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ASSISTANT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS OF US EMBASSY, JAKARTA VISITS UNHAS INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

On Monday, March 20, 2023, Mary Trechock - Assistant Cultural Affairs Officer from the United States Embassy in Jakarta, visited Hasanuddin University's International Office (IO). Ms. Trechock was accompanied by Yoana Wida Kristiawati - Emerging Voice Exchanges, Alumni Coordinator, and Chendani Budhi - EducationUSA Indonesia Manager. This visit was received directly by the Head of IO, Andi Masyitha Irwan, Ph.D who was accompanied by Muhammad Ridwan, M.A. - Secretary of IO and Jamaluddin Fitrah Alam, Ph.D. - IO Task Force and other staff.

Many things were discussed during this visit, including how the embassy, through EducationUSA, could help Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) students who would qualify for the Indonesian International Student Mobility Awards (IISMA) 2024 scholarship and choose universities in the United States. The assistance is in communication and registration to the university that UNHAS students aim for. Ms. Chendani was willing to take the time when UNHAS students register at these universities. Another thing discussed was the opportunity for UNHAS to expand its partnership through participation in National Association of Foreign Student Advisers (NAFSA), one of the largest educational exhibitions and conferences in the United States (US). Through NAFSA, UNHAS will engage with various universities there. UNHAS and other Indonesian universities participation in NAFSA is under coordination with the Ministry of Education and Culture and Research and Technology so booth will be like Indonesia as whole not as a single university.

On this occasion, Masyitha also explained that IO UNHAS has held the International Cultural Program (ICP) for five times and in June 2023, would carry out the same activity for the 6th time. Therefore, the head of IO hoped that American students could participate in this 2023 ICP. Ms. Trechock also welcomed the idea and asked for the program book from ICP to be sent to her for distribution in various links at universities in the US. In addition, Masyitha showed a newsletter that reported on activities related to the US, such as the presentation of Ms. Chendani on tips on writing motivational letters. The newsletter also informed that the USAID HEPI would carry out its five-year program related to Core 1 and 2 to increase the capacity and competence of lecturers and Core 3 to increase students critical thinking and work opportunities when completing their degrees.

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Andi Masyitha Irwan, Head of International Office



THE ENTOURAGE FROM THE FACULTY OF HUMANITY AND SOCIAL SCIENCES, THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA VISITS HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY

The Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, Hasanuddin University (FISIP UNHAS) received an official visit from the Dean of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences of the University of Queensland (UQ), Australia, Prof. Heather Zwicker and her delegations including Majella Ferguson (Senior Manager International Services), and Fitria (University of Queensland Country Representative). This visit aimed to follow up on the double degree program between the Department of International Relationship (IR) of UNHAS and the Department of International Relations of the UQ. This meeting is a continuation of the previous meeting in November between Ms. Majella Ferguson and Prof. H. Darwis, MA, Ph.D. at the Department of IR UNHAS.

Prof. Heather Zwicker and the delegations were hosted by Prof. H. Darwis, MA, Ph.D. The visit began with a welcoming lunch. Afterward, it was followed by an official welcome by the Dean of FISIP UNHAS, Dr. Phil. Sukri, Ph.D. In his remarks, the Dean of FISIP presented several academic opportunities that could be collaborated with the Faculty of Humanity and Social Sciences, UQ. These opportunities included double degree cooperation, joint degrees in postgraduate programs, joint research cooperation, and exchange of teaching staff.

After the official welcome, the visit proceeded to the main agenda. The first agenda was the presentation of double degree opportunities to international class students of the 2021 and 2022 batches of the Department of IR presented by Majella Ferguson. Moreover, the second agenda was the follow-up of the 2019 and 2020 international class students who would begin their double degree study in July 2023 at the UQ. The follow-up included the briefing of departure preparation documents, financing, potential scholarships, and necessary preparations so that they could immediately adapt to their arrival in Brisbane, Australia. In addition, this meeting involved students' parents so they could learn firsthand the preparation for their children's study departure.

The visit ended with an exchange of souvenirs between Prof. Heather Zwicker and Prof. H. Darwis, MA, Ph.D., and a group photo with the lecturers, parents, and students of the international class of the Department of IR, FISIP UNHAS.





KEIO UNIVERSITY VISITS DEPARTMENT OF JAPANESE LITERATURE, HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY.

On March 20, 2023, the Keio University team visited the Faculty of Cultural Sciences of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS). The Head of the Japanese Literature Study Program, Meta Sekar Puji Astuti, Ph.D welcomed the visit. The Keio University representatives were led by Yo Nonaka, Ph.D, Associate Professor of the Faculty of Policy Management, including 17 students. This visit was related to the course of the Special Research Project on Multi-ethnic Society in Indonesia. Japanese Literature Study Program lecturers and students also attended the event.

The aims of the visit were to have better understanding about UNHAS and Keio University. The Keio University team conducted their activities in Makassar from Thursday, March 16, to Monday, March 20, 2023. The activities ranged from visiting the Mayor of Makassar, sailing to small islands nearby Makassar seashore, sightseeing to Makassar tourist objects, and internal meetings.

Keio University students discussed and interacted with UNHAS students to gain knowledge about the teaching and learning process in the university, especially in Makassar. After having an attractive discussion, UNHAS students took the Keio University team to see some of the places on campus and student activities there. Lastly, Keio students presented their field work reports in front of UNHAS lecturers and students.



FACULTY OF ENGINEERING, HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY AND SAGA UNIVERSITY JAPAN DISCUSS THE PROGRESS OF INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC COLLABORATION

The representatives of Saga University, Japan visited the Faculty of Engineering, Hasanuddin University (FT UNHAS). Saga University was represented by Prof. Oshikawa Hideo (lecturer), Dr. Mishima Yuichiro (lecturer), and Mr. Mitsuse Kimihiro (student). They belong to the Department of Civil Engineering and Architecture, Faculty of Science and Engineering, Saga University. In this visit, Saga University's lecturer gave an international guest lecture at the FT UNHAS.

In addition, the two universities also discussed the progress of collaborative research. The meeting was on Monday, March 20, 2023, which took place in the Lounge of the Dean of the FT UNHAS.

Dean of the FT UNHAS, Prof. Muhammad Isran Ramli, said that his party was intensely discussing the collaboration of the two universities. Among them are student exchange programs through the SPACE Saga University program and double degree programs for master and doctoral programs in civil engineering. Later, it would be extended to all engineering study programs managed by UNHAS and Saga University. Prof. Isran expressed his appreciation for the continuity of academic collaboration between FT UNHAS and Saga University. "Academic collaboration between the Faculty of Engineering Unhas and Saga University, Japan, has been occurring regularly since 2012. This quality needed to be maintained and improved," said Prof. Isran.



SAGA UNIVERSITY VISITS THE GRADUATE SCHOOL OF UNHAS

After visiting the Engineering Faculty on the previous day, the next day on Tuesday, 21st March 2023, Saga University, Japan, visited The Graduate School, Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), as part of the Saga University's "Strategic Partnership Program Initiative" to foster further collaboration between Saga University and UNHAS. Their visit aimed to discuss any potential international collaboration involving students and professors from both institutions.

The meeting with the team of Saga University was chaired by the Vice Dean of Academic and Student Affairs of The Graduate School - Prof. Baharuddin Hamzah, with the Vice Dean of Partnership, Research, and Innovation - Prof. Amir Ilyas, as well as heads of study programs was in attendance.

The meeting addressed the range of activities to be initiated between the two institutions to exchange students and lecturers. Students might enroll in either credit-granting or non-credit-granting programs at the destination institution. UNHAS would provide a waiver scheme for Japanese students who wish to enroll in a credit-granting or master's program. UNHAS students are highly encouraged to apply for any Saga University Programs for Academic Exchange (such as SPACE-E and SPACE-SE).

They are eligible for the monthly stipend for the duration of the program. The lecturers from both institutions might engage in the following activities: international seminar (e.g., invited speaker, guest lecturer), collaborative teaching, collaborative research, and any research and teaching fellowship position available at both institutions. Both Saga University and UNHAS have a long history of collaboration, particularly in academic collaborations. Therefore, the increased flexibility of international mobilization is the time for both institutions to revitalize their partnership to achieve a new height in the pursuit of world-class university status.



AIC-PAIR TEAM AND HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY MEET TO DISCUSS THE PAIR LAB

The Partnerships for Australia Indonesia Research (PAIR) is a development initiative under Australia Indonesia Centre (AIC) focusing on the Trans-Sulawesi railway network infrastructure as the theme of this initiative is 'Connectivity, People, and Place.' PAIR conducted the summit in December 2022 to disseminate the research conducted in 2019-2022.

To sustain the aim of this initiative, the AIC-PAIR team, together with Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), conducted a meeting to discuss future research collaboration. On 6-7 March 2023, the second initiative hybrid meeting was held at the Hall of the Institute for Quality Assurance and Educational Development (LPPM) UNHAS.

This activity was attended by Ansariadi SKM, M.Sc.PH, Ph.D., Director of Partnerships of UNHAS, Kevin Evans (the Indonesia Director of Australia Indonesia Center), Dr. Eugene Sebastian (PAIR Program Director), Dr. Hasnawati Saleh (PAIR Research Coordinator), Dr. Budiati Prasetyamartati (PAIR Policy Engagement Specialist) and several lecturers and staff from UNHAS. In this meeting, AIC-PAIR and UNHAS discussed technical matters for the PAIR Lab, including the establishment of the PAIR Lab management team from UNHAS.



WE TALK: EXPAND YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF INTERNATIONAL CULTURE BY FACULTY OF ENGINEERING

The language community at the Faculty of Engineering, Welcome, recently organized a cultural event called “expand your awareness through international cultures”, which aimed to promote diversity and understanding among students of different backgrounds. The event featured presentations from two students, Moh. Hussein and Imran Abu Lida, who shared their unique cultural identities with the audience.

Moh. Hussein, a Yemeni student, took the stage first and delivered an engaging presentation on his country's culture. He began by introducing Yemen's rich history, which dates back thousands of years and is steeped in tradition. He then delved into the various aspects of Yemeni culture, including its unique architecture, music and so on. Moh. Hussein also shared some personal anecdotes about his upbringing in Yemen and how his cultural background has influenced his life and worldview.

Imran, a Palestinian student, followed Moh. Hussein's presentation with a talk on his own culture. He spoke about the customs and traditions of the Palestinian people, including their unique dialect, and folklore. Imran also discussed the challenges he has faced as a Palestinian person living in a different country and how he has managed to preserve his cultural identity despite those obstacles.

The presentations were met with enthusiastic applause from the audience, which consisted of students from various countries and cultural backgrounds. The event was a powerful demonstration of the importance of celebrating cultural diversity and fostering understanding and appreciation among people of different backgrounds.





A PALESTINIAN DOCTORAL CANDIDATE TEACHES ARABIC TO UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ARABIC LITERATURE

Abdelrahman M.S. Alasttal Majdoleen is a Doctoral Student in the Faculty of Law, Hasanuddin University (UNHAS). He is the recipient of the UNHAS scholarship from Palestine. He was born in Khan Younes on April 29, 1995, and works as a lawyer in Palestine. As a doctoral student, he wanted to give his time to volunteer by assisting in teaching Arabic at the Faculty of Cultural Sciences, UNHAS. It can be said that these were a few of his contributions to UNHAS which has given him a scholarship.

The head of the department, Haeruddin, M.A. warmly welcomed the presence of this doctoral student because since the Arab spring which started in Egypt, our Department had never again received a guest lecturer from Al Azhar University, Cairo. "We are delighted to the presence of Abdelrahman as the native speaker assisting in our class. In addition, Abdelrahman is supportive of improving our students' Arabic language skills", said Haeruddin, M.A.

The course coordinator, Muhammad Ridwan, M.A. with Ilham Ramadhan, M.A., the co-teaching team felt very helped by the presence of Abdelrahman. Of course, our hope was that students would also be greatly assisted, especially in improving their speaking and writing skills which they could use when writing their proposals and theses. Abdelrahman would teach every Monday at 07.30 CIT for Muhadatsah 1 (Conversation 1) and at 10.50 CIT for Insyah 2 (Writing 2).

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Haeruddin, Head of Department of Arabic Literature





IISMA CORNER : ALFRED ARIE

HUMBOLDT-UNIVERSITÄT ZU BERLIN - IISMA ALUMNI 2022

Studying abroad has always been my dream, and the Indonesian International Student Mobility Awards (IISMA) was the one that helped me achieve it. It brought me to tears when I first found out that I had been awarded this scholarship, as I had never imagined in my whole life that I could study abroad. Not to mention, I had the chance to study at one of Germany's top universities, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, where Karl Marx and Max Weber once pursued their studies.

It all started when I found out about the IISMA scholarship, which is fully funded and offers a chance to study abroad at the world's top universities. At first, I was quite skeptical since this was the first time I had applied for a scholarship and had to compete with 7,000 other higher education students from across Indonesia. Eventually, through perseverance, hard work, and my parents' prayers, I was accepted through all the selection processes.

When I first arrived in Berlin, Germany, I was mesmerized by the city. The green leaves that slowly turned brownish and the easily accessible and comfortable public transportation caused me to fall in love with Berlin. However, I had some inconvenient encounters, which are likely to happen when we are in a new environment. In addition, my fellow IISMA friends greatly helped me to overcome any obstacles I encountered.

Together with my friends, I traveled to several countries in Europe, such as France, Belgium, and others. I never imagined that I would be traveling to countries in Europe. Immersing myself in other cultures has opened my eyes widely and helped me become a more tolerant and flexible person. When I first traveled to another country other than Germany, which was the Czech Republic, I realized that one country could be so different from another. The buildings, the people, and even the roads were all completely different. These out-of-class experiences made my IISMA journey even more memorable.

Being an IISMA awardee is the proudest yet most memorable moment of my life. Getting to know other people's cultures, meeting my IISMA friends and traveling together, and studying interdisciplinary courses at one of the world's top universities is something I could not have asked for more. I am beyond thankful for this opportunity and will forever cherish the moments I collected in a memory jar of mine.





MEET OUR STUVO : MUH. INDRA KURNIAWAN





As an engineering student with a campus location separate from other faculties at Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), I had never considered becoming a student volunteer at the International Office (IO) UNHAS. One day, a friend of mine sent me a poster advertising the open recruitment of student volunteers at the IO. Without hesitation, I immediately registered. Not long after taking the interview test, I received information that I was selected to be a student volunteer for the IO.

As a student volunteer, my duties include assisting in welcoming guests and foreign students from abroad, picking them up and dropping them off at the airport, and many more. During my time as a student volunteer, I learned a great deal about the cultures and languages of various countries because of my interactions with guests and foreign students from abroad. I also learned appropriate manners when communicating with others especially when talking to people from different cultures.

The most memorable experience for me was when I became a tour guide for several guests from abroad who came to visit the campus and learn about South Sulawesi culture. I tried to provide accurate and interesting information about the campus and its surroundings. They were very happy with their visit and gave many compliments on the friendliness and beauty of UNHAS.

In addition to gaining valuable experience, being a student volunteer at the IO UNHAS also gave me the opportunity to broaden my network of friends. I met many students and guests from various countries who were very friendly and open. It also helped me to improve my English skills, as I often spoke with guests from abroad.

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