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INTERNATIONAL OFFICE, HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY HOLDS A ZOOM MEETING WITH UNIVERSITY MALAYA LOOKING FOR AN OPPORTUNITY FOR OUTBOUND AND INBOUND STAFF PROGRAM



The International Office (IO), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), joined the online meeting to discuss the opportunity of outbound and inbound staff with the Global Engagement Office, University Malaya, Malaysia, on Monday, October 23, 2023. The meeting was joined by Andi Masyitha Irwan, Ph.D (Head of IO), Muhammad Ridwan, S.S., M.A (Secretary of IO), Rafika Ramdani Ramli, LLM (Task Force of IO), Kumara Tungga Dewa, S.S (IO Staff). From Universiti Malaya, the Zoom meeting was attended by Nurul Fatihin Izatil Binti Azman (Assistant Registrar) and other staff.

Universiti Malaya is currently ranked 65th in the world university ranking. With the staff mobility activity, two staff from Universiti Malaya will be inbound to UNHAS in December 2023. This would open up opportunities for UNHAS to learn together regarding staff capacity development at these two universities.

This inbound from UM was responded to very enthusiastically by the head of UNHAS IO, Ms. Masyitha, known by the short name Ms. Citha. She immediately appealed to all staff to identify the activities that would be carried out when these two UM staff arrived at UNHAS. She also reminded staff to maintain wise time management so that this inbound implementation can be successful.

INTERNATIONAL OFFICE, HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY HOLDS A MONTHLY GEOGRAPHY SERIES FEATURING THE REPUBLIC OF GAMBIA



Geography Series (G-Series) is another flagship event organized by the International Office (IO), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), aiming to enable UNHAS International students to present their country through slide presentations covering an introduction to the government, culture, culinary, custom, tourism and so forth as well as to allow UNHAS local students to practice their English language skill as the medium of instruction of the event was in English.

This October, the G-Series featuring the Republic of Gambia, a Western African country on the border with Senegal, was held on Wednesday, October 25, 2023, at the Lembaga Penelitian dan Pengabdian Masyarakat (LP2M) or the Institute of Research and Community Development Hall. Two Gambian students named Sangbaptise Mendy (Sang) and Kanchul Louis Mendy (Louis), both studying at the Faculty of Law, UNHAS, had the honor of presenting their country in front of more than 70 students from various faculties at UNHAS. The moderator was Fidyah Adelia Fitri, an IO student volunteer.

This event started with opening remarks from Andi Masyitha Irwan S.Kep., Ns., MAN., Ph.D. (Head of IO), and after that, the audience stood up, and we began singing Gambia's National Anthem. Jumping to the main event, in his presentation, Sang described Gambia's geography, including their location and population. Gambia is a small country in West Africa with a population of about 2.6 million. Interesting fact, the Gambia is named after the Gambia River, which is the most prominent geographical feature in that country.

Louis then proceeded with their presentation, delving into topics such as the history of his country and cultural heritage, including food and art. He said Gambia is known for the warmth and hospitality of its people. That reflects Gambia's nickname, "The Smiling Coast of Africa." After that, he showed us a video that pictured the incredible sight of Gambia. After the videos ended, the moderator dived into the Q&A session. Some students who were curious about Gambia raised their hands, and our speakers happily answered them.

Before concluding the session, the moderator suggested a quiz to involve the participants. The moderator posed several questions, and those who answered accurately received IO merchandise.





INTERNATIONAL OFFICE, HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY HOLDS INFO SESSION: SCHOLARSHIP FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION



The info session on scholarships for further education is one of the main tasks of the International Office (IO), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), namely disseminating information on scholarships from various countries offered to students and lecturers in Indonesia. The session was on Thursday, October 26, 2023, at the *Lembaga Penelitian dan Pengabdian Masyarakat* (LP2M) or the Institute of Research and Community Development Hall. The session began with an introduction from Muhammad Ridwan, M.A. (Secretary of IO). In his start, he mentioned the aim and speaker of the session. Shortly after the introduction, Mr. Ridwan welcomed Andi Masyitha Irwan (Head of IO) to present the scholarship information. This session was followed by approximately 200 participants ranging from undergraduate and master's students to lecturers.

Ms. Andi Masyitha Irwan, popularly called Ms. Citha, commenced her presentation by figuring out the types of scholarships provided by several countries. Her presentation went on and on with valuable information that was needed by the audience. She also explained the targets of these scholarships, ranging from undergraduate students to master's and doctoral programs. As Ms. Citha is one of the interviewers of Indonesian scholarships, she also shared tips on conquering the interview. Regarding the essay composition, she emphasized the audience to have passion for the field of study and the experience related to the major they pursue.

In addition, she reminded the audience that having a very high-grade point average did not guarantee any applicant to pass the selection criteria. The interview would also review the experiences of the applicants. Therefore, she said that undergraduate students should be aware of involving themselves in social engagement. On the other hand, a student had to spend their time empowering themselves and their capacity by taking part in any organization.

The session allowed the audience to propose any questions for things that needed to be clarified. The IO provided a door prize for the audience asking questions. The session ended with a photo session, and the moderator reminded the audience to look up the IO's social media, especially Instagram, for further events organized by the IO.





INTERNATIONAL OFFICE, HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY HOLDS INDONESIAN INTERNATIONAL MOBILITY AWARD SOCIALIZATION



The participating Academic English preparation students were exposed to the Indonesian International Students Mobility Award (IISMA) organized by the International Office (IO), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS). The session was held on Friday, October 27, 2023, at *Lembaga Penjaminan Mutu dan Pengembangan Pendidikan* (LPMP) or the Institute of Quality Assurance and Educational Development Ballroom. This incredible session presented three speakers, namely Muhammad Ridwan, M.A. (Secretary of IO), Karisma (IISMA Awardee 2022), and Arjuna Ribal (Ongoing IISMA Awardee studying at the University of Adelaide, Australia).

The session started with the IISMA at a glance by Mr. Ridwan. He referred to the IISMA presentation template covering IISMA at a glance, steps in registration, the required document, the cost covered, and IISMA host university partners. In addition, Mr. Ridwan also described the opportunity for students from vocational study as IISMA beginning 2023 also provided quotas for the vocational study program. At the end of the presentation, Mr. Ridwan hoped that these participating students would succeed in the IISMA selection phases in 2024.

The second speaker was UNHAS IISMA Awardee. The IO appointed Karisma, an International Relations Study Program student, to spend her six months in Lithuania. In her presentation, she emphasized essay writing for these prospective applicants. She said writing played an essential role in making the applicants go through the next step. Meanwhile, Arjuna Ribal, the next speaker, agreed with what Karisma explained regarding the essay. He also mentioned that when choosing the courses at the university, he did not go through a big deal with his study program. He could convince the study program that all the classes were still in the area of his major.

The session ended with a photo session, and the IO announced that the coming Friday would be the second IISMA assistance and instructed the participants to prepare themselves.







INTERNATIONAL OFFICE, HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY HOLDS ORIENTATION FOR NEW INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



The Directorate of Education Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) welcomed about 22 new international students. The International Office (IO) conducted the orientation for them that was held on Saturday, October 28, 2023, at *Lembaga Penjaminan Mutu dan Pengembangan Pendidikan (LPMPP)* or the Institute of Quality Assurance and Educational Development Ballroom. The orientation was officially opened by Prof. drg. Muhammad Ruslin (Vice Rector for Academic and Student Affairs) through Zoom, as he is now in the United States of America for an academic mission. Joining the opening were Andi Masyitha Irwan, Ph.D. (Head of IO), and Muhammad Ridwan. M.A. (Secretary of IO), new International students, IO staff, and IO Student Volunteers.

The orientation provided several sessions. The first session began with the Introduction to UNHAS delivered by Andi Masyitha Irwan, Ph.D. The second session was provided by Agus Winarto, M.Si (Head of Immigration Office of Makassar). He covered the Visa Granting Policy – Residence Permit for Foreign Students and Foreign Teaching Staff in his presentation. Meanwhile, the third session was delivered by Dr. Risma Illa Maulany (Director of Academic at UNHAS). In her presentation, she focused on the academic paths that students would go through. She also emphasized that the academic division would maintain communication with the International Office with the existence of all international students.

The next session was DOs and DON'Ts, which Abdul Aziz Ahmed, a co-assistant student from the Faculty of Dentistry, delivered. As Mr. Aziz had been here for years, the IO considered him the best speaker to share his valuable experiences while studying at UNHAS. One of his experiences was learning Bahasa Indonesia. It was a big struggle in his first year to communicate with his Professors and classmates. He even approached his professor, confirming the slides presentation in English even though the medium of instruction was in Bahasa Indonesia. As time went on, Mr. Aziz managed to communicate with people whom he met both on campus and at the hospital where he was doing his co-assistant phase.

Muhammad Ridwan, M.A, delivered the last speaker. His session was about dealing with Cross Cultural Understanding: Going Abroad Alone, What I Should Do? In his presentation, Mr. Ridwan began with some time management facts when dealing with foreign colleagues. Another issue Mr. Ridwan raised was what the students miss the most and the least from their home country.

IO hopes this orientation might benefit new international students in immersing themselves in the culture and life in UNHAS, particularly Makassar generally. The IO also thanked the moderators and student volunteers who dedicated their time to make this orientation successful.







INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ASSOCIATION HOLDS INAUGURATION JOINED BY ALL INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



As the International Students Association (ISA) was established around June 2023, it is time for this organization to be inaugurated. The inauguration was carried out on October 27, 2023, at 2 pm Central Indonesia Time (CIT) at *Lembaga Penjaminan Mutu dan Pengembangan Pendidikan (LPMPP)* or the Institute of Quality Assurance and Educational Development Ballroom. Joining this inauguration were Muhammad Ridwan, M.A (Secretary of International Office), representing the International Office (IO), four Presidium of ISA, Kanchul Louis Mendy, Abdalaziz Ahmad Abbas, Mustafa Naeem Mustafa Alaswad, Mohammed Husein Mohammed Ba Naga and Tameem Najem as the moderator. Another presidium member, Mohammad Hussein Ba Naga, could not join the inauguration. Other parties that joined the event were International Office (IO) staff and IO student volunteers.

This inauguration aimed to introduce the strategic planning of the ISA from 2023-2024. The President of ISA, Louis, explained the introduction of ISA, covering ISA as a hub of university life; ISA is vital locally and internationally. The presentation continued with other presidium members. They encouraged all international students to take part in building connections and communication so that the ISA could grow and develop.



THE DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH HOLDS PUBLIC LECTURE PRESENTING THE AUSTRALIAN CONSUL-GENERAL IN MAKASSAR



The Department of English, Faculty of Cultural Sciences (FIB), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) held a Public Lecture in collaboration with the Australian Consul-General in Makassar. This hybrid lecture was open to the public and held on Friday, 21 October 2023, at Prof. Mattulada Auditorium, FIB. There were around 200 participants consisting of students and academicians from internal UNHAS and various universities who attended the lecture offline and online. The Vice Dean for Academic and Students Affairs, FIB, Dr. Mardi Adi Armin, M.Hum., officially opened the public lecture.

Todd Dias presented this public lecture. In his presentation, Mr. Todd Dias delivered the topic of Cross-Cultural Communication. Improving the comprehension of cross-cultural communication is essential for learners of foreign languages. Since language is the product of culture, it is closely related to how people communicate based on their cultural background. The participants also showed great enthusiasm by sharing their ideas during the discussion.

PUBLIC LECTURE

"Cross-Cultural Communication"

Guest Speaker:
Mr. Todd Dias

(Australian Consul-General in Makassar)



Makassar, 20 October



INVITING PROFESSOR FROM TURKEY, FACULTY OF PUBLIC HEALTH HOLDS GUEST LECTURE ON HEALTH SYSTEMS



The Faculty of Public Health (FKM), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) held a Guest Lecture series, which was carried out as part of the 41st Anniversary of FKM UNHAS. The event was conducted in Prof. Nur Nasry Noor Hall on Tuesday (11/10/2023). The topic was "Health System Sustainability and Resilience." this activity is an actualization of the collaboration between FKM UNHAS and the Faculty of Health Sciences of UIN Syarif Hidayatullah Jakarta.

The event presented Prof. Dr. Bülent Kılıç from the Department of Public Health, Faculty of Medicine, Dokuz Eylul University and currently is a Visiting Professor at UIN Syarif Hidayatullah Jakarta. In her opening remarks, Fajar Aryanti, SKM, M.Kes, Ph.D. as Coordinator of International Collaboration in the Faculty of Health Sciences UIN Syarif Hidayatullah explained that the collaboration carried out by both institutions had been initiated since the beginning of 2023. "Hopefully, this will be part of the effort to strengthen our collaboration in the future," said Fajar Aryanti, also the Person in Charge of the Visiting Professor of the Faculty of Health Sciences UIN Syarif Hidayatullah Jakarta.

Meanwhile, in his speech, the Dean of FKM UNHAS, Prof. Sukri Palutturi, expressed his appreciation and gratitude to UIN Syarif Hidayatullah Jakarta. "Our thanks to UIN Syarif Hidayatullah for their willingness to take the time and share their resources, knowledge, and experience in this event," he said.

The activity continued with the presentation from Prof. Bülent, who generally explained the sustainability and resilience of the health system. According to him, the health system needs sustainability and stability from primary health care and maximization of the Essentials Public Health Function (EPHF).

Public health plays a vital role in various health issues. These include Surveillance, Testing and Research, Vaccination (including designing strategies and identifying priority groups), and Monitoring (especially concerning mitigation measures to identify and reach vulnerable groups). At the end of the session, he emphasized three main characteristics that must be possessed by public health workers, including community perspective, seeing from a new perspective, and always involving community participation.

"We also need to focus on accountability, transparency, governance, inequality and vulnerable populations, communication, capacity, and most importantly, strengthening public health practices," he explained. The event continued with a discussion guided by one of the Lecturers of the Department of Health Policy Administration (AKK) FKM UNHAS, Dr. Muh Yusran Amir, SKM, MPH. In this session, the participants enthusiastically asked questions related to the presented topic.



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