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THE INTERNATIONAL OFFICE, HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY WELCOMES INBOUND STAFF FROM UNIVERSITI MALAYA, MALAYSIA



Universiti Malaya (UM) is one of the Asian universities that rank in the top 65 world universities, according to the website topuniversity.com. The UM delegates visited International Office of Hasanuddin University (IO) for a co-sharing internationalization program in both universities. The welcome inbound staff was completed from Tuesday - Wednesday, December 12 - 13, 2023. The visit was warmly welcomed by Andi Masyitha Irwan, Ph.D (Head of IO), Muhammad Ridwan, M.A. (Secretary of IO), Rafika Ramdhani Ramli, L.LM (Taskforce of IO), and other IO staff. The delegation of UM represented by Ms Nuzul Fatihin Izatil Azman (Assistant Registrar), Mrs Geeta Gengatharan (Administrative Assistant), Mr Muhammad Ridzwan Bin Mohd Rashid (Assistant Registrar) and Ms Dayang Siti Khadijah Binti Awang Bujang (Administrative Assistant). This two-day visit was rich with sessions such as Introduction to UNHAS and International Office staff introduction, student mobility programs, IO supports, Campus tour, IO marketing activities, student engagement programs and UM representative presentation.

On Day #1, the inbound staff joined the UNHAS and International Office introduction session that Ms. Masyitha delivered. In her presentation, she described the UNHAS profile and IO staff profiles. She continued with the next session, the student mobility program. UNHAS has implemented several mobility programs, such as the International Cultural Program (ICP). University students from several countries, such as Australia, Honduras, Malaysia, Pakistan, China, Vietnam, India, etc., participated in the ICP. This seven-day program consisted of three-day classroom lectures and another three days for local trips to specific areas related to maritime culture, the fundamental aspect of UNHAS. She also explained UNHAS numbers of faculty, campuses and several achievements, including the QS Ranking of the university. Other sessions on the first day included introducing IO's support, including student volunteers and a special task force at the faculty level. The last session was a campus tour. The UM delegates visited the UNHAS library and international corners on this campus tour. These included German Corner, Korean Corner, Mandarin Corner, Waroeng Perancis and Aussie Banget Corner.

On the next day, the delegates received marketing activities from the IO delivered by Muhammad Ridwan, M.A. These included utilizing social media such as Facebook and Instagram to promote IO's programs and activities. This aims to reach out to potential participants, including students, lecturers and staff, to participate in any program offered by the office. The next session was presenting IO's program in engaging students, such as Unhas Day (UD), International Students Festival (ISF), International Students Association (ISA) and services for students and guests. One session that was also a great one was the presentation from the UM delegates. In promoting UM programs and activities, UNHAS IO learned a lot, particularly in recruiting and attracting international students to UM. Another interesting point from the UM presentation was the strategic counting of their inbound students. UM employs a minimum of 4 hours of attendance from international students in any activities offered by the UM to be claimed as its inbound students. This part was an excellent lesson learned.

The inbound staff program ended with a photo session and token exchange. Both parties were looking forward to the visit of UNGAS IO to the UM shortly to learn other things.





MONITORING AND EVALUATION OF *KEMITRAAN NEGARA BERKEMBANG* SCHOLARSHIP IMPLEMENTATION AT HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY



The monitoring and evaluation (Monev) of *Kemitraan Negara Berkembang* (KNB) or Partnership of Developing Countries scholarship was carried out on December 8, 2023. The Ministry of Education and Culture delegates and *Lembaga Pengelola Dana Pendidikan* (LPDP) or Education Fund Management Institution discussed this monitoring and evaluation with Hasanuddin University-related offices. The offices joined the Directorate of Academic represented by Nurul Ichsani, S.Sos, M.I.Kom, International office (IO), Language Services, Dra. Arniaty (Foreign Cooperation Bureau) and KNB Awardees.

After the opening speech from the Directorate Academic, the room was split in two. One was for KNB Management and financial monitoring and evaluation, and the other was for KNB awardees monitoring evaluation. In KNB management and financial matters, Kumara Tungga Dewa (IO Program Assistant) explained KNB awardees' academic and non-academic achievements. Mr Dewa showed KNB awardees' letter of grade point averages (GPA).

In addition, one of the awardees' non-academic achievements was Kanchul Louis Mendy, elected President of the UNHAS International Students Association (ISA). Mr. Dewa also showed Andrea Sofia Aleman, who was invited to the summit regarding Latin America and had a chance to meet the Governor of West Java, Mr. Ridwan Kamil, on the summit stage. The last one was Anwar Muneer, who led the Yemeni Students in performing the traditional Yemeni Dance during the 1st UNHAS International Students Festival (ISF).

Moreover, the KNB team emphasized that their Bahasa still needs to be improved more, and the duration also needs to be added, or the Language Services might design two sessions, one in the afternoon and one in the afternoon.

Before closing, the KNB team had a final session, and all parties came to a considerable oval table discussion. The KNB team exposed all the findings, including an interview with the Head of Admission Office, Ms Nurul Ichsani, S.Sos, M.I.Kom, regarding the selection process for the KNB scholarship. She described the selection, including applicants' applications, interviews, and psychometric tests. The KNB team recommended that the IO be involved in this process from the first to the end of the selection, as the IO would interact with this applicant when awarded.

KNB and the LPDP team hope that UNHAS will do its best to manage this scholarship in the future.



FACULTY OF ENGINEERING, HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY JOINS THE FIRST EVIDENCE BASED APPROACH FACULTY MEETING AT KEIO UNIVERSITY, JAPAN AND COLLABORATES WITH NANCHANG UNIVERSITY, CHINA



The first Faculty Meeting for School On Internet (SOI) Asia's Evidence-Based Approach (EBA) Project occurred on November 23rd and 24th, 2023, at Keio University, Japan. The EBA Project, aligning with SOI Asia's mission, focuses on evidence-based educational programs to contribute to a resilient future society in the Asia Pacific region. The meeting, attended by 28 participants from 17 universities and institutions, emphasized collaboration improvement and discussed curriculum design, operational schemes, and community building.

Special attention was given to intensifying collaboration between partner universities in developing a fieldwork-centric curriculum, aiming to cultivate essential skills for practical fieldwork and effective teamwork. The meeting underscored the importance of intensive faculty communication to synchronize educational efforts, share best practices, and maintain a dynamic curriculum responsive to evolving challenges. The faculty members committed to strengthening collaboration through ongoing dialogue and knowledge exchange.

The Faculty of Engineering also has established a cooperation with Nanchang University (NCU) in China. A delegation team from FT UNHAS conducted an academic visit to NCU, culminating in the signing of a Cooperation Implementation Agreement between the Dean of FT Unhas and three deans at NCU. The collaboration involves the School of Infrastructure Engineering, School of Advanced Manufacturing, and School of Resources and Environment at NCU, focusing on green infrastructure, robotics, automotive, metallurgy & materials, and environmental pollution control.

The cooperative activities include student and lecturer exchanges, research collaborations, and joint international conference organization. The agreement signing took place on December 7, 2023, at Nanchang University Campus.



THE FACULTY OF MEDICINE, HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY ESTABLISHES A COLLABORATION WITH THE FACULTY OF MEDICINE, UNIVERSITY OF LISBON, PORTUGAL



The establishment of the collaboration was carried out on December 15, 2023 in Portugal. This collaboration is a follow-up to the collaboration between Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) and the University of Lisbon, the MOU of which was signed by the two Rectors on May 3 2023. The collaboration between the two faculties agreed on student and lecture exchanges and visiting lecturers on both sides. Dr.dr.Rina Masadah, M.Phil, Sp.PA(K),DFM as Head of the Center for Publications, Community Service and International Affairs, Faculty of Medicine (FK), UNHAS in her discussion with Prof.dr. João Eurico Cabral da Fonseca, PhD, Dean of Faculty of Medicine, University of Lisbon, agreed on several important things in implementing the activities that will be carried out by both parties. The University of Lisbon is ranked 200th in the world and the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Lisbon is ranked 202nd in the world based on the subject of medicine.

BENCHMARKING OF THE GEOPHYSICS DEPARTMENT, HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY TO THE EARTH OBSERVATORY OF SINGAPORE AND THE ASIAN SCHOOL OF ENVIRONMENT, NATIONAL TECHNOLOGY UNIVERSITY, SINGAPORE



To increase research and education collaboration, the Geophysics Department of Hasanuddin University, under the leadership of Dr Muh. Alimuddin Hamzah officially visited the Asian School of Environment and Earth Observatory of Singapore, Nanyang Technological University (NTU). Prof. Adam Switzer, an expert in the field of coastal hazards at NTU, welcomed this visit warmly.

This visit is a strategic step in exploring the potential for collaboration between the two institutions to overcome challenges in the geophysics field and improve the quality of education, especially for Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) Geophysics students. Intensive discussions between the Geophysics Department, Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences (FMIPA, UNHAS) team and researchers at the Asian School of Environment and the Earth Observatory of Singapore involved various aspects of geophysical research, with a focus on understanding and mitigating natural disaster risks.

Dr. Muh. Alimuddin Hamzah stated, "We are very enthusiastic about exploring collaboration opportunities that can positively impact understanding and mitigating natural disasters in this region. The Asian School of Environment has a strong reputation in geophysical research, and we are confident that this collaboration will provide great benefits for both institutions."

Prof. Adam Switzer, as host, welcomed this collaborative initiative. He stated, "We see great potential in collaborating with the Geophysics Department of Hasanuddin University. This collaboration will not only enrich knowledge in geophysical research but can also significantly contribute to increasing educational capacity at both universities."





GET ACQUAINTED WITH INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS :

ZAHRAH MUNEER ABDO
OTHMAN MUNASSAR

In Issue #56, the International Office (IO), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) introduces one of the international students named Zahrah Muneer Abdo Othman Munassar, preferably called Zahrah. She is a semester three student at the Faculty of Dentistry (FKG). She is from Yemen and was born in Taiz, Yemen, on February 14, 2003. The IO had an interview with her in her free time. She was asked three questions covering why she chose UNHAS to continue her bachelor's degree, her feelings during her study at this university and how she envisioned a better UNHAS in the future. Please see her responses below.

She explained that she chose UNHAS because her elder brother, Anwar Muneer, had already been admitted as a Kemitraan Negara Berkembang (KNB) or Partnership of Developing Countries scholarship awardee. Anwar is currently studying at the Department of Informatic Engineering. Through her brother, she applied to be a Dentistry student, and luckily, she was accepted and had the right to receive a UNHAS scholarship. She continued to look up more about the university online and found that FKG was the best one to continue her studies.

In response to the second question regarding her feelings about studying here, She expressed her satisfaction by saying that the university and her faculty were excellent. She enjoys learning here very much. She even did a mini library research about caring for children's teeth by reading several journal articles. With this article, she contacted her uncle, who works at King Abdul Aziz University in Saudi Arabia as an information technology (IT) expert. She explained that there had been a strong relationship between her mini-research and her uncle's work at that university.

On the other hand, the work of dentistry is very close to the implementation of IT. She was happy with this achievement. She hopes that she will be able to work with her uncle in the future.

The last question asked to her was her vision for a better UNHAS in the future. She expected that the significant number of accepted new students annually be adjusted with an equal and sufficient number of lecturers, especially during a practicum at the laboratory sessions. She ended the interview and went to her afternoon final examination in her faculty. The IO wishes her the best in her studies and completes her degree on time. All the best, Zahrah, and thank you for your time!





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