



# UNHAS PARTICIPATES IN THE 75TH NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FOREIGN STUDENT ADVISERS (NAFSA) IN WASHINGTON DC USA



### **NAFSA Exhibition:**

The Rector of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), Prof Jamaluddin Jompa, commonly known as Prof. JJ, led the delegation to participate in the 75 National Association of Foreign Student Advisers (NAFSA) held in the United States, Washington DC capital from May 30 until June 2, 2023. The delegates consisted of Prof. Adi Maulana, M.Phil (Vice-Rector for Partnership, Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Business), and Dr. Ansariadi (Director of Partnership). NAFSA is the annual event and is considered the world's most significant conference and educational expo. The NAFSA is predicted to be attended by approximately 10000 people from 160 countries.

In his remark, Prof JJ said: "Here in NAFSA, big universities worldwide got together to share their university strengths and promote their universities. This NAFSA is not only about conferences but also exhibitions, and UNHAS is among 13 universities from Indonesia that came mostly with their university leaders. Therefore, UNHAS would optimize the momentum of these 3-4 days to strengthen networks and cooperation with existing partners and build networking and collaboration with new prospective university partners."



On the sidelines of the NAFSA event, Prof. JJ and his delegation visited the Indonesian Embassy in DC. The visit was welcomed by the Indonesian Attache of Agriculture, Mr. Danang Budi Santoso, and some staff, and greeted by the Ambassador, Mr. Rosan Perkasa Roeslani. Prof JJ introduced the newly established holding company of UNHAS, PT HADIN METAVISI AKADEMIKA, to the Indonesian Attachee of Agriculture, Mr. Danang. He put an interest in UNHAS's new policy as an autonomous university to be more financially independent by establishing a holding company. He is more than ready to support PT. HADIN by promoting some agricultural products from UNHAS in the USA company, and he hoped PT. HADIN would enter the US market. UNHAS will be invited to participate in many business exhibitions and initiatives in the USA.

Prof Adi Maulana, the Vice-Rector in charge of the holding company, said that it was a privilege from UNHAS to be supported in promoting the UNHAS product, especially the existence of PT. HADIN. The business and entrepreneurship atmosphere at UNHAS is developing, and we are starting to become a real autonomous university by entering the market. This is an excellent opportunity for UNHAS to deal with stakeholders. In the US, the world's largest economy country. He concluded that support from the Indonesian Embassy in Washington is paramount to UNHAS to become globalized and internationally recognized as an entrepreneurial university.

## **UNHAS Showcase**

At the 2023 NAFSA Meeting, UNHAS hosted a special lunch session at the UNHAS Showcase event at the Marriott Marquis Hotel Washington DC, USA, on May 31, 2023, on the side event lines of the NAFSA 2023 event. The lunch session was attended by more than 40 university delegates from around the world representing several continents. A semi-formal packed lunch occurred in the Howard University room, Marriott, from 12.00 - 02.00 Washington time. Prof. Adi Maulana said that this special lunch session was held to introduce UNHAS to several potential partners from various universities worldwide and to directly discuss the forms of collaboration between Unhas and the university.

In the opening lunch session, all participants watched a two 2-minute profile video of UNHAS, which showed UNHAS' achievements in various fields. All participants stated that they were pleased and ready to collaborate with UNHAS, which was followed up with detailed discussions regarding the concept and scheme of collaboration in research, teaching, and community service. Several parties even stated directly that they were ready to sign a cooperation MoU and were prepared to carry out further implementation.

Those present at the lunch meeting included representatives from the University of Nevada, University of California (US), Kansas University (USA), Bristol University (UK), Tohoku University (Japan), La Trobe University (Australia), Texas University (US), China Medical University (Taiwan), University of Ankara (Turkey), Nebraska University (US), University of Lisbon (Portugal) and several other universities.

With the success of this lunch session, attended by more than 40 university representatives from various parts of the world, UNHAS showed its class as a World Class University and is ready to go global. As a result, more universities and other parties know Unhas with all its potential.





## **UNHAS** at the University of Rhode island (URI)

On June 2 2023, after attending the 75 NAFSA event in Washington DC, USA, the Rector of UNHAS, Prof. JJ was accompanied by Vice Rector for Partnership, Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Business, Prof. Adi Maulana and Director of Partnership, Ansariadi Ph.D visited the University of Rhode Island (URI) USA. Rhode Island is located on the east coast facing directly to the Atlantic Ocean. URI itself is the largest public university in Rhode Island and has a very well-known Faculty of Marine Science and Engineering.

URI was first established in 1892. Geographical conditions on the east coast of America make URI one of the leading universities in the world in the field of maritime affairs. One of URI's campuses is located on the beach and is also used as a Marine Center equipped with a special pier and sophisticated research vessels. This research facility was built a long time ago and collaborates with federal government research institutions in its operations. The UNHAS team visited the Material Science Lab at the Faculty of Engineering for cooperation in opening the Metallurgical and Materials Engineering department at Unhas. Several facilities in the form of XRF, SEM, Raman microscopy and Inductively Coupled Plasma Mass Spectrometry (ICP-MS) can be used for research with Unhas and also agreed to accept Unhas teaching staff at URI for further Masters and Doctoral studies.

The group was invited to see the environment around the campus which was very beautiful with well-organized buildings, a combination of traditional Gothic style buildings and modern buildings. After that, Prof JJ, and the team were welcomed directly by the president of URI, Prof. Marc Parlenge who visited UNHAS in early 2023.

The visit ended with a lunch session at the URI library center followed by the implementation of cooperation between URI and UNHAS in the maritime and environmental fields. Some collaborative research was agreed upon at this meeting.









## THE SECRETARY OF UNHAS WELCOMES THE AMBASSADOR OF BELGIUM



Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) and the Kingdom of Belgium Embassy for Indonesia held a meeting to explore business and academic opportunities in several sectors. On this occasion, the Secretary of the University, Prof. Ir. Sumbangan Baja, M.Phil, Ph.D., received a visit led by the Belgium Ambassador to Indonesia, H.E. Frank Felix, and Trade and Investment Counselor, Mr. Christophe Van Overstraeten. The meeting occurred in the Rector's Meeting Room on Monday, May 29, 2023. Other officials accompanied the Secretary of UNHAS were Dr. Sawedi Muhammad, M., Sc (Head of the Secretariat Office), Andi Masyitha Irwan, Ph.D and Muhammad Ridwan, M.A. (Head and Secretary of International Office) and Dr. Nadiarti Nurdin Kadir (Lecturer of Marine Sciences and Fisheries).

In his remarks, Prof. Sumbangan Baja said that UNHAS and Belgium have collaborated in various aspects, one of which is academic and research collaboration between the Faculty of Forestry UNHAS, Indonesia, and the Laboratory of Evolutionary Biology & Ecology, Université Libre De Bruxelles, Belgium since 2020 to 2025.

Furthermore, the Head of International Office, Andi Masyitha Irwan, Ph.D., explained that the collaboration between Universite Libre De Bruxelles, Evolutionary Biology and Ecology Laboratory and the Faculty of Forestry is a research collaboration on pests and termites in urban areas.

"This collaboration was postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. However after the pandemic, this collaboration was resumed by agreeing on a "Technical Urban Agreement of Mutual Benefits," which will be carried out by Dr. Denis Fournier, an expert in the evolution of life history traits in social insects, especially invasive ones, and Prof. Dr. Astuti Arif, whose expertise is in termites and ecology," explained Andi Masyitha. It was hoped that through this interdisciplinary collaboration, various projects designed for pest and termite research could be successfully implemented and involve multiple elements of researchers and students to study and exchange knowledge to produce collaborative research that can contribute to the development of science.

On the same occasion, the Ambassador appreciated the collaboration between UNHAS and Belgium. He hoped to significantly contribute to UNHAS, especially for students, to get the best educational facilities and maintain good relations between Indonesia and Belgium. Through these discussions, both parties hoped that various potential collaboration programs could be carried out, primarily through scholarship programs to provide learning opportunities and broader connection opportunities for students and lecturers to promote research and publications.





## THE INTERNATIONAL OFFICE WELCOMES UNIVERSITY OF JEMBER BENCHMARKING TEAM



The Head of International Office (IO) UNHAS, Andi Masyitha Irwan, Ph.D., welcomed the University of Jember (UNEJ) benchmarking team on Monday, May 29, 2023, at the IO meeting room. The UNEJ benchmarking team consisted of 7 people and was led by Dr. Albert Tallupessy. The Head of the International Service Center, Dr. Hadrian Susilo Addy, was among the group. From IO UNHAS, the Secretary, Muhammad Ridwan, M.A., Task Force member Jamaluddin Fitrah Alam, Ph.D., and other IO staff were also present.

Before the meeting, Dr. Masyitha Irwan, began her warm welcome by saying an appreciation for coming to the IO office and then took the UNEJ team for an office tour. She showed parts of the office, starting from the front office consisting of three divisions such as an IO lobby in which the IO welcomes guests and the guests waiting for a service. The IO front liner, where the staff, Ms. Afifah, stands by as well as a helpdesk for Indonesian International Students Mobility (IISMA) Alumni assisting IISMA prospective students. The tour continued to the back office where IO staff works during the day.

After the tour, Dr. Masyitha invited the UNEJ team to come into the meeting room. Several issues were discussed, such as the role of the IO, the management of international students, and many more. Regarding international students, Dr. Masyitha explained the number of students that UNHAS is hosting. Due to the pandemic, several students were still joining the classes online, and now those students have gradually come to Makassar to attend the course. Those international students were notified of their arrival at the IO UNHAS.

The question and answer session continued to discuss many aspects of IO UNHAS management, including the existence of student volunteers and how to become a host for students receiving Kemitraan Negara Berkembang (KNB) or Partnership of Developing Countries scholarships provided by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Research and Technology. The session was closed by taking a group photo. Thank you, UNEJ, for the benchmarking visit.



## PRELIMINARY MEETING OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION (IOTA) ESTABLISHMENT



As the number of international students is growing, the International Office (IO) held a preliminary meeting to decide on the establishment of the International Students Association on Monday, May 25, 2023, at 4 pm Central Indonesia Time (CIT) at Meeting Room B 4th floor of Rectorate Building. Led by the Head of IO, Andi Masyitha Irwan, Ph.D, and moderated by the Secretary of IO, Muhammad Ridwan, MA., also present, the IO task force team, Rafika Hamdani Ramli, LLM, and four other IO staff.

In her remark, Andi Masyitha Irwan, Ph.D said that the establishment of the student association was urgent to enable students to exercise their leadership skills. The increase in students causes an increase in student problems both related to academic and non-academic. With the presence of this association, it was hoped that it could become a medium for solving student problems. Furthermore, the existence of this association will have the same status as student associations in general at UNHAS.

As the Head of IO left the room for another agenda, the meeting was continued with the faciliattion of the Secretary of IO by inviting students to express their views regarding the mechanism for selecting the president of the association. Genuinely, the IO would let students decide their chairman candidate. However, several students proposed that the IO was the one to do so. Several reasons were due to the imbalance in the number of students representing their countries at UNHAS. There are countries that have more students, and there are even countries that are only represented by one student. However, this was later denied by others that this election was not based on the country but on individuals who were seen as capable and had good leadership.

Finally, the participants agreed that the selection of candidates was left to IO as IO had student data that met the desired requirements. The participants also requested that IO determine the criteria for a candidate for president of this international student association.





# RAISING ISSUES ON COURTS: FACULTY OF LAW, HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY INVITES PROFESSOR FROM TILBURG UNIVERSITY, RESEARCHER FROM THE JUDICIAL COMMISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA, AND THE JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE STUDY AND ADVOCACY INSTITUTE



The Faculty of Law (FH) UNHAS held an International Seminar on May 31 2023. The seminar with the theme "The Importance of Public Trust and Confidence to the Court" was attended by Binziad Kadafi, S.H., LL.M., PH.D (Head of HR, Advocacy, Legal Research and RI Judicial Commission Development), Dr. Dian Rositawati, S.H., M.A (Management Board of the Judicial Independence Study and Advocacy Institute), and Prof. Dr. Maurice Adams of the Law School of Tilburg University.

The Vice Dean for Academic and Student Affairs Prof. Dr. Maskun S.H., LL.M welcomed the guests and officially opened the seminar. In his remarks, Prof. Maskun revealed that the theme taken was a good idea because today the issue of public trust in the judiciary is quite a big homework, how then in the future do we build public trust again for the judiciary when there are many cases that we can see in the public.

Prof. Maurice in his presentation revealed that regarding the decline in trust in the Court, it is important for the judiciary to maintain the independence of its institutions so that there is no intervention in a decision-making process. In addition, he also gave examples of several countries related to the justice system, starting from the election of judges for the supreme court to the trias politica relationship which is being destroyed because the balance between power is fundamentally disturbed.

Not only being a guest speaker at an international seminar, Prof. Maurice also gave a public lecture at the doctoral promotion hall. Dr. Zainal Abidin Farid, and afterwards attended a sharing session with Klinik Etika dan Advokasi (KEA) or Ethics and Advocacy Clinic of the Judicial Commission of the Faculty of Law Unhas in the Academic Senate Room of the Faculty of Law UNHAS with representatives of the Judicial Commission, Associate Lecturers, and all alumni of the KEA FH UNHAS.





# FACULTY OF ENGINEERING STUDENT PARTICIPATES IN THE YOUTH FOR ENERGY HELD BY THE EMBASSY OF SWEDEN TO INDONESIA



Muh. Indra Kurniawan, a student of Electrical Engineering, Faculty of Engineering (FT) UNHAS participated in the Energy for Youth event organized by the Embassy of Sweden in Indonesia. The event was held on May 27, 2023 at the JS Luwansa Hotel and Convention Center. In this event, five participants were selected from outside Jakarta, Bogor, Depok, Tangerang, and Bekasi (JABODETABEK) and there were about 15 to 20 participants from within JABODETABEK.

As a Hasanuddin University and Eastern Indonesia representative, Indra felt honored to represent UNHAS and the eastern region of Indonesia in this event. This event is highly relevant to Electrical Engineering students. Indra was excited to learn more about renewable energy and share my knowledge with other participants.

The Energy For Youth event results from a close collaboration between the Delegation of the European Union to Indonesia, the Embassy of Sweden in Indonesia, Coaction Indonesia, and the Society of Renewable Energy. Through this collaboration, they aim to raise public awareness about the importance of renewable and sustainable energy and strengthen the relationship between Sweden and Indonesia in energy. By participating in this event, Indra hoped he could develop a deeper understanding of renewable energy and be inspired to contribute to its advancement in Indonesia. Moreover, he also hoped that he could build strong connections with fellow participants and establish a beneficial network for the future.



## THE 6TH INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL PROGRAM (ICP) 2023: PRE-ARRIVAL BRIEFING



The 6th International Cultural Program (ICP) 2023 is coming soon. It will be held from June 14-21, 2023. This pre-arrival briefing was carried out to ensure the participants regarding the program schedule, travel arrangements, and Dos and Don'ts issues. The briefing was done through a Zoom meeting and joined by around half of the participants registered in ICP this year. Unfortunately, several other participants could not participate due to several reasons. However, the meeting was recorded so other absent participants could review the video. This briefing was held on Wednesday, May 3, 2023, from 9-10 am Central Indonesia Time (CIT).

The briefing began with a presentation from Jamaluddin Fitrah Alam, Ph.D, the Program Manager of ICP. In his explanation, Mr. Jamal described the fixed program schedule, compared to the one written in the program book that was still tentative. The following presentation was done by Kumara Tungga Dewa, known as Dewa, the ICP Program Assistant. He explained to the participants the critical notice of travel arrangements. These included airfare tickets and visa arrangements. Mr. Dewa also explained the number of fully and partially funded participants awarded.

Ms. Afifah, S.I.Kom, the ICP Field Officer, did the last presentation. She explained things to prepare before the participants arrived in Makassar, especially Dos and Don'ts. She reminded the participants what to wear daily during the program. She mentioned formal clothes, sandals, folk costumes, outdoor wear, etc. The participants seemed to enthusiastically participate in the Pre-Arrival Briefing.









## FACULTY OF PUBLIC HEALTH HOLDS A GUEST LECTURE PRESENTING A SPEAKER FROM THE PHILIPPINES AND MALDIVES.



## **Department of Health Promotion and Education**

The Department of Health Promotion and Education held a guest lecture titled "Health System in the Philippines" on Tuesday, 30 May 2023. This hybrid event was held online via the Zoom platform and offline in the Public Health Faculty building. The event started with a welcoming speech by the Dean of the Faculty of Public Health, Hasanuddin University (FKM Unhas), Prof. Sukri Palutturi, SKM MKes MScPH Ph.D. Followed by Opening remarks by the Vice-Rector for Partnership, Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Business, UNHAS, Prof. Dr. Eng Adi Maulana, ST MPhil.,

The guest lecture was presented by Ernesto R. Gregorio, Jr. RMT, DAPE, MPH, Ph.D. from the Department of Health Promotion and Education, Faculty of Public Health Sciences, the University of Philippines Manila. Mr. Ernesto discussed the current public health situation in the Philippines, such as maternal mortality, child mortality, tuberculosis incidence, stunting, and health financing. In his presentation, Mr. Ernesto also discussed implementing the Universal Health Coverage concept and providing an integrated health service network in the Philippines. Just like Indonesia with a Pusat Kesehatan Masyarakat (Puskesmas) or Community Health Center, Mr. Ernesto said the Philippines also has primary health facilities that focus on promotional and preventive efforts.

In the discussion session, several participants, consisting of lecturers and students from the Faculty of Public Health, had the opportunity to ask questions and discuss with Mr. Ernesto. Some of the questions asked by the participants include how the Philippine Government involves the community and maintains the sustainability of an intervention program and what the monitoring and evaluation mechanism is taking place.

Participants also asked about post-covid health conditions in the Philippines. In closing, Prof. Sukri Palutturi, SKM MKes MScPH Ph.D. as the Dean of the Faculty of Public Health, expressed his appreciation and gratitude to the guest speaker for the knowledge that had been shared. "I hope that the collaboration between Universitas Hasanuddin, especially the Faculty of Public Health, and The University of Philippines Manila, especially in the fields of education and research, can be improved in the future," said the Dean.

## **Department of Public Health**

The Department of Public Health held a Guest Lecture titled "Health Challenges in the Maldives Island Country" on Tuesday, 16 May 2023. This event was held online via the Zoom platform to add insight and enhance collaboration between Universitas Hasanuddin and The Maldives National University in education and research. The event began with opening remarks by the Deputy Chancellor for Partnership, Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Business at Hasanuddin University, Prof. Dr. Eng Adi Maulana, S.T., M.Phil. Furthermore, the Dean of Public Health Faculty, Universitas Hasanuddin, Prof. Sukri Palutturi, SKM, M.Kes, M.Sc.PH, Ph.D., also gave a welcoming speech.

Shabeeb Abdul Azeez presented the lecture from the Department of Public Health, Faculty of Health Sciences, The Maldives National University. In his presentation, Mr. Shabeeb discussed various health challenges faced by the Maldives as an archipelagic country, including issues of health, human resources, health infrastructure, maternal and child health such as immunization and stunting, sanitation and clean water, non-communicable diseases, and mental health.

As the closing for this event, Prof. Sukri Palutturi, SKM, M.Kes, M.Sc.PH, Ph.D., the Dean of the Faculty of Public Health, expressed his appreciation and gratitude to the guest lecturer for the knowledge that had been shared. He hoped that the collaboration between Universitas Hasanuddin, especially Public Health Faculty, and The Maldives National University, especially in education and research, could be improved.

In both guest lectures, the Dean said: "These Guest Lecture events were expected to be a good first step to strengthen the collaboration among UNHAS and the University of Philippines as well as the Maldives National University in overcoming health challenges in an archipelagic country, as well as to increase the exchange of knowledge and experiences in the health sector among the institutions,"





# THE 5TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE STUDY PROGRAM OF MANDARIN LANGUAGE AND CHINESE CULTURE, FACULTY OF CULTURAL SCIENCE UNHAS



On Wednesday, 31 May 2023, at Prof. Hall. Mattulada, Faculty of Cultural Sciences (FIB), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) in celebrating the 5th Anniversary of the Mandarin Language and Chinese Culture study program, a Cultural Festival was held with the theme "The Enchantment of China in Cultural Harmonization". The Vice-Rector officially opened this event for Academic and Student Affairs, Prof. drg. Muhammad Ruslin, M. Kes., Ph.D., Sp.BM(K). The event was also attended by the Vice Dean for Student Affairs and Academics at FIB, UNHAS, Head of the Mandarin Language Study Program at Makassar State University, Head of the Mandarin Language Study Program for Business and Professional Communication at Bosowa University as well as lecturers and students.

This event presented art and cultural performances, including traditional Chinese dances, Taichi martial arts, Chinese tea arts, Chinese drama performances, lion dances, and fashion shows featuring traditional ethnic Chinese clothing. Remembering to present the educational aspect where exhibition stands are presenting the art of Chinese calligraphy, flash cards used in learning Mandarin, and the art of Chinese chess.

This event was expected to be a forum for channeling interests and talents and channeling learning outcomes related to Mandarin and Chinese Culture. In addition, there was a Ranking 1 competition where participants were asked about general Chinese knowledge, including language, literature, and culture. Apart from that, this event was also a medium for promoting the existence of the Mandarin Language and Chinese Culture Study Program, which perhaps has not been well heard of in the community so far.







This edition, our weekly news will get you all acquainted with one of our Sudanese students named Azwan Sayed Ahmed Hamid popularly called Ozwan. She was born on April 9, 1998 in the capital city of Sudan, Khartoum. Ozwan currently is in the 6th semester of the Faculty of Dentistry. The International Office (IO) had a chance to talk to her on the sidelines of her activities at the university. There three different questions the IO asked her about, such as her reasons to study at UNHAS, her activities during her study and her recommendation for a better UNHAS in the future. Below were her responses.

The first question the IO asked was her reason to study at UNHAS. Here is her answer. "First of all, I would like to thank Hasnuddin University for giving us as international students this opportunity to continue our study and improve our knowledge. Actually, I have heard from my Sudanese friends who have studied at UNHAS before and they encouraged me to continue my study at Hasnuddin University. After that I applied for scholarships and Alhamdulillah (Thanks God Allah), I'm grateful to have the chance to become one of the university members. There are many reasons that made me interested in coming here to continue my study. Indonesia is a famous country for its huge Muslims population in the world. Based on what I heard UNHAS, one of the best universities in Indonesia that employ communiversity, complete harmony and interdependence, reflects the cohesion of the Indonesian society, which has virtuous morals and abundant generosity."

The IO continued to the second question, her activities she was involved in during her study. Here were the responses. "Honestly as dental students, most of the time we are in the university rolling from lectures and labs for me as semi graduate students busy with a lot of stuff. Generally the study is quite difficult as foreign students cause different things. On the other hand we hang out sometimes with our professors and attend social events with them and do some activities we really enjoy. In addition, the IO has organized a number of activities for international students. I remember. For example, I joined the international students orientation that was held at Unhas hotel and convention. This orientation was attended by Prof Jamaluddin Jompa, the Rector of UNHAS and other university leaders. One of the sessions I got was a presentation from immigration office of Makassar."

"Besides, during the Ramadan month this year, I also participated in the gathering organized by the IO. All students both Muslim and non Muslim got together to enjoy the break fasting. I also remember, our Rector joined the gathering and gave a speech for the audiences. Another activity organized by the IO was a gathering in Ramsis (student dormitory). There was a Bahasa Indonesia class facilitated by the student volunteers of the International Office. The aim of the gathering was to assist international students improve their Bahasa Indonesia. Thus, it would be beneficial for their study especially when doing their co-assistant at the hospital for students from the Faculty of Medicine (FK) and Dentistry (FKG)."

The last question that the IO asked her was her recommendation for a better UNHAS in the future. Here are her replies. "Ultimately I'm grateful for being one of the family members for UNHAS best of the best & I wish to become one of the top all around the world. I think we need to do our best starting from the administration and IO until us as international students as agents from different countries eventually I recommend to always follow the updates internationally as they do & especially the university needs to make some courses for language to be in compliance with the international required standards and wider organization of seminars and scientific seminars with relevant universities."

The conversation ended and the IO thanked Oawan for her time and appreciated as well as wished her for the best in her study. Thank you Ozwan..

