diri tanpa disangka ?  
Bebaskah dia saat daya tiada lagi untuk mencari rezeki ?

Kerana itu, aku TAKUT.  
Takut menghadapi segala onak duri  
Sedar rambutku ini tidak lagi hitam sentiasa  
Tapi masih percaya, aku sedang lagi bertatih.  
Kotak fikir ku masih percaya,  
Menjadi si DENASA sang rajawali  
Tidak bebas seperti yg dikata  
Dan aku,  
Tetap pilih utk BEBAS di dalam sangkar.



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