

'Resolve PharmD recognition'

PM calls on relevant ministries to quickly fix academic issue

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PETALING JAYA: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has directed the Higher Education Ministry and the Health Ministry to quickly resolve the issue of recognition for the Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) qualification awarded to Malaysian graduates of Egypt's Alexandria University.

In a statement, the Prime

Minister's Office said the government is working to resolve issues surrounding the recognition of pharmacy graduates from Alexandria University following complaints that have affected their ability to register and work as pharmacists in Malaysia.

It had taken note of concerns raised by students from the university regarding the recognition of its PharmD programme for registration and professional practice purposes.

"The Prime Minister has directed the Higher Education Ministry and Health Ministry to give due attention and finalise a solution to this issue as soon as possible in the interest of the affected students," the statement said yesterday.

It added that the Malaysian Qualifications Agency (MQA) currently has no objection to the academic recognition of the programme.

"However, professional recog-

nition for registration as a pharmacist requires consideration and approval from the Malaysian Pharmacy Board.

"As such, the Higher Education and Health ministries must resolve the issue comprehensively in line with the Madani spirit," the statement said.

Four students enrolled in the PharmD programme at the university had reportedly appealed to Anwar to intervene in the qualification recognition issue.

Some children in Sabah lacking in many aspects, says Unicef

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KOTA KINABALU: Children in Sabah are growing up with strong family and community ties, but some, especially the stateless and those in remote areas, continue to be left behind when it comes to healthcare, nutrition, education and digital access, a new study has found.

According to a study by the United Nations Children's Fund (Unicef) Malaysia, conducted with the Sabah Economic Planning Unit, there are significant gaps in immunisation, adolescent health, nutrition and internet connectivity.



The inaugural Sabah Child Wellbeing Index (SCWI) also paints a mixed picture of childhood in the state, while highlighting that some of the widest disparities are experienced by chil-

dren who are often excluded from essential services.

The study found that nearly 80% of children have a strong sense of belonging to their school and community.

Nearly one in four children are not fully immunised and fewer than one-third of adolescents aged 15 to 17 meet benchmarks for sexual and reproductive health, including access to information, services and trusted support, the study revealed.

It also showed that fewer than one in three children meet growth and development thresholds, and many consume limited amounts of fruits and vegetables.

On other aspects, less than 35%

of children have sufficient access to digital devices and reliable Internet, which limits their ability to learn and participate online, said the study.

In addition, children reported that they lack opportunities for inclusive play, feel unable to freely express their opinions, or live in environments that do not meet adequate housing standards.

These are some of the information gathered from a total of 4,441 children and caregivers across all five administrative divisions of Sabah (West Coast, Interior, Tawau, Sandakan and Kudat), including children from underserved communities like those with disabilities, the undocu-

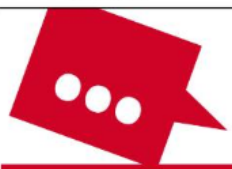
mented or stateless.

Robert Gass (pic), Unicef representative in Malaysia, said the findings were a reminder that support must be shaped around children's lived realities.

He said the findings revealed disparities across districts and that deprivations like digital access and nutritious food consumption tend to be higher in hard-to-reach areas such as Kudat and Tawau, where vaccination gaps were more prominent.

Gass said the study also highlighted important strengths in the state, including strong family and community support and access to basic services for many children in Sabah.





Ensuring safety in delivery of aesthetic medical care

PERSATUAN Doktor Estetik Berdaftar Malaysia (PDEBM) welcomes and fully supports the Health Ministry's recent announcement on strengthening enforcement against healthcare services operating from unregistered or unlicensed premises under the Private Healthcare Facilities and Services Act 1998 (Act 586). "Only premises registered or licensed under Act 586 may provide healthcare services," says Health Ministry" (*The Star*, June 3).

Statistics released by the ministry are deeply concerning: more than 1,020 complaints have been received over the past five years involving healthcare services conducted in premises that are not registered or licensed, and the number of complaints is increasing annually.

These figures reflect growing public concern over the safety of patients and the legitimacy of those providing such services.

Of particular concern is the increasing number of aesthetic medical procedures being offered outside licensed healthcare facilities. Treatments are

reportedly being performed in beauty salons, residential homes, hotel rooms, office units and other locations that are neither designed nor approved for the provision of medical care.

While such arrangements may appear convenient or attractive to consumers, they can expose patients to significant and avoidable risks.

Many aesthetic procedures involve the use of prescription medicines, injectable products, lasers, energy-based devices and other interventions that require proper medical assessment, diagnosis, treatment planning and post-procedure care.

Like any medical treatment, these procedures carry risks and potential complications that must be anticipated and managed appropriately.

When medical procedures are performed outside licensed premises, patients may not have access to the medical care that is expected in a regulated healthcare environment. These include infection prevention measures, emergency equipment, proper medical records, informed con-

sent processes, trained personnel and established clinical governance systems.

Complications such as severe allergic reactions, infections, burns, vascular compromise, scarring and even vision-threatening events may require urgent medical intervention.

The requirement for aesthetic medical procedures to be conducted within licensed healthcare facilities should not be viewed as a mere administrative obligation. It is a fundamental patient safety measure established to ensure that medical services are delivered in an environment that meets recognised standards of quality, safety and accountability.

PDEBM also supports the Health Ministry's commitment to continuing enforcement against those who operate illegally and those who facilitate such activities. Regulatory compliance is not simply about adhering to legislation; it is also about protecting the public from preventable harm and maintaining trust in the medical profession.

Members of the public should

exercise caution when considering aesthetic treatments.

Patients are encouraged to verify that the practitioner is a registered medical doctor holding a valid Annual Practising Certificate and that the procedure is being performed in a licensed healthcare facility.

These simple steps can significantly reduce the risk of complications and help ensure that appropriate care is available should problems arise.

The Health Ministry's recent enforcement initiative sends a clear message that patient safety cannot be compromised. PDEBM commends this decisive action and remains committed to supporting efforts that uphold professional standards, strengthen public confidence and ensure that aesthetic medical care in Malaysia is delivered safely, ethically and responsibly.

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RISING healthcare costs should not discourage people from seeking treatment or health screenings, says Penang Chief Minister Chow Kon Yeow.

He said that while healthcare fees had remained relatively stable, concerns remained that ongoing tensions in the Middle East could eventually affect global energy prices and supply chains, leading to higher costs for medical equipment, devices and healthcare consumables.

"Any increase in fuel and transportation costs can have a ripple effect on the production and procurement of medical equipment, devices and healthcare consumables," he said.

Penang folk should not be discouraged from seeking treatment or health screenings even if healthcare costs were rising, he added before launching the Advanced Orthopaedic & Spine Centre at Sunway Medical Centre in Butterworth.

Orthopaedics is the branch of medicine that focuses on conditions affecting the bones, joints, muscles, ligaments, tendons and spine, helping patients regain mobility and improve their quality of life.

Chow said such facilities played an important role in supporting the workforce and strengthening economic resilience.

"As our economy grows, protecting workers' health becomes increasingly important. Many occupations today place considerable strain on the body.

"Over time, back pain, joint problems and musculoskeletal conditions can affect mobility, productivity and quality of life."

He said that when mobility was affected, it impacted more than the individual as it also affected families, workplaces and ultimately, the state's economic resilience.

'Do not neglect healthcare despite rising costs'

CM says protecting workers' health becomes increasingly important, urges medical sector to make services affordable



Chow (third from right) being briefed on spine surgery at the opening of the Advanced Orthopaedic & Spine Centre in Sunway Medical Centre. Looking on (from right) are Lau and Lee. — ZHAFFARAN NASIB/The Star

"That is why such orthopaedic facilities are important to help people remain active, independent and able to continue contributing to society."

Chow also called on healthcare providers to continue pursuing excellence in medical technology and expertise while ensuring healthcare remained accessible and affordable.

He praised Sunway Medical

Centre Penang for initiatives such as its Robotic Care Fund and the upcoming "Sayang My Health Festival" from June 11 to 14.

"The upcoming health festival offers the second selected health screening package at just RM5.20.

"At a time when many families are managing their household expenses carefully, this initiative sends a powerful message that

healthcare can remain within reach."

Chow added that Penang would continue to strengthen its position as one of Malaysia's leading healthcare destinations and welcomed Sunway Medical Centre's expansion into regional markets, including Cambodia and Myanmar.

Earlier, Sunway Medical Centre Penang chief executive

officer Christine Lee said the launch marked a major milestone in strengthening orthopaedic services in northern Malaysia through investments in advanced technology and innovation.

The hospital's Robotic Care Fund, she said, provides financial assistance of up to 100% for eligible patients undergoing robotic-assisted procedures.

"Through our Robotic Care Fund, we have supported 100 patients from last year until April this year.

"The initiative is aimed at making robotic surgery more affordable for patients, easing their financial burden while also encouraging greater access to robotic-assisted surgery, which offers enhanced precision, a lower risk of complications, and faster recovery," she said.

As for the hospital's orthopaedic team, Lee said it comprised specialists covering spine and knee conditions, sports injuries, hip care, fractures, upper-limb problems, and paediatric orthopaedics.

She added that the centre would also help to raise public awareness of musculoskeletal health and the importance of early intervention.

Also present were Sunway Healthcare Group president Datuk Lau Beng Long and Sunway Healthcare Group hospital and healthcare operations managing director Dr Khoo Chow Huat.

Penang proposes inclusion of rehabilitation in B40 health scheme

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PENANG government is submitting a proposal to Health Ministry to include rehabilitation services in the Peka B40 scheme.

This initiative will enable more low-income families in the state to access rehabilitation treatments at both government and private healthcare facilities.

State youth, sports and health committee chairman Daniel Gooi Zi Sen said the proposal was timely as demand for rehabilitation services was expected to rise in tandem with changing treatment needs and Penang's transition into an ageing state.

He said a more inclusive and sustainable approach was needed to ensure access to rehabilitation treatment would not depend solely on government facilities.

Gooi said this after opening the Kiwanis Rehabilitation Room at Ward C2 of the Penang Hospital, which aims to provide more comprehensive rehabilitation care for paediatric patients.

He said the facility would strengthen rehabilitation services



From left: Gooi, Kang, Christine and Phee at the launch of the rehabilitation room for children at Penang Hospital. — Buletin Mutiara

for children by complementing existing treatment processes and supporting patients throughout their recovery journey.

"As a sub-specialty referral centre and tertiary hospital serving northern Peninsular Malaysia, Penang Hospital plays an important role in ensuring child patients receive optimal rehabilitation opportunities.

"This facility is expected to

help reduce complications and hospital readmissions while ensuring rehabilitation interventions are carried out more effectively," he elaborated.

The rehabilitation room marks the second collaboration between the hospital and Kiwanis Club of Penang Central (KCPC) after the launch of the Kiwanis Sensory Room last year.

"Collaborations like this prove

that the public sector and community organisations can work hand-in-hand to strengthen healthcare delivery for the people, especially children," Gooi said, while thanking the club for its continued support towards the state's healthcare sector.

Also present at the event were Sungai Puyu assemblyman Phee Syn Tze, Penang Health Department representative Dr R. Premalosi, Penang Hospital

director Dr Goh Hin Kwang, KCPC president Catherine Kang, KCPC lieutenant-governor Dr Ngoo Seong Boon, KCPC founder and adviser Datuk Seri Wong Siew Hai, Kiwanis Malaysia founder Puan Sri Christine Khir Johari and Kiwanis Malaysia governor-elect Eric Low.

Dr Goh said the rehabilitation room further reinforced Penang Hospital's role as a tertiary referral centre offering holistic treatment and rehabilitation services for paediatric patients in the northern region.

He said the paediatric rehabilitation facility focused on improving the functional abilities, independence and quality of life of children and adolescents facing physical, cognitive or developmental challenges.

"Rehabilitation interventions provided while patients are receiving treatment in the ward have been shown to support their reintegration into the community, school and daily life," said Dr Goh.

He added that the facility would also help caregivers better prepare for the patient's discharge process in a safer and more organised manner.

Claims of Segamat Hospital closure dismissed as false

JOHOR BAHRU: The Johor Health Department has dismissed claims circulating on social media that the Segamat Hospital will cease operations beginning July 1.

State Health Director Dr Mohtar Pungut@Ahmad said the hospital remains fully operational and there are no plans to close the facility as alleged.

He added that the department had also taken note of a letter concerning the postponement of referrals for Obstetrics and Gynaecology (O&G) cases at the hospital, which has also been widely circulated online.

He also said the department is currently reviewing and finalising service arrangements within the O&G Department to ensure the continued delivery of effective and quality healthcare services to the public.

"The latest status and further plans regarding the matter will be announced in the near future."

Mohtar said the department remains committed to ensuring that any service restructuring and human resource optimisation measures are implemented in a systematic and well-planned manner, without affecting hospital operations or patient care. – Bernama

KLANG: In a display of unity, compassion and community spirit, the Rotary Club of Klang Valley, together with the Multiple Sclerosis Society Malaysia (MSSM) and the Rotary Club of Klang Central, held a special project in conjunction with World Multiple Sclerosis Day.

The event on May 30, called "Ride for Hope 2026: Mobilising Awareness and Support for Multiple Sclerosis in Malaysia", was supported by the Malaysian Medical Association and Malaysian Society of Neurosciences.

"We are heartened by the overwhelming support shown through Ride for Hope 2026," said MSSM president Rizal Aminuddin.

"Multiple sclerosis (MS) diagnosis can be overwhelming and isolating. This community-driven initiative not only raises awareness, but also elevates understanding of the unpredictable disease, reinforcing hope for MS warriors, caregivers and their families."

"Educating the community about MS is essential because it dispels myths, creates a supportive and inclusive environment for those affected to stay active in society."

Superbikers, Rotarians, NGOs and the public gathered to raise awareness about MS, a chronic autoimmune neurological disease affecting individuals and families.

The participation by superbikers helped amplify awareness on MS and demonstrated how communities from different backgrounds can come together to create hope and positive impact for those in need.

Ride for Hope in solidarity with multiple sclerosis awareness

➤ Superbikers, Rotarians, NGOs and general public gather to raise awareness about neurological disease

"For many years, people living with MS in Malaysia have faced not only the challenges of the disease, but also a lack of awareness and understanding from society."

"Every conversation started today is a step towards early diagnosis, stronger support systems and a more inclusive future for MS patients and their families," said MSSM founder Padma Panikker.

"Proactive education about the disease is vital, and stigma associated with MS must be eliminated by normalising the conversation and building resilient support networks," added Rotary Club of Klang Valley organising chair Shanthi Thiruchelvam.

The Ride for Hope reached its conclusion at Montfort Boys Town in Shah Alam.

As of early 2026, an estimated 2.9 million people are living with multiple sclerosis worldwide, with rising prevalence rates over the past three decades.



The bikers revving up their machines for a good cause while being flagged off.

4 STUDENTS IN LIMBO

SETTLE EGYPT PHARMACY GRADS' WOES, SAYS ANWAR

Ministries ordered to urgently address non-recognition of qualifications from Alexandria varsity

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PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has instructed the Higher Education and Health ministries to urgently resolve issues involving pharmacy students at Alexandria University, Egypt, over the recognition of their qualification for professional registration in Malaysia.

The Prime Minister's Office (PMO), in a statement yesterday, said it had taken note of complaints by those affected.

"We acknowledge the complaints raised by pharmacy students at Alexandria University regarding the recognition of the Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) programme qualification for registration and professional practice in Malaysia.

"The prime minister has directed both ministries to give the matter immediate attention and to finalise a solution as soon as

possible in the interest of the students involved.

"At present, the Malaysian Qualifications Agency has no objection to the academic recognition of the programme," it said.

However, the PMO said professional recognition for registration as a pharmacist required consideration and approval by the Pharmacy Board of Malaysia.

It said the issue must be resolved comprehensively by both ministries.

It was reported that at least four Malaysian pharmacy students at Alexandria University have been left in limbo after finding that an overseas degree programme initially endorsed by the Higher Education Ministry is not recognised for pharmacy practice in Malaysia.

The students now face a deadlock that prevents them from sitting for mandatory examinations, completing their practical training and registering as pharmacists in the country.

The Pharmacy Board of Malaysia was not consulted over the Higher Education Ministry's offering of the clinical pharmacy (PharmD) programme at Alexandria University.

The Pharmacy Services Programme Division had said this in response to concerns that the university's PharmD programme is not recognised in Malaysia.

Terengganu bebas malaria import

KUALA TERENGGANU - Rantaian transmisi membabitkan 17 kes malaria import di negeri ini berjaya diputuskan serta-merta, sekali gus mengekalkan status sifar jangkitan dalam kalangan penduduk tempatan.

Jabatan Kesihatan Negeri Terengganu (JKNT) dalam satu kenyataan mengesahkan jumlah tersebut merangkumi 13 kes malaria manusia dan empat kes malaria zoonotik bagi tempoh Januari hingga Mei 2026.

Menurut jabatan tersebut, daripada keseluruhan kes malaria manusia direkodkan, sebanyak 11 kes membabitkan Pendatang Asing Tanpa Izin (PATI), manakala dua lagi kes adalah Pendatang Asing Dengan Izin (PADI).

"Siasatan epidemiologi mendapati, semua kes mendapat jangkitan di luar

negara dan diklasifikasikan sebagai kes import.

"Terengganu masih mengekalkan status sifar kes malaria manusia tempatan," jelas kenyataan itu pada Jumaat.

Kenyataan itu dikeluarkan bagi mengulas mengenai satu surat edaran dalaman berkaitan malaria bertarikh 3 Jun 2026 yang tular di media sosial, baru-baru ini.

Mengulas lanjut, JKNT berkata, surat berkenaan merupakan edaran dalaman kepada fasiliti kesihatan bagi meningkatkan kesiapsiagaan anggota untuk pengesanan awal kes malaria manusia dalam kalangan PATI, susulan peningkatan kes malaria import sejak awal Mei lalu.

Bagaimanapun, JKNT menegaskan semua kes berjaya dikesan awal dan rantaian transmisi jangkitan diputuskan selain tiada penularan tempatan dikesan.



Malaria adalah penyakit berbahaya disebarkan gigitan nyamuk tiruk betina. - Gambar hiasan

Tapak Warisan Dunia George Town diwartakan zon larangan merokok

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GEORGE TOWN - Sebanyak 597 notis kesalahan merokok dikeluarkan di Tapak Warisan Dunia George Town menerusi 114 operasi penguatkuasaan sejak 2022.

Exco Belia, Sukan dan Kesihatan negeri, Gooi Zi Sen berkata, tindakan itu membuktikan komitmen berterusan kerajaan bagi memastikan kawasan warisan kekal sebagai zon larangan merokok.

"Tapak Warisan Dunia UNESCO George Town diwartakan sebagai zon larangan merokok sejak 2015.

"Kita memahami selain pendidikan awam, tindakan penguatkuasaan juga perlu dilaksanakan bagi memastikan undang-undang dipatuhi," katanya selepas melancarkan Program Pelancaran Bahan Promosi dan

Tinjauan Pulau Pinang Bebas Asap Rokok 2026 di Lebuhraya Armenian di sini pada Jumaat.

Menurut Zi Sen, Tapak Warisan Dunia George Town kekal zon larangan merokok di bawah Akta Kawalan Produk Merokok Demi Kesihatan Awam 2024 (Akta 852).

Beliau berkata, sebanyak 106 notis kesalahan merokok dikeluarkan tahun lalu manakala sebanyak 127 notis direkodkan sehingga tahun ini.

"Walaupun operasi penguatkuasaan dipertingkatkan tahun lalu, jumlah notis dikeluarkan ketika itu hampir sama, namun tahun ini kita dapat lihat peningkatan jumlah notis kesalahan," katanya.

Tambah Zi Sen, setiap individu didapati melakukan kesalahan di-

597 perokok tegar dikompaun serta-merta



Zi Sen (tengah) melancarkan Program Pelancaran Bahan Promosi dan Tinjauan Pulau Pinang Bebas Asap Rokok Pulau Pinang 2026 di Lebuhraya Armenian, George Town pada Jumaat.

kenakan kompaun RM250 serta-merta.

Dalam pada itu, beliau berkata, selain Tapak Warisan Dunia George

Town, beberapa kawasan lain turut diwartakan sebagai zon larangan merokok antaranya Taman Perbandaran Jalan Utama, Taman

Botani Jalan Air Terjun, Empangan Air Itam, Empangan Mengkuang, Taman Bandar Ampang Jajar dan Empangan Teluk Bahang.



Pelajar Farmasi di Universiti Alexandria Mesir dari kiri Mariatul Karimah Ishak; Nurul Izzah Afifah Mustapha; Nur Ain Hazwani Mohd Razlan menunjukkan salinan kenyataan Pejabat Perdana Menteri di hadapan kampus mereka semalam.

PM arah KPT, KKM selesai segera isu pengiktirafan program farmasi lulusan Mesir

Pelajar di Mesir buntu kursus ditawarkan KPT tidak diiktiraf

Pelajar farmasi di Universiti Alexandria, Mesir, bingung program Farmasi Klinikal (PharmC) tidak diiktiraf Lembaga Farmasi Malaysia untuk mendaftarkan mereka mendaftarkan peperiksaan "Pharm Law" yang merupakan syarat untuk berdaftar sebagai ahli farmasi di Malaysia. Pelajar terjejas mendahului BIL, mereka mengesyorkan pengajian sebagai alternatif daripada mendaftar Pendaftaran Tinggi (KPT) untuk berdaftar sebagai ahli farmasi di Malaysia.

Pelajar terjejas sifatkan beri sinar baharu kepada masa depan kerjaya mereka

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Sabtu, 6 Jun 2026 BH

Isu pelajar farmasi Malaysia di Universiti Alexandria

PM minta KPT, KKM selesaikan segera

Perkara perlu dimuktamad tanpa jeaskan standard profesional

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Kuala Lumpur: Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, mengarahkan Kementerian Pendidikan Tinggi (KPT) dan Kementerian Kesihatan (KKM) memberi perhatian serta memuktamadkan penyelesaian segera terhadap isu pengiktirafan kelayakan program pengajian

Doktor Farmasi (PharmD) membabitkan pelajar Malaysia di Mesir.

Pejabat Perdana Menteri (PMO) dalam kenyataannya, menyatakan bahawa Perdana Menteri mengambil maklum berhubung aduan dikemukakan pelajar bidang farmasi di Universiti Alexandria, Mesir berhubung isu itu.

"Ketika ini, Agensi Kelayakan Malaysia (MQA) tidak mempunyai halangan terhadap pengiktirafan akademik program berkaitan.

"Bagaimanapun, pengiktirafan profesional untuk tujuan pendaftaran sebagai ahli farmasi memerlukan pertimbangan dan persetujuan Lembaga Farmasi Malaysia (LFM)," menurut kenyataan itu.

Sebelum ini, isu pengiktirafan program pengajian luar ne-

gara yang ditawarkan menerusi KPT itu, menjerat sekurang-kurangnya empat pelajar Malaysia di Mesir yang kini kebuntuan untuk menduduki peperiksaan wajib, menjalani latihan praktikal serta meneruskan kerjaya sebagai ahli farmasi di negara ini.

Kandungan akademik setara
Program pengajian PharmD yang sedang dijalani mereka tidak diiktiraf oleh LFM yang sebelum ini hanya mengiktiraf Bachelor of Pharmaceutical Science dan Bachelor of Pharmacy (Farmasi Klinikal) yang ditawarkan oleh Universiti Alexandria, Mesir.

Bagaimanapun, Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif MQA, Prof Datuk Dr Mohammad Shatar Sabran, berkata semakin pihaknya mendapati program PharmD



yang ditawarkan oleh Universiti Alexandria itu mempunyai kandungan akademik yang setara dengan program terdahulu yang sebelum ini sudah diiktiraf oleh LFM.

Beliau berkata, penilaian yang dijalankan MQA mendapati silibus, kandungan pengajian serta body of knowledge bagi program PharmD yang menjadi pertikaian itu tidak berubah berbanding program farmasi klinikal terdahulu, sebaliknya hanya melalui proses penjenamaan semula kepada PharmD pada 2019.

Berdasarkan penemuan itu, MQA bercadang mengadakan perbincangan dengan KKM bagi

membolehkan pengecualian khas diberikan kepada empat pelajar terbabit supaya dapat berdaftar dengan LFM dan seterusnya menjalankan amalan profesion itu di negara ini.

Sehubungan itu, PMO menegaskan, KPT dan KKM perlu menyelesaikan isu ini secara tuntas selaras dengan gagasan MADANI yang menuntut keadilan, ihsan dan kebijaksanaan dalam setiap keputusan yang menyentuh masa depan rakyat.

"Perkara ini perlu diselesaikan segera demi kepentingan pelajar, tanpa menjejaskan standard profesional yang ditetapkan bagi bidang farmasi," katanya.

'Cahaya di hujung terowong buat kami'

Kuala Lumpur: Pelajar farmasi Malaysia di Universiti Alexandria Mesir yang berdepan ketidakpastian status pengiktirafan ijazah pengajian mereka, menganggap perhatian Pejabat Perdana Menteri (PMO) yang mengarahkan penyelesaian segera terhadap masalah mereka sebagai sinar cahaya di hujung terowong.

Pelajar terbabit, Nurul Izzah Afifah Mustapha, 23, menyifatkan arahan yang dikeluarkan Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, terhadap isu itu menghidupkan kembali harapan mereka yang sebelum ini bimbang mengenai masa depan kerjaya masing-masing.

"Kami ingin mengucapkan terima kasih kepada semua pihak yang mendengar isi hati dan masalah kami sehingga mendapat perhatian Perdana Menteri serta badan berkaitan seperti Agensi Kelayakan Malaysia (MQA), KPT dan Lembaga Farmasi Malaysia (LFM).

"Sejujurnya, apabila mengetahui ijazah ini mungkin tidak boleh digunakan di Malaysia, kami amat terkilan. Saya sendiri hilang sedikit semangat untuk menghabiskan pengajian kerana tidak pasti hala tuju selepas tamat belajar.

"Bagaimanapun, dengan reaksi positif yang diberikan, termasuk perhatian daripada Perdana Menteri sendiri, ia memberi sinar baharu kepada kami yang kini berharap isu

ini dapat diselesaikan secepat mungkin supaya kami boleh menduduki peperiksaan 'Poison Law' dan seterusnya menjalani latihan khidmat farmasi semantara (PRP) di Malaysia," katanya ketika dihubungi BH, semalam.

BH menerusi laporan muka depan baru-baru ini, melaporkan nasib malang pelajar farmasi dari Malaysia yang mengikuti pengajian di Universiti Alexandria Mesir apabila program PharmD tidak diiktiraf LFM untuk membolehkan mereka menduduki peperiksaan 'Poison Law' yang menjadi syarat untuk berkhidmat sebagai ahli farmasi di Malaysia.

Pengajian bidang farmasi yang sedang diikuti mereka yang kini berada dalam tahun akhir pengajian itu, ditawarkan melalui surat rasmi KPT adalah farmasi, bagaimanapun silibus pembelajaran dinaik taraf pada 2019 dengan program diikuti adalah PharmD.

Dalam kenyataan PMO semalam, Perdana Menteri mengarahkan Kementerian Pendidikan Tinggi (KPT) dan Kementerian Kesihatan (KKM) memberi perhatian serta memuktamadkan penyelesaian segera terhadap isu pengiktirafan kelayakan program Doktor Farmasi (PharmD) yang dihadapi kumpulan pelajar itu.

Dalam pada itu, Nurul Izzah berkata, keutamaan beliau dan rakan yang terbabit dalam isu ini adalah mendapatkan kelu-

san bagi membolehkan mereka menduduki peperiksaan 'Poison Law' yang menjadi syarat sebelum graduan boleh mengikuti latihan PRP.

Katanya, peperiksaan berkenaan lazimnya diadakan tiga kali setahun dan sesi terdekat dijangka berlangsung pada November ini.

"Selepas tamat peperiksaan akhir nanti, kami akan membuat persediaan untuk menduduki peperiksaan itu sekiranya LFM memutuskan untuk menerima pengiktirafan ijazah kami.

"Jadi, kami berharap ada perkembangan positif daripada pihak LFM dalam masa terdekat kerana sebarang kelewatan keputusan akan memberi kesan kepada perancangan kerjaya kami," katanya.

Seorang lagi pelajar terjejas, Nur Ain Hazwani Mohd Razlan, 23, melahirkan rasa syukur dan merakamkan ucapan terima kasih di atas keprihatinan Perdana Menteri memberikan maklum balas terhadap isu yang dihadapinya dan rakan.

"Perhatian yang diberikan amat bermakna buat kami kerana ia menunjukkan komitmen Kerajaan MADANI dalam memastikan kebajikan serta masa depan pelajar Malaysia di luar negara terus terpelihara.

"Saya berharap agar segala usaha dan perbincangan yang sedang dijalankan dapat membuahkan penyelesaian terbaik, adil dan menyeluruh demi kepen-

tingan semua pelajar terbabit.

"Kami juga berharap agar urusan berkaitan pengiktirafan dan laluan kerjaya graduan dapat dipermudahkan supaya kami tidak ketinggalan berbanding rakan daripada institusi lain," katanya.

Sementara itu, ibunya, Noor Haslina Abdullah, berharap isu yang menjejaskan empat graduan berkenaan termasuk anaknya dapat diselesaikan segera agar masa depan mereka tidak terus terjejas.

Katanya, pelajar sebelum ini dinafikan peluang menduduki peperiksaan 'Poison Law' oleh LFM susulan kursus pharmD yang diikuti tidak diiktiraf oleh MQA dan LFM.

"Harapan saya supaya empat graduan ini mendapat penyelesaian terbaik kerana mereka dinafikan untuk menduduki peperiksaan 'Poison Law'.

"Saya amat bersyukur apabila isu ini mendapat perhatian Perdana Menteri dan kementerian berkaitan. Sebagai ibu, saya berharap usaha yang sedang dijalankan dapat membuahkan hasil serta memberi keadilan kepada anak yang sudah berusaha keras menamatkan pengajian mereka.

"Mereka hanya mahu peluang untuk meneruskan kerjaya dalam bidang farmasi dan menyumbang kepada negara. Saya berharap semua pihak dapat mencari jalan penyelesaian yang terbaik demi masa depan mereka," katanya.

“Kami ingin mengucapkan terima kasih kepada semua pihak yang mendengar isi hati dan masalah kami sehingga mendapat perhatian Perdana Menteri serta badan berkaitan”

Nurul Izzah Afifah Mustapha, Pelajar terjejas



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Nur Ain Hazwani Mohd Razlan, Pelajar terjejas



APM bantu KKM pindahkan 2 pesakit obesiti ke hospital

Kota Bharu: Angkatan Pertahanan Awam Malaysia (APM) Kota Bharu membantu Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia (KKM) memindahkan dua pesakit obesiti ke hospital dalam operasi khas.

Timbalan Pengarah APM Negeri Kelantan, Leftenan Kolonel (PA) Mohd Farid Ishak berkata, pesakit pertama adalah wanita berusia 33 tahun dengan anggaran berat lebih 180 kilogram yang dipindahkan dari Hospital Tengku Anis, Pasir Puteh ke Hospital Raja Perempuan Zainab II (HRPZII), Kota Bharu bagi mendapatkan rawatan pakar.

Katanya, pesakit kedua pula wanita berusia 28 tahun dengan berat angga-

ran 160 kilogram yang mengalami komplikasi paru-paru akibat jangkitan kuman.

"Pesakit berada dalam keadaan diintubasi serta ditidurkan oleh pihak hospital sebelum dipindahkan dari Hospital Machang ke Hospital Kuala Krai untuk rawatan lanjut," katanya ketika dihubungi semalam.

Mohd Farid berkata, seramai dua pegawai dan tujuh anggota lain-lain pangkat (LLP) ditugaskan dalam operasi khas memindahkan dua

pesakit obesiti ini.

Katanya, bagi memastikan proses pemindahan selamat dilaksanakan, sebuah lori lima tan dilengkapi sistem lif hidraulik digunakan bagi memudahkan pengendalian kedua-dua pesakit.

Tambah beliau, pemindahan khas ini turut diiringi pegawai perubahan dan petugas hospital yang bertanggungjawab memantau keadaan pesakit serta memberikan rawatan sewajarnya sepanjang perjalanan ke hospital destinasi.

"Operasi berjaya diselesaikan pada jam 5.00 pagi tadi (semalam)," katanya.

“Operasi berjaya diselesaikan pada jam 5.00 pagi tadi (semalam) Mohd Farid”



SEORANG daripada dua pesakit yang dipindahkan APM Daerah Kota Bharu dalam operasi khas membantu KKM memindahkan dua pesakit obesiti ke hospital untuk rawatan lanjut.

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Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim (**gambar**) mengarahkan Kementerian Pendidikan Tinggi (KPT) dan Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia (KKM) memberikan perhatian serta memuktamadkan penyelesaian dengan kadar segera terhadap isu pengiktirafan kelayakan program Doktor Farmasi (PharmD).

Pejabat Perdana Menteri (PMO) menyatakan pihaknya mengambil maklum berhubung aduan yang dikemukakan pelajar bidang farmasi di Universiti Alexandria, Mesir berhubung isu ini.

"Ketika ini, Agensi Kelayakan Malaysia (MQA) tidak mempunyai halangan pengiktirafan akademik program berkaitan.

"Bagaimanapun, pengiktirafan profesional tujuan pendaftaran sebagai ahli farmasi memerlukan pertimbangan dan persetujuan Lembaga Farmasi Malaysia," katanya dalam kenyataannya media, semalam.

Sebelum ini, isu pengiktirafan program pengajian luar negara pada awalnya ditawarkan melalui KPT menjerat sekurang-ku-

rangnya empat pelajar Malaysia di Mesir apabila berdepan kebuntuan menjalani peperiksaan wajib, latihan praktikal serta meneruskan kerjaya sebagai ahli

farmasi di negara ini.

PMO menegaskan KPT dan KKM menyelesaikan isu ini secara tuntas selaras dengan gagasan MADANI

menuntut keadilan, ihsan dan kebijaksanaan setiap keputusan menyentuh masa depan rakyat.

"Perkara ini perlu dise-

lesaikan segera demi kepentingan pelajar, tanpa menjejaskan standard profesional yang ditetapkan bagi bidang farmasi," katanya.

ISU PENGIKTIRAFAN KELAYAKAN PROGRAM DOKTOR FARMASI UNIVERSITI ALEXANDRIA, MESIR PM GESA KPT, KKM SELESAI SEGERA

Hubung pendidikan, industri, peluang kerja dalam satu ekosistem lengkap

Putrajaya: Sambutan Hari Pendidikan dan Latihan Teknikal dan Vokasional (TVET) Negara 2026 dijangka menarik kehadiran 500,000 pengunjung membuka tirai semalam, dengan mengetengahkan peranan TVET sebagai pemangkin pembangunan modal insan berkemahiran tinggi dan pamacu daya saing ekonomi negara.

Perdana Menteri yang juga Menteri Kewangan Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim dijadualkan merasmikan kemuncak sambutan itu pada 10 pagi hari ini.

Mengangkat tema "TVET Pilihan Utama Kerjaya", sambutan selama tiga hari sehingga esok di Dataran Putrajaya di sini, bermula jam 9 pagi hingga 10 malam, menghimpunkan lebih 107 agensi, institusi dan pemain industri daripada sembilan sektor utama merangkumi bidang aeroangkasa, elektronik dan digital,

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Sepanjang tiga hari pengunjuran, Hari TVET Negara 2026 menyajikan pelbagai program serta aktiviti menarik bagi memberi peluang kepada pengunjung menerokai enam hab utama, iaitu penglibatan institusi TVET dan industri, seminar TVET, kamival kerjaya TVET, usahawan TVET, cabaran TVET serta hiburan berinformasi TVET.

Ahli Majlis TVET Negara Mohamed Khairul Azman Abdul Azeez berkata, persiapan rapi bagi memastikan pengunjung dapat manfaat sambil menyifatkan sambutan kali ini bukan sekadar pameran biasa, sebaliknya platform nasional hubungkan pendidikan, industri dan peluang pekerjaan dalam satu ekosistem yang lengkap.

