

## Strengthening quality through scholarship: The Annual Pharmacy Symposium



The **Annual Pharmacy Symposium**, organised by the [Faculty of Medicine & Surgery's Department of Pharmacy](#), continues to evolve and exemplify good academic practices that showcase a robust, research-driven and student-centric approach to pharmacy education.

Spanning over five days, the symposium was held in the beginning of March this year, and it brought together all undergraduate and postgraduate students following one of the Department's four Bachelor and Master programmes, or reading for a Doctorate in Pharmacy or a Doctor of Philosophy degree. This vertical integration of students across different programmes provides the students with an opportunity to be exposed to a wide spectrum of scientific inquiry, clinical innovations and global pharmaceutical perspectives.

A notable feature of the symposium is the formal inclusion of a **Student Feedback Seminar**, positioned within the core programme. This seminar provided a structured platform for the student body to reflect on their learning experiences, share challenges and propose enhancements.

The seminar was facilitated by the departmental administrative team, underscoring the Department's authentic student engagement and rigorous quality assurance process. The participation of administrative staff ensures that the students' reflections and recommendations are followed-up and tangibly actioned. This in turn ensures that the feedback loop is closed and reinforces the culture of partnership between the students, the academic body and the administrative team within the Department of Pharmacy.

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