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Promising breakthrough in pneumonia treatment

PNEUMONIA is an acute respiratory infection that primarily affects the lungs. When a healthy person breathes in, air goes into tiny sacs in the lungs called alveoli. However, when a person has pneumonia, the alveoli become clogged with pus and fluid, making breathing difficult and limiting oxygen intake.

Pneumonia is a leading cause of morbidity and mortality worldwide, affecting people of all ages. According to the WHO, pneumonia is responsible for more than two million deaths annually.

Antibiotics are normally prescribed for the treatment of bacterial pneumonia. Unfortunately, the available antibiotics have become less effective because the bacteria can rapidly develop resistance to them.

Phomosidione is a new antibiotic discovered by researchers in Universiti Kuala Lumpur, Institute of Medical Science Technology (UniKL-Mestech). This antibiotic is capable of inhibiting pneumonia-causing bacteria. The antibiotic kills bacterial cells through a unique mechanism that specifically targets the bacterial outer membranes.

A recent preclinical study also proved that the antibiotic successfully reduced



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inflammation responses in lung tissues, thereby reducing the discomfort caused by pneumonia.

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Showcase of cultural richness

NUSA, or “island,” and antara, which means “between,” are two old Javanese words; together, they form the term Nusantara. It is also referred to as the Malay Archipelago, encompassing a group of countries, namely Malaysia, Indonesia, Singapore, Brunei, and the Philippines.

Nusantara holds manifold meanings to different people, and its definition has passed through changes over time.

The term encapsulates the rich cultural, historical, and geographical tapestry of the region, illustrating the reciprocal influence of the islands and the inimitable identities of the nations within them.

Recently, CentralWalk i-City bore witness to the culmination of a week brimming with artistry, innovation, and cultural festivities.

The MSU Modest Selangor Runway 2023 – Charm of Nusantara of the School of Hospitality and Creative Arts (SHCA), in collaboration with the i-City group, stood as a testament to the unity of “One Shah Alam, One Destination”.

Collaborating with the upscale hijab brand Bawal Exclusive, the runway displayed the collaborative essence of Nusantara Womenswear with a distinctive touch, featuring the creations of 12 designers.

The creative expressions, designs, and skills of students enrolled in the Bachelor in Fashion Design in Marketing (Honours) (BFD) and Diploma in Fashion Design (DFD) were presented. The runway was



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centred around the Nusantara theme, zeroing in on celebrating and highlighting the cultural richness of the Nusantara region, as well as the pivotality of preserving and revitalising cultural heritage.

The runway was a visual symphony, orchestrated by the creativity of UEDA College of Fashion, Osaka, Japan; a mesmerising fusion of Hijab Collection X MSU Alumni; Nusantara Menswear; and the pinnacle of elegance, Nusantara Womenswear X Bawal Exclusive.

Nusantara Menswear featured designs by a talented group of designers, including Mohd Sallehi Sabang, Mursarah Shazwani Sharifuddin, Anis Salahuddin, Dea Exsa



Management and Science University (MSU) president Prof Tan Sri Dr Mohd Shukri Ab Yajid (centre) officiated the MSU Modest Selangor Runway 2023 in the presence of VIPs and invited guests.

Suparman Parto Tain, Nur Batrisyia Dania Hasnan, Siti Maliyana Hasnizam, and Hazirah Atiqah Suhaini, all embarking on BFD. Additionally, it included Zansa Balqis Mohd Zainul, Ezra Synidang Motijol, Nur Syahirah Ismail, Nur Amalia Adriana Sahrul Azman, Putri Azwin Azwa Nazri, Krishanti Tharmayogan, Anita Sibarani Ahmat Rasit, and Nina Adriana Mohd Rizal, striving for DFD.

In the showcase of Nusantara Womenswear X Bawal Exclusive, a collection of 41 garments was presented by 12 designers in their pursuit of DFD.

The designers featured in this collection include Puteri Balqis Deli Darwin, Ainnur Haliza Asmadi, Noel Vinod Kalai Selvan, Zansa Balqis Mohd Zainul, Nur Syahirah Ismail, Ezra Synidang Motijol, Siti Nur Khadijah Othman, Nurlisa Amirah Saharudin, Nur Nina Adriana Mohd Rizal, Anita Sibarani Ahmat Rasit, Nurfaridah

Aqilah Azhar, and Alea Hanim Umbar.

Honouring the occasion were Management and Science University (MSU) president Prof Tan Sri Dr Mohd Shukri Ab Yajid, i-Bhd chairman Tan Sri Lim Kim Hong; UEDA College of Fashion Japan president Hitoshi Tajima; MSU industry linkages and entrepreneurship senior vice-president Prof Dr Abdul Jalil Ghazali; MSU endowment and communication senior vice-president Datuk Rosli Yusof; SHCA dean Azizul Jamaludin, and SHCA deputy dean Zakmalisa Erna Zaki.

The event featured SHCA's donation of RM3,000, officially handed over to Yayasan MSU.

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