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## **HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY MEETS THE COUNTRY DIRECTOR OF USAID HIGHER EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVES PROJECT**



As the year 2024 takes place, Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) in collaboration with the USAID Higher Education Initiatives Project (USAID-HEPI) met together to discuss this year's implementation programs. The meeting was held on Thursday, January 11, 2024. Abdul Rahman, Ph.D (USAID HEPI Project Country Director) met Prof. Dr. Eng. Adi Maulana, S.T., M.Phil. (UNHAS HEPI Team Leader and Vice-Rector for Partnership, Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Business), Prof. Yusring Sanusi Baso, M.App.Ling (Institute of Quality Assurance and Educational Development), Dr. Eng., Adi Wahyudi Paundu (Director of Information System), Rini Rahmawaty, Ph.D. (Secretary of UNHAS HEPI Team), Muhammad Ridwan (M.A. (Secretary of International Office), and Zarah Arwieny Hanami, M.T. (Lecturer of Engineering).

Prof. Adi expressed his gratitude for the meeting and the presence of Mr. Abdul. This was a good sign for the sustainability of HEPI projects at UNHAS. Indeed, Prof. Adi emphasised that UNHAS welcomes the continuation of the projects despite the fact that there was disinformation and miscommunication that occurred last year. To ensure that, Prof. Adi conveyed his concerns that this year the projects should be well organised and coordinated with the UNHAS team to avoid any obstacles. He also said that UNHAS team members may have abundant tasks and responsibilities that affected communication last year. In short, Prof. Adi hoped the project implementation would run smoothly.



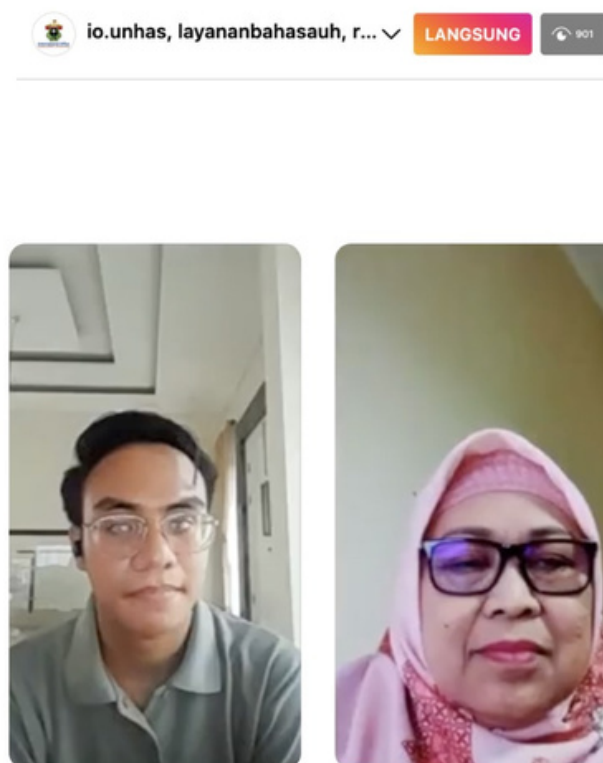
Meanwhile, Mr. Abdul Rahman also apologised for any inconvenience during the communication last year. He also ensured that this year, the program implementation would be well coordinated with the UNHAS HEPI Team and would not interrupt the team's major role and responsibility at the university. He also expressed his apology for the execution of Make Innovation Space (MIS), which seemed slow. He reminded the team that some of the challenges came from USAID, which was very selective in purchasing equipment made in a certain country. In addition, the shipping of the equipment also met the customs regulations, which is very common sense when dealing with importing foreign equipment.

Before the meeting ended, Mr. Abdul handed the MoU to Prof. Adi. This MoU states the implementation of MIS located at the Faculty of Engineering (FT) in Gowa Regency. The meeting ended with a photo session.





## INTERNATIONAL OFFICE, HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY HOLDS HELLO IO FOCUSING ON ENGLISH PROFICIENCY TEST



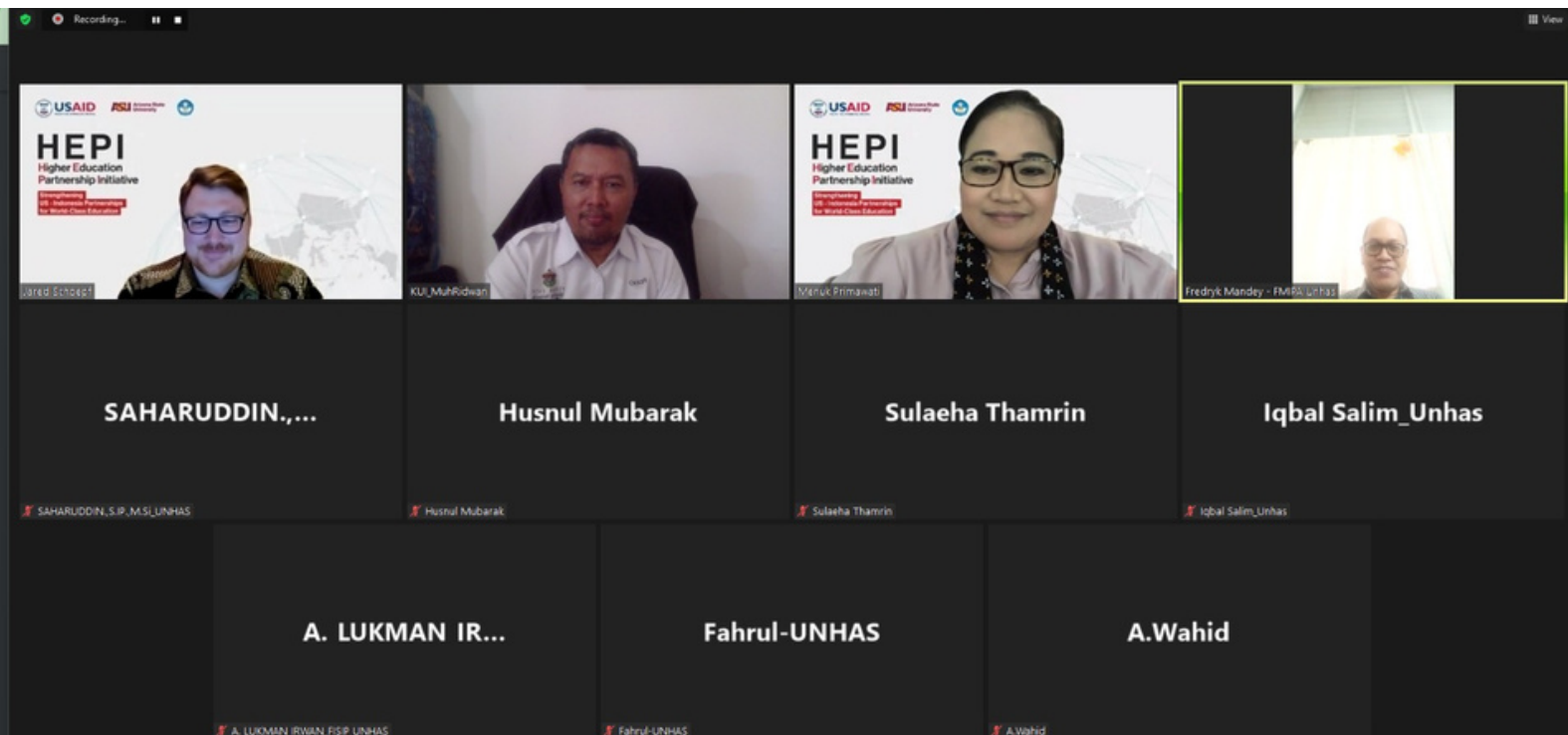
In the Instagram Live "Hello IO: Road to IISMA 2024: English Proficiency Test," guiding this intellectual discourse was the esteemed moderator, Ibnu Gymnastiar, who skilfully orchestrated a dialogue of paramount importance. The event featured two distinguished speakers: Dra. Herawaty Abbas, M.Hum., M.A., Ph.D., the esteemed Head of the Language Service, and Muh. Reza Tryandhi K., an accomplished IISMA Awardee of 2023 to the University of Pennsylvania, USA. This HELLO IO was held on Friday, January 12, 2024.

Mrs. Herawaty Abbas articulated intricate details surrounding the English training camp conducted by Universitas Hasanuddin. She underscored its pivotal role in preparing candidates for the Diagnostic English Test (DET) and, consequently, the impending IISMA 2024 examination. In parallel, Mr. Reza Tryandhi K. imparted sage counsel, advising prospective applicants to tailor their focus to the specific English Proficiency Test aligning with the requisites of their prospective universities.

The unequivocal importance of establishing clear and attainable objectives resonates throughout his discourse. As the live Instagram approached its culmination, both speakers united in a resounding call to action, encouraging applicants to approach the impending challenges with unwavering confidence, focused concentration, and an unwavering commitment to delivering their optimal performance. The narrative of the event concluded, leaving the audience fortified with motivation and preparedness for their distinctive journeys on the Road to IISMA 2024.



## HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY HOLDS THE PREPARATION OF GLOBAL EPICS WORKSHOP PLAN MEETING PRESENTING ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY HIGHER EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVES USAID



As a collaboration of Hasanuddin University with USAID Higher Education Partnership Initiatives (HEPI), Arizona State University (ASU) continues, a Zoom meeting under the topic of Global Engineering Projects in Community Services (EPICS) workshop plan was carried out on Wednesday, January 10, 2024, presenting Jared Schoepf, Ph.D from ASU. The meeting was joined by Abdul Rahman, Ph.D. (Country Director of USAID HEPI Project), Menuk Primawati (USAID HEPI Project Program Coordinator), Muhammad Ridwan, M.A. (International Office), Muhammad Kurnia, Ph.D. (Head of Community Service Program) and lectures acting as UNHAS Supervisors of Community Service Program.

The meeting began with a welcome speech by Abdul Rahman, Ph.D and Muhammad Ridwan, M.A. Both expressed their gratitude for joining this workshop plan. Mr. Ridwan continued by introducing several important participants, particularly Mr. Kurnia as the Head of the Community Service Program.

The meeting moved on from the presentation by Jared. He started with the explanation of Global EPICS, including the definition, phases, program snapshot, human-centered design process, project-focused themes, and many more. His presentation employed such an interactive session. Many times, the participants asked questions in the middle of his presentation.



## DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL RELATION'S STUDENT JOINS KANAZAWA UNIVERSITY EXCHANGE PROGRAM IN JAPAN



Vanya Kananga Iqbal, an international relations student of the class of 2021 at Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) Faculty of Social and Political Sciences (FISIP) joined the Kanazawa University Exchange Program (KUEP). On January 8, 2024, she took part in the celebration of Seijin-no-hi, or Coming-of-Age Day directly in Japan. Coming-of-Age Day is a holiday and one of the most important Japanese celebration days. Coming-of-age ceremonies have been held in Japan since at least 714 CE, during Empress Genmei's reign, when a young prince donned new robes and a hairstyle to commemorate his transition into adulthood. Coming-of-Age ceremonies are held across Japan at city halls, municipal or ward offices, and other official venues, usually in the late morning of Coming-of-Age Day. During this celebration, she attended the celebration in Tokyo, which was organized by the Minato city government. Held at a hotel in the centre of Tokyo, which is directly opposite the Tokyo Tower.

This celebration day is a celebration of the transition to adulthood when a teenager becomes an adult and turns 20 years old. In Japan, becoming an adult means a variety of rights and responsibilities, including the ability to vote, drive, and consume alcohol.

Coming of Age Day is a big deal in Japan, and people go to great lengths to dress up and look their best.



On this special day, young ladies usually wear an elaborate kimono called a furisode. Furisodes are commonly worn by single adult women, indicating that the woman is of legal age and eligible for marriage. Furisode cannot be worn until a woman reaches adulthood, so Coming of Age Day is the first occasion when young ladies can wear furisode. Apart from the furisode, a woman's full Seijin-no-Hi ensemble typically consists of an exquisite updo hairstyle paired with vibrant floral hair accessories, a tiny kimono-fabric bag to hold personal belongings, white tabi socks, and traditional sandals (zōri).

As an international exchange student at Kanazawa University, Japan, she felt very happy because she experienced firsthand the very strong atmosphere of Japanese culture and traditions. Kanazawa is also known as the city of samurai led by the Maeda shogunate. Some of the buildings left over from the samurai era are still intact and preserved. Some of these buildings have become museums, one of which is the Samurai Museum, which exhibits many of the items of the era when Shogun Maeda was in power. Kanazawa City is also often referred to as the city of samurai. Apart from that, Kanazawa University provides complete facilities and has very modern library facilities, making me very comfortable studying there for hours. Apart from that, she also made friends from various countries, including my roommate, who is a native Japanese.

She is very grateful for having the opportunity to be an international exchange student at Kanazawa University. As an international relations student, she experienced firsthand the differences between Japanese and Indonesian cultures and interacted with various foreign students. However, there is also sadness due to the large earthquake that just hit Ishikawa prefecture some time ago. This big earthquake of course made her quite surprised and a little anxious because this incident took place when she was far from my family. She felt assured this experience would be very valuable in her future. Thank you UNHAS and Kanazawa University for this golden opportunity.





## HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY LANGUAGE SERVICES AND AUSSIE BANGET CORNER WELCOMES THE AUSTRALIA CONSUL GENERAL.



On Wednesday afternoon, January 10, 2023, the Australian Consul General, Mr. Todd Dias, and his staff visited the Aussie Banget Corner (ABC), which is located at the Language Services Unit, Hasanuddin University. This was his first visit since he served as the Australian Consulate, replacing Mrs. Bronwyn Robbins, whose term of office had already ended. During this visit, Mr. Todd Dias asked about visitors who came to take advantage of ABC's existence.

Generally, these visitors are from the Faculty of Cultural Sciences (FIB) and Faculty of Social and Political Sciences (FISIP) students. They mostly read books from existing book collections, and some also came to ask for information about scholarships to study in Australia. Before leaving, Mr. Todd Dias promised to provide more books for the ABC collection. The Consul General closed his visit by taking pictures with the staff of the Language Services Unit.





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