



FROM HUMAN BODY TO PLASTIC....

Plastination is a technique used in anatomy to preserve bodies or body parts. The water and fat are replaced by certain plastics, yielding specimens that can be touched, do not smell or decay, and even retain most properties of the original sample. Plastination workshop was held on 19-21 June 2010 at the Grand Borneo Hotel and Plastination Workshop, UMS. This workshop was coordinated by Assoc. Prof. Dr Zainal Arifin Mustapha in collaboration with Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia.

The aims of this workshop were to raise awareness and provide exposure on the importance of plastination, besides understanding the process of plastination and proper maintenance procedure for the machine. On the first day, participants obtained theory

briefing about Plastination from all the invited speakers from Universiti Malaysia Sabah and Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia. On the next day, hands-on session was conducted at the Plastination laboratory at UMS.

It was a successful workshop. Participants came from Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS), AIMST University, Cyberjaya University, Universiti Teknologi MARA, Universiti Islam Antarabangsa (UIA) and Royal College of Medicine. The school would like to congratulate AP Dr. Zainal Arifin and his committee members for giving their full commitment during the workshop.

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