

Explore the field of psychology

PSYCHOLOGY students from International Medical University (IMU) had an eventful year in 2018 as many interesting events took place not just within the campus, but also outside of the campus.

IMU's psychology students are enthusiastic youths who are always eager to apply the knowledge and skills learned to further benefit the community, as well as educating the public on the importance of the psychology field in shaping the community.

In conjunction with World Suicide Prevention Day 2018, a lecturer (clinical psychologist) and student duo organised a suicide prevention talk entitled "Every Life Matters".

The talk was aimed at increasing awareness on the occurrence of suicide in Malaysia and to promote a better understanding of the psyche of suicide victims.

It is crucial to increase the level of understanding of this phenomenon in Malaysia to reduce the stigma placed on suicide victims.

The key feature of this talk was the question and answer session which lasted for about 45 minutes, whereby the audience addressed their queries with clinical psychologist Puvessa Jegathisan.

Overall, the event was able to shed light on issues related to the topic and prepare the audience on how to make a difference in other people's lives.

Meanwhile, another event by the IMU psychology students also had a significant impact – the Domestic Violence Awareness Campaign. The psychology students put on a



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drama performance based on a real-life domestic violence victim as a way to capture the audience's attention and teach them about their rights as a spouse and ways to handle a domestic violence situation.

This event was supported by the Woman's Aid Organization (WAO) as their representative also gave a short speech on how the organisation operates to aid such victims,

mainly women who do not have knowledge of their rights and the potential help available for them.

Victims can call WAO directly and the social workers will make the necessary arrangements to safeguard the victim and any children involved from the perpetrator.

The three-year Bachelor of Science (Hons) Psychology at IMU,

Malaysia's first and most established private medical and health sciences university with over 27 years of dedicated focus on health-care education, has a curriculum that has been developed to meet high international standards.

Students have the option to complete the entire psychology degree in IMU or study part of the programme in IMU and then transfer to University of Newcastle, Australia, or the University of Strathclyde, the UK, for completion of their degree.

The three-year Bachelor of Science (Hons) Psychology has also been accepted internationally for further specialisation at the graduate level.

To become a qualified psychologist, students must first complete an undergraduate degree in psychology, followed by a master's degree in one of the specialised areas of psychological practice.

Intakes for the Psychology programme are in February and September. If you enjoy thinking about the causes of human behaviour and have a desire to help people manage their problems, apply now for a great start to an exciting career in psychology.

Those who have just completed SPM and do not have pre-university qualification may consider enrolling in the one-year IMU Foundation in Science, the direct route for entry into any of the university's local degree programmes.

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