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HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY WELCOMES THE REPRESENTATIVE OF VRIJE UNIVERSITEIT , AMSTERDAM



On Monday, February 19, 2024, Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) through the Vice Rector for Academic and Student Affairs, Prof. drg. Muhammad Ruslin, M.Kes., Ph.D,. Sp.BM(K), welcomed a representative from Vrije Universiteit (VU) Amsterdam, drs. Wendelien Tuijp (Center for International Cooperation). This welcome ceremony was also attended by Irfan Sugianto, drg., M.Med., Ph.D (Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry), Prof. Dr. Phil. Sukri, M.Si. (Dean of the Faculty of Social and Political Sciences), Prof. Dr. Maskun S.H., LL.M (Vice Dean I of the Faculty of Law), Dr dr Rina Masadah SpPA (K) MPhil DFM (Vice Dean IV of the Faculty of Medicine) Nurul Ichsani, S.Sos., M.I.Kom. (Head of Sub-Directorate for New Student Admissions), Muhammad Ridwan (Secretary of the International Office), Zulkifli, Ph.D (Head of Sub-Directorate for Foreign Affairs Cooperation) and several other staff.

Mrs. Wendelien said that her arrival was to establish cooperation with UNHAS particularly in sending Ph.D students to the VU with the support from the VU, this offer could also be extended to other universities in the eastern part of Indonesia. Some of those universities were Sam Ratulangi University in Manado, North Sulawesi, Tadulako University in Palu, Central Sulawesi and many others. Mrs Wendelein, who's an expert in Intercultural Communication, mentioned that dealing with people from many different universities may cause an issue in communication. The welcome meeting ended with a photo session and merchandise distribution from VU to the meeting participants.





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INTERNATIONAL OFFICE, HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY IN COLLABORATION WITH THE AUSTRALIAN CONSULATE OFFICE AND AUSTRALIAN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION HELDS INFO SESSION ON AUSTRALIA AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP



On Thursday, the 19th of February 2024, Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), through the International Office (IO) facilitated the Australian Consulate General in Makassar and Ikatan Alumni Mahasiswa Australia ; Australian Student Alumni Association (IKAMA) to conduct "IKAMA Goes to Campus" . This event mainly covered Australia Awards Scholarship (AAS) Presentation and Alumni Sharing Session at the Senate Room, the 2nd Floor of UNHAS Rectorate building.

This tremendous event was attended by Prof. Jamaluddin Jompa, commonly called Prof. JJ (Rector of UNHAS and the President of IKAMA, South Sulawesi), Todd Dias (Australian Counselor) with some UNHAS lecturers who completed their study in Australian Universities including Ilham Alimuddin, Ph.D., Dr. dr. Rina Masadah, Sp.PA(K).,M.Phil, DFM., Nur Isdah idris, M.A and others.The event began with the report from the Chair Committee, Andi Baso Tombong, Ph.D and continued with Welcome remark by Prof. JJ and Mr. Todd. After the both speeches, the event continued with the main session presenting two speakers Besse Puspita Syarif (AAS Alumni from Australian National University) and Hilman Wirawan (AAS Awardee at Deakin University). The session was moderated by Eny Syahraeny, M.A.App.Ling. On this occasion, Herawaty Abbas, Ph.D, (Head of UNHAS Language Services) also got the opportunity to introduce Aussie Banget Corner (ABC).

Australia Awards is a prestigious international scholarship program funded by the Australian Government, with a bunch of aims which consist of education links, enhancement in the global scope of the education field, and even available not only limited to master degrees but also for doctoral degrees.No wonder, this prestigious scholarship by the Australian Government is competitive. On the other hand, the relationship between Indonesia and the Australian Government towards education seemingly made a significant impact against both countries to make feedback. Before closing, the session gave chances for participants to propose questions to both speakers.







PROFESSORS FROM TOP NEW ZEALAND CAMPUSES GIVES GUEST LECTURES AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SEMESTER FOR UNHAS PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION STUDENT



The Department of Administrative Sciences, Faculty of Social and Political Sciences (FISIP), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) started the first week of semester with a Guest Lecture (GL) delivered by Karl Löfgren, a professor from the School of Government, Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand conveyed his presentation for approximately 35 minutes. Andi Ahmad Yani, M.Si, MPA, M.Sc as a lecturer at the Department of Administrative Sciences who hosted this guest lecture was very enthusiastic about the theme presented. This GL's theme was Data Governance in the Age of Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI): Challenges and Solutions, a very hot and interesting issue to discuss.

In his presentation, Prof. Karl began by explaining the global historical background starting from the 1950-70s, up to the development of digitalization in the current period. In his discussion, he tried to define that e-government focuses on channels and interfaces in delivering information and public services. He also quoted Norris (2010) who said that e-Gov provides electronic government information and services 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. Although sometimes these changes are not maximized by policy makers, they tend to just be used as buzzwords or just jargon without being balanced with implementation that effectively solves public problems.

Furthermore, Prof. Karl tried to divide 3 levels in discussing Information Technology. First, there was a broad discussion of the information society, where there were changes in society in the future in relation to technological advances. This had implications for future work. Second, the use of Information Communication Technology (ICT) in society was developing in policy themes such as discussing access, accountability, security, safety and ownership. For example, data protection, social media, surveillance technology, digital/literacy divide, etc. Third, the use of ICT by the public sector has reached discussions about public sector service delivery, government information and data analysis, and public engagement such as Smart Cities.

This issue of public involvement was responded to by one of the lecturers at the Department of Administrative Sciences in a discussion session. Dr Ishak Salim, S.Ip, M.A in his question discussed the space for involvement for people with special needs. This raises big questions, in what process and how the category of disabled people can be guaranteed to be actively involved and voice their aspirations.

Finally, after about 70 minutes of Zoom Meeting discussion, the presenter closed it with the conclusion. Professor Karl outlined the opportunities and challenges in Big Data both in policy and public services such as public sector and private sector issues in data analytics (ownership, use, access). In addition, there are challenges in combining diverse data sources, also that Big Data and Artificial Intelligence m require the same quality standards. Things that also need to be anticipated are issues of privacy and surveillance, as well as the possibility that new forms or regimes of governance will emerge and how to overcome these challenges.

The art of predicting the future

Executives are likely to resist sullying their fingertips, just as they resist fetching their own mugs of coffee...

- Alvin Toffler, The Third Way, 1980, p. 280







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FACULTY OF LAW AGAIN HOLDS STUDIUM GENERALE PRESENTING SPEAKERS FROM VRIJE UNIVERSITEIT, AMSTERDAM



Faculty of Law (FH), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) again held the Generale Stadium. This time, Dr Prosper S Maguchu is a lecturer who is an expert in criminal law on corruption and money laundering from Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam. This activity is part of the 72nd FH Unhas Anniversary series. The Generale Stadium has the theme "Criminal Sanctions for Corruption in the Netherlands".

Dean of the Faculty of Law, Unhas, Prof. Dr. Hamzah Halim, S.H., M.H., M.A.P, who in this case was represented by the Vice Dean for Partnership, Research and Innovation, said: "Hopefully activities like this can be used by students to interact directly and absorb knowledge from academics from other countries. Dr. Prosper presented material related to criminal sanctions for corruption in the Netherlands."

He explained the serious consequences of violating public trust in the Netherlands through criminal acts of corruption in the Netherlands, especially for public officials such as civil servants, legislators, etc. They can be permanently fired from their positions, restitution, and fines of up to hundreds of thousands of dollars. The activity closed with a discussion session after Dr. Prosper divided the audience into several groups and discussed the ideal criminal sanctions for perpetrators of criminal acts of corruption.





INTERNATIONAL OFFICE HOLDS GEOGRAPHY SERIES FEATURING MADAGASCAR



As a part of the internationalization program at Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), the International Office (IO) holds an event called the Geography Series, which is called the G-Series. This event enables international students to introduce his/her country through a presentation. In addition the G-Series acts as a medium of interaction between international and local students. UNHAS local students have an opportunity to exercise their foreign language skills, English in particular. The G-Series in this month was carried out on Thursday, February 22, 2024 from 2-4pm at LaTanro Lecture Theatre, Faculty of Economic and Business (FEB). Two of three students from Madagascar were given a chance of facilitating the event. Their names are Giovanni Rabibisoa (Master's Degree in Informatics) and Ramianrisoa Robusta Arnold (Bachelor in Management). The event was moderated by Muhammad Anugrah (Student Apprentice at IO)

Giovanni began his presentation by asking audiences to stand up for his country's national anthem. He then continued with many slides showing his country's population, culture, traditional music, food, clothes, etc. As his slides were shown more interactively, the audience kept their eyes to him. Despite the fact that he spoke quite softly. The arrangement of his slides indeed embraced the important point from his country. Giovanni shared the presentation with his colleague, Robusta. The IO paid attention to his performance. He improved confidence and language skill a lot compared to his first arrival time in the university. The event continued with a Question and Answer (QA). Giovanni invited other Madagascar students to answer the questions given to them. One of the questions raised was whether Madagascar is a part of the African Continent. Giovanny responded to the question uniquely. He said that Madagascar is an island and not a part of the continent. The Madagascar people, however, would answer they are African when asked about their continent's origin.

Before ending the G-Series, the moderator invited Robusta to present one song for all participants. This was the first time in the G-Series presentation, the international students sang a song of You Raise Me Up by Josh Groban in two different languages. The Madagascar lyrics made the song sound more unique and amazing. The G-Series came to an end with a token presentation to the presenter by Andi Masyitha Irwan, Ph.D (Head of IO). While handing the token to Giovanni, Ms. Masyitha conveyed her gratitude towards the Madagascar presentation and reminded the participants to keep their eyes on the IO G-Series which would be held monthly. The Head of IO and her staff, the Madagascar students and all participants took a photo session and went home. See you next month with a different presentation!







FACULTY OF LAW, HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY ORGANIZES LEGAL CLINIC WORKSHOP



The Faculty of Law (FH) at Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) organized a workshop on "Legal Clinic Practice in Netherlands" on February 20, 2024. Dr. Prosper Simbarashe Maguchu, an Assistant Professor at Vrije Universiteit (VU) Amsterdam, served as the speaker, shedding light on the concept of Legal Clinics as voluntary organizations where students provide legal advice under the guidance of professors and practicing lawyers. Dr. Simbarashe emphasized the diverse areas of law covered by Legal Clinics, ranging from tax and immigration law to anti-corruption legal clinics.

During the workshop, Dr. Simbarashe outlined three key objectives for establishing legal clinics: offering students practical application of academic knowledge, providing free legal assistance to underserved communities, and contributing to multidisciplinary research in the legal field for positive impacts on public policy. He shared experiences from VU Amsterdam, illustrating students' involvement in legal processes and public policy-making. Dr. Simbarashe highlighted the benefits of Legal Clinics for both students and universities, emphasizing the need for careful integration into the curriculum, considering appropriate courses, prerequisites, and credit allocation.

In conclusion, the workshop provided valuable insights into the establishment and benefits of Legal Clinics, encouraging Legal Clinic coordinators at the Faculty of Law (FH) to share their experiences in managing these programs. The emphasis was placed on the practical application of legal knowledge, community service, and contributing to research for a well-rounded legal education.



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MEET OUR STUVO: MUH. NURFAIZ FAHMI STUDENT OF INTERNATIONAL RELATION DEPARTMENT

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Hi there! It seems most of you are waiting for the new updates on the International Office (IO), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) weekly news, so let's learn more and deepen about my experiences while being a student volunteer (Stuvo) in the IO, UNHAS. Once again, hello there! I'm Muh Nurfaiz Fahmi, but my friends frequently call me Faiz. I'm currently a second-year student at Hasanuddin University as an International Relations major, in the Faculty of Social and Political Science (FISIP). On the other hand, I could say my responsibility for the program division as a student volunteer in the IO isn't many at all. Yet, whenever there's an event for international students, our division has tremendous responsibility even though this only happens occasionally. There's an intricate moment for us, where we're holding quite a huge responsibility such as helping them to decorate, helping with the placement of the booth, buying the needs of international students to decorate their booth to introduce their culture, foods, and even being a timekeeper for the 1st International Student Festival (ISF) in 2023, as our first job as a volunteer, it was the most difficult for us to handle many things at the time, and simultaneously there was a bunch of unforeseen circumstances. Yet, it was also a part of our self-development, how we could gather many kinds of groundbreaking ideas, and even sharpen our skills which consist of problem-solving, teamwork, public speaking, etc.

Moreover, I believe from many experiences that I have as a student volunteer at the IO, UNHAS, I eventually faced how I was quite an inconvenience due to the wrong prediction of my time management, where we know instead of volunteering at the IO, UNHAS, I am also actively involved in many organizations and other international activities, inside and outside of my campus as self-motivation and dedicated towards education and simultaneously to learn many things and spread kindness and knowledge to everyone that I meet, even though I know these things are made me weary and drained lots of energy, eventually. Yet, I remember my favorite Latin phrase that sounds "Ad astra per aspera", which means "through suffering to the stars", we can conclude from the phrase, that without sacrificing tremendous things for our dreams that we need, we can't achieve what we want. Hence, for these reasons, I eventually considered the International Office as my second home due to how the staff treated us with kindness despite their hectic affairs, and even friendly friends as second batch volunteers in the International Office.



Honestly, I can't tell you how many unpredictable activities I have been through, where this is the biggest factor as a student volunteer where I can make a significant impact on my life. Deep from my heart, for all the kindness from the IO, UNHAS, I am willing to spend my time there to help them and I would like to say tremendous thanks to them for sacrificing many things for their volunteers. Hence, this is the mandatory place where all talented students belong to deepen their skills, they should apply for the next batch of the opening recruitment for the next student volunteers of the IO. Once again, thanks in advance and good luck everyone.

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Born and raised in the same province for almost 21 years, I developed a dream to study abroad. Throughout my lifetime, I had never been away from home for more than two weeks. The IISMA (Indonesian International Student Mobility Awards) program came at the perfect time. Although I initially applied in 2022 and was unsuccessful, I eventually secured the scholarship in 2023. The rejection in the first attempt made me appreciate every moment during my 5 and a half months of exchange at Radboud University, Nijmegen, the Netherlands.

In my fellow IISMA awardees, with whom I lived in the same building and spent time together, I discovered a whole new definition of family. This experience was markedly different from having classmates. Fifteen people, hailing from diverse academic backgrounds and various provinces across Indonesia, worked together to fulfill their responsibilities of studying and representing Indonesian culture. Speaking of culture, I am thrilled to have utilized my hobby, painting, to create batik paintings for our partner in the IISMA BATIK Challenge, in collaboration with Meat and Eat Nijmegen. For both the BATIK and HEROES challenges, we invited our international friends, and during these challenges, I continued to forge new friendships.

One aspect that excited me was the remarkable helpfulness of the people around me. My purpose in coming to the Netherlands also included conducting my thesis. The lecturers, researchers, and academics at Radboud University were incredibly approachable. In the end, I successfully interviewed seven people from various backgrounds.



I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who played a crucial role in my journey to becoming an IISMA Awardee. Special thanks to my family, particularly my parents, the head of the international relations department, Pak Darwis, and the entire Hasanuddin University international office. I am truly grateful for your unwavering belief in me, surpassing even my own confidence. Thank you all so much.

All in all, the most significant lesson I learned was how to be self-reliant. This was a new experience for me since I had never lived alone before. Despite its brevity, my IISMA program period will always remain a core memory in my life. I encourage readers to step out of their comfort zones and give new things a try. Life is full of surprises, and it's disheartening to be afraid of taking chances.



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