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## RECTOR OF HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY WELCOMES THE PRESIDENT OF MANAGEMENT AND SCIENCES UNIVERSITY, MALAYSIA



The Rector of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), Prof. Jamaluddin Jompa, M.Sc., or Prof. JJ, welcomed the President of Management and Sciences University (MSU), Prof. Tan Sri Dato' Wira Dr. Mohd Shukri Ab. Yajid, along with the entourage on Wednesday, August 2, 2023, at the 8th floor of the Rectorate Building. Prior to this visit, the President of MSU met the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine (FK), Prof. Dr. Haerani Rasyid, M.Kes., Sp.PD-KGH., Sp.GK, FINASIM to establish academic collaborations. Another official attending this reception was the Vice Rector for Partnership, Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Business, Prof. Adi Maulana, M.Phil.



Prof. Tan said: "My visit this time was a return visit by the Rector of UNHAS previously to Malaysia. Apart from that, my visit was also the signing of a collaboration with the *Assosiasi Institusi Pendidikan Kedokteran Indonesia* (AIPKI) or Indonesian Medical Education Institutions Region VI in order to build educational and mobility collaborations." Meanwhile, Prof. Haerani said, "FK felt proud of hosting the visit from MSU to develop future collaborations in a variety of different areas, such as education, research, and others. Furthermore, apart from FK UNHAS, we also have AIPKI, consisting of 14 faculties from various universities in Eastern Indonesia, especially in Sulawesi, Papua, and Maluku.

Meanwhile, Vice Rector IV, Prof. Adi Maulana, said: "UNHAS is in accordance with its motto; the first is collaboration, and we welcome this collaboration with MSU. The second is that internationalization will intensify with this collaboration, so that in the future, it is hoped that the relationship between UNHAS and MSU in particular will strengthen the relationship between Indonesia and Malaysia, so that these two allied nations can advance together on the global stage." The reception ended with a token presentation and photo session. The MSU entourage then flew back to Malaysia.





## **TWO JAPANESE DEPARTMENT STUDENTS OF UNHAS PASS THE MONBUKAGAKUSHO JAPANESE STUDIES PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIP FOR 2023**



Two students from the Japanese Department Faculty of Cultural Sciences (FIB) at Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), Sendy Bagus Pangestu and Hanna Kanaya, have successfully passed the Monbukagakusho Scholarship for Japanese Studies programme 2023 selection. They and seven students from other universities in Indonesia would have the opportunity to study for one year at universities in Japan starting October 1, 2023. Sendy will study at Doshisha University in Kyoto, while Hanna will study at Osaka University in Osaka.

This scholarship programme is very prestigious for undergraduate students in Japanese language, literature, and culture worldwide, so the selection process is rigorous, especially regarding Japanese language skills. Apart from Sendy and Hanna, the Japanese Department has successfully sent four other students in previous years. Their accomplishments stand as achievements to be proud of.





## **INITIAL RESTOCKING OF BLUE SWIMMER CRAB COMMENCES IN PARE-PARE BAY THROUGH COLLABORATION OF FIKP UNHAS, SERC, AND UMCES**



Following the inaugural meeting held to discuss the implementation of collaborative research with the theme "Stock Enhancement: Strategic Approach for the Blue Swimmer Crab (*Portunus pelagicus*) in Indonesia," the Faculty of Marine and Fisheries Sciences (FIKP) at Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), the Smithsonian Environmental Research Centre (SERC), and the Centre for Environmental Science at the University of Maryland (UMCES) officially launched their partnership. The collaborative efforts commenced in Parepare Bay, Suppa Subdistrict, Pinrang Regency, South Sulawesi Province.

The event was marked by the release of around 300 juvenile blue swimmer crabs into Parepare Bay on August 3, 2023. Notable attendees included the Vice Dean II of FIKP UNHAS, Prof. Abd. Haris, Secretary of Pinrang Regency, the Head of the Department of Marine and Fisheries of Pinrang Regency, local government officials from Suppa Subdistrict and Watang Suppa Village, fisheries extension officers from Parepare City and Pinrang Regency, faculty members, researchers from FIKP UNHAS, SERC, UMCES, Dr. Muhammad Kurnia, the head of the Community Service Programme (P2KKN) UNHAS, students, and local fishermen.



Each of the 300 crabs released was carefully tagged prior to their release, enabling team researchers consisting of Dr. Faisal Amir, Muhammad Tauhid Umar (FIKP UNHAS), Dr. Robert Aguilar, and Dr. Henry Legett (SERC) to meticulously monitor their distribution and survival over the next two weeks. The success rate and distribution patterns of these released juvenile crabs will play a crucial role in shaping the feasibility of a larger-scale restocking effort slated for October.

Following the initial release trial, a focused group discussion (FGD) was convened at the Watang Suppa Village office. The three key speakers, namely the Vice Dean II of FIKP UNHAS, Prof. Abd. Haris, Secretary of Pinrang Regency, Ir. Budaya, and Prof. Yushinta Fujaya, head of the research team from FIKP UNHAS, SERC, and UMCES, engaged in an enlightening discussion.

Attended by approximately 50 participants, predominantly crab fishermen from the region, the FGD yielded a promising recommendation: the establishment of a "Crab Bank." This innovative approach aims to conserve breeding-age crabs, providing them the opportunity to spawn and bolstering the local crab population. The blue swimmer crab restocking initiative in Teluk Parepare not only signifies a pivotal stride towards safeguarding the marine ecosystem but also holds the promise of revitalizing the livelihoods of local fishermen and promoting the sustainable management of crab resources.









## TASHFEEN AMIR: MY MEMORABLE JOURNEY IN EXPLORING INDONESIAN CULTURE THROUGH BORNEO YOUTH LEADERSHIP CAMP 2023



I am Tashfeen Amir, a second-year student at the Faculty of Medicine (FK) at Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), Makassar. I am originally from Pakistan, but my luck brought me to one of the most diverse countries in Indonesia, or better called Wonderful Indonesia.

Recently, I had the opportunity to participate in the Borneo Youth Leadership Camp (BYLC) 2023, which was a life-changing experience for me, and I would like to share some of the activities that we did at the camp and how they helped me develop my leadership skills and scientific knowledge. The 2023 BYLC was an unforgettable experience for many students like me who got a chance to engage with students from very diverse backgrounds. Hosted by Universitas Mulawarman in East Kalimantan, the camp attracted a large number of international students from different countries like Thailand, Malaysia, Afghanistan, and many more. The activities combined Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) and art to enhance the leadership potential and scientific awareness of the participants.



We were impressed by the beauty and abundance of the natural resources and the cultural heritage of East Kalimantan. We gained knowledge about the potential of plants as marketable merchandise, the engineering design process, the utilization of natural materials as learning media, the processing of organic waste, eco-printing, the spiderweb methods for coral rehabilitation, how to conserve the environment and extinguish outrageous fires, and many others. We also had so much fun with the leadership games, the field trips, visiting museums, plowing and planting rice, learning the traditional dances, singing the music of East Kalimantan, and exploring art and culture in Tenggarong Dayak Tribes and Pampang Village. Being chosen as the leader of Berau Group, one of the most hard-working groups, was a great honor for me, and with strong harmony and teamwork, we managed to win the title of Best Group Video.

Finally, I would like to thank Universitas Mulawarman for their amazing Borneo Youth Leadership Camp and my home university, UNHAS, for the unconditional support they provide us and other students. Wait, lah, wait for more interesting stories from Anak UNHAS! #UNHASku Bersatu UNHASku Kuat.







## **FACULTY OF DENTISTRY HOLDS INTERNATIONAL *KULIAH KERJA NYATA* OR STUDENTS COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMME IN MALAYSIA**



The Faculty of Dentistry (FKG) at UNHAS recently held the International *Kuliah Kerja Nyata* (KKN), or Students Community Service Programme, from July 1–28, 2023, at University Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM). One of the participating students in batch 2020, Ozwan Sayed Ahmed, expressed her feelings. The International Office (IO) had a chance of interviewing her with three different questions, as follows:

### **How does this International KKN, or Student Community Services, make you feel?**

"Honestly, I was excited and glad to be a part of this international programme, and the programme had a lot of activities that served the community, which made us feel proud. On the other hand, it was an unforgettable experience to have the opportunity to be an exchange student and to have the honour to be presented for both Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) and my own nation, Sudan.



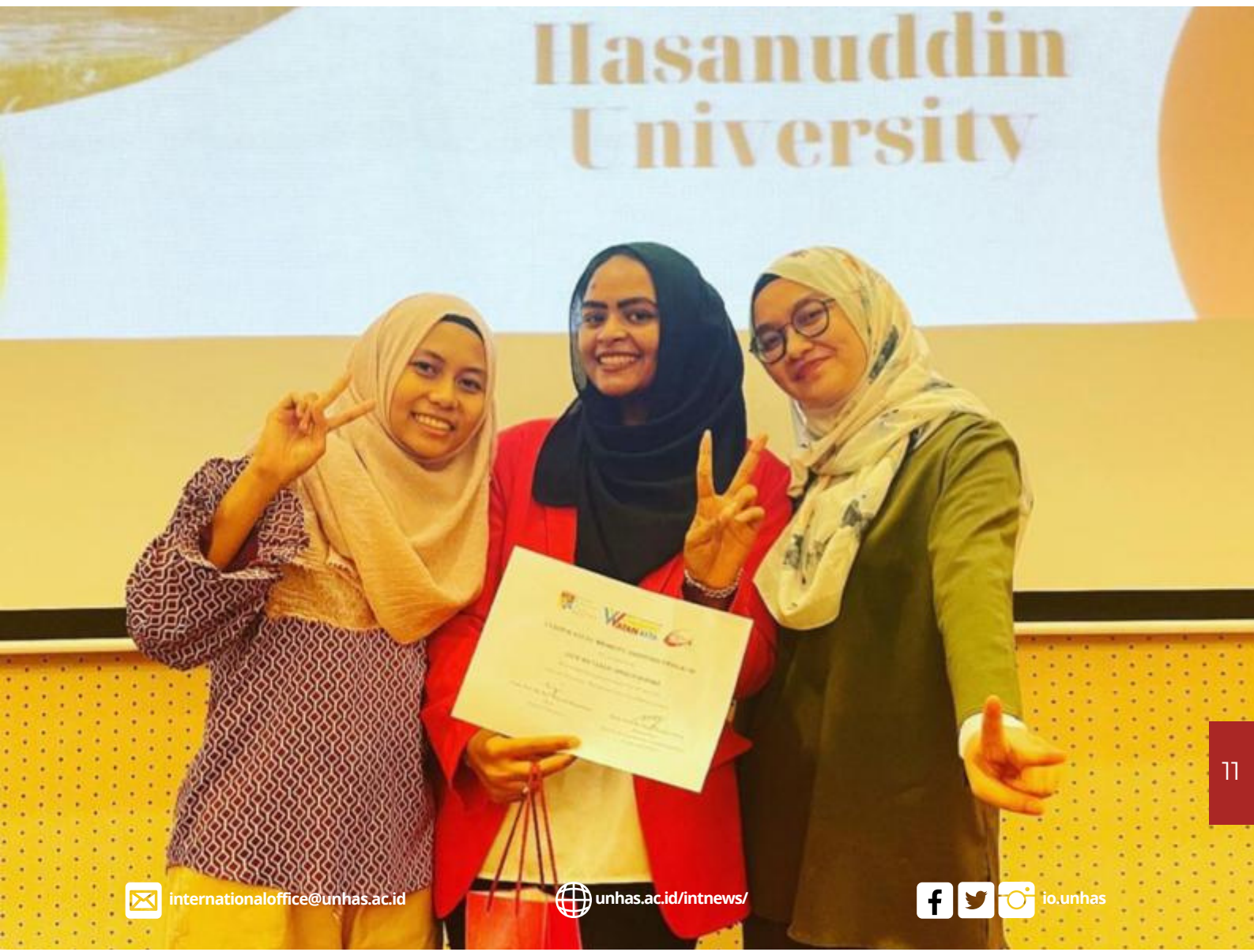
Overall, no words can express the appreciation we felt, but I can say I'm really satisfied and fulfilled by my experiences during the programme."

**What do you think you have learned during your involvement in the International KKN?**

"During the programme, we learned a lot of things, starting with exploring a new culture and meeting nice new individuals who were quite helpful in both general life and academics. Aside from that, the programme included a variety of activities, such as the observation of final-year students in the clinic at UKM University and the hospital. However, we have gained experience dealing with various instances and learning new therapy techniques. Furthermore, we have a community service programme geared towards assisting youngsters. That programme taught us to serve and assist the community. Finally, we were extremely fortunate to have the opportunity to learn new talents and gain new knowledge."

**What are the benefits you have gained that can be developed at FKG, particularly, or at UNHAS generally?**

"In general, all the international programmes can help the students enhance their level of knowledge; new abilities and getting new skills might be quite different from what they were taught, such as the education system, medical procedures, and other similar activities. In addition, one of the main benefits of our exchange programme was that it assisted us and helped us become aware of clinical life work, and we knew more about the updates in the medical field. We also hope that UNHAS will create more programmes like our international exchange programme, whether within Indonesian universities or outside, to improve the academic and practical level, particularly in our beloved FKG."







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