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THE INTERNATIONAL OFFICE HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY LAUNCHES THE FIRST HOMECOMING ALUMNI



One of the flagships and the newest programs from the International Office Hasanuddin University (IO UNHAS) is a Homecoming Alumni (HA). The first HA was held on Monday, December 4, 2023 at Senate Room 2nd floor of Rectorate Building. The HA was moderated by Dr. dr. Rina Masaadah, M.Phil, Sp.PA(K). Representing the IO, Muhammad Ridwan, M.A. (Secretary of IO) was present to deliver an opening remark. The HA presented Rajaie Komaruddin, an UNHAS medical student, from Malaysia studying from 2000-2006. He is now an active surgeon at the Department of Hepatopancreatobiliary and Liver Transplant, Selayang Hospital Malaysia. The HA was attended by almost 100 students and alumni from both offline and online.

In his remark, Mr. Ridwan described that the aims of this HA were to enable alumni overseas to share their challenges and opportunities during their journey here at UNHAS and after graduation. The second aim was to enable our current international and local students to learn from the successful alumni and take the experience as their inspiration and motivation preparing themselves for global challenges.

In his presentation, dr. Rajaie began with showing an image of his professional work. He showed a picture in the operation room in which his team and he were doing a liver transplant. He continued with his inspirational figures. He said that his parents were his first inspiring figures and then went on to a job that could help others, the importance of health, movies and books as well as certainly Avicenna whose quote was there are no incurable diseases - only the lack of will. There are now worthless herbs - only the lack of knowledge, dr. Rajaie continued with career journey. He completed his postgraduate training in Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) and then became a surgeon for 4 years at the Ministry of Health and he was awarded Hepatopancreatobiliary and Live Transplants Surgery in 2019. In addition, he then explained the hospital where he works professionally.

Another slide that was interesting was about what UNHAS taught him such as resilience, building his self confidence, working underpressure, core value to become a doctor and skill of adaptability. Meanwhile, he also explained the messages that he took home such as setting goals, remembering the purpose of life and giving things back to the community. In his closing and conclusion, dr. Rajaie suggested no to waste time as we do not have a guaranteed long time and any day might be the last. He continued by saying that the ultimate goal in life was to seek God, Allah's pleasure and attain paradise (*jannah*) in the hereafter. He ended his presentation.

Before closing, the moderator invited the participants to the Question and Answer (Q&A) Session. The Head of IO, Andi Masyitha Irwan, Ph.D expressed her attitude with the presence of dr. Rajaie in this event. Ms. Masyitha conveyed her thankfulness to dr. Rajaie. The session was officially closed by the Head of IO and ended with a photo session with all participants.





DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING VISITS UNIVERSITI PUTRA MALAYSIA



To support the improvement of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS)' ranking at the international level, the *Program Studi Teknik Pertanian* or Agricultural Engineering Study Program of the Faculty of Agriculture (PSTP Faperta) UNHAS has carried out various important collaborative initiatives. Faperta has collaborated with various leading universities abroad that have achieved high rankings in the QS rankings, such as TU Wien in Austria, Kasetsart University in Thailand, and Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) in Malaysia. This collaboration aims to strengthen the position of PSTP and Faperta UNHAS in the international network of quality academics.

With UPM, Faperta visited the university from November 21-24 to improve the Key Performance Indicators number three namely Tri Dharma Collaboration with QS 100 by-subject universities. The visit was joined by academic staff from Faperta such as Diyah Yumeina, S.TP., M.Agr., Ph.D, Dr.rer.nat. Oly Sanny Hutabarat, S.TP., M.Si, and Dr. Gemala Hardinasinta, S.TP.

Meanwhile, the outputs of the visit were the signing of Letter of Implementation (LoI) enabling both parties to carry out a short course that will be implemented in February 2024 and joined by twelve UPM students. This short course will last for twelve weeks. Other activities agreed to be implemented were community services and industrial site visit. In addition to LoI, UNHAS and UPM would implement a research collaboration that would be led by Dr.rer.nat. Olly Sanny Hutabarat, S.TP., M.Si (UNHAS), with team members of Dr. Gemala Hardinasinta, S.TP (UNHAS), Prof. Rosnah Syamsuddin (UPM) and Prof. Dr. Ir. Lamhot Parulian Manalu, M.Sc. *Badan Riset dan Inovasi Nasional* (BRIN) or Board of National Research and Innovation). The collaboration proposal was submitted via Lembaga *Penelitian dan Pengabdian Masyarakat* (LPPM) or the Institute of Research and Community Service, UNHAS's website on November 24, 2023.

The Faperta delegates left for Makassar on November 24, 2023 happily as two proposed activities were approved to be implemented. Congratulations to Faperta!



Agricultural and Food Engineering for *Life*



FACULTY OF MARINE SCIENCES AND FISHERIES RESEARCHER REPRESENTS INDONESIA IN FAO MUD CRAB EXPERT WORKSHOP HELD AT TEMASEK POLYTECHNIC, SINGAPORE



The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) recently organized a Mud Crab Expert Workshop at Temasek Polytechnic in Singapore for four days, running from November 27 to November 30, 2023. The workshop's main focus was to address the challenges and opportunities within the mud crab (*Genus Scylla*) industry, which is globally renowned for its high demand and value. This industry faces increasing threats from both human activities and habitat degradation induced by climate change, drawing significant attention from FAO.

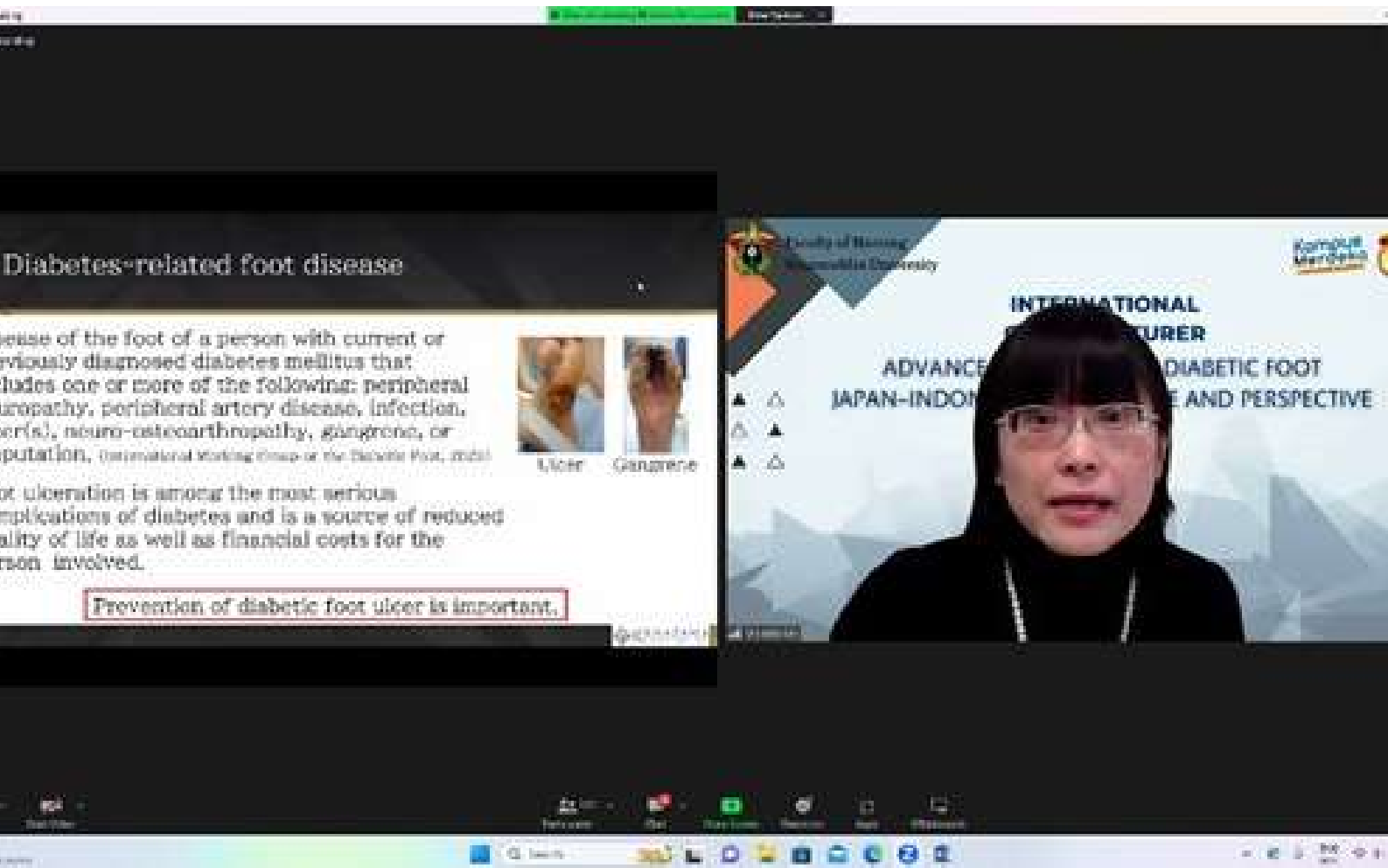
The workshop brought together 28 participants from twelve mud crab-producing countries worldwide. Alessandro Lovatelli, an Agriculture Officer at the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) from Italy, assumed the role of Director. Discussions during the workshop revolved around the current state of the mud crab industry in various producer nations, with a strong emphasis on technological advancements in mud crab cultivation. These advancements covered areas such as hatchery operations, nursery management, grow-out strategies, harvesting techniques, transportation logistics, and the entire value chain for both hard shell and soft shell crabs. Participants shared their valuable experiences, mutually inspiring one another to develop fundamental technological improvements to advance the global mud crab industry.

Indonesia was represented by Prof. Dr. Ir. Yushinta Fujaya from the Faculty of Marine Science and Fisheries Hasanuddin University (FIKP UNHAS). Prof. Yushinta presented a paper titled "Potential And Challenges Of Mud Crab (*Scylla Spp.*) Cultivation In Indonesia". Throughout her active participation, she shared her insights gained from her extensive experience working with mud crabs. She addressed various technical issues and participated in formulating recommendations based on the workshop's discussions.

Although mud crab aquaculture has been practiced since the early 1900s, it has yet to fully realize its potential. Numerous technical challenges persist, and each mud crab-producing country possesses its unique strengths and weaknesses in addressing these issues. The primary objective of the workshop was to provide technical recommendations and policy guidelines aimed at ensuring the sustainable advancement of the mud crab aquaculture subsector. The outcome of the workshop will result in proceedings that will be distributed globally.



MASTER OF NURSING PROGRAM HOLDS GUEST LECTURE FROM KANAZAWA UNIVERSITY



Masters of Nursing Study Program of Hasanuddin University (Fkep UNHAS) held an International Guest Lecturer on Wednesday, November 29, 2023 via Zoom meeting. This activity presented speakers from the Institute of Medical, Pharmaceutical, and Health Science, Kanazawa University, Japan, Prof. Makoto Oe and from the Faculty of Nursing, UNHAS, Saldy Yusuf, S.Kep., Ns., MHS., Ph.D.ETN.

Present at the activity, the Vice Dean for Academic and Students Affairs of Nursing Faculty, UNHAS, Syahrul, S.Kep., Ns., M.Kes., Ph.D, a number of lecturers and students from the faculty. The topic presented by Prof. Makoto Oe was the Advanced Assessment of Diabetic Foot: Japan Experience and Perspective and the topic was presented by Saldy Yusuf, S.Kep., Ns., MHS., Ph.D.ETN. was Advanced Assessment of Diabetic foot : Indonesian Experience and Perspective. In addition to this, the Nursing Process for Diabetic Foot through Assessment, Diagnosis, Planning, Implementation and Evaluation was also discussed in this event.

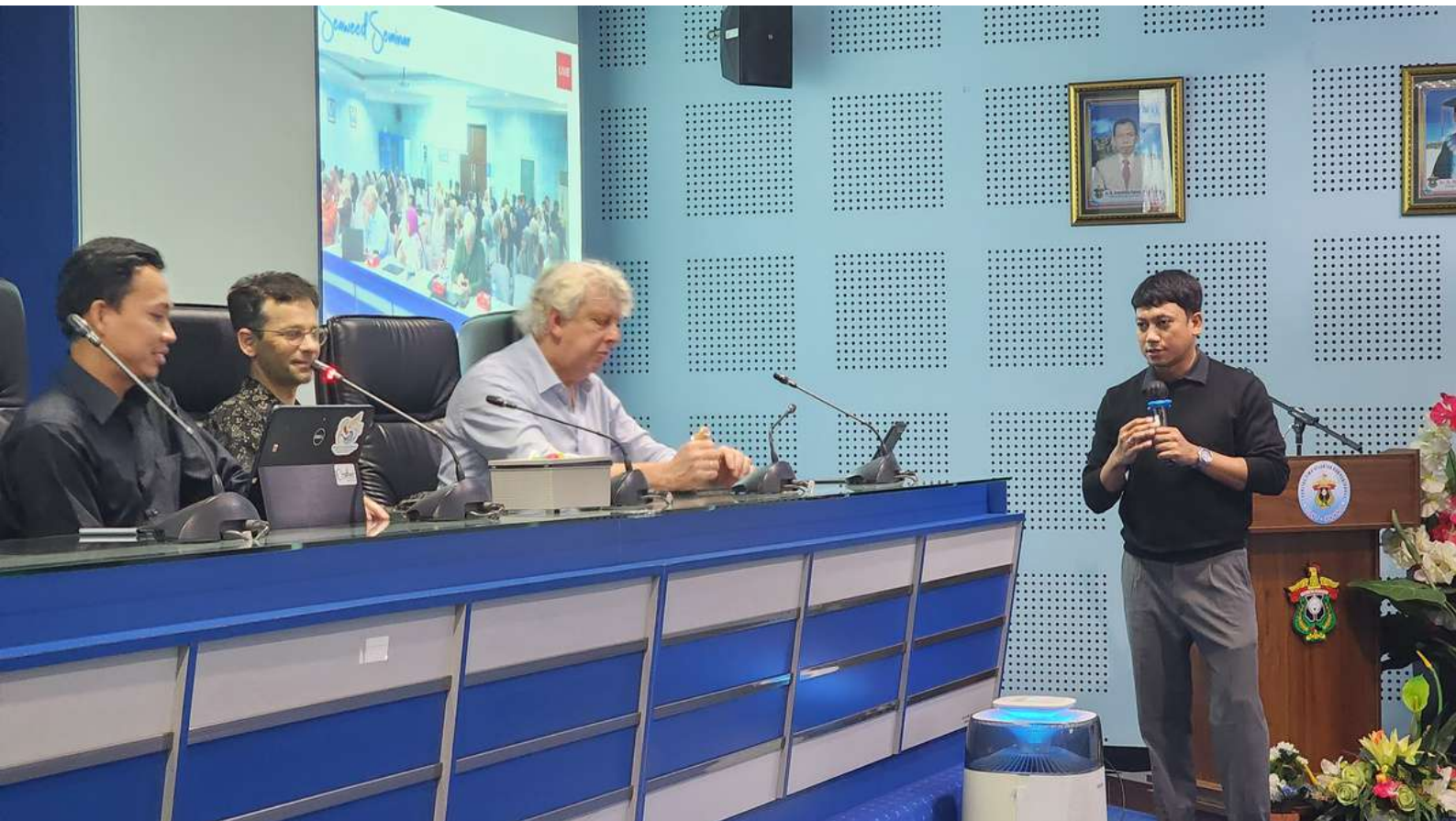
Mr. Syahrul who officially opened the event, expressed his appreciation to Prof. Makoto Oe, " This is a part of the collaboration between FKep, UNHAS and Kanazawa University and we are very happy to have Prof. Makoto Oe on this occasion was one of the best researchers in the field of Wound Care," he explained.



Advanced Assessment Diabetic Foot: Indonesian Perspective and Experience


Saldy Yusuf, PhD.,ETN
Fakultas Keperawatan UNHAS
Guest Lecture Kanazawa Univ and Hasanuddin Univ
November, 2021-Nov 2023

FACULTY OF MARINE SCIENCES AND FISHERIES, HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY, JARINGAN SUMBER DAYA AND WAGENINGEN UNIVERSITY AND RESEARCH COLLABORATE TO HOST SEAWEED HALF-DAY SEMINAR TO DISSEMINATE FINDINGS FROM ONGOING PARTNERSHIP



The Faculty of Marine Science and Fisheries (FIKP), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) continued its strong collaboration with Jasuda (Jaringan Sumber Daya) and Wageningen University and Research (WUR) by organizing a Seaweed Half-Day Seminar. This partnership, initiated in 2019, is set to extend until 2024, demonstrating the long-term commitment to advancing seaweed research and production practices, especially in South Sulawesi. The seminar, held on Thursday, December 7, 2023, at the FIKP UNHAS meeting room, served as a platform to disseminate the valuable findings and achievements gathered during the ongoing collaboration.

Dr. Yuyu Lanafie, representing the Dean of FIKP UNHAS, inaugurated the seminar, highlighting the importance of the partnership's continuity and the role of research in optimizing seaweed production. The seminar was structured into two sessions, featuring a total of six speakers from the three institutions.

In the first session, three speakers shared their insights. Dr. Jan Verhagen from WUR introduced the "Aquatic Food Systems" project from Wageningen, emphasizing the overview of the program and different approaches to seaweed research conducted. Dr. Pepijn van Oort, also from WUR, presented findings from the "JaSuDa-WPR-UNHAS Experiment 2023," focusing on the significance of start weight in seaweed growth. Zulung Zach Walyandra from Jasuda shared experiences from "Experimenting Together with Seaweed Farmers," emphasizing the importance of farmer involvement in research. Dr. Jamaluddin Fitrah Alam expertly moderated the first session, facilitating engaging discussions and Q&A.

In the second session, three more experts shared their knowledge. Prof. Nita Rukminasari from FIKP UNHAS explored "Agronomic Aspects of Seaweed Cultivation," providing insights into the value chain of the seaweed industry in South Sulawesi. Dr. Liedeman from the National Research and Innovation Agency (BRIN) discussed the "Development of Seaweed Seed from Spores," highlighting advancements in seed development. Dr. Han Soothondt from WUR presented "Seaweed Seed Performance: Results of the JaSuDa-WFBR Experiment 2023," offering crucial findings on seaweed seed performance. Dr. Yuyu La Nafie guided the second session, ensuring that the audience had opportunities to engage with the speakers through questions and discussions.

With the seminar attracting approximately 100 in-person attendees and an additional 50 participants joining online via Zoom Meeting, it served as a significant milestone in the ongoing collaboration. The partnership's dedication to advancing seaweed production practices and sustainability has yielded valuable research findings, contributing to the growth of the seaweed industry in Indonesia and beyond. The collaboration's trajectory, extending until 2024, promises continued progress and innovation in the field of seaweed research and production.





TWO LECTURERS OF FACULTY OF CULTURAL SCIENCES HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY WERE INVITED TO GIVE A GUEST LECTURE IN MALAYSIA



Being invited as a guest lecturer in a university with QR world rank under 200 is one of the activities of Key Performance Indicator Number Three (KPI 3). For the KPI accomplishment, through World Class University (WCU), Hasanuddin University provides funding for the lecturers who are invited by the overseas university that QS rank complies with the requirement to get funding for the guest lecture.

By good fortune, Dr. Dafirah, M.Hum, a lecturer of Department of Local Languages, Faculty of Cultural Sciences (FIB) was invited to give a lecture about "Children Literature of the Buginese" in the Faculty of Modern Language and Communication of Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) on November 30, 2023. Besides that, Dr. Mardi Adi Armin, M.Hum., a lecturer of Department of French Language was also invited by Akademi Pengajian Melayu Universiti Malaya Kuala Lumpur Malaysia to give an online lecture about "Perception of Cultural Diversity as the Core of Cross Cultural Communication" on November 29, 2023 in Akademi Pengajian Melayu Universiti Malaya (UM).



A man with dark hair and a mustache, wearing a bright red blazer over a grey polo shirt, stands in a lush green park. He is looking upwards and to the right. In the background, there is a large, ornate stone statue on a pedestal, surrounded by trees with green and purple foliage. A banner with the text "SAKRIH" is visible in the distance.

**INDONESIAN INTERNATIONAL
STUDENTS MOBILITY AWARDS
CORNER: ARJUNA RIBAL**



Indonesian International Students Mobility (IISMA) is a flagship program from the Ministry of Education and Culture and funded by *Lembaga Pengelola Dana Pendidikan* (LPDP) or Educational Fund Management Institution. This is a semester scholarship abroad for Indonesian students. The awardees can spend 3-6 months abroad studying at any university around the globe. Certainly, students who are awarded this scholarship will go through an excellent experience to build their international exposure and horizon. This year 2023, one of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) students went to University of Adelaide (UA) named Arjuna Ribal. Arjuna is preferably called Juna and currently studying at the Department of Information System, Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences (FP-MIPA). He was born on June 1, 2003 in Pare-Pare, South Sulawesi. The International Office (IO) had a chance to interview and share his golden experience with this scholarship. Below are his responses.

In his first response to the campus life in his host university, he said that studying at the UA is one of the most calming and exciting things that I got to do as an IISMA 2023 Awardee. With the abundance of different activities and events that the University conducts, campus life is one of the best experiences I've ever had. There were no "boring" days as every day there seemed to be at least an activity to do in the campus area outside of our classes. The students were all very inclusive and nice towards us. We got to meet most of them during the numerous student council events, such as the Mid-Winter Barbeque. The lecturers of the UA that I was fortunate to meet were all very nice and understanding. I even got to work with one of my lecturers, Dr. Florian Ploeckl, on an upcoming project that I was very passionate about. The lecturers also love having conversations with their students to get to know them on a personal level. Overall, I was extremely lucky and deeply thankful to experience studying at this wonderful university.



Furthermore, not only he went through fruitful experiences but also several challenges. Here are his responses. I guess one of the most challenging parts of my study at the UA was adapting to the local culture and norms. There were a couple of things that I did not expect to be considered "normal" behavior in the country, so it was somewhat of a challenge to adapt to them. One of my biggest surprises from the UA was the fact that the lectures were not mandatory to attend. This is due to the university offering all of its lecture recordings on its website, hence students would tend to avoid the onsite lectures and just watch the recordings online. This created problems such as a small number of students attending the lectures, thus limiting our chances to socialize with the other students.

The last response was his vision to a better UNHAS from his lesson learned at the UA. One of the most impressive things that I found during my study at the UA was the amount of interactions between the students and lectures in and out of classes. Most of the courses have "tutorial" classes where the students can attend to seek advice for their given assignments. Though UNHAS already has "practicum" classes, I feel like they are not utilized to their full potential in a few faculties. Other than that, I feel like some facilities at UNHAS can be upgraded to better support the student's studies. Having things such as a student hub, a bigger and more organized library, and even free counseling support to improve the students' mental health and wellbeing.

The interview ended and the IO thanked him for being available and coming to the office in his such a hectic routine at UNHAS. The IO wishes him the best in his study and his future professional career. Once again, Your story and experiences were absolutely inspiring to other students. Thank you Juna!



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