

MINI REPORT – OPERA'19 (BADMINTON)

Justification in joining the activity:

It was my first semester ever in my university life, I felt like I needed to show my skills in the sport of Badminton to all my course mates and also to the fellow students in my batch. Hence, that can be considered as one of my justification for participating in this event. Besides, I was told that this event would be used as a sort of selection for Kolej Tun Dr Ismail (KTDI) to select players to represent them in the upcoming major sport events. Thus, another justification for my participation in this event was because I wanted a chance to represent KTDI in partaking in future major events in order to gain more merit points and “kuota pengetua”, so that it would be easier for me when it came to selecting my future dorm rooms.

The Graduate Attributes that are focused on:

- **Communication Skills:**
 - Communication skills was one of the graduate attributes that were focused on because my partner and I had to constantly communicate with each other while playing against opponents on the court. If we did not have good communication skills, we would definitely not have made it in to third-place.
- **Thinking Skills:**
 - Thinking skills was focused on because my partner and I had to constantly think about how we should play all the shots against our opponents, and we also had to constantly think about each other's movements and positions on the court, in order to cover the whole court and not allow our opponents to find an opening to attack.
- **Leadership and Teamworking Skills:**
 - Leadership and teamworking skills were involved because one of us had to be more of a leader while playing on the court, the role of the team leader was to ensure that his team mates are always motivated to win and had a positive mindset. I was able to play the role of a leader for some matches while my partner played the role of the leader in other matches. The both of us lead each other to victory in many of the matches that we played. Needless to say, strong leadership only works when there are also strong teamworking skills. Both my partner and I had to work together hand in hand in order to pull through and defeat our opponents.
- **Adaptability:**
 - Adaptability was also involved in this activity because we had to adapt to all the different styles of play from all of our opponents. Some of our opponents were strong offensively, some were strong defensively, and some were strong in both offense and defence. Thus, we had to constantly adapt to all the different styles of play in order to pull through.

- **Global Citizen:**

- Global citizen was also involved in this activity because my partner and I both had to stay humble and respect all our opponents no matter the outcome of the matches. We had to be a good global citizen by staying humble and showing respect and consideration to every participant so that our opponents who lost to us will not feel like they were disrespected, while opponents who defeated us would not feel like we were angry with the outcome.

Content of the activity:

The activity OPERA'19 consisted of many different sporting events such as basketball, volleyball, badminton, futsal, and so on. My partner and I took part in the badminton event of this activity, in the category of men's doubles. On the day of the event, all the participants of the badminton event were required to gather at Sports Hall 1 in the UTM Johor Bahru Campus for a briefing. Men's Singles and Women's Singles category were the categories that kicked off the badminton event immediately after the briefing. The single's category for both genders lasted for around 2 hours, which ended at around 12pm. Then, there was a lunch break which lasted until roughly 2pm. Then, the Men's Doubles and Women's Doubles category began after the break, and lasted for roughly 3 hours because there were many participants and also some minor delays along the way. It was approximately 6pm by the time all the matches were completed. Then an award giving ceremony was carried out to award the top 3 winners of all the categories before the activity was ended.