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## INTERNATIONAL OFFICE, HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY HOLDS GEOGRAPHY SERIES; FEATURING THE STATE OF PALESTINE



Geography Series (G-Series) is an International Office (IO), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) 's monthly activity in which UNHAS international students are given a golden opportunity to present their country, culture, values, etc. This November, the IO invited the Palestinian students to contribute. The G-Series was held on Thursday, November 9, 2023, at Prof Latanro Lecture Theater, Faculty of Economics and Business Graduate School. Seven Palestinian students studying at UNHAS, there were six who were pleased to welcome the participants, such as Hanadi Shaheen, Imran Abu Libda, Osama Shalash, and Mustafa Alaswad, Ali A. M. Elayyan and Abdulrahman Alasttal. The G-Series began with a welcome remark by the Head of IO, represented by Muhammad Ridwan, M.A. (Secretary of IO).

The presentation started with singing the national anthem of Palestine called *Fida'i* (Sacrifice), in which all the audience rose to respect the anthem. The Palestinian students prepared the slide presentation comprising six categories, including the question and answer with prizes. Regarding identity, the Palestinians are rooted in a deep sense of connection to the land, general overall history, and culture. They also presented the Palestinian flag and its meaning. Four colors are used in the flag. Namely, the red symbolises sacrifice and martyrdom. Meanwhile, black symbolises injustice and abuse. The white colour represents peace and love. The last one was green, meaning the nature of Palestine.



Each student took turns presenting informative presentations, such as the Palestinian population reaching approximately 14,5 million as of 2023. This includes 5,49 million residing in Palestine and 9,02 million in the diaspora. The country is home to three world religions: Islam, Christianity, and Jews. Islam is the majority, 90%, while Christianity is about 6%, and the language widely spoken is Arabic. The presentations continued with the historical aspects of the country, including the British Mandate from 1917 to 1948. In the year of 1948, *Al-Nakba* and the catastrophe. The second Nakba happened in 1967 and was followed by the Intifada in 1987. During this time, the Oslo Accords occurred and suggested the two states stand together. In 2000, the second *Intifada* happened again, and in 2006, Gaza and West Bank split.

After they conveyed information that made the heart sorrowful due to the war and conflict, these Palestinian students then invited the audience to see the beautiful parts of Palestine by saying fasten your seat belt as the flight attendant instructed the passengers on board the flight. The slides started with its culture, including family ties, music and dance, arts and crafts, food, traditional clothing, and dialect. When showing the picture of types of Palestinian food, Hanadi, one of the presenters, said a couple of times that should any audience wish to enjoy the food, please fly directly to the country. The audience reacted with smiles and laughs.

The audience, including UNHAS lecturers, students, and alums, joined this G-Series with approximately 250 people; the room's capacity was only 120. As a result, some of the audience had a seat on the ladder and the floor, and others were still standing outside the theater. The audience showed their enthusiasm to come, as the war and conflict in the country have been on the air since early October, 2023. Before closing, the presenters proposed a quiz to engage the audience. The G-Series was officially closed by the Head of IO, Andi Masyitha Irwan, Ph.D and presented tokens to all speakers. The G-Series was moderated by Agung Sutrisno, an IO student volunteer, and ended with a photo session.









## TWO ALUMNI OF IISMA DISCUSS A TOPIC ON “HOW TO CHOOSE THE RIGHT CAMPUS AND DEALING WITH NATIONAL INSIGHT TEST”



Friday, November 10, 2023, the International Office (IO) Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) held the third sharing session in preparation for the Indonesian International Mobility Award (IISMA) for Students who were selected through an English diagnostic test. IO UNHAS invites two IISMA alumni, Meylinda. S.H. (IISMA 2021 from Pompeu Fabra University, Spain) and Karisma Nurul Izzah. S (IISMA 2022 from Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania) to share their experiences in choosing the right campus and dealing with the Indonesian National Insight Test (*Tes Wawasan Kebangsaan/TWK*). The event was moderated by Cahya Aulia Ramdhani from 15:30 to 17:30 Central Indonesia Time.



As the first speaker, Meylinda presented the methodologies and tips for choosing a campus for the IISMA Program, including course, country, and English requirements. It is essential to select the campus based on the available courses because the scholarship provider will strongly consider the correlation between the student's interests and the chosen courses. Another consideration in selecting a university is the country. This can be done by researching the unique bond between the campus and the country, the social and cultural activities provided by the campus, and the natural and social conditions of the country.

Meanwhile, the national insight test was only available for 2022 IISMA onwards. Therefore, Karisma, Alumni of IISMA 2022, had the opportunity to explain her experience. In general, this interview tested the awardee candidates' consistency and commitment towards Indonesia as a nation. Since they would encounter people from different backgrounds, beliefs, political views, and perspectives, the national insight was crucial for students to maintain their identity as Indonesians. Moreover, it could guide students to act and respond to specific issues on a global scale.

The event went interactively for 2 hours. Both speakers presented the topic in a very significant and fun way, encouraging the participants to ask several questions. Next week, on November 17, there will be a final series of IISMA preparation for the elect students covering the topic of "Tips to Conquer IISMA Interview."









## HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY LIBRARY WELCOME *KEMITRAAN NEGARA BERKEMBANG* AWARDEES



Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) Library welcomed five awardees of the *Kemitraan Negara Berkembang* (KNB), or Partnership of Developing Countries scholarship given to students from developing countries, which is nationally managed by *Lembaga Pengelola Dana Pendidikan* (LPDP), or Educational Fund Management Institution. These five students are preparing their Bahasa Indonesia competencies and proficiencies before commencing their semester next year. Dr. Inriati Lewa, Secretary of UNHAS Language Services Centre, accompanied them. The five awardees visiting the library were Ahmed Khaled Ahmed Mohammed (Yemen), Eman Salim Ahmed Salim (Sudan), Hangivola Emyblonde Ratna (Madagascar), Rabibisoa Giovanni (Madagascar), and Shahabuddin Esmati (Afghanistan).

Visiting the library was to enable these awardees to register as full library members. This was a good start for the Language Service to introduce the library to the awardees instead. By registering full-time, they would be able to access the library's facilities, beginning with entering the library, using the book loan service, accessing free scientific articles from international-qualified journals related to their majors, visiting some international corners, and many more. The expert librarian, Nasri A.M. Abduh. M.Hum said that the students might come and visit the library anytime during working hours or in their spare time after learning Bahasa Indonesia. On behalf of the Head of the Library, Mr. Nasri happily welcomed these awardees, hoping they would utilize this to support their studies at the university.





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## FACULTY OF CULTURAL SCIENCES, HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY AND JAPANESE INDUSTRIAL WORLD SIGN THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT



On November 6, 2023, the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) were signed, connecting Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) with the *Dunia Usaha dan Dunia Industri* (DUDI) or Industrial World, in this case represented by Miyako Steel Pipe, Co., Ltd., and Cubic, Co., Ltd. The MoU and MoA signing ceremony was carried out in Nagoya, the home of Cubic Co., Ltd. The documents were signed at Cubic's office in Nagoya, and both representatives of the companies, Mr. Tatsu Kato (Cubic-CEO), Mr. Narihito Akiyama (Miyako Steel Pipe-Researcher) and Mr. Shintaro Yaka (Miyako Steel Pipe-CEO) were present, and Meta Sekar Puji Astuti, M.A., Ph.D represented UNHAS in Japan. Meanwhile, in Indonesia, UNHAS is represented by Prof. Adi Maulana, Ph.D conveying the Rector, Prof. Jamaluddin Jompa, and Prof. Dr. Akin Duli, M.A., the Dean of the Faculty of Cultural Sciences (FIB). At the signing, UNHAS Directorate of Partnership, Dr. Nuvida Raf, Secretary of the Archeology Department, Yusriana, S.S., M.A., and several lecturers from the Archeology Department were also in the Zoom.



The signing of this MoU and MoA was an essential part of developing the UNHAS curriculum in the future, especially for creating the Archaeology Department and the Japanese Literature Department. The reason for these two departments is because these two companies are based in Japan; they have the technology that is claimed to be one of the best service companies in Japan in the field of surveyors and identification in archaeology. Meanwhile, for curriculum development in Japanese Studies, this collaboration can be used for study and research in classical history or also for deepening the field of linguistics, which is applicable and specific. Likewise, Prof. Adi said this collaboration would encourage the transfer of knowledge and technology and promote innovation in UNHAS research in the future.

Meanwhile, Prof. Akin Duli also said this collaboration had been initiated long ago. In August 2023, the Japanese side became a resource person in an international workshop that taught and introduced recording and documenting archaeological artifacts using a manual system that combined traditional methods and high-tech technology, which used 3D-based applications developed by Cubic, Co. Ltd., which was previously an application and technology used and designed for the spare parts industry for the Toyota automotive industry. The CEOs of both parties, Miyako and Cubic, hoped they could participate in developments in the Indonesian education sector, especially in archaeology. Through the support of these two companies, apart from being able to develop research in the future, we could also support the preservation of Indonesia's vibrant culture.







## **INTERNATIONALIZATION PROGRAM: FACULTY OF LAW, HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY VISIT UNIVERSITI KEBANGSAAN MALAYSIA AND INDONESIAN EMBASSY**



The Faculty of Law, Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) has once again confirmed its commitment to increasing its international cooperation from 6 to 10, 2023, a total of 27 students and 16 lecturers, including the Dean and all the Vice Deans, The Head and Secretary of Quality Assurance, the International Affairs Team, and the Student Affairs Cluster from the Faculty of Law, UNHAS, visited the Faculty of Law, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) and the Indonesian Embassy in Kuala Lumpur.

UNHAS delegation was warmly welcomed by the Dean of the Faculty of Law, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, Prof. Dr. Jady Zaidi Hassim, the Head of Industry and Community Network, Dr. Nadhilah A. Kadir and Associate Prof. Hanim Kamaruddin, Ph.D., who is also an associate lecturer at the Faculty of Law UNHAS and actively joins collaborative research with the Faculty of Law UNHAS.

The first event was a literature study, which UNHAS students studied to deepen their knowledge of international law and comparative law. Moreover, this event was also a forum for exchanging experiences and increasing academic capacity between UNHAS and UKM students.



Prof. Jady, Dean of Faculty of Law UKM, said, "This activity is a concrete step in broadening the insight and experience of UNHAS law students in the world of international law. This collaboration also strengthens relations between the two institutions."

Several activities were carried out in this series of events, such as collaborative research plans, expert meetings, and dean-to-dean meetings between Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) and Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM). This discussion involved students and teaching staff from both universities who wanted to explore the potential for joint research in various aspects of law. In the expert meeting, the parties had the opportunity to share their knowledge, experience, and insight in the field of law, making this meeting a valuable source of inspiration in developing an understanding of international law and comparative law.

These activities aim to strengthen academic relations between UNHAS and UKM, encourage knowledge exchange, and produce collaborative initiatives that benefit both universities.

The next day, the delegation of Faculty of Law UNHAS visited the Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia (KBRI) in Kuala Lumpur. During the visit which was warmly welcomed by the Indonesian Embassy in Kuala Lumpur, the UNHAS Law Faculty delegation participated in meetings and discussions. They exchanged views and knowledge in the fields of international law, bilateral relations, as well as the challenges and opportunities faced in the era of globalization.

During the visit, the Faculty of Law UNHAS delegation was also allowed to learn more about the role of the Indonesian Embassy in promoting strong bilateral relations between Indonesia and Malaysia. This visit provided a forum for students to deepen their understanding of international law and see real examples of how the academic world could play a role in building diplomatic bridges between Indonesia and other countries.





## **HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY DELEGATES VISIT NEW ZEALAND HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS**



Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) delegates consisting of Prof. Dr. Eng Adi Maluana, S.T., M.Phil (Vice Rector for Partnership, Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Business) and Ahmad Yani, M.Si., MPA., M.Sc (Academic Staff of Public Administration Department) Faculty of Social and Political Sciences (FISIP) visited several higher education institutions in New Zealand (NZ) from November 1-3, 2023.

On November 1, 2023, the delegates visited the School of Business and Government (SBG), Victoria University at Wellington (VuW), NZ. The delegates were welcomed by Prof Jane Bryson (Dean of Prof. Karl Lofgen (Head of SBG VuW), School Public Administration VuW) and Alex Glidden (Assc. Director Partnership VuW). The purpose of this visit is to explore cooperation in the field of education, especially the double degree program and plans for international Indigenous Governance course cooperation between FISIP UNHAS and SBG VuW. On the same day, the delegates also visited the Indonesian Embassy at Wellington. The representatives of the embassy were Fientje Maritje Suebu (Ambassador), Tumpal M.H.Hutagalung (Staff), Indah Nuria Savitri (Political Staff) and Ryan Furqan (Communication Staff). In the meeting, the issue discussed was about building cooperation through the Center for Southern Pacific Studies in strengthening the research collaboration between Eastern Indonesia universities and NZ universities.



In addition, the delegates also visited the Auckland University of Technology (AUT), NZ on November 2, 2023. The delegates were warmly welcomed by Prof Tek Tjing Lie (Head of School of Engineering, Computer and Mathematical Science), Prof William Wong (Professor of Human-Computer Interaction Associate Head of School – Engagement and International, Dr. Yvonne Chan Cahsmore (Associate Dean, Director External Engagement) and Ricardo Chacon (International Relationship Manager). After the visit to AUT, the delegates continued to visit Waikato University (WU), NZ. The delegates were welcomed by Professor Allister Jones (Senior Deputy Vice Chancellor), Prof Karin Bryan (Dean of Graduate School), Sharon Calvert (Director International Office) and Laura Hill (Manager of international partnership).

Meanwhile, on November 3, 2023, the delegates visited the University of Auckland (UA), NZ and were welcomed by Dr Erik Lithande (Deputy Vice Chancellor Strategic Engagement), and Dr Jese Hession Grayman (Senior Lecturer Development Studies). In these three universities, the plans for joint research collaboration, exchange students (Undergraduate and Postgraduate Programs), and matching funds through a research consortium between Indonesia and New Zealand were discussed. The delegates expected to see that these initiatives would be smoothly implemented in the near future and could develop more cooperation with other universities in NZ.









## FACULTY OF PUBLIC HEALTH, HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY ORGANIZES THE 1ST INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON EPIDEMIOLOGY AND GLOBAL HEALTH



The Faculty of Public Health, Universitas Hasanuddin organized The 1st International Conference on Epidemiology and Global Health (ICEGH) by presenting the theme "Building Resilient and Strengthening Health Security for A Global Future". The event took place on Friday, November 3, 2023 was held through online zoom and offline at Unhas Hotel and Convention, Makassar.

This international conference was warmly welcomed by the Dean of the Faculty of Public Health, Prof. Sukri Paluturi, SKM., M.Kes., M.Sc.PH., Ph.D. This conference presented three international speakers such as Rebecca D Merrill, Ph.D and Dr. Becky Batagol, who attended online via zoom and Prof. Dr. Jalaluddin Abdul Malek who did his offline presentation directly from the Unhas Hotel and convention.

Rebecca D Merrill, Ph.D is a senior epidemiologist for the International Border Team at the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and is the CDC director for Indonesia. The second speaker was Assoc Prof. Dr. Jalaluddin Abdul Malek who is currently serving as a lecturer at UKM Malaysia and presented material on "Smart Enough Sustainable City (SESC), Strategy Alliance for Future Cities, Healthy Cities, and Resilient Cities". The third speaker was Dr. Becky Batagol, an Associate Professor of Law at Monash University. Dr. Becky Batagol presented the material on "Contemporary Issues on Family Violence and Gender" from Monash University.



## FACULTY OF NURSING WELCOMES INBOUND STUDENTS FROM HANZE UNIVERSITY, THE NETHERLANDS



The Faculty of Nursing (FKep) welcomed inbound students from Hanze University of Groningen, Netherlands, Marchien Bakker and Lisa Kuiper, on Thursday, November 9, 2023 in the Senate Room FKep. This activity was welcomed by Syahrul, S.Kep., Ns., M.Kes., Ph.D (Vice Dean for Academic and Student Affairs), lecturers and educational staff.

The arrival of inbound students was a form of collaboration between the Faculty of Nursing and Hanze University of Groningen, which aimed to observe nursing in Indonesia and visit hospitals and health centers. Mr. Syahrul said "The Inbound Student Program is an activity carried out every year, students come to carry out academic activities, namely studying, clinical practice, as well as several "other nursing activities," This activity could increase the productivity of the Faculty of Nursing in the Inbound Student Program and establish good cooperation between FKep and Hanze University of Groningen.





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