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## Preview on Biomedical Science

## **Programmes**





Mr Boon Swan Foo, MD Senate Chairman delivering his keynote address.



Professor Jean Joss delivering her talk.

A special preview cum launch of the Biomedical Science degrees offered by Macquarie University (MU) was held recently. An overwhelming crowd of more than 200 participants attended the preview on the Bachelor of Medical Sciences (Medical Chemistry) and Bachelor of Science in Biotechnology.

Key council members graced this event.

Among the highlights of the preview was a talk by Dr John Tholen entitled "Biomedical Sciences Initiative." This talk encompassed a study on both programmes and its cost-effectiveness. He also said that providing cutting edge programmes and a good



academic opportunity while ensuring the progression of students.

Professor Jean Joss, Head of Biological Sciences and Professor Elizabeth Deane, Head of Division of Environmental and Life Sciences from MU were also present at the preview.



They provided a background to MU, shared the programme overview and some experiences of students who had studied these programmes. They also presented some photographs of the university and its facilities.

Dr Gordon P.Y. Lim, Product Manager from Genelabs Diagnostic Pte Ltd was also present to address the group with his talk entitled "The Business of Biotechnology." He provided useful information about the growth of



biotechnology over the last 5 years, new challenges in biotechnology and different areas of biotechnology employment.

The preview ended with a Question & Answer session that invited many queries from the participants. Education consultants were at hand to provide consultation and more information about both degree programmes.

It was a fruitful evening as more than 50 participants signed-up for both programmes.

The preview also saw some special guests who included Mr Kamal Azml from the Australian Trade Commission and Mr Boon Swan Foo Managing Director of A\*Star.