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THE RECTOR MESSAGE

Dear colleagues,

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In this April edition, we strive to provide an enriching experience through our diverse range of content. Because we were experiencing Ramadhan – the holy month for Moslems, we had exciting events for our international students so they could have unique experience during Ramadhan in Indonesia.

Hasanuddin University also still actively invited lecturers and students coming to campus for teaching and learning. Through this edition, we seek to foster our engagement with international corners at UNHAS.

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Thank you for being a part of our community and happy reading!

RECTOR OF HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY JAMALUDDIN JOMPA



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT GATHERING AND IFTAR



An International Student Gathering and Iftar (communal breaking of the fast) was held at the UNHAS Hotel & Convention on the 15th day of Ramadan on Thursday 6 April 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. 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 expressed his wishes that this event could provide an opportunity for international students to learn about Ramadan in Makassar, fostering connections and friendships with each other.

One of the agenda items for this event was a "Tausiah Ramadan" sermon delivered by Muhammad Ridwan, M.A., the Secretary of the IO. In this 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 can only experience during Ramadan, such as buying Takjil (sweets for breaking the fast) from street vendors who sell many traditional snacks and desserts during the holy month.

This year marks the first Ramadan experience in Makassar for the 2022 international student batch and the second year or more for other students. In March 2023, UNHAS currently had 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 a culture of diversity and tolerance 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.

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Jamaluddin Jompa, Rector of UNHAS

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GEOGRAPHY SERIES; INTRODUCING THE REPUBLIC OF YEMEN



On Thursday 6 April 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) hosts 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 her opening remarks that the goal of the GS is to describe the nation of origin of our international students. Additionally, the GS 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. They then went on to discuss Yemen's traditional ways of thought and multicultural society, including traditional clothing, dance, music, architecture and cuisine. They also showed various Yemeni society lifestyles as their presentation continued.

The Q&A and door prize session 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.



The goal of the Geography Series (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.

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



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



Currently, there are six international corners at Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), namely the German Corner, Australia Banget Corner, Warung Prancis, Korean Corner, Japan Corner, and Mandarin Corner. As there have been changes in the management of international corners at UNHAS, the International Office (IO) UNHAS held a focus group discussion (FGD) by inviting all the coordinators of these corners. The FGD was held on Thursday, 30 March 2023.

The results of the FGD were then evaluated by the IO team during a meeting in the IO office meeting room on Monday, 3 April 2023. The meeting aimed to identify strategic solutions for improving international corner management in the future. The findings revealed that the corners need to have a clear institutional status. The IO will also review every space used by the international corners. In addition, it was also hoped that there would be regular meetings for the international corner coordinators with the IO and the Secretary of UNHAS. Moreover, the IO will also establish communication with embassies directly related to these corners.

These results were reported to the UNHAS Secretary, Prof. Sumbangan Baja, M.Phil by the Head of IO, Andi Masyitha Irwan, Ph.D, accompanied by the Secretary of the IO, Muhammad Ridwan, M.A., on Tuesday, 4 April 2023. The Secretary of UNHAS welcomed the IO team and appreciated this follow-up on the FGD results. As a further follow up, the Secretary of UNHAS will visit these international corners, and there will be another follow-up meeting for all the corners to discuss their upcoming agendas. It is also hoped that this meeting will bring them closer to each other. The hope was also expressed that each corner would have a mission to provide data to support the university ranking.



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



The UNHAS Faculty of Dentistry (FKG) held a guest lecture in the Molar Room, FKG on Thursday, 16th March 2023. During this lecture, Prof. Marco N. Helder, Ph. D, presented on "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 this 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 gynaecological prolapse, knee and finger joint defects, heart repair, and connective tissue repair. He coordinated a ZonMW-sponsored phase I/II clinical trial for 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 UNHAS AND THE **INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION-UNITED NATIONS 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 consisting 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 a representative of IOM Makassar, were received by the Vice Dean for Academic and Student Affairs - Syahrul Said, Ph.D., and the Vice Dean for Partnership, Research and Innovation - Dr. Takdir Tahir, as well as several FKep lecturers.

During 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 sit-in programs 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 running humanitarian programs while waiting for refugees to be placed in third countries. On this occasion, the Vice Dean for Academic and Student 14 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 provide solutions for the health problems of refugees.



FACULTY OF MEDICINE 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 the Pasteur Institute Cambodia. The lecture took place at the FK, Tamalanrea Campus, Makassar, on Thursday, 30 March 2023.

This activity was attended by the academic community of FK UNHAS, including faculty leaders, residents in Clinical Microbiology, master students in Biomedicine with a focus on 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 the challenges faced in improving them. The lecture addressed several existing international surveillance systems around the world that could be implemented in Indonesia.



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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 Ramadhan, and I hope all of my friends and classmates' international students enjoy Ramadhan. 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 the nursing professional practice stage at health care institutions. They would study for approximately three months or until July 2023 at the 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 will be guided by supervisors who can speak English drawn from field practitioners and FKep UNHAS.

On Monday-Wednesday, 3-5 April 2023, FKep UNHAS also held 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 prevalent in Indonesia, especially those that would later be found in health care institutions. This program is part of the implementation of the collaboration which has already been running for five years between UNHAS and Hanze University of Applied Sciences, Groningen, the Netherlands.



FACULTY OF NURSING LECTURERS PRESENT THEIR PAPER AT THE INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE IN NURSING AT MANILA, THE PHILIPPINES



On April 2, 2023, two lecturers of the Faculty of Nursing of Hasanuddin University (FKep UNHAS), Syahrul, Ph.D and Andi Masyitha Irwan, Ph.D, presented their papers at the International Scientific Conference on Nursing in Manila, Philippines. Dr. Masyitha shared her research paper entitled "Health Coaching Intervention to Improve Self-Care Management of Hypertension among Older People in Indonesia: A Randomized Controlled Study Protocol." Dr. Syahrul presented his research entitled "Development of Self-care Practice Components among Pulmonary Tuberculosis Patients in Indonesia."

The international conference was a part of the 75th anniversary of the founding of the College of Nursing University of The Philippines (UPCN), Manila. This conference was attended by alumni of UPCN from around the world, including Dr. Masyitha, who finished her master's degree in nursing at UPCN in 2012. In addition to Philippine participants, researchers from the USA, Japan, and Indonesia also attended the event. The visit to Manila was not only to present research at the international conference but also to join international working groups initiated by the UPCN, in which UNHAS intends to participate in the future.



FIVE INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN THE 2023 UNHAS STUDENT COMPETITION ON RECITATION OF THE HOLY QURAN



The 2023 Musabaqah Tilawatil Qur'an Mahasiswa (MTQ-M) or Students Competition of the Holy Quran Recitation was officially opened by the Rector of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), Prof. Jamaluddin Jompa, M.Sc., colloquially as Prof JJ, on Monday, 10 April 2023, on the ground floor of the Rectorate Building. This MTQ-M is an annual competition held by the Students Affairs of UNHAS during Ramadan when all Moslems observe the whole month. This MTQ-M was also attended by the Vice-Rector for Academic and Students Affairs, fellow Vice Deans of several faculties, and a council of judges.

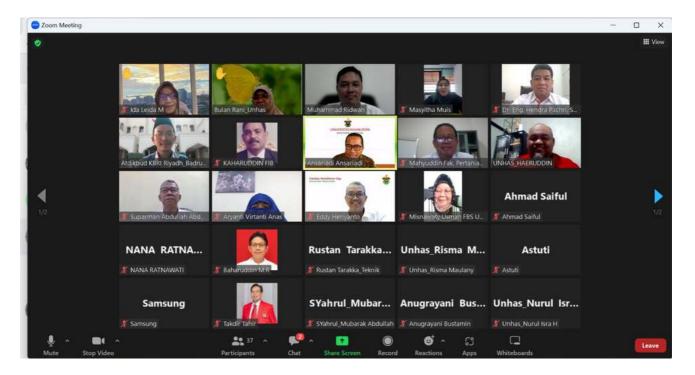
The committee head, Dr. Abdullah Sanusi, reported that the number of participants this year was 374 students. Of these, the Faculty of Cultural Sciences (FIB) had the highest number with 63 students, followed by the Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences (FMIPA) with 50 students and the Faculty of Medicine (FK) with 46 students. In addition, Dr. Sanusi explained that this year the MTQ-M was followed by five international students participating in several of the competitions, such as one student who joined five chapters of the holy Quran memorization competition, while three students joined the holy Quran recitation and one student participated in a quiz contest on the Quran contents.

In responding to Dr. Sanusi's report, Prof JJ told the Vice-Rector for Academic and Students Affairs to provide a winner's category for international students who took part in this MTQ-M as this was the first time with participation by international students coming from four different countries, namely Palestine, Yemen, Jordan, and Burkina Faso. In addition, Prof. JJ reminded the participants that the context should not be to win trophies but to improve spiritual abilities that can develop their characters through love of the holy Quran, their families, the nation, and their country.





WEBINAR "COLLABORATION OPPORTUNITIES AND SCHOLARSHIPS AT SAUDI ARABIAN UNIVERSITIES"



The webinar regarding collaboration and scholarship opportunities at Saudi Arabian Universities was hosted by the Vice-Rector for Partnership, Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Business of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) on Monday, April 10, 2023. The Director for Partnership, the webinar host, Dr. Ansariadi, officially opened the webinar. Academic staff from various study programs, including the Department of Mining and Geology of Engineering Faculty (FT) and the Department of Arabic Literature of Cultural Sciences Faculty (FIB), attended this event. In addition, this webinar was presented by Dr. Badrus Sholeh, Indonesian Education and Culture Attaché of the Indonesia Embassy in Riyadh, the capital of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA).

In his presentation, Dr. Soleh described the potential for collaboration with Saudi Arabian universities. In the world university ranking, some Saudi Arabian universities range from 100 to 1000. For example, King Abdulaziz is at 106, and King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals ranks 160. In the Middle East, there are five universities of Saudi Arabia in the top 50 universities, and King Abdulaziz University is in first place. Dr. Soleh continued his presentation with the opportunity for UNHAS students wishing to do their apprenticeship in Indonesian schools based in Saudi Arabia. These schools offer a level of education from kindergarten to high school funded by our Ministry of Education and Culture.

Before the closing, Dr. Ansariadi invited Muhammad Ridwan, M.A, the Secretary of the International Office and Faculty member of the Department of Arabic Literature, FIB, as well as Haeruddin, M.A., the Head of the Department of Arabic Literature, to share their participation in the Daurah Shaifiyyah (Summer Course) focusing on Teaching Arabic for Non-Arab Speakers at Umm al Qura University in downtown the Holy City Mecca several years ago. Through their experience, the Attaché was aware that UNHAS had already established a program with Saudi Arabian universities.



CONGRATULATIONS

TO THE IISMA AWARDEES 2023 OF THE HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY



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Muh. Reza Tryandhi K. International Relations University of Pennsylvania USA



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INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS SHARING SESSION: HOW TO SPEAK BAHASA EFFECTIVELY AND EFFICIENTLY FOR THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS OF UNHAS



This was the second gathering held during the month of Ramadan. This gathering was on Wednesday, 11 April 2023. The gathering was joined by the Head of Language Service of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), Herawaty Abbas, Ph.D., and her Secretary, Dr. Indriati Lewa, and International Office (IO) Taskforce members Jamaluddin Fitrah Alam, Ph.D. and Rafika Nurul Hamdani Ramli, LL.M, IO staff, and their international students.

The gathering aimed to share our international students' experiences in teaching and learning Indonesian Language, or Bahasa Indonesia untuk Penutur Asing (BIPA)/ Indonesian Language for Non-Indonesian Speakers, which was conducted by the UNHAS Language Center (ULC). The gathering began with welcome remarks by Muhammad Ridwan, M.A, on behalf of the IO. In his speech, Ridwan said that all international students were required to be able to speak and practice their Bahasa daily as the language would be used for daily activities, including when dealing with local patients for medical students, for example.

The next remarks were from the ULC, beginning with Herawaty Abbas, Ph.D., then continuing with Dr. Indriati Lewa, who emphasized that the international students have had to practice their Bahasa. ULC was widely open for international students wishing to practice their Bahasa with other local students as other students did, like Duua, Mustafa, Louis, and many more.

The main agenda of the gathering was to share the experiences of three different international students. It began with Abdul Azis, an Iraqi student who had been here at UNHAS since 2019. He also encouraged his fellow students to practice their Bahasa more and more. The second speaker was Mustafa, who also gave similar advice to his fellow students by encouraging them to practice the language. The last speaker was Duua, and she had nothing more to say other than to motivate her fellow friends to utilize their Bahasa. Each student was given the same amount of time to share their experiences.





UNHAS SECRETARY AND HEAD OF INTERNATIONAL OFFICE VISIT THE INTERNATIONAL CORNERS AT HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY



To follow up on the findings regarding the optimization of the international corners, the Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) Secretary, Prof. Sumbangan Baja, and the representatives of the International Office (IO), Andi Masyitha Irwan, Ph.D., and Muhammad Ridwan, M.A. visited the UNHAS international corners on Friday, 14 April 2023. One corner area was located in UNHAS Library and one in the Language Service. This visit was also joined by Dr. Fierinziana, the Head of UNHAS Library.

The first visit was to the German Corner, and the coordinator, Prof. Marianti Manggau, was waiting at the Corner to welcome the visitation group. Prof. Marianti described what this Corner had achieved so far, for example providing a free German Class for UNHAS students. The second visit was to the Korean Corner. In this Corner, the coordinator, Muhammad Syahrum, M.A., welcomed the guests by showing them the facilities inside the Corner, such as the multimedia room and reading room, that students can use to study and learn more about Korea.

Next came the visit to the Warung Perancis (French Corner). During this visit, Prof. Sumbangan had discussions with several students coming to the Corner. The next visit was to China Corner, located on the library's third floor. The coordinator, Ria Djubari, Ph.D., and several Chinese lecturers from Nanchang University welcomed the visitation group. In this room, the guests saw the Chinese class attended by UNHAS students.

The last visit was to the Aussie Banget Corner, located in the library and the Language Service Building. Dr. Herawaty Abbas, the coordinator, welcomed the guests and explained about the corners. Prof. Sumbangan Baja took the opportunity to visit the Language Service administration office and expressed his favourable impressions. During the corner visit, Prof. Sumbangan Baja reminded the coordinators to prepare for the next meeting to discuss International Corners' plans. Andi Masyitha Irwan, Ph.D., also suggested that these corners would be expected to contribute to the UNHAS internationalization program, such as the World University Ranking (WUR).





INTERNATIONAL CHINESE DAY BY MANDARIN LANGUAGE CENTER UNHAS



The Mandarin Language Center UNHAS held an event called 哈大孔院国际中文日活动 (hādà kǒngyuàn guójì zhōngwénrì huódòng) or World Mandarin Day Commemoration by the Mandarin Language Center of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS). This event was filled with a series of events, including the opening by the Master of Ceremonies, Li Yuanmei (a foreign lecturer from Nanchang University), followed by an explanation of the history behind the Mandarin anniversary. In 2010, the United Nations declared 20th April as World Mandarin Day. According to history, on April 20th there was heavy rain in China, and at that time, Confucius got the inspiration to make the first Chinese characters. This activity was attended by Mandarin Language and Chinese Culture students and the Indonesian Director of the UNHAS Mandarin Language Center, Dr. Ria Jubhari.

This event then continued with singing Chinese songs together. Several students participated in this activity. The first song was sung by a 2019 Mandarin and Chinese Culture Study Program (BKMT) student named Dea, with a song called 爱,存在 (Love, Exists), a song from a famous drama called Meteor Garden. The singing was interspersed with modern dances from the 2020 BMKT Student Reyhan. In addition, one of the foreign Mandarin lecturers, Prof. Wan Wenbin, and several BMKT 2021 students sang a pretty famous song,童话 (Fairy Tale). At the end of the event, all participants sang together with the song 月亮代 表我的心 (The Moon symbolizes My Heart). All participants who attended this activity received several prizes: Chinese chains, hand sanitizers, mirrors, Chinese knitting tools, etc.





INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL PROGRAM

MAKASSAR AND TAKALAR, SOUTH SULAWESI. INDONESIA

APPLY NOW!!! FOR UNHAS STUDENTS





REGISTRATION DEADLINE — 20 APRIL 2023

Website Information: <u>unhas.ac.id/intnews/summer-program-icp/</u>

Registration Link: <u>s.unhas.ac.id/icp2023forinternalstudents</u>

REQUIREMENTS

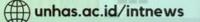
Applicants must be:

- Active local/international UNHAS student
- Having a minimum GPA of 3.0
- Self-directed with demonstrated leadership and collaborative skills and able to work effectively in a cross-cultural setting;
- Proficient in reading, writing, and speaking English (English certificate is optional)

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Applicants must submit:

- CV/Resume
- Motivation Letter Max. 300 words
- Recommendation Letter from Academic Supervisor or Head of Department/Study Program.



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Aussie Banget Corner at Hasanuddin University is the first Australian Information Center in South Sulawesi, inaugurated by the Australian Consul General in Makassar, Richard Mathews, officially on July 15, 2017. It was selected based on a request by the Australian Consulate-General in Makassar and housed in the Language Service, formerly known as the Language Center of Hasanuddin University or Pusat Layanan Bahasa Universitas Hasanuddin (PB UNHAS). At that time, Dr. Hera, the current coordinator of Aussie Banget Corner, was the secretary of PB UNHAS.

The Australian government is very concerned about the development of education. The quality of education determines the future of a nation. UNHAS, universities in Australia and the Australian government have a strong relationship. The presence of this Aussie Banget Corner is a manifestation of this well-established relationship and ongoing cooperation.

Since its establishment, the Aussie Banget Corner has functioned as a source of Australia-related information, including scholarships and studies. In addition, the corner also provides a reading room and a collection of fiction and non-fiction books related to Australia provided by the Australian Consul General. Many students, especially English Literature students, visit and borrow books as references for their assignments. Many also use novels by Australian authors as research subjects in their literary studies.

For regular programs, Aussie Banget Corner usually collaborates with the Consulate General in the implementation of its annual agenda. For example, the annual film festival held by the Consulate General is not only in commercial cinemas; they usually provide temporary cinemas on campus for watching together with students for free. Many more of the Austrian Consul General's agenda items in Makassar involve the Aussie Banget Corner.

It is hoped that the Aussie Banget Corner will get more books for its collections in the future. In addition, strong internal coordination between UNHAS institutions is also expected to optimize the functions and tasks of this corner. The corner's coordinator has also compiled several programs that were postponed during the pandemic, so that in 2023 Aussie Banget Corner will carry out these programs.

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GET ACQUAINTED WITH INTERNATIONAL STUDENT : MOHAMMED HUSSEIN BA NAGA

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Mohammed Hussein Ba Naga, known as Hussein, was born in Yemen on 16 June 2000. He is pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Ocean Engineering at the Faculty of Engineering (FT) of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS). With a curriculum comprising 144 credit hours, he has completed 66 credit hours over three semesters. In addition, he has consistently performed at a high academic level, reflected in his cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.66. His coursework emphasizes the design, construction, and operation of marine structures and systems and the study of ocean and coastal processes.

The International Office (IO) had a chance to interview this young Yemeni with three questions: his reasons for choosing UNHAS, his involvement in academic and non-academic activities, and his brief recommendations for UNHAS to be a better university. Let's find out more about his responses below.

Reasons to choose UNHAS

He flew far from Yemen to Makassar to continue his study at UNHAS. He has several reasons why he chose this university. First, when searching for a university, he found that UNHAS offers a study program that other universities rarely do. Ocean Engineering attracted him so much that he registered his name in this study program. The second reason was the international collaboration that UNHAS, especially the FT, has already established. He found in his search that the university ranking is optional, but collaborative research with international universities or organizations is more urgent than others. The last reason was discovering culture. Studying outside Yemen, like in Makassar, Indonesia, exposes him to cultural diversity. He can observe multiculturalism during his study in Makassar.

Academic and Non-academic Involvement

He is not only observing cultural diversity here but also participating in many academic and nonacademic activities. Firstly, he presented his paper at the 9th Program of International Platform on Ocean Energy for Young Researchers 2022, showcasing "The North-Western Equatorial Currents in the Indian Ocean and assessing the efficiency of ocean currents energy capacity in the Arabian Sea (winter and summer Monsoon currents)". This presentation took place at Saga University during November 2022.

Secondly, he participated in a highly competitive Summer Academic Program (A Multidisciplinary Geoscience Approach to Cultural, Climate Change and Sustainable Development); he received accolades for producing an outstanding Final Project and was recognized as **the top performer and presenter**. This presentation was at Padjadjaran University, Indonesia, 1-9 August 2022.





Thirdly, he participated in the 6th Eastern Part of Indonesia (EPI) International Conference on Science and Engineering (ICSE) 2022, Hasanuddin University. As a result, he gained insights and networked with industry professionals in "Strengthening Innovation, Unification and Government (IUG) Based Research and Digital Innovations for Supporting the Sustainability and Development Goals." by the Faculty of Engineering (FT) on 25 October 2022.

The most recent activity was his presentation at the National Seminar on Ocean Science and Technology (SENSISTEK 2022), FT UNHAS, on the topic "Review Analysis of Port Structural Strengthening and Shiphull Interaction According to Fluid Drag Forces (Using CFD Method) Over Expected Port's Lifetime." He shared insights and engaged with attendees in discussions about "The Role of Ocean Engineering in the Development & Conservation Maritime Potential Towards Indonesia Vision 2045." The seminar was on 3 November 2022. Hussein expressed his appreciation to his department administration for allowing him to present his papers at international and national conferences. Participating in these conferences also increased critical thinking skills that he will need in his future professional career.

Another activity that he emphasized was the 5th International Cultural Program (ICP) in June 2022, organised by the UNHAS International Office. As he mentioned earlier, ICP was one of the activities that allowed him to have cultural diversity exposure. Moreover, the ICP was considered related to his field of study, as it covered issues related to the maritime culture in South Sulawesi.

Recommendation for a better UNHAS in the future

As an international student, the ability to speak Indonesian is a must. This ability will have a positive impact on international students as individuals. However, the Indonesian language preparation, known as Bahasa Indonesia untuk Penutur Asing (BIPA) or Indonesian Language for Non-Native Speakers, still requires additional classes such as those given to international students who are recipients of the Kemitraan Negara Berkembang (KNB) or Developing Countries Partnership scholarship. As pointed out by Hussein, they have a significant length of time for learning Indonesian.

Furthermore, the provision of material on cross-cultural understanding is also highly recommended, remembering that these international students come with their own culture and will interact with people in Makassar. According to him, several international students needed help understanding cultural behaviours in Makassar, so this material could be given at the beginning, when they arrive.

Regarding his Indonesian language skills, Hussein gives a 30-40% percentage, and he is still trying to practice this language with his classmates. One more thing that Hussein wants is for Indonesian language classes for international students not to be free of charge because this makes the student concerned unmotivated. However, if they were charged fees to take the BIPA class, then international students, from his point of view, will be motivated to study hard. Therefore, Hussein hopes his Indonesian language skills will continue improving for his academic achievements and performance.



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IISMA CORNER : KARISMA NURUL IZZAH

VYTAUTAS MAGNUS UNIVERSITY - IISMA ALUMNI 2022

Selected as one of the Indonesian International Student Mobility Awards (IISMA) 2022 awardees was a lifetime unforgettable memory for me. It exponentially developed my experiences both academically and culturally. I learned and relearned many things I didn't expect before when I finally managed to experience my childhood dream. Undergoing my study abroad in the IISMA Program was a miracle I am so grateful to have.

As an awardee, I can study for a semester at Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania. I took four courses: Positive Psychology, Media and Popular Culture, Introduction to Sociolinguistics, and Cultural Diversity and Intercultural Communication. I was so grateful to have the chance to learn and explore those courses since they boosted my understanding of acknowledging issues beyond what my majors did. It made me able to recognize some problems in a more holistic sense. In addition, not only about the substance, but I also have the chance to experience the vibes, curriculum, and learning process in Lithuania. I was amazed by the discussion process, tolerance, embrace of each other, and the lecturing process. It was a fun and insightful experience.

In addition, I also maximized my study abroad opportunity by exploring as many cultural and social activities as possible. I learned and exchanged culture and understanding with my international and local friends. We also had some events to promote Indonesia's culture, such as Batik Challenge and serving Indonesian food. I got to know the unknown side of their culture or some generalizations about their culture, which I knew before I departed, so I relearned about them. I was so excited since I could become the representative of what I called a "mini-diplomat" for Indonesia. And, unexpectedly, sometimes we have some similarities between our cultures.

Moreover, as an International Relations student, I can explore more about international relationsrelated things such as buildings, conferences, and classes. I got the chance to visit international bodies such as the UN Headquarters in Vienna and European Union Headquarters in Brussels, to join the presidential panel of Lithuania, Latvia, Romania, and Poland on-site at my campus discussing the urgency of the Ukraine-Russia war, and to visit the Indonesian embassy of Copenhagen and Lithuania. Those experiences still feel like a dream for me, and I am beyond grateful to experience the opportunity.





IISMA CORNER: ANDI NURIL ZAMHARIR HARIS IISMA 2021 - MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY



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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.





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IISMA CORNER: CATARINA ELITA AMADEA IISMA 2021 - UNIVERSIDAD DE GRANADA



IISMA (Indonesian International Student Mobility Awards) is one of the exchange programs from Kampus Merdeka in which I participated in 2021. I studied at the University of Granada (UGR), Spain, during the program. It became unreplaceable three months of euphoria in my life straight away.

My classes were fun and supportive, and I got to be in the same class with other exchange students from the U.S. They asked me to hang out with them and have dinner together where they cook me "Green Chili Rice," a New Mexico's favorite dish, and the best of all when they bought me some gelatos to celebrate my birthday. Meanwhile, my Indonesian friends (fellow IISMA awardees) decided to surprise me with a prank, and I didn't mind because it was fun :).

At UGR, we have a lot of extra activities we could do despite just going to class every single day. Every weekend, we traveled to other cities in Spain, such as Sevilla, Ronda, and Cordoba. On the other weekend, we have sports activities such as hiking and biking. Sometimes we visit historical places like museums, Alhambra, Cathedral, and Madrasah. If we want to add another plan within a week, we also get to manage our schedules. I joined a language gathering in a club that occurred every Tuesday and Taller de acuarela (an advanced watercolor workshop) in the evening. In the club and workshop, I met new people of more nationalities. I met friends from Germany, Afghanistan, Australia, and Italy. Some of them are lecturers, housewives/husbands, and artists.

After participating in this program, I became more productive and confident, and it gave me opportunities to join more mobility programs.



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IISMA CORNER : URSULA BENEDIKTA

UC CHILE - INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS - IISMA 2022 ALUMNI



In this vast world, countless wonders and treasures exist, each waiting to be discovered and savored. With countless probabilities and variables, this world is painted with beauty in myriad strange and unique ways. The year 2022 was a marvel, brimming with surprises, and amongst them, I was bestowed with the honor of being an IISMA awardee at UC Chile. My mother was worried when she learned I was traveling to the southernmost country on Earth, near Antarctica. My kin often questions my desire to journey to South America, despite a plethora of campuses in Asia, Europe, Australia, or North America that are deemed equally as good.

It's disheartening, for none of my acquaintances seem to be familiar with Chile, leaving me apprehensive in an emergency. However, fear has never deterred me from pursuing my aspirations and dreams to learn and immerse myself in foreign cultures. I arrived in Santiago, the capital of Chile, on the first of August, 2022. It was winter, and my fellow awardees and I needed to prepare for the frigid climate. When we found ourselves needing clarification about where to acquire winter attire, Bu Ning, an Indonesian residing in Santiago, lent us her winter gear. Then I felt the warmth and unity of the Indonesian community in Chile.

Since then, we have been frequent visitors to the Indonesian Embassy, practicing gamelan and angklung or washing our clothes on Sundays. "You can wash your clothes at the Indonesian Embassy, so you no longer have to pay for laundry. Laundry is expensive in Santiago," said Bu Wati, one of the many compassionate diplomats who made us feel at home. In addition, we were often invited to indulge in Indonesian cuisine at the homes of Embassy staff and explore the lush, snowy landscapes of southern Chile, hiking on icebergs and braving the chilling Pacific Ocean air on Algarrobo beach.

Being in a family of Indonesians living in Santiago was not something I anticipated would become so memorable when I returned to Indonesia. Life is always full of heartwarming surprises. I never thought I would become so close to the other awardees, who were always there for me, even during the most challenging times. It never occurred to me that I would find a friend amongst the Indonesian missionaries in Chile or still be able to savor traditional Indonesian cakes while in Chile. Five months were never enough to forge memories with the wonderful people I met in Chile, and although it may sound trite, deciding to apply for the IISMA at UC Chile was the best decision I ever made.



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As a student of Electrical Engineering, I had always been focused on my studies and had never really considered volunteering. However, everything changed when I became a student volunteer at the International Office. Little did I know that the experience would exceed my expectations in ways I could never have imagined.

The first thing that struck me as a student volunteer was the warm and supportive community. From the very first day, I was welcomed with open arms and made to feel like a part of the team. Working with other volunteers was a truly enriching experience, and I learned new things every day.

As a student volunteer, I was allowed to work closely with international students and assist them with various tasks. From helping them with their daily needs to organizing events and activities, the experience was truly enriching. However, what made the experience even more special was interacting with students from different countries and learning about their cultures, beliefs, and values.

One of the most important lessons I learned as a student volunteer was the importance of communication and collaboration. Working with other volunteers and international students gave me valuable skills, from public speaking to leadership. I found myself growing and learning in ways that I never thought possible. Overall, my experience as a student volunteer has taught me that stepping out of my comfort zone can lead to new opportunities and personal growth.





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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.

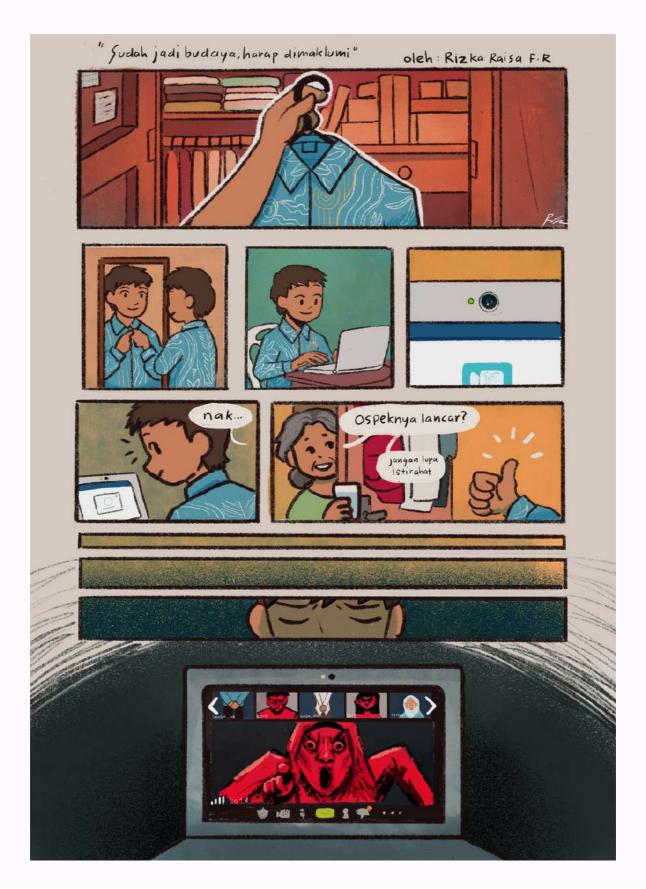
Ever since I was in high school, I have joined several volunteering activities. I always enjoy volunteering. It makes my heart feel warm, accepted by society, and valuable. I love when people tell me that I am being very helpful. My high interest in international exposure led me to apply as a student 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.





MEET OUR STUVO: RIZKA RAMLI Hi, my name is Rizka Ramli, or you can just call me Rizka. Currently in my third year majoring in Japanese Literature Study Program, Faculty of Cultural Sciences (FIB). My role as a STUVO at the International Office (IO) of Hasanuddin University mainly works on illustration as I am passionate about drawing.

Moreover, I'm also already busy working as an illustrator and a reporter at the local campus magazine called "Identitas UNHAS." Still, I enjoy working with people at IO and out at IO's office. I like reading comics, playing games, and watching movies. Sometimes I open drawing commissions to get some extra pocket money.



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MIEET OUR STUVO GURPREEF KAUR

HAYHAYY, everyone. Since this maybe the last Student Volunteer (Stuvo) corner for this batch, please bear with me. Okay then, hey yo peeps, my name is Gurpreet Kaur but most known by Sonia. Currently, I'm a 3rd-year student majoring in International Relations. Life as a student volunteer in the International Office (IO) was one of my best decisions. Throughout my journey, I learned many things that benefited me in every aspect possible. Firstly the environment itself is felt as our second house. So the family vibes and support, the best n worst, are always there. With this journey, I learned a valuable lesson and created innumerable memories.

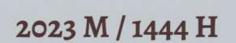
It is also so grateful that we have been provided with a workshop to develop our skills while still being fun and meaningful. Remember, engagement and building networks are numberless. This change has given us.

Many things changed and improved me after entering the Stuvo, starting from selfdevelopment, making decisions, public speaking, and remembering leadership skills. Being a liaison officer has become our daily meal in accompanying and comfortable guests from various foreign countries. That way, we can meet many people and expand the connection to be the face of IO itself. Remember, we are allowed to explore creativity and express opinions until a 'language class' is made. This language class held in Ramsis (Student Dormitory) on Friday can bear fruit until we do modules for our international students. So that in the future, they will have guidance and not lose their way in learning the local language with so much learning, morals, and not forgetting for sure comfort. But it's also bittersweet that our term is going to end.

"There will always be a goodbye in every Hey."







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