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## **HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY AND NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY, USA, SIGN THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**



Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) and Northern Illinois University (NIU) signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Saturday, January 6, 2024 at Senate Room 2nd floor. Prior to the signing ceremony, the Rector of UNHAS, Prof. Dr. Jamaluddin Jompa, M.Sc. or Prof. JJ, hosted lunch for NIU delegates and UNHAS officials on the 8th floor. Accompanying the Rector, in signing the MoU were all Vice-Rectors, Deans, Heads of Institutions and other lecturers and staff. Meanwhile, accompanying the President, were Prof Dr Eric Jones (Executive Director of Global Initiatives), Prof Dr George Middlemist, (Chief Financial Officer), Dr Bob Brinkmann (Dean of NIU College of Liberal Arts and Sciences), Catherine Middlemist and Gazly (Police Interpol).

The MoU signing ceremony began with presentation of UNHAS video profile and continued with a welcome remark by Prof. JJ said, "I will express my happiness of hosting the President of NIU and team. Allow me to describe the meaning of the UNHAS logo, which shows the head of a rooster. It represents the fight of Sultan Hasanuddin towards the colonies by the Dutch!" Prof JJ also explained that UNHAS played an important role not only in education but also in sciences.

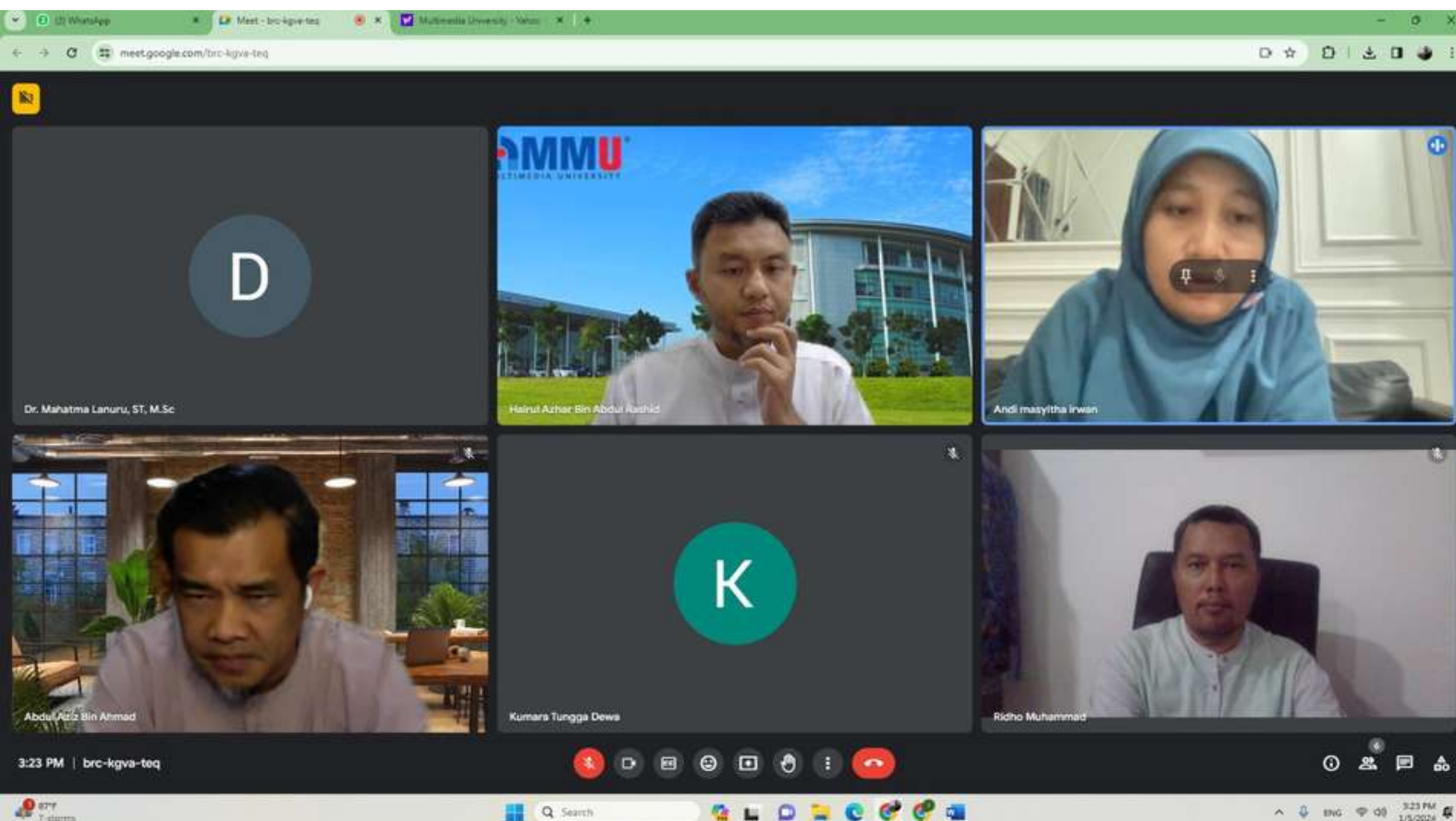
In addition, UNHAS and NIU represented not only two big universities but also two big different countries. He then continued with introducing all UNHAS officials joining the ceremony.

Meanwhile, the President of NIU expressed her gratitude for being here at UNHAS. "The presence of UNHAS officials in this ceremony particularly during the weekend really meant a lot to me. I am very glad to meet the Rector and all staff and see this moment as a very potential partner." She also explained the NIU logo which shows a husky, one type of dog. The husky is well known for its directed character to pursue its goals in life. She also welcomed UNHAS as a part of the husky family. The ceremony then moved on to the discussion and was facilitated by Dr. Ansariadi (Director of Partnership). Dr. Ansariadi explained three areas of the collaboration. One of which was Bahasa Indonesia untuk Penutur Asing (BIPA) or Indonesia Language for Non Native Speakers teaching and learning. In the future, NIU students and academic staff would learn Bahasa Indonesia and would be handled by UNHAS Language Service Center.

Before the ceremony ended, both universities did a token exchange UNHAS and NUI delegates then proceeded to Balla Lompoa (The Great House), a house that functions as a palace of the Kingdom of Gowa when in power a long time ago. The Balla Lompoa now transforms into a museum showing all artifacts that were used to be utilized by the Kingdom. Both delegates continued enjoying the Losari Beach by sailing Phinisi around Makassar straits.



## **INTERNATIONAL OFFICE, HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY HOLDS AN ONLINE MEETING WITH MULTIMEDIA UNIVERSITY, MALAYSIA**



The International Office of Hasanuddin University (IO UNHAS) held an online meeting with Multimedia University (MMU), Malaysia on Friday, January 5, 2024. The meeting was carried out through Google Meet and was followed by Andi Masyitha Irwan, Ph.D (Head of IO), Prof. Dr. Mahatma Lanuru, S.T., M.Sc (Lecturer of Marine Sciences), Muhammad Ridwan, M.A. (Secretary of IO) and Kumara Tungga Dewa, S.S. (IO Inbound/Outbound Staff). Meanwhile, from MMU, there were two officials: Prof. Hairul Azhar Bin Abdul Rashid, Vice President of Market Exploration, Engagement and Touchpoints (MEET) and Dr. Abdul Aziz Bin Ahmad from MMU IO.

The meeting began with the introduction from Ms. Masyitha. She briefly explained about UNHAS including the student body, and campuses that are located outside Makassar. In addition, she also described the flagship program of IO: the International Cultural Program (ICP) which is based on South Sulawesi maritime culture. Last year ICP was participated in by around 30 countries, she continued. Meanwhile, Prof. Hairul also introduced his colleagues and described his university briefly. "MMU is like Telkom University that exists in Indonesia. It has several concentrations including engineering and business management." he added.

During the meeting, several issues were discussed, such as potential collaboration in many ways. Those issues were outbound/inbound lecturers and students and joint research. The discussion was very fruitful and interesting. Both parties expected to have a follow up such as the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signing. Therefore, MMU would send the UNHAS IO draft of MoU to be reviewed. Both parties also expected to visit the university respectively.



## HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY LEADS THE SULAWESI PARTNERSHIP FOR AUSTRALIA INDONESIA RESEARCH PROGRAM



Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) recorded a new history in educational cooperation between Australia and Indonesia through the signing of an innovative research collaboration agreement. "The total funds agreed for this collaborative research program total IDR 120 billion which will be allocated over four years or IDR 15 billion per year," said Vice Rector for Partnership, Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Business, Prof. Adi Maulana, Friday, January 5, 2024. He stated that the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) marked the start of the Partnership for Australia Indonesia Research (PAIR) Sulawesi program, where UNHAS became the leading university in research collaboration between Australia and Indonesia.

"The total agreed funds for this collaborative research program are 120 billion rupiah, which will be allocated over four years, with an average of 15 billion rupiah per year," he explained. Prof. Adi emphasized that this moment of collaboration was historic because it was the first time educational collaboration between Australia and Indonesia adopted a matching fund scheme. "Apart from that, this is also the first time in history that UNHAS has led a research consortium for Perguruan Tinggi Negeri Berbadan Hukum (PTNBH) or Legal Entity State Universities," he said.

The MoU signing ceremony was attended by Australian government representatives from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (DFAT) and Indonesian representatives from the Directorate General of Higher Education (Dirjen Dikti) at the Republic of Indonesia Ministry of Research, Technology and Higher Education Building, Jakarta.

This event was a historical milestone because for the first time, it involved a matching fund scheme. Apart from that, UNHAS was also the first to lead a research consortium PTNBH. The signing was carried out by the Chancellor of Monash University as chairman of the consortium from Australian universities, and the Rector of Unhas, Prof. Jamaluddin Jompa as Chairman of the University of Indonesia Consortium. UNHAS would lead a university consortium consisting of seven PTNBH: University of Indonesia (UI), Gajah Mada University (UGM), Bandung Institute of Technology (ITB), Bogor Institute of Agriculture (IPB), Airlangga University (UNAIR), Sepuluh Nopember Institute of Technology (ITS), and UNHAS. Meanwhile, the Australian consortium is the University of Melbourne, Monash University, University of Sydney, University of Western Australia, and University of Queensland.

The Sulawesi Partnership of Australia-Indonesia on Research (PAIR) program is a research collaboration platform between seven PTNBH universities in Indonesia and five universities in Australia. Funds for this program reached IDR 120 billion over a four year period (2024-2027), sourced from the Australian government and the Indonesian government through the Lembaga Pengelola Dana Pendidikan (LPDP) or Education Fund Management Institution. Researchers from seven PTNBHs in Indonesia will collaborate with researchers from five universities in Australia on various research topics with research locations in Sulawesi.



## **INTERNATIONAL OFFICE, HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY HOLDS HELLO IO INTRODUCING THE 2024 INDONESIAN INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS MOBILITY AWARDS**



Starting the year of 2024, the International Office (IO), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) held HELLO IO through Instagram Live on Friday, December 5, 2024. HELLO IO is one of the marketing strategies to reach out as many people as possible so they will be aware of IO's national and international activities. This first HELLO IO focused on the 2024 Indonesian International Students Mobility Awards (IISMA) featured two speakers: Andi Masyitha Irwan, Ph.D (Head of IO) and Geiby Mita Saroinsong (The 2022 IISMA Awardee from Faculty of Social and Political Sciences). The moderator of the HELLO was Agung Mandalika (IO Student Volunteer).

Viewed by around 300 viewers, the HELLO IO began with the general description about IISMA delivered by Ms. Masyitha. She described that IISMA is a flagship program designed by the Ministry of Education and Culture, Research and Higher Education. It enables Indonesian undergraduate programs to spend one semester in IISMA universities partners around the globe. Ms Geiby herself continued with sharing her golden experiences in IISMA. She said that she participated in various activities during her participation in IISMA. Her involvement indeed brought her the most memorable event in her life.





After both speakers explained, the moderator invited the viewers to propose the question through the comments. Both speakers responded to all the questions one by one to allow the viewers to comprehend their concerns. Before closing Ms. Masyitha reminded the viewers to keep looking @IO\_Unhas instagram for any update.





# INDONESIAN INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS MOBILITY AWARDS:

CHAIRUNNISA ATHAYA



It might not be far-fetched to say that most of us youths dream of seeing beyond the horizon, and through the Indonesian International Student Mobility Awards (IISMA) program, I fulfilled my long standing dream of studying abroad. Opting for a South Korean university as an English Literature student might seem like an odd choice, but the invaluable lessons I've gleaned at Hanyang University, both inside and outside the classroom, are irreplaceable.

With IISMA's focus on multidisciplinary studies, I had the opportunity to enroll in courses aligning with my diverse interests developed during my college journey, such as media, culture, and marketing. Many of the courses at Hanyang University placed substantial emphasis on honing skills essential for the industry. Thus, class participation often involved engaging in discussions, solving case studies, and crafting critical discourses related to the material, fostering practical and soft skills pertinent to my field. Another integral part of my university experience was the open communication with fellow students and lecturers, providing safe spaces for conversations extending beyond the course material. I highly value the transparent grading system, including regular feedback on assignments. Through these interactions, I engaged in enriching discussions with my lecturer, while also cultivating a robust professional network. One lecturer even encouraged me to reach out whenever I encountered something about South Korea that I didn't understand yet.

As a social media creator at IISMA Hanyang, it was an incredible opportunity to bridge both cultures. We frequently shared campus tours, cultural videos, and club activities to inspire fellow Indonesian university students to consider studying abroad. However, the most unforgettable experience I captured was the day we organized a "warmindo" event, fostering communal eating experiences for our campus peers. Our friends and lecturers alike joined us, some dropping in before classes, while others stayed for lunch breaks. I had the privilege of interviewing several students and witnessing their excitement while enjoying themselves at our booth, relishing food, games, and performances.

My journey with IISMA will forever hold a special place in my heart. Exploring the impact of media on culture and values in class while experiencing it in my daily life fuels my eagerness to delve deeper into other cultures and my own roots. There was always a sense of anticipation for what each day in Seoul would bring, and there will be an equally exciting tomorrow in Makassar too.

In this opportunity, I would like to extend my gratitude to all parties that contributed to my participation in IISMA. I would begin with a huge appreciation to my father, Rahmat Makmur and my mother, Dwi Indah Mustikarani. Both of them always support me with their prayers. Academically, I also would like to thank my academic advisor at the Department of English Literature Study Program (ELSP), Faculty of Cultural Science (FIB), Ms. Ainun Fatimah, S.S., M.Hum. who always guides me in choosing courses that have positive impacts of building my self competencies, capacities and pride. To the Head of ELSP, Prof. Dr. Nasmilah, M.Hum. who also persistently supports students wishing to study abroad. Last but not least, to all parties that I cannot mention one by one here, allow me to express my thankfulness for supporting me so far. Thank you.





**GET ACQUAINTED WITH  
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT:  
OMAR TAHA SUBHI**



Ending the year of 2023, the International Office of Hasanuddin University (IO UNHAS) again introduces its international students. In this issue, the IO managed to interview one of the students named Omer Taha Subhi, preferably called Omer. He was born in Baghdad on April 14, 2004. Omer is a semester three student of Faculty of Agriculture (Faperta). He is from the State Islamic of Iraq. As done previously, IO always asks 3 questions to the students who are introduced through the weekly news. These three questions were how he found UNHAS and finally enrolled at this campus. The second question, how he felt while studying at this university, and the final question was what his vision was for a better UNHAS in the future. Please read his response below carefully.

Omer found UNHAS from his brother who came to Makassar earlier and studied at State Islamic University of Makassar. With his brother's recommendation, he talked to his family and did the application for him. Choosing UNHAS to study was Omer's dream as he expected to have a scholarship for continuing his undergraduate program. His parents also agreed and organized his application for him. He was very happy after the notification from UNHAS reached his email.

The last responses of him towards the third questions were about seeing a better UNHAS in the future. He said that English as a medium of instruction in the classroom should be maintained to attract more international students. Moreover, UNHAS also has to improve the quality of its dormitories as in some cases, there are rooms that need to be well renovated and fixed. Despite all the challenges he faces, he expects to finish his studies on time and find a job that can be beneficial to his country of origin. The interview ended, and the IO wished him the best of luck for his study.



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