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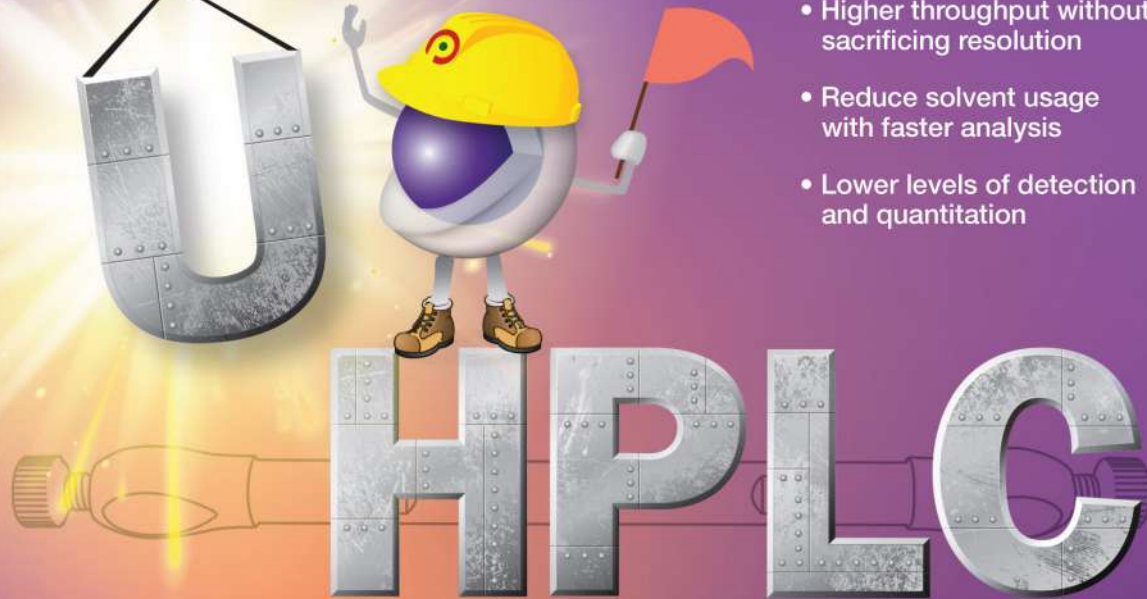


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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



IKM welcoming 2025 with great expectation and anticipation.

The year 2025 is finally here and we welcome it with enthusiasm, great expectation and also anticipation. Let me explain why.

We have just completed our 58th Annual General Meeting on 22nd March. For the year 2024, it has been a good year with the following:

- ◆ **IKM Membership** reached an all-time high of **6,208** with an increase of **389** over the previous year
- ◆ **Kuiz Kimia Kebangsaan Malaysia, or K₃M 2024**, also received the largest number of participants with **40,301** students from **957** schools taking part.
- ◆ **The International Congress on Pure & Applied Chemistry Mongolia (ICPAC Mongolia) 2024** was held in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia from 28th August – 1st September 2024 with 143 participants
- ◆ **Malam Kimia 2024 – 53rd IKM Gala Dinner and Presentation of IKM Awards** was held in One World Hotel, Petaling Jaya on Friday, 6th December 2024 with 780 guests
- ◆ **CHEMISTS RULES 2024** was approved and signed by the Honourable Minister of the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI) and published in the government gazette on the 5th day of June 2024.
- ◆ **PROGRAMME STANDARD FOR CHEMISTRY** - Another major development was the adoption of our **Chemistry Programme Standard** for Malaysian universities by the Malaysian Qualification Agency (MQA). This Standard is approved by the Malaysian Qualification Agency (MQA) for accreditation of undergraduate chemistry programmes in Malaysian universities with IKM under the auspices of MQA.

All in all, 2024 is a good year. We started 2025 with the **58th Annual General Meeting (58AGM)** on 22nd March with 223 delegates. This is the largest attendees for IKM AGMs over the years. At the **58AGM**, 5 new Council members were elected upon the retirement of 5 Council members by rotation. The Chemists (Signatories to Test Reports) By-Laws resolution was postponed to allow for some minor amendments. After the AGM, the 340th Council Meeting was called to elect the principal office-bearers and appoint chairpersons of various divisions, committees & boards. The “new” Council and Officials of IKM for 2025/2026 are shown in the Report of the **58AGM**.

IUPAC 2025

The biggest challenge and also anticipation in 2025 is the **IUPAC 2025** which comprises the **53rd IUPAC General Assembly (53GA)**, **50th World Chemistry Congress (50WCC)** and **LabAsia 2025**. **IUPAC 2025** will be held in the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre (KLCC) from 12 – 19th July 2025 with the theme of “**Chemistry for Sustainable Future**”.

We are in an advanced stage in getting IUPAC 2025 ready. The **53rd IUPAC General Assembly** or, **53GA**, programme has been finalised and it will appear on the website before 31st March. For **50WCC**, we are still receiving abstracts and registrations. The deadline for abstracts submission is 31st March and at this moment that I am penning this message, we have about 800 abstracts and we are expecting to receive more than 1,000 abstracts. So far, this number is below expectation. We may consider to extend the deadline to receive more abstracts. As for registration, the number is far below expectation and we are expecting it to pick up soon as the deadline for early-bird registration is 30th April 2025. We have revised the expected numbers downwards to 2,500 delegates, 1,000 Malaysians and another 1,500 from overseas. As far as finance, we may be able to break-even with sponsorship totalling close to RM2 million. That is why I said that **IUPAC 2025** poses the greatest challenge with high expectation but also anticipation. But I think we gain valuable lessons and experience from here. It also gives Malaysians a good chance to experience the highest level of chemical sciences and knowledge.

We sincerely hope that **IUPAC 2025** will be a great success. If you have not signed up yet, please do so immediately. I would like to meet you at **IUPAC 2025**.

Datuk ChM Dr Soon Ting Kueh
President, Institut Kimia Malaysia
Date: 25th March 2025

58TH IKM AGM & 4TH IKM LAW HIENG DING FOUNDATION AGM

The 58th IKM Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on 22 March 2025 at M World Hotel, Bandar Utama, Petaling Jaya, Selangor. IKM President, Datuk ChM Dr Soon Ting Kueh welcomed members to the 58th AGM of IKM. A total of 223 members attended the AGM.

The President presented PowerPoint slides describing IKM activities for the term 2024/2025. The year 2024 was described as a good year. IKM Hon. Secretary, ChM Chang Hon Fong, presented PowerPoint slides of the Annual Report. IKM 57th AGM & IKM Law Hieng Ding Foundation 3rd AGM was held on 30 March 2024 at Eastin Hotel, Kuala Lumpur. International Congress on Pure & Applied Chemistry (ICPAC) Mongolai 2024 was held at the Holiday Inn Ulaanbatar, Mongolia from 28th August - 1st September 2024. A total of 40 courses were conducted at IKM Professional Centre. Kuiz Kimia Kebangsaan Malaysia 2024 (K3M 2024) was held on 17 October 2024 at participating schools nationwide. A total of 40,301 students registered for the K3M 2024. A total of 59 participants registered for IKM Refresher Course 2024.

The IKM Final Examinations were held from 21-23 September 2024 at Universiti Malaya (KL). A total of 85 candidates registered for the examinations. IKM Laboratory Excellence Awards 2024 was awarded to 73 laboratories. Malam Kimia & Presentation of IKM Awards was held on 6 December 2024 at One World Hotel, PJ. The application for Provisional Accreditation of Chemistry degree programme based on the new IKM Chemistry Programme Standards will be announced by MQA. IKM Hon. Treasurer, ChM Dr Malarvili Ramalingam presented the Annual Statement of Accounts and Auditor's Report for 2024.

The highlight of the AGM was the election of 5 Council members to fill vacancies created by retired Council members.

Elected Council Members for 2025 - 2028 are:

- ChM Dr. Li Hui Ling
- ChM Dr. Yang Farina Abdul Aziz
- Dato' GM(H) ChM Dr. Hj. Mas Rosemal Hakim Bin Mas Haris
- Prof. ChM Dr. Phang Sook Wai
- Assoc. Prof. ChM Dr. Fatimah Salim

The AGM ended at 7.40PM and followed by the fourth IKM Law Hieng Ding Foundation AGM. During the AGM, the following Directors were re-elected to the Board:

- Dato' ChM Hj Mohamed Zaini Bin Abdul Rahman
- Datin ChM Dr Zuriati Zakaria

The 340th IKM Council meeting was held after Iftar to elect principal office bearers for 2025/2026 term. This was followed by appointments of Committee / Division Chairpersons.







The Council Members for 2025/2026

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YOUNG CHEMISTS EVENT 2024: A PLATFORM TO STRENGTHEN ACADEMIC-INDUSTRY LINKAGES

The Malaysian Young Chemists Network (MYCN) successfully hosted its 3rd Young Chemists Event 2024 (YCE2024) on November 30, 2024, at Eastin Hotel, Petaling Jaya. This event aimed to strengthen the critical linkages between academia and industry, bringing together chemists from diverse professional backgrounds to discuss sustainability challenges, exchange ideas, and establish impactful collaborations.

Promoting Academic-Industry Synergy – YCE2024 attracted 90 participants, with 47.8% from industry and 41.1% from academia, reflecting its role as a vibrant platform for bridging the gap between theoretical research and practical applications. Participants included researchers, educators, students, industry professionals, and council members from the Malaysian Institute of Chemistry (IKM). The event provided a valuable opportunity to enhance understanding, build partnerships, and address pressing challenges in the chemical sciences.

A Collaborative and Inclusive Team – The success of YCE2024 was made possible by a dynamic and diverse organising committee, which brought together individuals from different races, genders, and professional sectors. Co-chaired by Dr Ally Yeo Chien Ing from Sunway University and Dr Mah Wee Li from KLK OLEO, the committee comprised members from both academia and industry. Academia was represented by prominent individuals such as Prof. Phang Sook Wai from Tunku Abdul Rahman University of Management and Technology, Assoc. Prof. New Siu Yee from the University of Nottingham Malaysia, Dr Siti Syaida

Sirat from Universiti Teknologi MARA, Dr Mohd Azlan Kassim and Dr Tan Yee Seng from Sunway University. From the industry side, members included Ms. Liyana Salwa Mohd Nazir, Ms. Shazleen Saadon, and Ms. Emily S Majanun from Petronas Research Sdn Bhd, along with Mr. Muhammad Ashraf Bin Mohd Kahar and Mr. Jeremy Tia Seai Way from Rovksi Industries Sdn Bhd. The committee also Ms. Teh Say Lee of George Fischer Sdn Bhd and freelance trainer Ms. Enjoe Tong Lee Li. This rich mix of academic and industry representatives highlighted the event's emphasis on inclusivity and collaboration.

Event Highlights – The event began with registration, followed by inspiring opening speeches delivered by Datuk ChM Dr Soon Ting Kueh (IKM President) and Prof. ChM Dr. Juan Joon Ching (MYCN Chairman). Dr Ally Yeo welcomed participants, emphasising the importance of academic-industry connections in driving innovation and addressing global sustainability challenges. An engaging ice-breaking session encouraged participants to interact and network, followed by a buffet tea session that provided opportunities for informal discussions and exchanges of ideas.

The forum on “Critical Perspectives on Global Commitments to Achieving Carbon Net Zero by 2050” served as the program's highlight. Moderated by Mr. Damien Khoo, the forum featured distinguished speakers, including Prof. Adarsh Kumar from Sunway University and Madam Chandramalar Muthiah, Petronas' Principal in Fuel Technology. Prof. Adarsh, an expert in Sustainable Energy Technologies and Advanced Energy Materials, shared



insights from his extensive research in renewable energy solutions and cutting-edge materials designed to improve energy efficiency. Madam Chandramalar brought a practical perspective from the industry, discussing insights into strategies to meet global sustainability goals. Together, they engaged the audience in a stimulating discussion on bridging academic research and industrial practices to address the challenges of achieving carbon net zero. The discussion also addressed critical gaps between academic research and industrial practices, offering actionable solutions to align efforts toward achieving global sustainability goals.

Industry Collaboration in Focus – The success of the Young Chemists Event 2024 (YCE2024) would not have been possible without the generous support from our esteemed sponsors. Their contributions played a pivotal role in ensuring the event's smooth execution and overall impact. Platinum sponsors such as KLK Oleo, RGS Corporation, Bruker, and Rovksi Industries demonstrated their commitment to advancing the chemical sciences by providing invaluable resources and support. Gold sponsors, including QS Instruments, Synthomer, Innolab, and Lab Alliance, along with Silver sponsors Agilent and Pantherlab, further emphasised the importance of collaboration between academia and industry. Additionally, the backing of Bronze sponsors such as AGS, Saquosen Engineering, AckU, and Anton Paar, as well as individual contributors, highlighted the widespread commitment to empowering young chemists and promoting meaningful connections within the chemical community. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all sponsors for their unwavering support, which made YCE2024 a resounding success and an inspiring platform for collaboration and innovation.

Building Connections and Advancing Chemistry – Feedback from participants was overwhelmingly positive, with many praising the event's seamless blend of formal discussions and interactive sessions. Attendees appreciated the opportunity to engage with individuals from diverse backgrounds, strengthening both professional and personal connections. YCE2024 successfully demonstrated the power of collaboration in addressing challenges in the chemical sciences. The event reinforced MYCN's commitment to empowering young chemists, enhancing academic-industry linkages, and advancing innovation and sustainability in Malaysia's chemical landscape.

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AI-ASSISTED COLOR STRIP FOR EARLY DETECTION AND PREDICTION RECURRENCE OF HEART ATTACKS

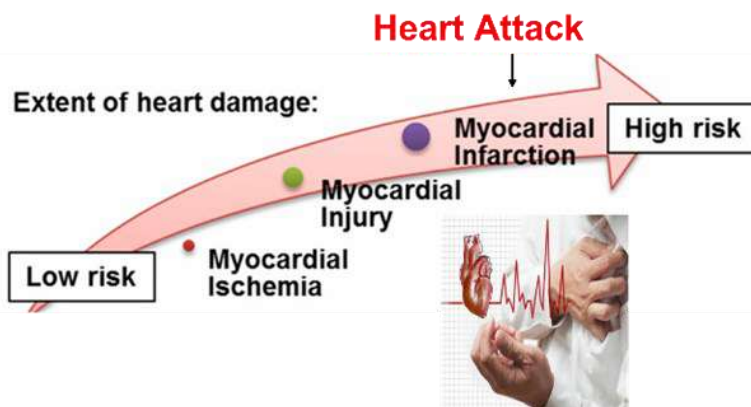
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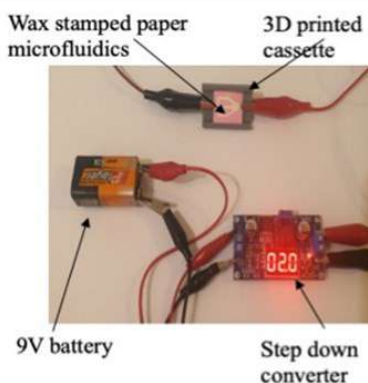
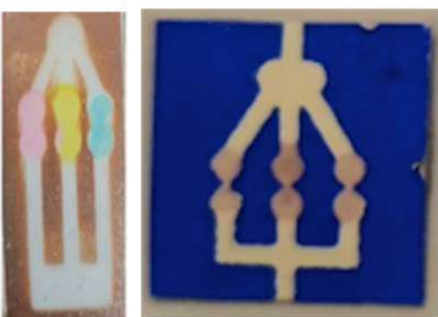
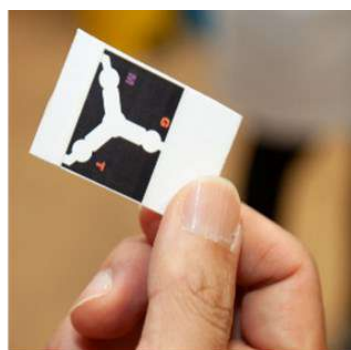
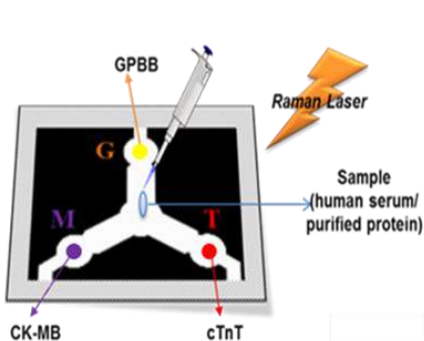
The Problem We're Trying to Solve – Heart attacks are a major cause of morbidity and mortality worldwide. The highest risk of death occurs within the first hours of the onset of a heart attack. Therefore, early diagnosis and prognosis of cardiac ischemia using an accurate and reliable point-of-care testing (POCT) device is critical for the effective management of patients with heart attacks. Improper diagnosis of patients with chest pain often leads to the inappropriate admission of patients without heart attacks, and vice versa. Our research team has successfully developed new diagnostic and predictive techniques, demonstrating their current or potential role in clinical practice.

For What Reason Hasn't This Issue Been Resolved Yet? – Patient survival depends on the prompt diagnosis of heart attacks at the first sign of chest pain. However, this is difficult to identify, especially if there isn't a continuous elevation of the ST segment, as shown by an ECG or blood test. Heart attack diagnosis is accurate and quick with most POCT devices on the market. Unfortunately, based on the expression of cardiac biomarkers such as troponin I or T (cTnI or cTnT), creatine kinase-MB (CKMB), and myoglobin, the diagnosis of a heart attack is only reliable at intermediate and later stages of myocardial injury (> 6 h). Diagnosis is not possible when myocardial ischemia is still in its early stages.



Point-of-Care Devices Assisted by Artificial Intelligence (AI) for Timely Identification, Mitigation, and Accurate Prediction of Potential Heart Attacks

Our team demonstrated that using microfluidic paper-based biosensors with optical colorimetric and surface-enhanced Raman scattering (SERS) detection can help with quick and accurate diagnosis and prognosis of heart attacks. The new POCT devices could measure multiple biomarkers on-site, including cardiac troponin (cTnI), high-density lipoprotein (HDL), and low-density lipoprotein (LDL). Combining these critical biomarkers provided a quick, early heart attack diagnosis and prognosis. Prior research studies have also encountered obstacles or limitations, such as measuring only one biomarker or only total cholesterol levels, which do not distinguish between LDL and HDL. Colorimetric detection methods were affordable and convenient, omitting the need for complex central laboratory equipment. Meanwhile, SERS is a sensitive detection method suitable for measuring ultra-trace biomarkers like cardiac troponin, which are present at low concentrations in serum samples. Electrophoretic techniques were also introduced to remove multiple washing steps that could slow down the operation of the POCT devices. Non-specifically adsorbed biomolecules from the sample matrix, colorimetric markers, and SERS tags can be moved away along the electric field. We incorporated machine learning analysis into the process to improve the predictive forecasting of a recurrent heart attack. Adding a new machine learning framework and algorithms like CatBoost to the framework enhanced the diagnosis and prognosis. The framework had already been shown to be better at diagnosing and predicting heart attacks than traditional statistical methods. In short, the POCT devices enabled rapid diagnosis and prognosis of heart attacks without the need for bulky equipment or laborious imaging procedures that would require more resources and turn-around time. Hence, the developed POCT devices will speed up clinician decision-making based on the biomarker measurements provided and improve patient outcomes as quick medical interventions can be implemented.



Research Impact – Our newly developed handy POCT diagnostic device-assisted AI is crucial for allowing rapid, accurate, and reliable screening to rule in and rule out heart attacks, so that appropriate and immediate treatment can be provided. Advanced AI-assisted diagnostic and predictive tools in hospitals enable effective management of heart attacks. Our POCT device-assisted AI has the potential to be an alternative analytical laboratory tool that can be used to rapidly diagnose and accurately predict the possibility of heart attack reoccurrence in patients presenting in an emergency department, or perhaps in a primary care setting, once it has been further evaluated and validated. This can lower morbidity and death rates, benefiting the healthcare delivery system.

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THE POTENTIALS OF TiO₂ HOMOJUNCTION PHOTOCATALYST FOR CONVERSION OF CO₂ UNDER VISIBLE-LIGHT IRRADIATION

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The global CO₂ emissions from fossil fuel combustion across various sectors have been growing over the years and contribute to the greenhouse effect and global warming. The photocatalytic reduction of CO₂ into value-added chemicals and renewable fuels could be an effective strategy to overcome its adverse effects.

Photoreduction of CO₂ - the choice of light source and semiconductor materials are two crucial factors that affect the overall photocatalytic performance. A typical photocatalytic reaction of CO₂ is carried out in the presence of semiconductor materials under solar radiation, which consists of ultraviolet (UV), visible light, and infrared (IR) spectrums. The semiconductor materials used as photocatalysts should have suitable valence band (VB) and conduction band (CB) positions. The potential difference between the VB and CB is called the band gap energy (E_g), and the energy levels of atoms have different populations of electrons (holes). When the semiconductors are exposed to light radiation (photon energy, $h\nu$), it leads to a sequence of steps in the order of:

- Photoexcitation and formation of electrons and holes.
- Segregation and migration of photoinduced electrons-holes to the exterior of the photocatalyst.
- The charge carriers will undergo photo-oxidation and photo-reduction, depending on the reactants involved.

Mechanism of photoreaction – As shown in Figure 1 (a), the incoming photon energy must be equal to or greater than the band gap energy of a semiconductor. Thus, the photoinduced electrons (e^-) are promoted from the filled VB to the empty CB, leaving behind the holes (h^+) in the VB, generating electron-hole pairs. The photoinduced charge carriers in both CB and VB will then respectively move to surface of the photocatalyst while a fraction of them experience recombination. At the exterior

of the photocatalyst, e^- and h^+ initiate the photo-reduction and photo-oxidation respectively by forming reactive species e.g. superoxide anions ($O_2^{\bullet-}$) and hydroxyl (OH^\bullet) radicals. These electrons and holes perform numerous chemical redox (reduction-oxidation) reactions with donor species to create final products. Importantly, the CB potential should be more negative than the reduction potential of CO₂, and the VB potential should be more positive than the oxidation potential of H₂O. Both the reduction potential and oxidation potential of the chemical reactions must be within the CB and VB regime of the semiconductors, as depicted in Figure 1(b), to ensure the photogenerated electrons and holes can be utilized to the maximum extent.

TiO₂ photocatalyst - Titanium dioxide (TiO₂) is the most used photocatalyst for various applications due to its photoactivity, availability, stability, low toxicity, and safety. A pristine TiO₂, which is a white solid in its pure crystalline form, is well-known as a UV light-active photocatalyst. However, the practical applications of TiO₂ are significantly limited by its wide band gap ($E_g = 3.2$ eV for anatase and $E_g = 3.0$ eV for rutile), inefficient photoinduced electron-hole separation, rapid charge carrier recombination rate, and limited light absorption to the UV range (only 5% of the solar spectrum). Therefore, it is essential to enhance the ability of TiO₂ to absorb visible light (which constitutes about 43% of the solar spectrum) and improve the efficiency of photo-induced electron-hole separation as well as the recombination rate.

Modification of TiO₂ photocatalyst - Through morphological and surface modifications, the properties of TiO₂ can be significantly altered, providing the potential to enhance photocatalytic activity and boost the photoreduction of CO₂, and even induce new photocatalytic reaction paths. Various modification techniques have been reported in the literature, such as metal deposition, metal doping, non-metal

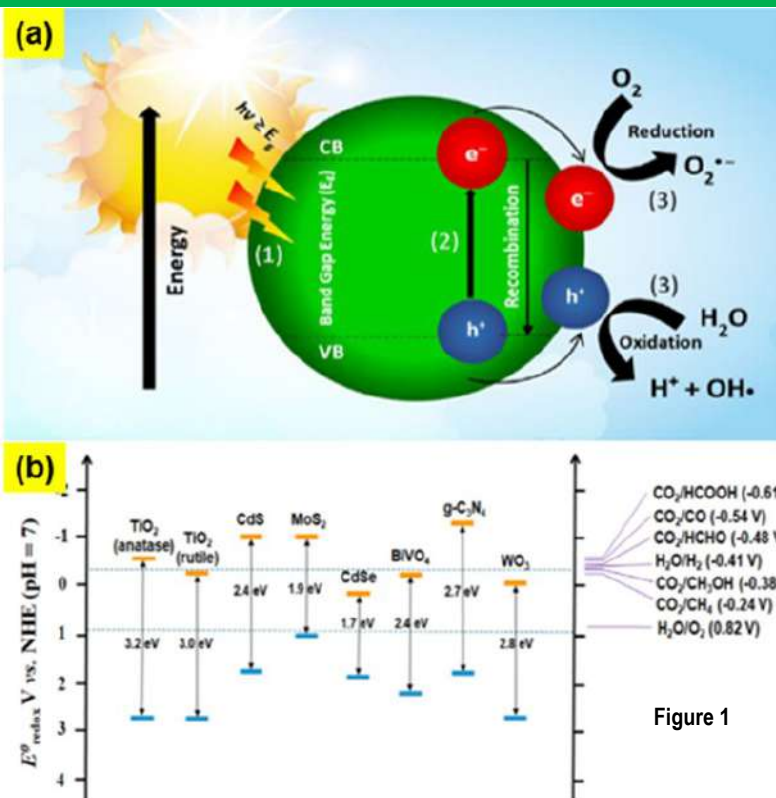


Figure 1

can also trigger adverse effects, including the tendency in recombination of charge carriers and phase separation when the photocatalysts are reused.

TiO₂ homojunction photocatalysts – It becomes a focal point in advanced photocatalytic technology. The synthesis process is simple as a homojunction involves the formation of an interface between two identical semiconductors (in this instance, solely TiO₂). These semiconductors have comparable band gap energy and identical chemical composition, but may vary in terms of dimensions, morphologies, crystal facets, and whether they are single or mixed phases, as depicted in Figure 2. The semiconductors at the interface display diverse physical, electrical, and optical properties. It is crucial to highlight that homojunction photocatalysts possess congruent interfaces with well-aligned and continuous band bonding [4]. This results in virtually no mismatches or distortions in the lattice, which significantly enhances photoinduced charge transfer and impedes the recombination of charge carriers. This is primarily attributed to the structural, design, and intrinsic advantages of homojunction-based photocatalysts. Various research groups have combined different phases (anatase, rutile, brookite) of TiO₂ as illustrated in Figure 3, to create homojunction photocatalysts for various photocatalytic reactions such as photoelectrochemical water splitting, photodegradation of pollutants / dyes / pesticides and photogeneration of hydrogen. It should be noted that no TiO₂ homojunction photocatalysts have been used for the photoreduction of CO₂ under visible light irradiation due to the limitation of light absorption attributed to a wide band gap energy. Additionally, the mechanical mixing between different phases and morphologies results in unstable homojunction photocatalysts due to weak interactions and low chemical intimacy. It has been reported that the visible light-driven CO₂ reduction using homojunction photocatalysts is possible using a modified graphitic carbon nitride (g-C₃N₄) due to a narrow band gap energy of 2.7 eV and below. In 2023, Li et al. reported understanding the unique S-scheme charge migration in triazine/heptazine crystalline graphitic carbon nitride homojunction for the photoreduction of CO₂ [6].

doping, incorporation of noble metals, morphology modulation, surface sensitization, and composite fabrication (mostly heterojunction approach) [2].

TiO₂ heterojunction photocatalyst - The fabrication of heterojunction photocatalysts, defined as the coupling of one semiconductor with another, is acknowledged as an efficient method to enhance the separation of photoinduced electron-hole pairs within TiO₂ photocatalysts, leading to their subsequent migration across the interface. However, these heterojunction photocatalysts encounter several challenges, such as differences in atomic thermal expansivity and lattice structure constants, which can result in interfacial lattice distortion [3]. This implies that the catalysts are confronted with mismatched interfaces and discontinuity in the band gap alignments. The lattice distortion

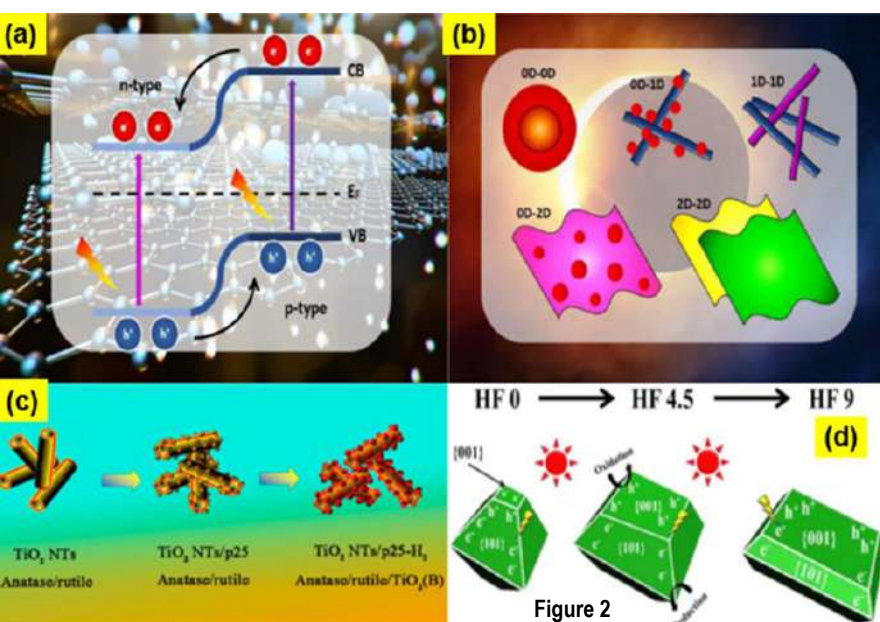


Figure 2

Black TiO₂ as a homojunction photocatalyst – It has a band gap narrow to 1.5 eV that enables to absorb not only the visible light region but also the infrared region, thereby utilizing most of the solar spectrum. The first black TiO₂ was discovered by Chen et al. in 2011, and it was found to significantly absorb energy from the infrared region of the solar spectrum due to its black colour [13]. There are several review papers available in the literature that discuss the synthesis, properties, and applications of black TiO₂ [14]. During the synthesis process, self-doping with Ti³⁺ results in a narrower band gap of black TiO₂. Various methods have been reported for synthesizing black TiO₂, which involve the transition from Ti⁴⁺ to Ti³⁺ states. These methods include the use of highly active hydrogen species such as NaBH₄, reduction by active metals such as Al, Mg, Zn, organic molecules such as imidazole, ascorbic acid, electrochemical reduction, hydrogen plasma treatment, and hydroxylation pulsed laser ablation [15]. A cost-

effective and straightforward processing method for synthesizing black TiO₂ is essential for its industrial application. To date, black TiO₂ homojunction photocatalyst has demonstrated remarkable capabilities in photocatalytic applications such as hydrogen production and pollutant remediation [16,17]. Its potential for CO₂ photoreduction has been highlighted in a few pioneering studies. Qingli et al. (2015) developed black TiO₂ films with unique porous structures on Ti plates via hydrothermal treatment, achieving significantly higher CO₂ photoreduction rates compared to conventional TiO₂. This enhancement is attributed to substantial Ti³⁺ and oxygen vacancies, expanding absorbance into the visible light region [18]. Zhao et al. (2016) further enhanced photoreduction activity by coating black TiO₂ with Cu nanoparticles, which increased visible-light absorption and CO₂ adsorption, and improved charge separation [19]. Another study by Ullattil et al. introduced a one-pot gel combustion method to create self-doped black anatase TiO_{2-x}, aiming to produce homojunction photocatalysts from a single precursor [20]. The possibility of synthesizing homojunction photocatalysts from a single precursor, resulting in two components with different properties will be the goal for the TiO₂ homojunction photocatalysts.

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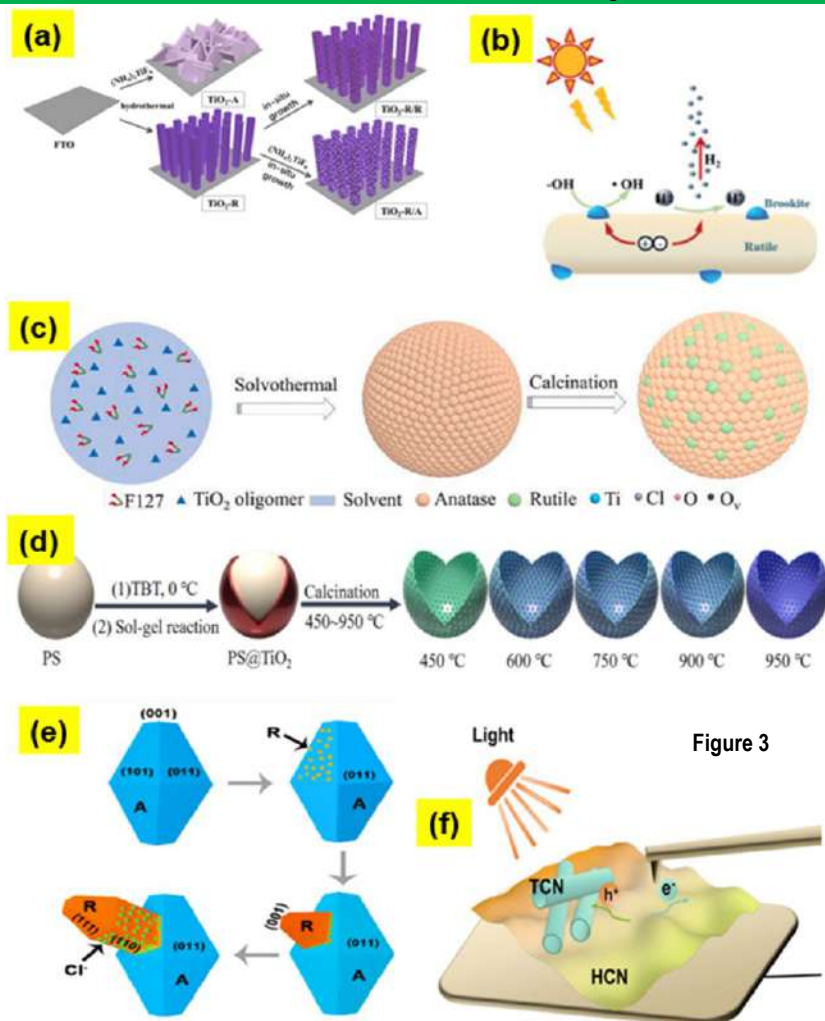


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Technical Visit to Synthomer Sdn Bhd: A Step Towards Innovation and Sustainability

On 4th November 2024, a group of IKM delegates had a golden opportunity to visit Synthomer Asia Innovation Centre at Kulai, Johor a leading manufacturer of high-performance latex and emulsions. This visit, aimed at fostering collaboration, enhancing knowledge, and exploring the latest innovations in the chemical manufacturing industry, provided valuable insights into the advanced technologies employed by Synthomer, as well as their commitment to sustainability. This technical visit was initiated by the Division of Green & Sustainable Chemistry (DGSC) under the leadership of Prof Juan Joon Ching. The organiser for this scientific tour was Prof Phang Sook Wai and assisted by Mr Lee Ching Yik.

Synthomer, a global leader in the production of polymers, is renowned for its wide array of products used in industries ranging from nitrile gloves, paints and coatings to adhesives and construction. Synthomer Asia Innovation Centre strategically located in Kulai, Johor serves as a significant part of the company's global manufacturing network. It specializes in the production of latex emulsions, which are key components in a variety of applications such as nitrile gloves, adhesives, paints and textiles.

IKM delegates were warmly welcomed by the Synthomer's management team, who provided an insightful introduction to the facility's operations. The visit began with a comprehensive presentation by Dr Goh Yi Fan, outlining the company's core values, operational excellence and future growth strategies. The focus on R&D, innovation, and sustainability stood out as key themes during this session. Prof Juan represented DGSC and IKM to present an appreciation plaque to the Vice President of Innovation and Sustainability from the Health and Protection and Performance Materials (HPPM), Dr Gareth Simpson.

The delegates toured the laboratory areas, where they had the opportunity to observe the state-of-the-art processes in action. Synthomer's use of advanced latex production technologies was particularly impressive. We were also grateful to have the opportunity to visit the coating and construction department, headed by Ms Goh Ching Lee. The Kulai site integrates various automated control systems, ensuring precision and consistency in manufacturing of products.

The delegates were able to view the different stages of emulsion polymerization whereby raw materials were transformed into high-quality latex emulsions. The use of green chemistry principles was evident throughout the process, from careful selection of raw materials to energy-efficient methods employed to minimize environmental impact.

One of the key takeaways from the visit was Synthomer's strong commitment to sustainability. The company has invested heavily in environmentally friendly technologies that align with global efforts to reduce carbon footprints. At the Kulai facility, this is reflected in their water treatment systems, which ensure that the facility's operations have minimal environmental impact. Additionally, the site incorporates energy-efficient processes that reduce overall energy consumption. During the lunch break, the delegates engaged in a fruitful discussion with Synthomer's technical experts. Lunch served was Malay style buffet with Nasi Bohari, Kambing Kuzi, Dalcha Sayur and some tropical fruits. We had a bridging hour to enhance the networking between academicians and industry experts.

The lunch session covered a range of topics, including the challenges faced by the chemical manufacturing industry, particularly in the areas of



environmental regulation and product innovation. The discussion also focused on the future of the latex and emulsion market, with a strong emphasis on how the industry is evolving to meet changing consumer demands for more sustainable and high-performance products. IKM delegates took the opportunity to raise questions about Synthomer's approach to R&D, particularly in the context of developing new, eco-friendly materials. Synthomer shared insights into its research strategy, highlighting the role of collaborations with universities and industry partners in driving forward innovations in polymer technology.

At the end of the technical visit, Dr Gareth Simpson presented souvenirs to IKM delegates. This visit was not only an opportunity to witness advanced manufacturing in person but also a chance to strengthen networking with industry experts. The visit to Synthomer Kulai provided valuable lessons in integration of sustainability with industrial processes and showcased the importance of continuous innovation in ensuring the chemical industry's long-term success. The visit concluded with a round of thanks to Synthomer for their warm hospitality and for sharing their expertise. IKM delegates left the facility with a deeper understanding of the challenges and opportunities in the chemical industry, as well as a renewed commitment to advancing sustainable practices within their own professional spheres.

In conclusion, the technical visit to Synthomer Sdn Bhd was an enriching experience for all involved. It served as a reminder of the critical role that innovation, sustainability and collaboration play in shaping the future of the chemical industry. The knowledge gained from this visit will undoubtedly inspire IKM community to continue striving for excellence while embracing the principles of sustainability and environmental responsibility.

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KARNIVAL KIMIA MALAYSIA by IKM PAHANG BRANCH, DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY (IIUM), AND DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY MALAYSIA (PAHANG BRANCH)

The Karnival Kimia Malaysia (K2M) 2024 is a prestigious annual program organised by the Malaysian Institute of Chemistry (IKM) since 2008. Recently, the carnival was also hosted by International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM), Kuantan Campus, on the 13th and 14th of December 2024 at the Kulliyah of Science in conjunction with its 25th year celebration other than the National Science Week. This event was conducted in collaboration with Malaysian Department of Chemistry (JKM) Pahang Branch. K2M aimed to inspire a deeper understanding and appreciation of science, with a particular focus on chemistry. The program was specially tailored to benefit school students and the general public by exposing them to the wonders of science through interactive and engaging activities.

OPENING CEREMONY

The event commenced with an official opening ceremony officiated by Associate Professor ChM Dr. Awis Sukarni Bin Mohamad Sabere, Chairman of IKM Pahang Branch and a representative of IKM. The ceremony was graced by the presence of esteemed guests, including ChM Zarida Binti Zahari, representing the JKM Pahang Branch; Associate Professor Dr. Zarina Zainuddin, Dean of the Kulliyah of Science, IIUM Kuantan; and ChM Dr. Mohamad Wafiuddin Ismail, the Chairman of K2M. Their presence underscored the significance of the carnival in promoting chemistry as a pivotal discipline in both education and industry. The program was open to the general public and the entire IIUM community, offering a platform for participants to explore the fascinating world of chemistry in an engaging and interactive manner. The event witnessed an exceptional turnout, with nearly 1,000 school students, mainly from secondary schools across the state of Pahang.

ENGAGING ACTIVITIES

To ensure the carnival was both informative and enjoyable, a diverse array of activities was meticulously designed to cater to participants of all ages and backgrounds:

Laboratory Demonstrations

Participants had the unique opportunity to engage in hands-on activities showcasing the application of chemistry in everyday life. These sessions included demonstrations on creating products such as perfumes, hand soaps, lip balms, bath bombs, candles, and resin bookmarks. By engaging directly with these processes, participants not only gained practical insights into chemistry but also developed a greater appreciation for its role in creating everyday items.

Escape Room Challenge

One of the most popular attractions, the chemistry-themed escape room challenge, was specifically designed to test participants' creativity, critical thinking, and teamwork. This activity required them to solve puzzles and problems based on chemistry concepts, fostering analytical thinking and collaborative problem-solving skills. Two teams from Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan (SMK) Air Putih won the first place and third place for this challenge. Meanwhile, SMK Sultan Abu Bakar 2 received the second place.

Cheminnovator Competition

The Cheminnovator Competition provided a platform for students to demonstrate their creativity and innovation by developing solutions to real-world issues using chemistry principles. This competition encouraged participants to think outside the box and explore the vast potential of chemistry in addressing modern challenges. At the end of the competition, the students had to present their solutions in front of two judges: Assistant Professor ChM Dr Wan Hazman Danial and Assistant Professor ChM Ts Dr Saiful



'Arifin Shafiee. Two teams from SMK Mat Kilau won the first place and second place for the competition. However, the third place went to SMK Sultan Abu Bakar 1.

Jabir Hayyan Chemistry Quiz

The Jabir Hayyan Chemistry Quiz tested students' knowledge of various chemistry topics in a dynamic and engaging format. This quiz allowed participants to demonstrate their mastery of chemical theory, quick thinking, and ability to apply their knowledge under time constraints. The first and second spots were taken by SMK Air Putih. SMK Mat Kilau secured the third place for this competitive quiz.

CAREER TALKS

An integral component of K2M was its focus on career development and industry exposure. Renowned companies such as PETRONAS Chemicals Ammonia, SugarBomb, and Lynas Malaysia conducted insightful career talks. These sessions offered participants a glimpse into the vast career opportunities available in the chemical industry, highlighting the practical applications of chemistry in various sectors. Industry professionals shared their experiences, challenges, and valuable advice, inspiring attendees to consider careers in science and technology.

INTERACTIVE EXHIBITIONS

The carnival also featured interactive exhibitions hosted by a variety of government and private organizations, including JKM, IKM, SugarBomb, PChem Supply and Services, and others. These exhibitions showcased cutting-edge technological advancements, innovative applications of chemistry, and potential future developments in science and technology. Participants were given a unique opportunity to engage in meaningful dialogues with professionals, broadening their understanding of chemistry's role in society. The exhibitions not only captured the interest of attendees but also facilitated networking opportunities between students, educators, and industry experts.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

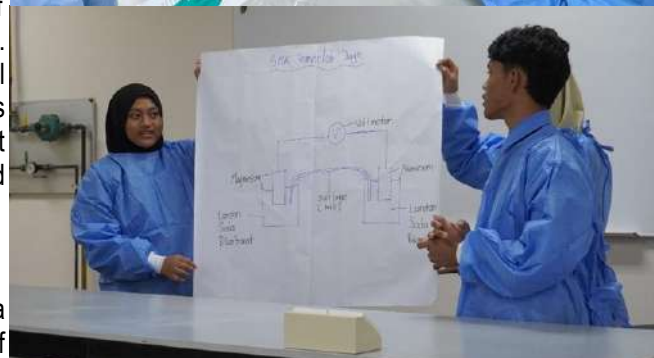
Apart from all the aforementioned activities, the visitors were also given a chance to immerse themselves in an archery activity. There were also a lot of merchandise related to chemistry that were sold at the exhibition which include tote bags, keychains, Phurplem kit (pH test kit), and Volta kit (electrochemical learning kit). They also can buy foods and drinks from the local vendors at the bazaar.

CONCLUSION

K2M 2024 successfully bridged the gap between academia, industry, and the community. By fostering collaboration between educational institutions, industries, and government agencies, the carnival played a vital role in promoting a culture of innovation and scientific curiosity. Through its diverse and engaging activities, Karnival Kimia Malaysia 2024 left a lasting impact on its participants, particularly the younger generation. The program inspired students to view chemistry as a dynamic and exciting field with the potential to address global challenges and improve lives. The event was also featured in a segment on BERITA RTM.

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CAREER QUEST: A MILESTONE IN IKM TERENGGANU'S CSR PROGRAMME TO PREPARE FUTURE CHEMISTS

IKM Terengganu Branch, together with Universiti Malaysia Terengganu's Chemistry Science Club (KESMIA), successfully organized Chemistry Bonding 3.0 with the theme "Career Quest: Towards Employment." Held on 7 December 2024 at Auditorium 1-01, Kompleks Kuliah Berpusat, Universiti Malaysia Terengganu, this event is part of a collaboration under a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between IKM and UMT. The main goal of the event was to connect students with the chemical sciences industry in Malaysia and provide valuable career information.

The event was officially opened by Assoc. Prof. ChM Dr. Hanis binti Mohd Yusof, Head of the Chemical Sciences Program, UMT. The program attracted students from the Bachelor of Science (Chemistry) with Honors programme at UMT, along with participants from Universiti Malaysia Pahang Al-Sultan Abdullah (UMPSA). A total of 180 participants attended the event, making it a highly engaging and impactful session.

The event allowed attendees to learn about career opportunities in the chemical sciences industry and to interact directly with experienced professionals. Three main speakers shared their knowledge and experiences during the program. Ts. ChM Al-Malek Fahd Abdul Hamid, the Water Quality Manager at Syarikat Air Terengganu Sdn. Bhd., explained the roles in water quality management. ChM Haji Mohammad Sabri Bin Yaacob, Senior Chemist at Kemaman Bitumen Company Sdn. Bhd., talked about opportunities in the chemical sciences sector. Prof. ChM Dr. Wan Mohd Khairul



Wan Mohamed Zin, a lecturer at UMT, discussed the skills and preparations needed for students to transition successfully from university to industry.

The program aimed to provide basic knowledge about career paths in chemical sciences, help students understand the skills needed for the industry, and promote Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) related to Quality Education. By the end of the event, these aims were successfully achieved, and students gained clearer ideas about their future careers.

"Career Quest: Towards an Employment" received strong participation and was seen as a great success. The program showed how partnerships between universities and industry organizations can help prepare students for their careers. It is an excellent example of how collaboration can improve education and career opportunities in Malaysia's chemical sciences industry.





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PIONEERING THE FUTURE: HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE INAUGURAL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) OF THE MALAYSIAN YOUNG CHEMISTS NETWORK (MYCN)

The Malaysian Young Chemists Network (MYCN), a visionary platform aimed at fostering collaboration, innovation, and excellence among emerging researchers and professionals in the field of chemistry, recently held its first-ever Annual General Meeting (AGM) on the 30th November 2024 at the Institut Pengurusan & Perkhidmatan Penyelidikan (IPPP), University Malaya, Kuala Lumpur. This landmark event brought together a dynamic group of young chemists from the academia and industry along with esteemed representatives from the Malaysian Institute of Chemistry (IKM), including the IKM President, Datuk ChM Dr. Soon Ting Kueh, and Council Member Datin Dr. Zuriati Zakaria. The session was skilfully moderated by Ts. ChM Dr. Mohamad Shazeli Che Zain, who ensured the event proceeded seamlessly.

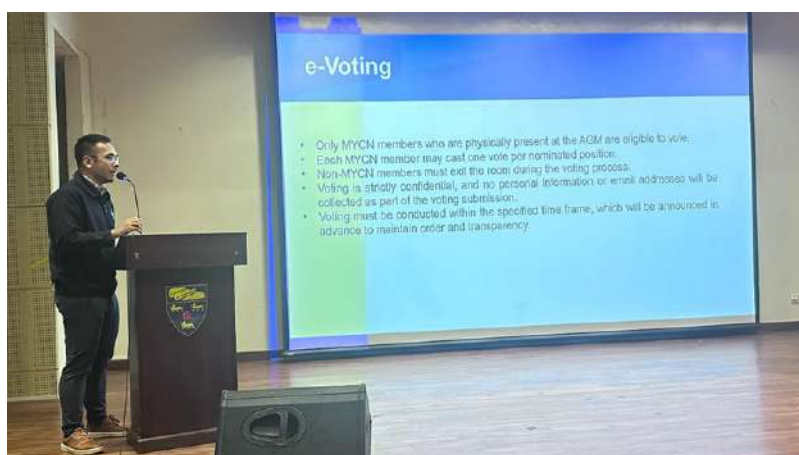


The AGM marked a historic moment in the development of MYCN where it was designed to establish a robust framework and formalize the leadership structure essential to advancing MYCN's mission since its establishment in 2018. The atmosphere was a vibrant mix of anticipation and camaraderie, as attendees representing different professional backgrounds fathomed to reflect MYCN's journey so far and shape its future. The meeting commenced with a welcome address by Prof. ChM Dr. Juan Joon Ching, the outgoing and founding Chairman of MYCN, followed by an officiating address by Datuk ChM Dr. Soon Ting Kueh, the President of IKM. The opening remarks highlighted the importance of empowering young chemists to tackle critical challenges in the field of chemistry. This was followed by a comprehensive presentation on MYCN's activities and achievements over the past six years. The report showcased the MYCN's role in fostering collaborative programs, organizing workshops, and promoting public

engagement in chemistry. Key achievements highlighted included the Karnival Kemahiran dan Kerjaya Kimia Malaysia (K₄M) and the Young Chemist Evening (YCE). The report also provided an overview of MYCN's financial status and strategic plans, fostering transparency and inclusivity among its members.

The centrepiece of the AGM was the election of the new EXCO members who continue on the legacy of its founding members. The election process for the 2024-2026 EXCO members was meticulously planned to ensure transparency, inclusivity, and fairness where the nomination and electoral processes were conducted through e-voting system facilitated by Google Forms. Nominees were invited to deliver brief presentations outlining their vision for MYCN and their plans for driving its mission forward. The newly elected committee includes Assoc. Prof. ChM Dr. Fatimah Salim as Chairperson, Ts. ChM Dr. Damien Khoo Yiyuan as Vice Chairperson, ChM Mr. Chua Yao Jun (Jordan) as Secretary, ChM Dr. Kuah Yong Cheun as Assistant Secretary and ChM Dr. Nurul Huda Abd Karim as Treasurer. Meanwhile, five EXCO members were elected to focus on key areas such as strategic partnerships, communication, event planning, professional development, and knowledge transfer. They are Ts. ChM Dr. Mohamad Shazeli Che Zain, Ts. ChM Dr. Kumuthini Chandrasekaram, Assoc. Prof. ChM Dr. Awis Sukarni, ChM Dr. Mazlin Mohideen and Assoc. Prof. ChM Dr. Lim Teck Hock (Eric), respectively.

A key highlight of the AGM was the open discussion session, where members shared their insights, challenges, and aspirations for MYCN, reflecting MYCN's commitment to inclusivity and collaboration. The AGM concluded with closing remarks from the newly elected Chairperson of MYCN, Assoc. Prof. ChM Dr. Fatimah Salim, who expressed gratitude for the trust placed in the new leadership team. She reiterated the importance of collective effort in achieving the network's vision and encouraged all members to actively contribute to its initiatives. Participants left the AGM with a



Flagship Programmes

- Outstanding Young Chemists Award (Industry & Academic)
- Karnival Kemahiran, Kerjaya dan Kimia Malaysia (K4M)
- Voices of MYCN (Articles in Berita IKM- Chemistry in Malaysia)
- Young Chemist Evening (YCE)



renewed sense of purpose and optimism. The AGM not only marked the beginning of a new chapter of MYCN but also underscored the potential of young chemists driving meaningful change. The inaugural AGM of MYCN was more than just a meeting; it was a celebration of ideas, aspirations, and possibilities. As the MYCN continues to grow and evolve, it remains steadfast in its commitment to empowering young chemists and fostering a culture of innovation, collaboration, and excellence. The first AGM will be remembered as a milestone event that is poised to make significant contributions to chemistry and Malaysia in the years to come.

Post election, the newly elected EXCO members participated in a discussion session centered on key priorities for the coming years, including expanding membership, strengthening inter-disciplinary collaborations, and enhancing the network's visibility at state and national levels. The new leadership team pledged to prioritize inclusivity, collaboration, and impactful scientific contributions during their term. Their vision encompasses empowering flagship programs, advocating for increased research funding, and promoting science communication to bridge the gap between chemists and the public. The day concluded with the Young Chemists Evening (YCE), strategically held alongside the AGM to enhance member engagement.



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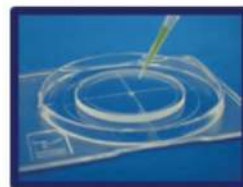
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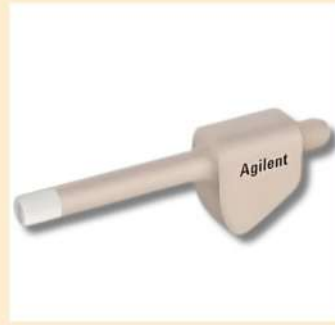
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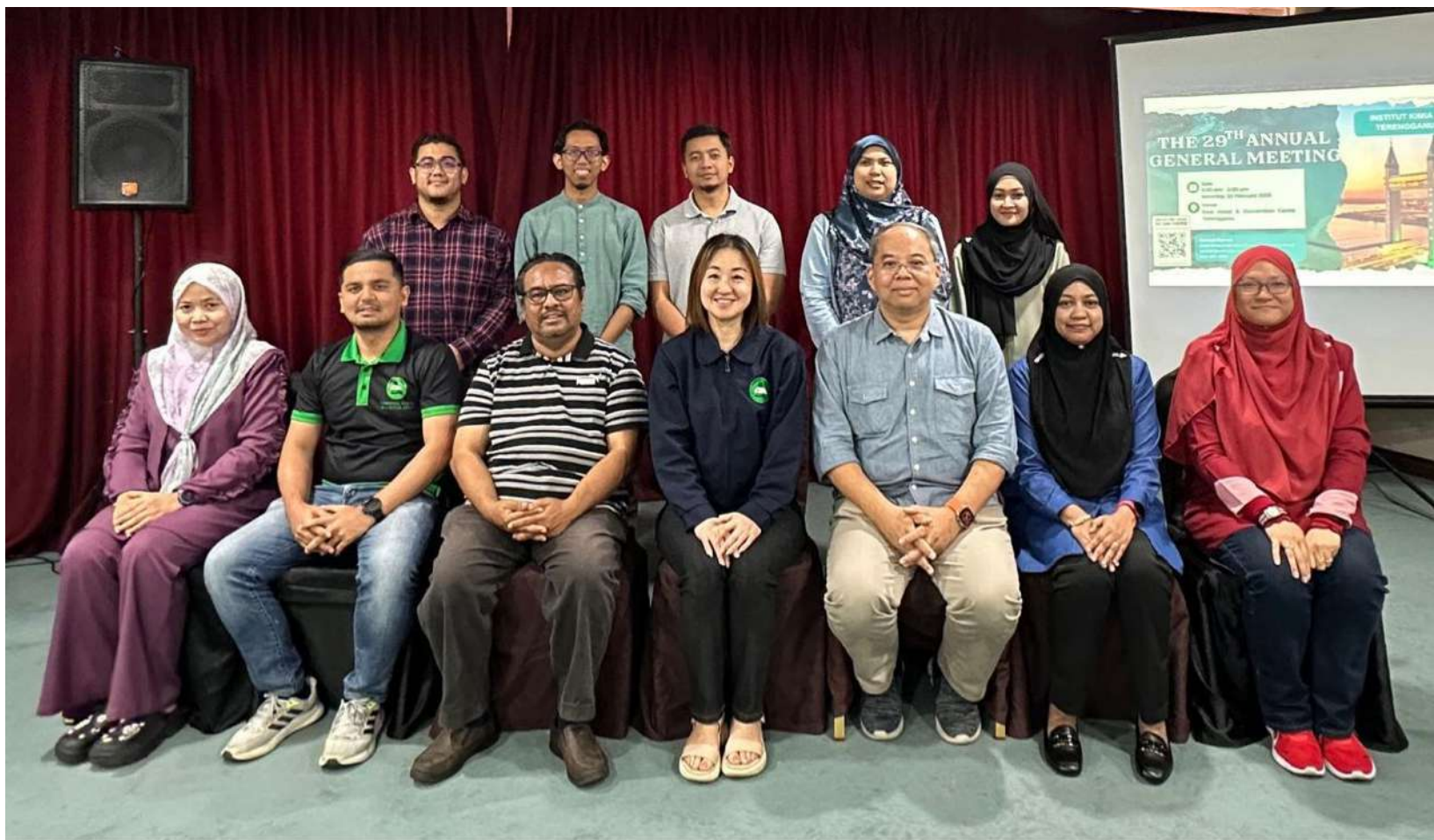
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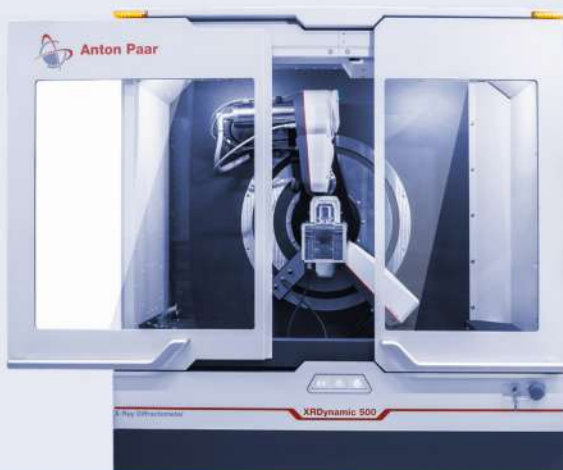
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Application Note: Analysis of photovoltaic grade silicon using triple quadrupole inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry (ICP-MS)

This application note will demonstrate a robust and accurate analytical method for the determination of bulk and trace elements in photovoltaic samples using triple quadrupole ICP-MS.

Development of renewable and low-carbon energy sources has become critical in addressing global concerns related to carbon emissions and climate change. One key technology in achieving the reduction of CO₂ emissions while ensuring a stable and reliable energy supply is the use of photovoltaic (PV) technology. PV technology harnesses the natural energy from the sun and converts it into electrical power, emits zero CO₂, and enhances energy security. Additionally, PV solar cells are predominantly composed of silicon, an abundant resource on Earth, making the transition to PV energy a viable option as a primary source of electricity, aligning with the move towards climate-friendly energy resources.

However, it is important to acknowledge that PV also has certain drawbacks, including susceptibility to damage, dependence on sunlight, and associated costs. To address these concerns, it is crucial to focus on developing innovative solutions that result in durable products, increased energy efficiency, and degradation prevention.

Photovoltaic cells are typically composed of n-type and p-type solar materials. The n-type solar cell is doped with phosphorus, which introduces an additional electron compared to silicon, while the p-type solar cell is doped with boron, which has one less electron than silicon. The performance and production cost of PV cells are influenced by the characteristics of these two types of materials. Consequently, it is crucial to carefully determine the concentration of phosphorus (among other impurities) during the development of PV technology to optimize its efficiency and cost-effectiveness. Inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry (ICP-MS) is a highly sensitive technique that can work with low sample volumes while enabling high sample throughput and robust analysis even in the most demanding sample types. However, the analysis of samples containing higher levels of silicon is a known challenge in ICP-MS. The high amount of silicon matrix can significantly affect the sensitivity of the instrument, cause intensity fluctuation of the internal standard (suppression and drift), and lead to increased system maintenance with unwanted downtime due to obstruction of the interface cones, torch, and injector, or the nebulizer. In addition, samples need to be digested or dissolved using hydrofluoric acid (HF), which can damage glassware such as the nebulizer, spray chamber, and injector unless HF-resistant materials are used.

Some elements may be more difficult to detect in a matrix containing elevated levels of silicon. Phosphorus, for example, is not only affected by abundant polyatomic interferences, but also from an isobaric interference caused by the matrix (³¹Si interfering with the only natural isotope of phosphorus). Even powerful interference removal technology typically used with single quadrupole ICP-MS systems, such as kinetic energy discrimination (KED) mode, is not able to resolve the isobaric interference. However, reactive gases can be used for interference removal, enabling detection of phosphorus when using triple quadrupole ICP-MS technology.

This application note focuses on the development of a fast, robust, and accurate method for the analysis of bulk and trace elements in photovoltaic grade silicon using the Thermo Scientific™ iCAP™ MTX ICP-MS with argon gas dilution (AGD). Use of triple quadrupole technology offers superior interference removal and facilitates the analysis of phosphorus, including ultra-trace levels in the silicon matrix samples.



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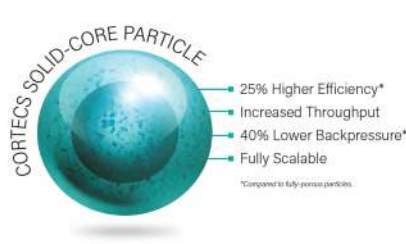
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Carbon Load*	5.7 %	6.6 %	4.7 %	4.5 %	5.9 %	6.4 %	Unbonded
Endcapped	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A
USP Class No.	L1	L1	L1	L7	L11	L1	L3
pH Range	2-8	2-8	2-8	2-8	2-8	2-8	1-5
Temperature Limits	60 °C	60 °C	60 °C	60 °C	60 °C	60 °C	60 °C
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