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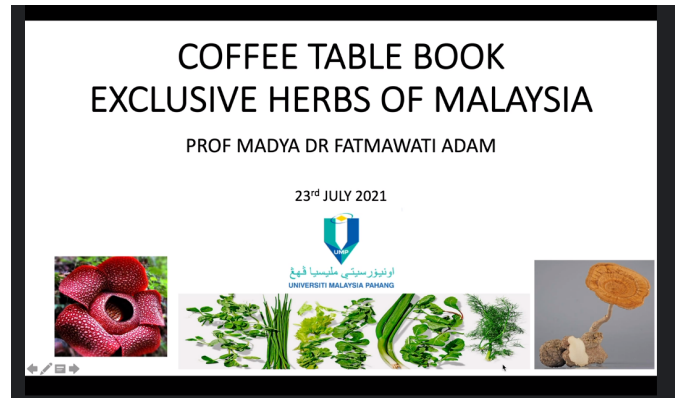
A COFFEE TABLE BOOK PROJECT BY FTKKP WITH SEKOLAH KEBANGSAAN GAMBANG : COMMEMORATES THE EXCLUSIVITY OF HERBS IN MALAYSIA

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Separation & Transport Research Cluster, Faculty of Chemical & Process Engineering Technology (FTKPP), Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) to collaborate with Sekolah Kebangsaan Gambang (SKG), Pahang in publishing a Coffee Table Book that commemorates the exclusivity of herbs in Malaysia. Malaysia boasts an impressive 15,000 species of plants, thanks to its tropical climate. Among those, only 64 herbal plants, like Semang and Temuan, are native. Most herbs are home in a more temperate climate around the globe. With the rise of social media and the ever revolutionized fast-paced world, our younger generation might no longer be aware of local herbs' unique role in our society. Our elders have been using herbs for thousands of years. For instance, herbs are used to add flavor to meals, as medicine and as a preservative. This knowledge needs to be passed down to future generations so we can uphold the special position herbs hold amongst Malaysians.

On the 23rd of July 2021, an online workshop was held via Google Meet lead by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Fatmawati Adam. This workshop involved more than 40 participants, which are SKG students, teachers, parents, and lecturers from FTKKP. This online workshop was the starting point of this collaboration, and the objective was to introduce the Coffee Table Book concept to the students. It is hoped that by involving the students in the book-writing process, the students would benefit by gaining important skills that would be beneficial to them such as writing a technical article and writing ethics. Thus, inspired them to celebrate the importance of herbs in our society.

Dr. Noor Sabrina Ahmad Mutamim shared the topic 'Introduction to the Coffee Table Book' and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Fatmawati Adam presented a guideline on how to write a technical article specifically for Coffee Table Book. Students were also exposed to ethics in writing such as originality and plagiarism. Ts. Joharizal Johari gave some photography tips for capturing photos of herb plants. Dr. Norhanuni Ramli, Dr. Nor Hanimah Hamidi, and Dr. Siti Kholijah Abdul Mudalip assigned the participants to write a short technical article about the herb. Some of the herbs are Rafflesia and pitcher plant.



Moving forward, with guidance from mentors and English teachers, the students will submit the articles to the editorial team for compiling, editing and then published by Penerbit UMP. This collaboration will be one of UMP efforts in giving back to the community by educating and guiding the younger generation to protect and preserve nature.

