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Report on 1st National Respiratory Fellow Masterclass 2024

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The 1st National Respiratory Fellow Masterclass, a ground-breaking event within the respiratory community, was held on October 20, 2024. This inaugural event was co-organized by the Persatuan Pendidikan Kesihatan Paru-paru (PPKP) and the Persatuan Pulmonologi Hospital Serdang (PPHS), and took place at Hospital Al Sultan Abdullah, UiTM Puncak Alam. A total of 39 participants, consisting of respiratory and thoracic radiology fellows from across Malaysia, attended the one-day masterclass.

The event began with a series of informative morning lectures delivered by prominent experts in the field. Dr Syed Ajmal Syed Ali, Dr Haly Rozie Ahmad, Dr Wan Aireene, and Assoc Prof Bushra presented on key topics including pleural disease, lung transplantation, and general radiograph and CT interpretation in respiratory diseases. These lectures set the tone for a day of in-depth learning and professional exchange.

In the afternoon, the focus shifted to a mock viva session for the final-year respiratory fellows. This simulated examination, structured in carousel format, was followed by a feedback session where examiners provided valuable insights into each candidate's performance. The mock viva served as a realistic rehearsal for the fellows as they prepared for their respiratory exit viva examinations.

Simultaneously, another session was conducted for other participants by Dr Muhammad Amin Ibrahim, Dr Aisya Natasya Musa, Dr Rashidah Yasin, Assoc Prof Ng Boon Hau, Dr Tan Hui Xin, and Dr Ng Khai Lip. This session covered essential topics such as spirometry and polysomnography interpretation, as well as case-based discussions on interventional pulmonology. Participants were divided into smaller groups (no more than eight) to facilitate more interactive and focused learning. The intimate setting of the breakout rooms ensured each participant could actively engage with the material and the instructors.

The day concluded with a general feedback session and a photography session featuring the participants, speakers, and examiners. This masterclass not only facilitated valuable learning and skill-building but also fostered informal interactions and friendships between respiratory consultants and trainees, contributing to the development of a supportive and collegial community.

The success of the event was a testament to the teamwork and dedication of everyone involved. As a new initiative in the respiratory field, this masterclass set a high standard for future events, paving the way for continued collaboration and growth within the respiratory fraternity.

"It took a beautiful friendship and a great team to make this happen, and we did it."

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