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INTERNATIONAL STUDENT GATHERING AND IFTAR

An International Student Gathering and Iftar was held at the UNHAS Hotel & Convention on the 15th day of Ramadan on Thursday, April 6, 2023. The Rector and Secretary of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) attended the event, as did all international students, Indonesian International Student Mobility Awards (IISMA) alumni, and student volunteers from International Office (IO) UNHAS. In her remarks, the Head of IO, Andi Masyitha Irwan, S.Kep.,Ns., MAN., Ph.D., expressed her hope that this event would be a memorable Ramadan experience for international students in Makassar. The Rector, Prof. Jamaluddin Jompa, M.Sc, also said his wishes that this event can provide an opportunity for international students to learn about Ramadan in Makassar, foster connections and friendships among one another.

One of the agendas for this event was a "Tausiah (Sermon) Ramadan" delivered by Muhammad Ridwan, M.A., the Secretary of the IO. In his Tausiah, he highlighted gratitude as one of the values we could learn during Ramadan, emphasizing that we should be grateful for every little thing, as it could be a blessing from God, Allah SWT. He also shared cultural moments in Indonesia that we could only experience during Ramadan, such as buying Takjil (sweets for breakfast) from street vendors who sold various typical snacks and desserts during the holy month.

This year marks the first Ramadan experience in Makassar for international students batch 2022 and the second year or more for other students. In March 2023, UNHAS currently has around 180 students in total from 27 different countries. They were excited to celebrate Ramadan in Makassar, believing it would be a fantastic experience during their studies at UNHAS. Moreover, this event allowed local and international students, IISMA alumni, and student volunteers to connect and engage with each other. Notably, this event was not limited to Moslem students and welcomed participants from all religions, promoting diversity and tolerance culture in Indonesia. Finally, this event could be held annually to celebrate Ramadan.





This event can provide an opportunity for international students to learn and experience Ramadan in Makassar, as well as to foster connections and friendships among one another.

Jamaluddin Jompa, Rector of UNHAS





GEOGRAPHY SERIES ; INTRODUCING THE REPUBLIC OF YEMEN

On Thursday, April 6, 2023, Duaa Al-Mashraqi, an international student from the Faculty of Medicine, and Mohammed Hussein, an international student from the Faculty of Engineering, presented their home country, Yemen, to local and international students in the Prof. Dr. Latanro Program Hall, Faculty of Economic and Business (FEB). The International Office (IO) hosted this Geography Series (GS) on a monthly basis.

As part of Hasanuddin University's (UNHAS) recognition of its international students, the Head of the IO, Andi Masyitha Irwan, S.Kep., Ns., MAN., Ph.D. stated in the opening remarks that the goal of the GS is to describe the nation of origin of our international students. Additionally, GS itself serves as a platform for our local students to improve their English and gain exposure to a global audience.

Duaa and Hussein exhibited a stunning portrayal of Yemen. The main event began with the national anthem of Yemen. After that, they continued by describing Yemen's geographical position on a map of the world. Moreover, they went on to discuss Yemen's traditional thoughts and multicultural societies, which included its traditional clothing, dance, music, architecture and cuisine. They showed various Yemeni society lifestyles as their presentation continued.

The Q&A session and door prize led by Duaa and Hussein marked the end of the GS. The moderator, Fiorella Badzli Irhen Lie, a student volunteer at the IO then formally ended the GS and invited the audience to participate in the subsequent GS, which will be held in May.





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Andi Masyitha Irwan, Ph.D - Head of International Office UNHAS





FOLLOW UP FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSION (FGD) ON INTERNATIONAL CORNERS MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION.

Currently, there are six international corners at Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), namely German Corner, Australia Banget Corner, Warung Prancis, Korean Corner, Japan Corner, and Mandarin Corner. As the management of international corners at UNHAS shifted, the International Office (IO) UNHAS held a focus group discussion (FGD) by inviting all the coordinators of these corners. The FGD was held Thursday, 30 March 2023. The results obtained from the FGD were then examined by the IO team through a meeting on Monday, April 3, 2023 at the IO office meeting room. The meeting aimed to identify the strategic solutions for improvement in managing international corners in the future. The findings could be illustrated that these corners must be clearly institutionalized. In addition, the IO would review every space of the international corners. In addition, it was also hoped that there would be regular meetings for coordinators of these international corners with IO and UNHAS Secretary. Moreover, IO would also establish communication with embassies that were directly related to these corners.

These results had been reported to the UNHAS Secretary, Prof. Sumbangan Baja, M.Phil by the Head of IO, Andi Masyitha Irwan, Ph.D and was accompanied by the Secretary of the IO, Muhammad Ridwan, M.A. on Tuesday, April 4, 2023. The Secretary of UNHAS welcomed the IO team for following up on the results of the FGD. As a follow up, the Secretary of UNHAS would visit these international corners, There will be a follow-up meeting for all the corners to discuss further their upcoming agenda. Moreover, it is hoped that the meeting will bring them more together. Another hope was that each of these corners had a mission to support data for the university ranking.



THE FACULTY OF DENTISTRY (FKG) UNHAS HOLDS A GUEST LECTURE FROM THE HEAD OF STEM CELL AND MAXILLOFACIAL VU UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER (VUMC), THE NETHERLANDS.

The Faculty of Dentistry (FKG) UNHAS held a guest lecture at the Molar Room, FKG on Thursday, March 16th 2023. In this guest lecture, Prof. Marco N. Helder, Ph. D, presented about "Regenerative Medicine and Oncological Treatment: One Solution for All?". Helder's research focused on oncology (developing therapeutic modalities for oral cancer and osteosarcoma) and tissue engineering concepts for musculoskeletal disorders. In his guest lecture, he disclosed that he had set a dual target, drug-containing nanoliposome for eradication of (metastatic) osteosarcoma, and is currently using a similar approach for ameloblastoma.

Prof. Helder revealed that he was developing a project to use Adipose-derived Stem Cells (ASC) for bone and cartilage tissue engineering, strongly emphasizing translational research and clinical applications. In addition, he has been and is currently involved in translational research projects using stem cell technology to treat gynecological prolapse, knee and finger joint defects, heart repair, and connective tissue repair.

He coordinated a ZonMW-sponsored phase I/II clinical trial on applying ASC for bone augmentation in the maxillary sinus floor elevation model. In addition, he was the coordinator of two European projects: the EU FP7 project "Biomimetic Nano-Fiber-Based Nucleus Pulposus Regeneration for the Treatment of Degenerative Disc Disease (acronym: NPMimetic)", and The Eurostars-Eureka! project E!11439 "Rapid and low-cost 3D printing service for personalized biocompatible facial prostheses" (acronym: Faceprint). The guest lecture ran smoothly until 12.00 Central Indonesia Time (CIT) with hundreds of participants attending.





FACULTY OF NURSING (FKEP) UNHAS AND THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION-UNITED NATIONS (IOM-UN) AGREE ON COLLABORATIVE TRAINING FOR REFUGEES

On Thursday, 6 April 2023, Faculty of Nursing (FKep) leaders received a visit from the International Organization for Migration-United Nations (IOM-UN) in the FKep Senate Room. The IOM-UN team consisted of Andri Yuan, S.Psi (National Programme Officer), Mia Fitriani M.Psi (Program Assistance III Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS)), dr. Yudha Chaerah (Migration Health Physician), Misbahuddin Azis, S.Kep.Ns, (Migration Health Nurse) and representative of IOM Makassar received by the Vice Dean for Academic and Student Affairs - Syahrul Said, Ph.D. and Vice Dean for Partnership, Research and Innovation - Dr. Takdir Tahir, and several FKep lecturers. At the meeting, the two parties agreed to cooperate with possible activities, including implementing the Health Cadre training package for refugees, performing relevant MBKM (Independent Learning) activities for FKep students, and the sit-in program in the vocational nursing class.

Andri Yuan, S.Psi stated that IOM always cooperates internationally to find solutions to refugee problems, including health problems that occur, by holding humanitarian programs while waiting for refugees to be placed in third countries. On this occasion, the Vice Dean for Academic and Student Affairs stated that the collaboration with IOM strengthened the implementation of the education, research, and community development (Tri Dharma) of higher education and was a manifestation of FKep UNHAS' concern to be a solution to the health problems of refugees.



FACULTY OF MEDICINE (FK) UNHAS ORGANIZES GUEST LECTURE ON EMERGING VIRUSES AT THE HUMAN ANIMAL INTERFACE

Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), through the Faculty of Medicine (FK)), organized a guest lecture entitled "Emerging Viruses at The Human-Animal Interface". FK UNHAS invited Jurre Y. Siegers, Ph.D., a post-doctoral researcher from Pasteur Institute Cambodia. It was conducted at the FK, Tamalanrea Campus, Makassar, on Thursday, March 30, 2023.

This activity was attended by the academic community of FK UNHAS, including faculty leaders, SP1 residents of Clinical Microbiology, master students of Biomedicine on concentration of microbiology, researchers, and doctoral students. Siegers generally discussed the importance of virus surveillance in animals to prevent new pandemics.

After exploring why surveillance is critically essential and the issues and challenges it poses, Siegers discussed the existing surveillance systems worldwide. The presentations explored the current state of surveillance efforts for zoonotic diseases, including identifying gaps in their effectiveness and challenges to improving them. The lecture addressed several existing international surveillance systems around the world that can be implemented in Indonesia.



RAMADAN OBSERVATION IN MAKASSAR BY INTERNATIONAL STUDENT

My name is Mustafa Alaswad, and I am from Palestine (born in Jordan) and am studying at the Faculty of Medicine in my 3rd semester. I have been in Indonesia for one year, and this is my second Ramadan in Makassar. I was asked to write about my experience and observation in Makassar during Ramadan.

First, being away from the family is challenging, especially during significant events. Most of the students are homesick during this Ramadan because family gatherings in Ramadan differ from any other experience. During this Ramadan, I experienced and observed many new things in Makassar.

BUKBER (Buka Bersama) or Break Fasting Together

As a participant in some organizations at our university, I received a few messages from friends that all participants should gather and have breakfast together, which leads to strong friendships among the participants and the good deeds that they get. Being in such a society and seeing people helping each other with unconditional kindness is like home. Looking at the responsible people from the organization and how they plan, invite, organize, and help others are amazing.

Another fantastic thing, breaking fasting in some masjids is very spiritual. I have experienced breaking fasting in more than one masjid. They provide dates, jalangkote (a typical Makassar fry), cake, and the main box. Also, before 15 minutes of adzan (call prayer) Maghrib, one of the committee members started giving instructions on how to break fasting based on the Prophet Mohamed's sunnah and then reminded the worshipers to pray, which is an incredible moment to see all people around you praying or reciting the Quran.

WALKING BEFORE MAGHRIB

Walking a few minutes before adzan and seeing crowded people around workshops (one of the spots on campus) to buy different sorts of foods and many tables on the streets presenting many juices is unique and makes me feel Ramadan. Visiting some restaurants after Taraweeh is also very different in Ramadan compared to other months.

QUR'AN, ARABIC LESSONS AND COMPETITIONS

In the previous year, I only saw a few lessons. Still, during this Ramadan, I observed that people are so excited and passionate around their teachers to learn about religion, Quran, and Arabic studies. Another thing is the increased number of competitions in many fields, which can let people get into activities within Ramadan. These are my experiences and observations in Ramdhan, and I hope all of my friends and classmates' international students enjoy Ramdhan. May Allah accept our worship during this month.





THREE STUDENTS FROM HANZE UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES GRONINGEN, THE NETHERLANDS, CARRY OUT A NON-DEGREE PROGRAM

On Friday, 31 March 2023, the Faculty of Nursing, Hasanuddin University (FKep UNHAS) welcomed three students from Hanze University of Applied Sciences, Groningen, the Netherlands to study at the nursing professional practice stage at health care institutions. They would study for approximately three months or until July 2023 at Dr. Wahidin Sudiro Husodo (RSWS) Hospital, Hasanuddin University Hospital (RSP) UNHAS, and Homecare Griya Afiat. The three students are Maxime Nicole Groen, Judith Danielle Kuijers, and Renee Wieggers. Student practice would be guided by a supervisor who could speak English from the field practice and from the FKep UNHAS.

On Monday-Wednesday, April 3-5 2023, the FKep UNHAS also carried out the Introduction of Culture and Language Program (ICLEP) for the three students. This program aimed to equip students with simple Indonesian language skills and introduce the culture and norms that exist in Indonesia, especially those that would later be found in health care institutions. This program was a form of implementation of the collaboration between UNHAS and Hanze University of Applied Sciences, Groningen, the Netherlands, which had been implemented since five years ago.



IISMA CORNER:

ANDI NURIL ZAMHARIR HARIS

IISMA 2021 - MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY





In 2021, I participated in the Indonesian International Students Mobility Award (IISMA) program at Michigan State University (MSU). It was an exciting experience that opened up a new perspective on campus life. Upon arriving at the campus dormitory, I explored the place where I would carry out my chosen program. The organizers welcomed us, international students, and gave us information about campus life at MSU, including significant activities held on campus. After the welcoming event, we could carry out the activities we wanted. As a first step, I visited the campus bike shop as MSU's campus is vast, almost like a city, and I wanted to explore every part of it. Renting a bicycle, I started to explore the campus and get to know the environment there. The campus is large and has an open space concept, with special access for cyclists, making exploring easy and enjoyable. The facilities are complete and aim to make it easier for students to carry out their obligations comfortably. For example, buses actively help students reach the lecture buildings every day.

The dormitory provided was also very comfortable and safe, and we had the freedom to decorate our rooms and interact with our roommates. I was lucky to have a friendly roommate who helped me whenever there was a problem. Daily items were available at the dormitory's shop, and laundry services were free, making it easier to manage our schedules without worrying about dirty clothes. My dorm life was delightful because the people I met there were friendly and invited me several times to walk outside the campus.

MSU's learning system was adequate, with different curriculums for each class we chose, each with uniqueness. The courses ranged from book review systems, where we gave opinions or criticisms of books every week, to methods that provided the freedom to argue on topics that had been determined and provide input on what should or should not be done. The teachers were professional and appreciated our activeness in class, giving us freedom of opinion and providing a digestible understanding of the topics. The final system for each course was different, ranging from podcasts, presentations, multiple-choice exams, and more. Each class provided good exposure and did not give excessive burdens to students, opening our minds to the world of education and making us interested in learning new things.

I am grateful to the Ministry of Education and Culture for establishing the IISMA program, which allowed me to explore the world of education and helped me see a new perspective on campus life. My short time at MSU made me more confident in facing the current world of lectures, and the journey I took in the IISMA program freed me from doubts and gave me more.



MEET OUR STUVO: ZAFIRA ALDA NIZAROH



Hi peeps!! I'm Zhafirah Alda Nizaroh, but most people call me Fira. Some also call me Zara but feel free to contact me with anything. I'm currently enrolled in my 6th semester in the Department of Communication with public relations as my concentration since I'm highly interested in corporate & digital social media. These past months, I've been busy doing my internship.

Ever since I was in high school, I have joined several volunteering activities. I always enjoy volunteering. It makes my heart feel warm, accepted by society, and valuable. I love when people tell me that I am being very helpful. My high interest in international exposure led me to apply as a student volunteer at the International Office of Hasanuddin University. Becoming one of the student volunteers is one of the best decisions I've ever made in college. I met lots of new friends from different cultures. I learned a new language, explored more cultures, and engaged with amazing people. Being a volunteer not only develops my soft skills to communicate and work together as a team but also expands my network. As a student volunteer, I must carry my responsibility wholeheartedly and be genuine with everything because it is something that I decided on my own.



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