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## **ExCEL Activity Report**

# **UTM National Intervarsity Debating Championship 2021 (UNIDC'21)**

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### **Justification in Joining the Activities:**

UTM National Intervarsity Debating Championship 2021 (UNIDC'21) is an online debate competition for university students in which students from other universities are welcomed to participate. UNIDC'21 was conducted on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> January of 2021 online using Discord platform and Youtube Live by the Jawatankuasa Kolej Mahasiswa Kolej Tun Dr. Ismail (JKM KTDI) in collaboration with Kelab Debat, Pidato Dan Pemikiran Kritis (DE'PIKIR). There were different debate topics for each round including economy, politics, environment, philosophy, feminism and international relations. The objectives of the program were to let participants to have fun while expressing their views from their own perspectives, gain a sense of confidence and polish their soft skills by improving communication and teamwork skills. I was the director of UNIDC'21 and I wished to do the program to provide an online platform for debaters to express their opinions and also expose myself to more debate topics while doing the program. Also, I hoped that I was able to boost my confidence and enhance my communication and leadership skills after being the director for this program. Since I did not have relevant experiences on debates or doing any program, this program was held based on my ideas with my own effort in finding the president of DE'PIKIR for a collaboration.

### **The Graduate Attributes that are Focused on:**

- a) **Communication Skill:** Communication skill is a one of the important graduate attributes that is necessary during the whole program. This is because I had to communicate with all the committee members and the fellows for the details of the program. First, I had to communicate with the president of DE'PIKIR for us to have a collaboration in the program. Furthermore, communication skill is needed for me to express all the tasks needed to be completed in the program to all the committee members. However, communication through online meetings and chats may not be able to relay messages well enough. Hence, I learned that communication skill is an important skill for people to communicate with each other.
- b) **Thinking Skill:** Thinking skill is one of the graduate attributes that was focused on during the activity. The skill is important for me as I had to consider the details of the event including getting the committee members, the flow of the event and even the

budget part of the program. Hence, we have to be equipped with thinking skill for us to take any role in any program so that there would not occur bad impact due to bad considerations of the leader.

- c) **Leadership and Teamworking Skill:** The leadership and teamworking skill as it is a must for me to have this skill. Without the skill, I would not be a good leader for all team and I had to ensure that all of them cooperate with each other for completing the tasks. I would need to list out the detailed tasks for them, give my guidance and advices all along the program. We had to work with each other to complete the program, hence teamworking skill is important for all of in the program.
- d) **Adaptability:** One of the attributes that was focused on during the activity is adaptability. Due to the prolonged COVID-19 pandemic, I had to adapt the online environment for conducting the tournament. I had to get familiar with the platform that I seldom used before which was Discord and become familiar with all the functions of Discord. Therefore, I can give instructions to the committee member for ensuring the flow of the tournament run as smoothly as possible to avoid the technical problems.
- e) **Global Citizen:** Global citizen skill is needed for completing the program too because I had to deal with many people including the committee members and participants who were all came from different backgrounds. Some of the participants were even from other countries like Singapore, Bangladesh, and so on. I had to act ethically during interacting with the others since I was the director of the program. Hence, I would take care of my every word before saying it out and tried to deal with the problems professionally so that we would leave a good impression to the participants from all around the world.

### **Content of the activity:**

On 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021 which is the first day of the program, the activity started with the opening speech by the KTDI principal, Lt Kol Prof. Madya Dr. Mohd Noor Azli bin Hj. Ali Khan. While the activity was conducted on Discord main hall, the students actually can watch the live stream started by the technical team on YouTube. After the opening speech, the participants were briefed by the adjudicators and preliminary round 1 started. After preliminary round 1, the panel of judges discussed and begun the preliminary round 2. In a summary, the main event for first day of the activity was the two preliminary rounds. On the next day, 16<sup>th</sup> January 2021, the preliminary round 3 begun in the morning. After the round and discussion of judge panels ended, the teams that could proceed to final were announced. The top 5 best speakers were announced too. After having a break, the final for the tournament had started. After announcing the champion and finals best speakers, the honourable KTDI principal and also the vice director of the program gave a closing speech for the closing ceremony of UNIDC'21.