



#### INTERNATIONAL OFFICE HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY SPEAKS ABOUT INDONESIAN INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS MOBILITY AWARD AT BOSOWA UNIVERSITY



The International Office (IO), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) was invited by Bosowa University (Unibos), Makassar to speak about Indonesia International Students Mobility Award (IISMA) for Unibos students. The session was held on Thursday, January 18, 2024. This IISMA socialization was delivered by Dr. Andi Masyitha Irwan, the Head of International Office and Arjuna Ribal, IISMA Awardee 2023 of Adelaide, Australia.

They talked about IISMA and its registration procedure, as well as sharing a few tips and tricks to get them through the IISMA registration period. Not to mention, Arjuna motivated the students of Unibos by sharing his personal experience as an IISMA awardee. The socialization itself was crucial as Unibos has not had an IISMA awardee since the unveiling of IISMA back in 2021. Hence, UNHAS hopes with this socialization, they can help Unibos students live their dreams to become IISMA awardees and study abroad.



#### HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY HOLDS CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP FOR STUDENT VOLUNTEERS



The workshop of capacity building for International Office (IO) student volunteers (Stuvos) was held on Wednesday, January 17, 2024 at UNHAS Hotel and Convention. The aim of the workshop was to prepare the eleven students who passed through their probation period of being the IO volunteers for one year's service. The workshop was officially opened by the Universitas Hasanuddin (UNHAS) Secretary, Prof. Sumbangan Baja, and was accompanied by Dr. Andi Masyitha Irwan the Head of IO and Muhammad Ridwan, Secretary of IO and other IO's staff.

The IO offered several sessions in this workshop: Workshop Orientation, delivered by Mr. Ridwan, Direction and Policy of IO Towards Student Volunteers by Mrs. Irwan. How to be an Effective Volunteer by Nirma Hasyim, Independent Consultant/Experienced as Global Volunteer. Meanwhile, the Introduction to South Sulawesi Tourism Destination was delivered by Andi Zulkarnain, Provincial Office of Culture and Tourism, South Sulawesi, Public Speaking by Eddyman Ferial, the News Anchor of TVRI Makassar/Lecturer, Hospitality Management by Jaka Priatna, General Director of UNHAS Hotel and Convention, and Basic Journalism by Iswanto, Journalist and Lecturer.

As a part of the workshop, all Stuvos must have submitted their reflection paper describing what they have learnt for this one day workshop.







## INTERNATIONAL OFFICE, HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY HOLDS UPDATING MODULE FOR BAHASA INDONESIA OF NON NATIVE SPEAKERS



The International Office (IO) of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) held the Updating Module of Bahasa Indonesia for Non Native Speakers on Thursday, January 18, 2024 at UNHAS Hotel. The module will be used by student volunteers assisting UNHAS international students to speak Bahasa Indonesia easily. The session was joined by the IO staff and student volunteers as well as invited international students. The volunteers were divided into three groups which were supervised by IO and previous volunteers.

In the afternoon session, all groups presented the findings and additional aspects of the module. The volunteers provided input to each other to improve and develop each chapter discussed. Before the session ended, Gurpreet Kauri and Muh. Farid Mujahidin from the Stuvos Batch 1 were given chances of presenting their best practices as former volunteers at the IO.





# INTERNATIONAL OFFICE, HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY HOSTS "HELLO IO" ROAD TO INDONESIAN INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS MOBILITY AWARD" FOCUSING ON TEST WAWASAN KEBANGSAAN (NATIONAL INSIGHT TEST)



On Friday, January 19, 2024, in the Instagram Live "Hello IO: Road to the 2024 Indonesian International Students Mobility Award (IISMA) focusing on *Tes Wawasan Kebangsaan* (National Insight Test)" was carried out by the International Office (IO) of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS). The insightful Hello IO which was hosted by Muh Nurfaiz Fahmi as IO student volunteer simultaneously showed his greatest efforts, attempts, and arranged the lives properly. The event featured two honorable speakers Arjuna Ribal, IISMA Awardee of 2023 studying at the University of Adelaide, Australia, and Aliyyah Ansariadi, IISMA Awardee of 2023 going to Michigan State University, USA.

The tremendous efforts were shown by both distinguished speakers and how they ensured and motivated the IISMA prospective applicants to achieve their dreams and eventually make progress. Furthermore, considering the majority of IISMA applicants come from semesters 4 & 6, it completely doesn't seem easy for IISMA participants to compete. Therefore, there were more than 250+ students who attended the live show through Instagram which indicated and simultaneously reinforced how tremendously the motivation of UNHAS' students. On the other hand, the IO believes that the honorable speakers' answers corresponded to the host and audience's questions and even exceeded the expectations of the IO itself.



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### FACULTY OF NURSING, HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY HOLDS A PRE-DEPARTURE TRAINING FOR SAKURA SCIENCE EXCHANGE PROGRAM STUDENTS



The Faculty of Nursing (FKep) held a Pre-Departure Training for students joining the Sakura Science Exchange Program on Tuesday, January 12, 2024. The activity was attended by nine students and one lecturer who departed for Yokohama City University, Japan on January, 15 – 20, 2024 to undergo the program. The activity was attended by Prof. Ariyanti Saleh (Dean of FKep), and fellow Vice Deans. The present speakers were Jumriani and Dr. Suni Hariati.

Prof. Ariyanti said, "Congratulations on the selection of students who are selected to take part in the cherry blossom exchange activity at Yokohama City University, hopefully the students can benefit as much as possible. In addition, Prof. Ariyanti continued: "There are many of these student exchange activities, particularly building networks with Japanese students. We also advise that students are UNHAS ambassadors in Japan so they must maintain their attitude at the university where they will be,"

The Sakura Science Exchange Program is a form of collaboration between FKep and the School of Nursing, Yokohama City University. The Vice Dean for Academic and Students Affairs, Dr. Syahrul, said that "The Sakura Exchange Program is a form of collaboration between F.Kep and the School of Nursing, Yokohama City University which has been going on for 4 years "Lastly,

there were 9 students who go and 1 lecturer on a Japanese government scholarship," explained Syahrul. The presentation of activity material lasted for 2 days with the topics, The Role of the Nursing Profession in the Implementation of Palliative Care in Hospitals, the Role of the Physiotherapy Profession in the Implementation of Palliative Care in Hospitals and the Concept of Palliative Care for Children.







In Issue #60, the International Office (IO) invites readers to visit one of the countries on the African continent. This country borders directly with several countries such as Sudan and Eritrea in the north, Somalia in the east, South Sudan in the west and Kenya in the south. This country is called Ethiopia. Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) hosts several students from this country and one of them is Suhayb Jama Hassan. He prefers to be called Suhayb. He is currently in semester 4 at Faculty of Medicine (FK). He was born on February 2, 2004 in Ethiopia. The IO staff managed to interview him with three different questions such as how he found and registered his name to this university, his feelings during his study here and his vision for a better UNHAS in the future. Fasten your seatbelt and enjoy his responses below.

In his response to the first question, he said "My elder sister informed me about UNHAS because she graduated from Faculty of Dentistry (FKG) in the year of 2012/2013. She explained the comparison of two different university scholarships from UNHAS and another university in Asian countries. Thus, my sister convinced me that studying at UNHAS is better as she knows more about UNHAS." He then applied online and had to wait around 3-4 months for the acceptance. He regularly checked his email and at the end he got a Letter of Acceptance (LoA) to pursue his study here in UNHAS.

Secondly, his response to the question of his feelings during his study at UNHAS. He explained, "At the beginning I struggled a lot. I found many challenges, especially my skill in Bahasa Indonesia. As a beginner, I couldn't yet speak and understand the language. It was no wonder if my GPA in semester one was not satisfying." As time went on, entering semester 2, "I felt my Bahasa was much more improved as I interacted and communicated with more local students. My GPA was more satisfying and got above 3,5 on scale 4. This was certainly very encouraging." he added. He hopes that in the coming semester, his academic performance is more and more progressive.



The third question was how he sees a better UNHAS in the future. He responded by saying that in order to grow, UNHAS must improve its quality in all aspects, particularly its housing or dormitory for students. I found no problem with the room I am living in now. Nevertheless, other rooms are still in need of repair such as the door, wall, and ceilings.

The interview ended with a big hope from the IO that Suhayb succeeded in completing his degree with abundant satisfaction. Thank you Suhayb.





At this point, I believe that we all know what IISMA stands for Indonesian International Student Mobility Awards, arguably one of the most highly-sought after scholarships these past few years. And as an alumni, I can safely say that it deserves the hype. IISMA has become such a core actor in shaping who I am as a person today, both academically and socially. As someone who majors in International Relations, studying abroad or even just living abroad for a while has always been a dream of mine, much less enrolling in one of the most prestigious universities in the world. And for that, I feel incredibly blessed and grateful.

Throughout the period of my study at University of Pennsylvania, popularly called UPenn, I studied several courses both in and outside of my comfort zone, just for the fact that I had the opportunity to. I broadened my knowledge by attending courses in Finance and Business in order to learn about decision-making in businesses and in general, while also taking a course in Archaeology for my personal interests. Thankfully Penn is a campus filled with fascinating facilities and communities, such as the Perry World House, one of my favorite places on campus, which is basically a forum for discussing recent or trending global issues. This forum invited notable speakers from the United Nations and experts in various fields from all around the world, which gave my International Relations professor a chance to invite them for a guest lecture in class, which easily became one of my favorite parts of attending Penn. With all these opportunities, albeit I missed quite a lot, it still helped develop myself immensely.

Outside of all the hustle and bustle of an academically challenging, demanding, and honestly mentally draining campus, I figured that I should balance it out with non-academic activities! Which as I have mentioned previously, exists a lot. Student clubs and organizations both competitive and recreational existed, a fact that I took advantage of by joining various of said clubs, offering me a chance to socialize with new friends and develop new hobbies and habits. And following the acquisition of these new friends of mine, me and my fellow awardees did not forget the original goal of IISMA: cultural exchange! We gave quite a lot of effort in our cultural exchange by mentioning Indonesian cultures casually in conversations, wearing Batik quite often to classes, doing various charity work and organizing events, et cetera.



The academic challenges, the friends I made both fellow awardees and locals at Philly, the new habit and skills I gained, accumulated into one unforgettable memory for me, one that I would never have had the chance to gain without being an awardee myself. All the places I visited and all the people-watching I did while simply sitting by the road as I watched people from all walks of life go past, will always be one of the things I miss. Thus, I cannot stop recommending IISMA to those who can participate and are looking for new opportunities in life, as in the end, it will become something much larger than a mere opportunity.

To wrap up, allow me to extend my gratitude to everyone contributing to my participation in IISMA. First allow me to extend my gratitude Prof. Dr. Phil. Sukri, M.Si. (Dean of Faculty of Social and Political Sciences), then to Prof. H. Darwis, M.A., Ph.D (Head of International Relation Study Program), and who is also my academic advisor. To both my parents and all my siblings, I would thank every single support given to me. May Allah SWT bestow His mercy to all of us. Cheers!

