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THE INTERNATIONAL OFFICE PARTICIPATES IN THE THINK TRANSNATIONAL EDUCATION FORUM 2024 BY THE BRITISH COUNCIL, MALAYSIA



The THINK TransNational Education (TNE) Forum 2024 was a series of East Asia Education Week organized by the British Council (BC) Malaysia. The International Office (IO), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) was invited to participate in the forum via the British Council (BC) Indonesia based in Jakarta. There were around 4 higher education institutions invited by the BC Indonesia including Airlangga University (UNAIR), The Sepuluh Nopember Institute of Technology (ITS), both in Surabaya, Gajah Mada University (UGM) in Yogyakarta and Universitas Islam Internasional Indonesia in Depok. The IO UNHAS was represented by Muhammad Ridwan, M.A. (Secretary of IO).

The forum was carried out to explore more about best practices in implementing the TNE by several universities around the East and Southeast Asia including Malaysia, China, Indonesia, Thailand, Vietnam and certainly the United Kingdom. The organizer, BC Malaysia, began the forum with Opening and Welcoming guesses by Leighton Ernsberger (BC, Director of Education) and continued with a Keynote Speech entitled "The Role of United Kingdom (UK) TransNational Education in the Development of Higher Education" delivered by Prof. Datuk. Ir. Ts. Dr. Siti Hamisah binti Taspir from Universiti College Sedaya International (UCSI) Malaysia. It was such a great speech showing the journey of Malaysia's higher education up to now. The forum also presented an Overview of UK Transnational Education by Alexis Brown (BC).

Towards the mid day, a panel discussion was held with the interesting topic “Earth, Wind and Fire”, which essentially discussed the best practices of educational journeys between nations, how the related parties could continue to grow partnerships amidst challenges representing those three words previously such as demographic changes (earth), changes in economic power (wind) and increasing demands of learners and employers (fire). The moderator, Ms. Jazreel Goh, MBE made the discussion active and interactive. Commonly, when doing the panel, the speakers would present his/her power points presentation. Ms. Jazreel Goh, however, proposed numbers of questions that speakers could respond to respectively. She also asked the audience to ask questions.

After the lunch break, the BC divided the audience into four breakout rooms (BO) including Student Experience in BO #1, Academic Engagement in BO #2, Industry and Government Engagement in BO #3 as well as Keeping up with the Competitor in BO #4. As directed by Andi Masyitha Irwan, Ph.D (Head of IO), Mr. Ridwan chose Student Experience in BO #1. There were around five speakers in the panel including Prof. Noorhadi Hasan from Universitas Islam International Indonesia (IIIU), Jakarta. Prof. Noorhadi shared his university’s best practice in making the students experienced with transnational education. His university obtained a grant by the BC Indonesia for university capacity building particularly in establishing cooperation with the UK universities.

In the closing plenary, BC Malaysia invited Matt Durmin presented the drivers of transnational education in rising Asia and direction of travel. He figured out the vision of East Asia prospect in developing the TNE in the future. For the official closing, the BC, Director of Education, Leghton Ernsberger extended his gratitude on the participations of all parties making the forum successfully carried out. The photo session marked the end of the forum.

Right after the closing, all the forum participants were requested to get assembled at the hotel lobby for a visit to Sunway University (SU). There were around three buses taking the participants to the site. Another panel was held to explore more about the best practices of partnership between the University of Lancaster, UK and Sunway University, Malaysia that had been 17 years or so. The partnership indeed was a showcase of both universities. The Vice-Chancellor of Lancaster conveyed the African quote, “If you want to go fast, you go alone but if you want to go far, go together” From this quote, it could be said that working together would lead to a better future. The panel discussion about this partnership indeed gave insight to the participating parties wishing to establish and sustain their partnership. Ms. Jazreel Goh, MBE closed the visit. Thank you British Council, Malaysia.



DEPARTMENT OF ARABIC LITERATURE CONDUCTS BENCHMARKING TO THE INTERNATIONAL ISLAMIC UNIVERSITY OF MALAYSIA



Department of Arabic Literature (DoAL), Faculty of Cultural Sciences (FIB), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) conducted benchmarking to the Department of Arabic Language and Literature, Abdul Hamid Abu Sulayman, Kulliyah Islamic Revealed Knowledge and Human Sciences (AHAS KIRKHS), the International Islamic University of Malaysia (IIUM) at Gombak Campus, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on Wednesday, February 28, 2024. Joining the benchmark from UNHAS were Haeruddin, M.A. (Head, Department of Arabic Literature), Haeriyah, M.Pd.I. (Secretary, Department of Arabic Literature), Ilham Ramadhan, M.A. (Academic Staff/Graduate of IIUM) and Muhammad Ridwan, M.A. (Secretary, International Office/Academic Staff). In addition, from IIUM, joining the event were Prof. Asem Shehadeh Ali (Head, Department of Arabic and Literature) coming a bit later to the room due to his presence at a series of meetings that day and Dr. Anwar Ahmad (Academic Staff) other administration staff and students.

The benchmark began with the welcoming remarks and speeches by both parties. Prof. Asem expressed his gratitude towards the visit from UNHAS. He looked forward to having the cooperation with UNHAS. After giving his welcoming remarks and listening to the introduction of UNHAS through the power points and video presentation by Mr. Muhammad Ridwan as well as the DoAL by Mr Haeruddin, Prof. Asem had to leave for another meeting. The benchmark event continued with the facilitation of Dr. Anwar Ahmad.

The further discussion was about reviewing the content of the Letter of Intent (Lol) describing future cooperation between UNHAS and IIUM in the future. The benchmarking ended with a photo session and handing the UNHAS token to Prof. Asem and Dr. Ahmad and all audiences attending the event.



FACULTY OF MARINE SCIENCES AND FISHERIES IS READY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SUCCESS OF THE "SMART ISLAND" PILOT PROJECT IN SOUTH SULAWESI



The Faculty of Marine and Fisheries Sciences (FIKP) of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) is ready to join efforts to successfully implement the "smart island" pilot project in South Sulawesi. This activity is a collaboration between UNHAS, Oriental Consultants Global, and the Makassar City Government.

This project was inaugurated on February 22, 2024 on Barrang Lompo Island and opened by the dean of FIKP, Prof. Safruddin. Prof. Jamaluddin Jompa, Rector of UNHAS, also gave a speech at the event. In his speech, Prof. Jamaluddin Jompa expressed his hope that this project would be successful, so that it could be implemented in other areas. Furthermore, He emphasized this project can solve several problems that have been around for years, such as electricity problems and the sustainability of fishery products.

This event was marked by the laying of the first stone for the cold storage building construction, a key step in supporting the infrastructure to improve the quality of fishermen's catches in Barrang Lompo Island. Participants who attended the inauguration event included: Nur Kamarul Z (the representative from the Makassar Government), Meiji Yonezawa (Oriental Consultant Global) and his team, Nozomu Ono (Japan International Cooperation Agency), Hiromi Tazawa (President Director of PT. The OCI), Yoshifumi Mitsunaga (Kyuden Mirai Energy), UNHAS Officials, Head of Ujung Tanah Police Station, Secretary of Sangkarang Sub-District, Head of Barrang Lompo Village, and the local community.

By utilizing its expertise and resources, FIKP UNHAS is committed to contributing to research, development and implementation of environmentally friendly and sustainable technology in Barrang Lompo Island. This project is an innovative step in utilizing technology to improve the quality of life of the community, as well as to maintain environmental sustainability. With a strong collaboration between educational institutions, global consultants and local governments, it is hoped that this project can become an example for other regions in implementing the smart island concept for sustainable development.





THE INTERNATIONAL OFFICE HOLDS INDONESIAN INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS MOBILITY AWARD (IISMA) INTERVIEW CAMP



Following up the previous camp in which the International Office (IO), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) prepared the Indonesian International Students Mobility Award (IISMA) Interview Camp (IC). This camp was intended to prepare all successful registrants completing their application to the interviews preparation. The IC was held on Sunday, March 3th, 2024 at Innovate Room, UNHAS Hotel and Convention. Joining the camps were the 41 registrants including three IO students volunteers (Stuvo), IO staff and was officially opened by Andi Masyitha Irwan, Ph.D (Head of IO)

In her opening remarks, Ms. Masyitha expressed her gratitude to all the alumni coming to this camp. It was known that the announcement of the IISMA interview phase seemed to be very sudden. Therefore, she thanked the alumni who spent their time assisting their juniors to go through the IISMA phases. She also thought that as a result of the sudden announcement, the registrants of IISMA would not be aware of the matter. The IO itself tried the best way to communicate with the registrants going through the interviews phase.

The IC continued with interview simulation facilitated by respective alumni. The IC was divided into three sessions. The first session was the alumni presentation. This presentation covered their experience during the IISMA interview. The next session was group interview simulation. All the registrants were divided into seven groups and each group was led and facilitated by an alumni. In this group simulation, the registrants received questions and answers from their facilitators. The last session was conducted after lunch time. The registrants went through a face to face interview simulation. Each registrant met an alumni and acted as the interviewer and interviewee. The questions raised in the simulation were taken on the basis of alumni experiences.

The IC was officially closed in the afternoon with the big hope from the IO that all these registrants would become awardees of the 2024 IISMA. Good luck UNHAS students!



CHINA-ASEAN INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM STRENGTHENING FISHERIES AND MARITIME COOPERATION



The Universiti Malaysia Terengganu, Institute of Tropical Aquaculture and Fisheries, recently marked a historic occasion by hosting the China-ASEAN International Postgraduate Symposium on Ocean Sustainability (IPSOS). This collaborative initiative brought together Universiti Malaysia Terengganu and Beibu Gulf University from China, along with representatives from six distinguished universities in Asia. Notable institutions included Hasanuddin University (Indonesia), Kasetsart University (Thailand), Prince of Songkla University (Thailand), Nha Trang University (Vietnam), and Beibu Gulf University (China). The event saw active participation from Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), with the presence of two distinguished professors, Prof. Dr. Ir. Yushinta Fujaya M.Si. and Prof. Nita Rukminasari S.Pi, MP, Ph.D., as well as three doctoral students and one master's student specializing in fisheries.

The collaboration was made possible through support and accommodation provided by World Class University (WCU) UNHAS and the Faculty of Marine and Fisheries Sciences (FIKP) UNHAS. The involvement of these four students from Hasanuddin University was particularly notable, as they were granted financial assistance by Beibu Gulf University (BGU) – China, enabling their participation in the second symposium scheduled to take place in China in May 2025. One of the Ph.D. students, Dedy Muhammad Iqbal, emphasized the significance of the event, highlighting its role in fostering connections, discussions, and networks among Asian countries.

The success of the IPSOS event was attributed to the support received from the Director of Reputation Improvement at UNHAS and the Dean of FIKP, who played pivotal roles in funding and facilitating the participation of the Indonesian delegation. As a result of this collaborative effort, the hope is expressed for future activities like IPSOS to be hosted in Indonesia, particularly at Hasanuddin University, further promoting academic exchange and cooperation in the region.



MEET OUR STUVO:
SAQILA ZATI HULWANY B ALWY
STUDENT OF MANAGEMENT, FACULTY OF ECONOMICS
AND BUSINESS

Hello everyone, for this session on getting to know international office student volunteers (Stuvo), let's talk deeper about my experiences. Before that, let me introduce myself first. Hi, I'm Saqila Zati Hulwany, a third-year student majoring in management, Faculty of Economics and Business. As one of the student volunteers at the International Office (IO), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) I am responsible for administration which is not limited to handling some files and letters. My first involvement in an IO event was the 1st International Student Festival (ISF). Through this event, I started to be closer with my teammates in the IO and also worked together with seniors in the former batch. It has been seven months since I got the acceptance letter to be a student volunteer, and I have gone through a bunch of exciting experiences. A few of the things I have done are; assisting with Geo-series, being on the committee for Indonesian International Student Mobility Award Camp; being a liaison officer for the Inbound Student University of Tasmania; and many more.

The challenge of being a Stuvo is balancing my life as a third year student, volunteer and personal life. Although it's all about time management, sometimes it's still challenging to not be overwhelmed with everything. Unexpected things happen and are out of our control. Being a part of the Stuvo in IO is an honor for me. Credit goes to my peers in IO, all of them are kind, and we have each other's backs when we face hardship. As a Stuvo, we take part in helping international students adapt to student life at UNHAS. In addition, we frequently welcome international guests, which makes us a representative of UNHAS students. Involved in direct interactions with various parties, our connections have allowed us to build networks and opportunities for collaboration, as well as expand our cultural knowledge and embrace diversity.

For all of the delightful experiences I had, the IO team, my peers at secondchild.io, and seniors in the previous batch took a big part in them. From the depths of my heart, I am so glad to be able to meet all my friends at the IO. I am grateful to be able to work with everyone I met during my time serving as IO Stuvo and highly recommend students at UNHAS to be part of it. They accept students who are willing to learn and are able to work around their hectic schedules.



Having the courage to apply for Stuvo even though my English skills were mediocre was one of the best decisions I've made as a student at UNHAS. For all UNHAS students who want to deepen their skills and have a second home in the IO, once again, I suggest applying for the next batch.





**GET ACQUAINTED WITH
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT:
BARA'AH SALEH M. AIFUQARA**

In this issue #66, the International Office (IO), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) managed to interview one of the international students, Yahya Sahlol Al Eissa, commonly called Yahya. He is from Yemen and is currently studying at the Faculty of Medicine (FK). The IO asked him three different questions such as how he found UNHAS to continue his undergraduate program, the second was how he feels studying in this university and the last question was his vision for a better UNHAS in the future. The IO conducted the interview on Friday, March 1, 2024 and was facilitated by Ms. Afifah Fayyadhah (IO Staff) and Agung Mandalika (Stuvo)

When asked about how he found UNHAS to continue his undergraduate program. He responded by saying that he got several scholarship offers to continue his study in this country. He, however, chose UNHAS as it had very complete information and benefits. UNHAS helps him grow personally and shape into the person he is today.

The second question asked to him was his feelings during his learning process. He said that in his early arrival, he encountered several issues such as food and local people as well as language. In terms of food, he had a challenge of tasting Indonesian or Makassar food. The food is different from his country. In addition, meeting with local people made it difficult to communicate. People spoke Bahasa Indonesia which he did not understand. He was truly thankful, after several months, he could face the challenge and move on smoothly. He has been able to speak the language quite fluently. He enjoyed his studying here.

The last question was his vision for a better UNHAS in the future. He responded by saying he would like to see more pictures of the facilities. Moreover, he also would like to see more programs for international students. His last response was his expectation that the insurance for international students might impact them positively.





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