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THE CONSULAR OFFICE OF JAPAN IN MAKASSAR VISITS THE JAPANESE DEPARTMENT OF HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY



On Wednesday, May 17, 2023, the Head of the Consular Office of Japan in Makassar, Ohashi Koichi, visited the Japanese Department of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS). The head and the secretary of the department, Fithyani Anwar, Ph.D., and Kasmawati, M.Hum, received this visit. Several lecturers and the Japanese Literature Student Association (Himaspa) representatives also attended the meeting.

Many things were discussed during the meeting, including the annual presentation contest in Japanese and a plan to invite Mr. Ohashi to give a public lecture at the department in June. Fithyani hopes that in the future, holding this kind of public lecture by the head of Japan Consular Office can be routine because it is essential to open new insights for lecturers and students of the Japanese Department and other audiences at UNHAS.

In addition, they also discussed the possibility of cooperation in organizing Nippon Day, Japan's annual festival in Makassar. This festival has been held since 2016 and was temporarily postponed due to the pandemic. Coinciding with the 65th anniversary of Japan-Indonesia relations this year, Mr. Ohashi hoped that Nippon Day could be held again.

In discussion with the student representatives, Mr. Ohashi said that through the Consular Office of Japan in Makassar, the Japanese Government supports student activities to introduce and disseminate Japanese culture in South Sulawesi. He also gave some input to students in implementing events, especially those related to Japan. Ohashi Koichi just started serving in Makassar on March 11, 2023, and Fithyani Anwar just started leading the Japanese Department on May 2, 2023, so this visit was also essential to start a good cooperation between the two parties.



JAPAN CORNER WELCOMES THE HEAD OF JAPAN CONSULAR OFFICE OF MAKASSAR



The Director of Japan Corner, Dr. Meta Sekar Puji Astuti, welcomed the Consular Office of Japan in Makassar, Mr. Ohashi Koichi, at UNHAS Library, 2nd floor, on Wednesday, May 17, 2023. The welcome session was also attended by the International Office, represented by the Secretary, Muhammad Ridwan, M.A., the Head and Secretary of UNHAS Library, Dr. Fierenziana Junus, and Anshar Saud, M.Si., several lecturers, and students from the Japanese Department. This was the first time Mr. Koichi visited the corner.

It was such a warm welcome by the director of Japan Corner. The director explain the situation in the corner. One of the rooms the director took the consul to walk inside was the multimedia room. The director explained that students and visitors to the corner organized video sessions regularly. After watching, they would discuss. This was a method of practicing their Japanese language skills.

The consul, Mr. Ohashi, expressed his gratitude and was thankful for this visit. He was still new to the Makassar Office. Therefore, he was eager to know and observe the existence of the corner. Dr. Meta explained that the book collections that existed were from the Makassar Japan Club. Mr. Koichi was attracted to *Butsudan*, a cupboard for storing Japanese ashes. This collection is a grant and gift from the Maruki company, a well-known butsudan company in Japan that has a factory in Makassar. He is very impressed with the *Butsudan*, which is very luxurious and, according to him, is a rare and interesting collection that needs to be cared for.

Furthermore, Dr. Meta also mentioned that this collection is very interesting and can explain the symbolism of Japanese culture, especially those related to Buddhism, and also how Japanese people pay respect to their ancestors. Furthermore, Mr. Ohashi also expressed his willingness to support Japan Corner in obtaining more facilities and carrying out the activities that have been carried out so far. For example, to facilitate activities related to advancing Indonesia-Japan relations in the future

The welcome session continued in the refreshment room. The Head of Library provided some typical Makassar sweets and cakes, such as *barongko* (cake made from banana and covered by banana leaves), layer cake, fried bread with chocolate inside, etc. Mr. Ohashi enjoyed eating these sweets and impressed the director. The conversation then continued with Makassar cuisine that the Consular had already eaten during his stay in Makassar since the day he arrived here. Dr. Meta looked forward to Ohashi's observation of the visit. The consul left the room for another agenda. It was such a fruitful conversation that everybody was happy.







HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY WELCOMES JAPAN FISHERIES ASSOCIATION AND PT OS SELNAJAYA



Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) on Wednesday, May 17, 2023, welcomed a visit from the Japan Fisheries Association (JFA) and PT OS Selnajaya Indonesia, a company engaged in business and management consulting services as well as training and workforce placement services. The visit from JFA and PT. OS Selnajaya aims to initiate cooperation with UNHAS in the field of workforce fulfillment in the fisheries sector in Japan.

At the meeting in the Rector's Office, the Vice-Rector for Partnership, Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Business UNHAS, Prof. Adi Maulana, M. Phil., received the JFA representatives: Mr. Masashi Kigami (Director), Mr. Masahiro Kai (Operation Division-Section Head), and PT. OS Selnajaya Indonesia representatives: Mr. Satoshi Miyajima (President Director), Mr. Takeshi Fujii (Global Strategy), and Ms. Nia Novita Sari (Global Strategy; Interpreter). This meeting was also attended by Muhammad Ilyas, Ph.D. (Head of the Department of Marine Affairs and Fisheries of South Sulawesi Province), Prof. Nasrum Massi (Head of the Institute for Research and Community Service), Safruddin, Ph.D. (Dean of the Faculty of Marine Science and Fisheries / FIKP), Asmi Citra Malina, Ph.D. (Director of Innovation and Intellectual Property), and lecturer staff of FIKP.

In this meeting, the JFA and PT. OS Selnajaya Indonesia representatives mentioned that their party had held several workshops in Indonesia that involved stakeholders, including administering the Specified Skilled Workers (SSW) exam in the field of fisheries. The SSW is a new immigration policy from the Government of Japan that adds two new categories of visa status or residence status for foreign workers in Japan, namely skilled workers and expert workers. PT. OS Selnajaya hopes to be able to hold the SSW exam in Makassar, bearing in mind that the Province of South Sulawesi has great potential for human resources in the field of fisheries, by collaborating with UNHAS as an option for hosting the exam.

UNHAS welcomed the cooperative intention of this visit and hoped that in the future, UNHAS would become a training center for workers who would become SSW in the fisheries and marine sectors. Prof. Adi specifically appointed FIKP as a faculty that would discuss in more detail the technical implementation of the collaboration, which would be set forth in a memorandum of understanding (MoU).



RECTOR OF UNHAS WELCOMES UNIVERSITI TEKNIKAL MALAYSIA MELAKA (UTeM) DELEGATES



On May 15 2023, the Dean of the Faculty of Manufacture, Prof. Ir. Dr. Hambali and Dean of the Faculty of Information and Communication Technology, Associate Professor Ts. Dr. Mohd Sanusi, Universiti Teknikal Malaysia Melaka (UTeM) visited Hasanuddin University (UNHAS). They were greeted directly by the Rector of Unhas Prof. Dr. Ir. Jamaluddin Jompa at Hasanuddin Tamalanrea University Campus. Other UNHAS officials joined at the welcome session were the Director of Partnership, Dr. Ansariadi, the Head and Secretary of International Office, Dr Andi Masyitha Irwan and Muhammad Ridwan, M,A. and representatives from Faculty of Engineering, Dr. Zulkifli Tahir and his colleagues.

The visiting agenda included continuing the collaboration between UNHASs and UTeM including combined seminars, workshops and other scientific meetings, student exchanges, matching funds and exchange of scientific materials, collaboration in research and reaching, and several other activities. The event continued with a visit to the Faculty of Engineering, Gowa Campus and was greeted directly by the Dean of the Faculty of Engineering, Prof. Dr. Eng. Ir. Muhammad Isran Ramli and faculty members.

UTeM delegates also visited to class lectures and laboratories at the Department of Informatics Engineering, Department of Industrial Engineering and Department of Mechanical Engineering, which were welcomed directly by the Heads and Secretaries of the Departments and lecturers. Both parties hope that the cooperation will be closer and smoother in the future.



DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING HASANIYDIN UNIVERSITY





PROSTHODONTIC RESIDENTS OF FKG UNHAS PRESENT AT THE 132ND ANNUAL MEETING OF THE JAPAN PROSTHODONTIC SOCIETY

Two residents of the Prosthodontic Study Program, Faculty of Dentistry (FKG), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), Mariska Juanita and Muthia Mutmainnah Bachtiar, were presenters at the 132nd Annual Meeting of the Japan Prosthodontic Society (JPS). This international conference is an annual conference held by the JPS. This year's conference was held at the PACIFICO Yokohama Conference Center, Japan, for three days (19–21 May 2023).

The theme of this conference is "Future of Prosthodontics, Future of Dentistry, Creation of Innovations toward Society 5.0". In this conference, Ms. Mariska presented the title A Potential Method for Early Detection of Cognitive Disorders: Effect of Occlusal Contact on Salivary Beta Amyloid Protein Levels, while Ms. Muthia presented her research results entitled Efficacy of Cannabidiol in Combination with Bio-ceramic Bone Graft in Bone Remodeling.

The results of Mariska's research are deemed necessary to assess the effect of dental occlusal contacts on cognitive function in the elderly through salivary protein levels. Then, research from Muthia describes the use of active compounds from biomaterials (cannabis), which can enhance the bone remodeling process.

Representatives from the Indonesian Prosthodontic Collegium (IPROSI) and six prosthodontic dental residency programs in Indonesia (UNHAS, UI, USU, UNAIR, UGM, and UNPAD) also attended this conference. UNHAS was represented by the lecturer staff of the Prosthodontic Study Program, FKG, UNHAS: Prof. Dr. Bahrudin Thalib, M.Kes., Sp.Pros., Subsp.PKIKG(K) (also Head of UNHAS Senate); drg. Irfan Dammar, M.Kes., Sp.Pros., Subsp.PMF(K) (Head of Prosthodontic Study Program); Prof. drg. Moh. Dharmautama, Ph.D., Sp. Pros., Subsp.PKIKG(K); Prof. Dr. drg. Edy Machmud, M.Kes., Sp.Pros., Subsp.OGST(K); and Dr. drg. Ike Damayanti Habar, Sp.Pros., Subsp.PKIKG(Kes).

The Head of the Prosthodontic Study Program, Dr. Irfan, explained that the two students represented UNHAS and passed as the oral presenters after going through a strict selection by the JPS. This activity is a form of study program participation to support UNHAS as a world-class university. It is our hope that in the future, our study program will always send student representatives to take part in oral presentations on an international scale.

The conference itself was attended by approximately 400 participants from Japan and other countries.





FACULTY OF PUBLIC HEALTH HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY PRESENTS SPEAKER FROM UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA



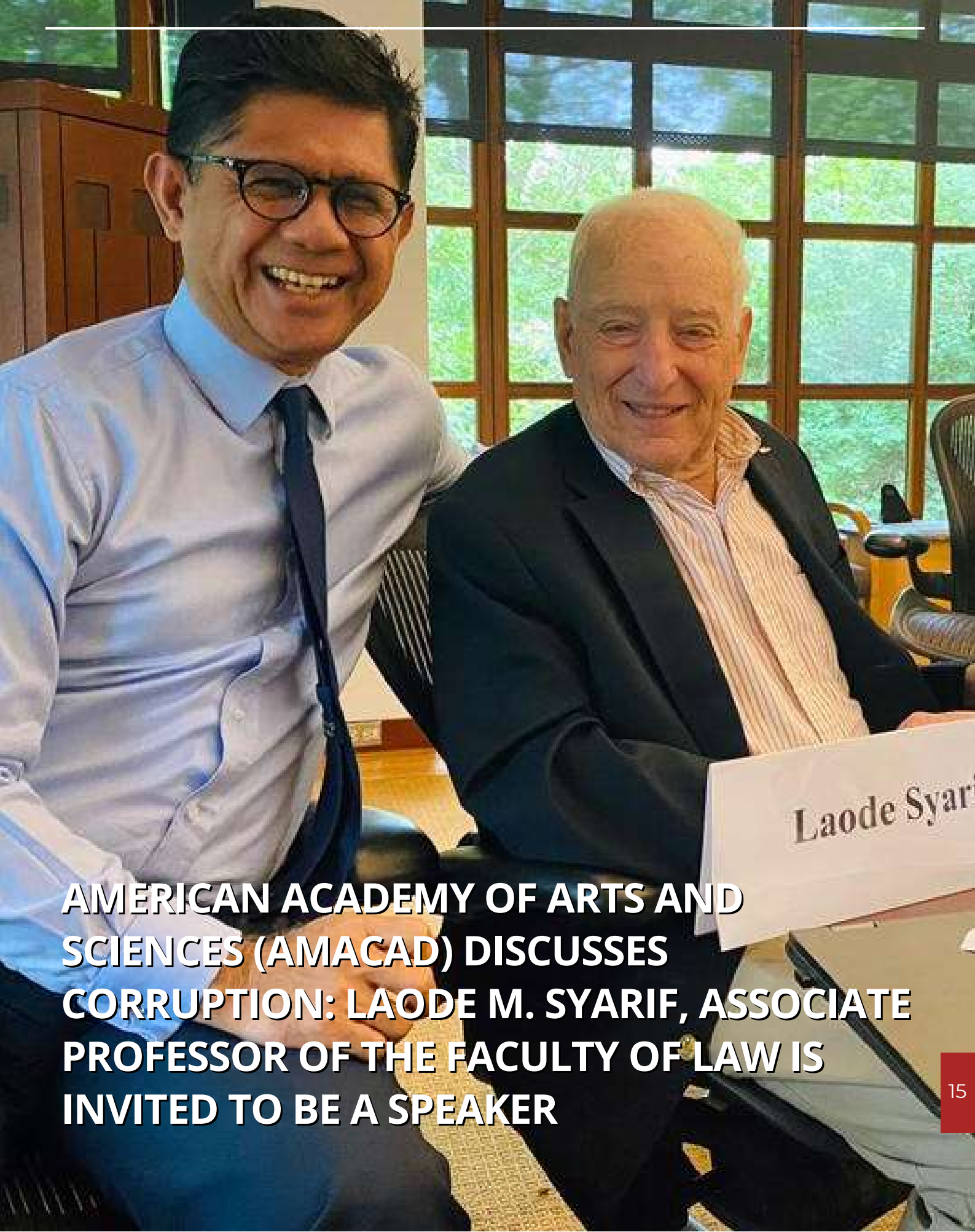
The Faculty of Public Health (FKM) of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) held a seminar series on Monday, May 15, 2023, in Kadow Room, 2nd floor of FKM UNHAS, which was attended by approximately 30 FKM students from various educational levels, including bachelor's, master's, and doctoral programs. This seminar series is an FKM program that brings speakers from abroad. This time FKM Unhas invited Heather Suttor, a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Melbourne, Australia.

This seminar was moderated by Daniella C. Sampepajung, SE, MSc, with the theme "The Use and Influence of Menstrual Cycle Tracking and Menstrual Health Education Apps Among Girls in Bali, Indonesia". The Dean of FKM, Prof. Sukri Palutturi, Ph.D., appreciated the implementation of this seminar.

Heather's arrival at this seminar was for her research related to trials on Oky apps, namely collaborative menstrual applications from Unicef, the University of Melbourne, UNHAS, and KISARA Bali. "There are 85 menstrual apps that can be downloaded as of June 2020 whose predictions are based on user data algorithms," explained Heather.

On the same occasion, Heather shared the results of her research with young girls in Bali, which consisted of several groups with an age range of 13–17 years. The challenges faced while collecting data were participants who were not familiar with the Oky apps, a noisy and hot environment, and difficulty understanding the participants daily lives. Seminar participants then responded to the material that had been presented by submitting ideas and questions, which were then answered by the speaker.





AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES (AMACAD) DISCUSSES CORRUPTION: LAODE M. SYARIF, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF THE FACULTY OF LAW IS INVITED TO BE A SPEAKER

Laode M. Syarif, Associate Professor at the Faculty of Law, Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), was invited to be a speaker in the "Experts Meeting on Measuring Grand Corruption and Reducing Its Power" at the American Academy of Arts and Sciences (AMACAD), the USA, on May 18–20, 2023. The event invited academic experts from Oxford, Leiden, Yale, Ottawa, Sussex, Dalhousie, Chicago, Carleton, Lund, and UNHAS.

On top of that the event was also attended by highly reputable practitioners: Richard Goldstone (South African Constitutional Court Judge and Chair of the IACC Treaty Drafting Committee), Judge Mark Wolf, (Former Prosecutor, Judge, and now teaches at Harvard and founder of the International Anti-Corruption Court), Lloyd Axworthy (Chair of the World Refugee & Migration Council), Slagjana Taseva (former President of the Macedonian Anti-Corruption Commission), Allan Rock (former Chancellor of the University of Ottawa, Canadian Ambassador to the UN, and Canadian Minister of Justice), Alexandra Haberson (Integrity Vice Presidency of the World Bank), and Ian Lynch (Program Director of Integrity Initiative International). AMACAD was founded in 1780 to honor the founders of every field of science and art for discovering new ideas and finding solutions to problems faced by humans and the universe.

Mr. Syarif was the Commissioner for *Komisi Pemberantasan Korupsi* (KPK), or Indonesia Anti-Corruption Commission, for the period of 2015–2019 and presently serves as the Executive Director of Partnership for Governance Reform (Kemitraan). In this expert meeting, he was appointed to do research on "corruption in natural resource management". Moreover, Mr. Syarif is entrusted with gathering support from several countries in Southeast Asia to establish the International Anti-Corruption Court (IACC), which has been supported by the governments of Canada and the Netherlands.





UNHAS CORNERS : INTRODUCING KOREAN CORNER

The Korea-Indonesia Cultural Corner (KICC) of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) is an information center about South Korea in Makassar. From culture, scholarships, and Korean language courses that are designated not only for UNHAS students but also the wider community. This corner was the realization of the collaboration between the Korean Embassy in Indonesia and UNHAS, considering the high enthusiasm of UNHAS students for South Korea and it was the second Korean corner to be implemented in Indonesia after the University of Indonesia, and the first in eastern Indonesia.

KICC UNHAS was inaugurated on December 13, 2013, which at that time was directly attended by the South Korean Ambassador to Indonesia, H.E. Kim Young Sun. Located on the 2nd floor of the UNHAS Central Library Building, several university officials attended the inauguration. From the UNHAS side, the Rector of UNHAS at that time, Prof. Idrus. A. Paturusi, along with his Vice-Rectors and several Faculty Deans, were there. The CEO of Korean Ceramics, the Resident Representative of Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA), Kim Byung Gwan, and the Head of South Sulawesi Education Office at that time, H. Abdullah Djabbar, were also present.

One of the regular activities of the corner is Korean language classes (basic, intermediate, and advanced levels) for the UNHAS academic community. In addition, this corner also carries out other activities such as Korean language and culture seminars, sharing sessions on scholarships and study in Korea, Korean speech competitions, Korean cooking classes, and Korean movie shows. KICC UNHAS also has a traditional South Korean dance group called Mu Gung Hwa, which has performed at several cultural events. In addition to cultural activities, KICC UNHAS is also the official host for the TOPIK (Test of Proficiency in Korea).

This corner also provides various facilities. There are at least three sections of rooms available to support its programmes and attract visitors. The first is the reading room, with approximately 2000 books by Korean authors, both fiction and non-fiction. Then there is also a classroom with many computers and good internet access. And the last is the Multimedia Room, where movie screenings are usually held. The arrangement of the rooms is also made as closely as possible to rooms in South Korea to make the atmosphere more comfortable and attractive.





GET ACQUAINTED WITH INTERNATIONAL STUDENT : BINTA ROSLINE ROBERTS

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS FROM FACULTY OF
AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SCIENCES



Her name is Binta Rosline Roberts. She is from Sierra Leone and is proud to say that she is the first Sierra Leonean ever to have the opportunity to study at UNHAS Makassar, Indonesia, and is the first African student in the Master's Degree in Food Sciences Technology, Faculty of Agriculture (Faperta). The International Office (IO) had an interview with her and asked three different questions, such as her reasons to study at UNHAS, her activities during her study, and her recommendation for a better UNHAS. Below are her responses:

When asked about her reasons to study at UNHAS. She responded that, first, based on her undergraduate major, which was Bachelor Science (BSc) in Agriculture and Food Sciences, UNHAS is among the best universities in Indonesia that can help her continue to major well in that by doing her master's in food science technology. The faculty of agriculture is well grounded, with facilities that can help any student acquire what he or she is majoring in.

The second reason was that during her application process, she was going through the profiles of professors, lecturers, and tutors from different universities, and going through the ones at UNHAS left her with no choice but to be part of their mentoring. In addition, the last reason was based on her research whilst looking for a suitable university in Indonesia. UNHAS has been in the top list for having a diversified culture of different races around the world, and that kept her pushing to be accepted and be one of them, which she is glad to be today. The last reason was through past stories about Indonesian people and how kind-hearted they are. She also took the initiative to know and be part of that story. She will always be proud to say that, in all her life and in all her travels to some parts of the world, she has never met people that are so kind and genuine as the Indonesians.

We also asked Binta about the activities she has been involved in during her studies. According to her, UNHAS and its IO are keys to letting students learn and study more and engaging them in a lot of training, workshops, and cultural activities from and within the campus and other organizations that come through the university. Binta was a part of the 5th International Cultural Program (ICP) 2022, a training and workshop from Arizona State University USA and the U.S. Indonesia Society (USInDo). Both institutions were under the Higher Education Partnership Initiatives (HEPI) project implemented in UNHAS, among many other activities within the university.

Prior to the end of the interview, we also asked her about her recommendation for a better UNHAS. It was interesting to listen to her explanations. The university should keep on bringing in more international students. For that reason, UNHAS will not only help the international students but also the national students of the university. Moreover, the needs and affairs of international students should be given great consideration by the IO of the UNHAS. International students are ambassadors of any country that they study, so there should be a good impression taken home by each one of us. We appreciated her time in this interview, and the IO wishes her the best. Thank you, Binta.



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