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## **USAID-HEPI ASU : COLLABORATION BETWEEN HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY AND ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY ON HIGHER EDUCATION**

Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) and Arizona State University (ASU) agreed to work together to improve the quality of education on an international scale through the United States Agency International Development - Higher Education Partnership Initiative (USAID-HEPI) collaboration program. As a result, the Vice-Rector for Partnership, Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Business, Prof. Dr. Eng. Adi Maulana, M.Phil and ASU Associate Provost of Southeast Asia, Jeffrey Goss, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), which was witnessed by the Rector of UNHAS Prof. Dr. Ir. Jamaluddin Jompa, M.Sc., well known as Prof. JJ on Tuesday 14 Feb 2023.

The ceremony was also attended by Katy Wigal (Director for Global Operations of ASU), Abdul Rahman (HEPI Country Director), Farhad Ghaussy (Director of Economic Growth and Education, USAID Indonesia), and Jalu Cahyanto (USAID Indonesia). From UNHAS representatives, Prof. Sumbangan Baja (University Secretary), Prof. Musrizal Muin (Head of Quality Assurance and Education Development), Ansariadi, Ph.D. (Director of Partnerships), and several other UNHAS leaders.

The HEPI Project is an ongoing partnership program between the United States, Indonesian higher education institutions, and the private sector to enhance students' skills and competencies through internationally recognized, high-quality degrees and industry credentials. Alignments have been made with the Indonesian government's strategic priority programs, focusing on accreditation as an ongoing organizing and motivating framework.

Representing USAID HEPI, Abdul Rahman expressed his pleasure at Unhas' involvement in the program. According to him, UNHAS is a tertiary institution with many proud achievements. He said the UNHAS collaboration would produce a long-term cooperation model to encourage a generation of young innovators and entrepreneurs. The ceremony ended and continued with campus tour.





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Various strategic steps continue to be maximized so that the academic activities carried out provide benefits by producing globally competitive graduates. UNHAS is very pleased to welcome this collaboration to optimize the quality and quality of education which of course has an impact on the quality of competitive graduates.

*Rector of Hasanuddin University, PROJ JJ*









## **USAID - HEPI ASU: CAMPUS TOUR TO SCIENCE BUILDING AND TEACHING INDUSTRY**

The following agenda of United States Agency International Development - Higher Education Partnership Initiative (USAID-HEPI) Arizona State University (ASU) after the MoU signing was to visit the Science Building and Teaching Industry. The Science Building is located in the Faculty of Sciences and Mathematics. The USAID-HEPI ASU Team was welcomed by all the Vice-Deans, Quality Assurance Officer, and fellow laborants. The Science Building's second floor is used for several laboratories, including the newest one, Laboratory for Halal Food. Almost all these laboratories have been nationally accredited. The Team was impressed with the existence of these laboratories.

The second visit was to the Teaching Industry. The Director, Prof. Dr. Ir. Abu Bakar Tawali, welcomed the Team and allowed them to observe the chocolate-making process. During the visit, the Team spoke with several apprentice students from Polytechnic in Agriculture. The Teaching Industry was one of the divisions under the Vice Rector for Partnership, Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Business coordination. The office works a lot to promote teaching based on the research. These two visits were accompanied by Muhammad Ridwan, M.A. (Secretary of International Office), who acted as the interpreter.



## **FACULTY OF VOCATIONAL STUDIES, HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY AND JAPAN AGRICULTURE HOKKAIDO COOPERATE IN HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT**

The Faculty of Vocational Studies of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) agreed to cooperate with Japan Agriculture (JA) Hokkaido in the field of human resource development. The signing was approved in a Letter of Intent (LoI) between the Dean of the Faculty of Vocational Studies of UNHAS, Prof. Dr. Ir. Muh. Restu, M.P and Hokkaido Prefectural Union of Japan Agricultural Cooperatives Takeshi Matsushima, Located in the Main Building 5th Floor of the Ministry of Trade Jakarta. The signing ceremony was witnessed by Minister of Trade Dr. (H.C.) Zulkifli Hasan, S.E., M.M. and Director General of International Trade Negotiations Djatmiko Bris Witjaksono, S.E., MSIE.

The purpose of this collaboration is to increase human resources for internships at companies in Japan for students and lecturers of the Faculty of Vocational Studies. Hopefully, this internship will improve my competence and skills in agricultural technology, livestock, and fisheries which can be developed in Indonesia. The Dean of the Faculty of Vocational Studies welcomed the collaboration carried out by J.A. Hokkaido with the Faculty of Vocational Studies UNHAS. This collaboration will expand the benefits of UNHAS through the development of human resources that can be utilized in improving Indonesia's human resources.

J.A. Hokkaido representatives expressed their gratitude for the openness of UNHAS in establishing cooperation. According to him, UNHAS is one of the partners that has potential with its quality resources. Therefore, Takeshi states that it is critical to work with UNHAS to encourage the improvement of Indonesian resources.





## **HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY AND GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY AUSTRALIA WILL DEVELOP POTENTIAL TOURISM IN SULAWESI**

The Faculty of Vocational Studies of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) welcomed the visit of the Director of the Institute for Tourism, Griffith University, Australia, Prof. Sarah Gardiner. The event aimed to explore the collaboration between the two institutions. The meeting was attended by the Dean of the Faculty of Vocational Studies UNHAS, Prof. Dr. Ir. Muh. Restu, MP., the Vice Dean of the Faculty of Vocational Studies, Dr. Ida Leida M, SKM., MKM., M.ScPH., the Chairperson of GPM, Prof. Dr. Ir. H. Zainuddin, M.Si., the Head of Tourism Destination Study Program, Dr. Yadi Mulyadi, S.S., MA, and lecturers of Tourism Destination Study Program.

The Dean of the Faculty of Vocational Studies welcomed the arrival of Prof. Sarah Gardinerke to discuss cooperation related to improving the Tourism Destination Study Program. Prof. Restu hopes that this collaboration can develop the economic and tourism potential in South Sulawesi, especially in the Selayar Islands, and another tourism potential in Indonesia.

Director of the Institute for Tourism Griffith University Australia, Prof. Sarah Gardiner, welcomed the exploration of this collaboration. She explained about the Institute for Tourism, Griffith University, and the potential programs that can be built, such as matching classes, student exchanges, degree programs, and several training or seminars and publications.

Vice Dean of the Faculty of Vocational Studies, also an alumna of Griffith University, explained that UNHAS and Griffith University have long worked together, such as student exchange, double degree programs, and several other three-pillars of education (tri-dharma) programs. This time the Faculty of Vocational Studies will develop tourism-related issues in the Tourism Destination Study Program. The faculty of vocational studies also plans to send lecturers under the doctoral program to take short courses and internship programs for vocational studies students in the tourism industry in Australia and conduct joint research and publications at international conferences.









## **HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY'S FACULTY OF AGRICULTURE ORGANIZES THE IC-FSSAT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SMART AGRICULTURE FOR FOOD SECURITY**

Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), through the Faculty of Agriculture, organized an international conference entitled "The 4th International Conference on Food Security and Sustainable Agriculture in the Topics (IC-FSSAT)" with the theme "Smallholder-Scale Smart Agriculture: A Solution Towards Global Efforts to Reduce Environmental Footprint and Create Resilient Food Security". Approximately 300 participants from several countries attended the event for two days, February 15-16, 2023.

The distinguished speakers for the conference were Dr. Tony Liwang (Palm Oil Plantation Fund Management Agency (BPDP-KS), Indonesia), Prof. Siti Kusujarti (Warren Wilson College, USA), Prof. Bunyamin Tar'an (University of Saskatchewan, Canada), Dr. Thong Nguyen-Huy (The University of Southern Queensland, Australia) and Dr. Anwar Syed H. Rizvi (Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USA).

The Rector of UNHAS, Prof. Dr. Ir. Jamaluddin Jompa, M.Sc., renowned for his nickname, Prof. JJ, officially opened the conference. In his opening remarks, Prof. JJ expressed his appreciation for implementing the international conference. He said that nowadays, food security is one of the most urgent and crucial issues confronting the world. The COVID-19 pandemic and the tragedy of the Ukraine war have exposed the fragility of the food system and the need for resilience and adaptability. In addition, population growth and climate change factors that create significant risks to food production, availability, and access are also things that must be considered together. According to Prof. JJ, rapid action is needed to build a more resilient and sustainable food system.





# IISMA CORNER : ARSYI AZIZ

PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY  
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For me, studying abroad is not only about meeting people from different cultures, but it is also about being part of a global academic community that works together to learn and share knowledge. The academic environment at Penn State has allowed me to be part of this community, where I was not only able to experience cutting-edge education, but also learn directly from the eminent scholars of whom I have read about.

During my semester, the professors and teaching assistants at Penn State were very supportive of the learning process, and they were always happy to answer and discuss problems either during classes or office hours, which still continues to this day. My peers from the local community were also very keen in collaboration, and they did not discriminate against me as an international student.

From the non-academic experiences, I discovered that America, as I read, is a melting pot of cultures, which I experienced through the interaction with the locals and international community. The local community introduced to us the traditions that I have seen on TV, such as Halloween and Thanksgiving, and we, as the incoming students, introduced our culture to them.

Overall, the indescribable academic experiences and global social environment at Penn State have brought my level of understanding to where I can see my field of study from various perspectives. These experiences have made me realize that the diversity in thought and ideas are very important to help us catch up to where we lag behind in education, science, and technology.





# MEET OUR STUVO : MUHAMMAD RAYHAN ZAIRA







Hello guys, I'm Rean from the Urban and Regional Planning Department 2020. As an Engineering student, I want to join something outside of my field and broaden my relationships with many people. It is the primary purpose of why I chose to register my name as one of the student volunteers. The experience I have gained while volunteering at International Office (IO) UNHAS is a fantastic feeling that can't be forgotten. Everything is beyond my expectation. I have been keeping up with international events and meeting many people worldwide.

On top of that, I have even become a liaison officer for many international events hosted by the IO UNHAS. As one of the members and working in the design team, a student volunteer at IO UNHAS gives me space to be creative and provide anything to increase my skills. Joining this has had a lot of positive impact and exposure for my college year.

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