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## THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS HOLDS A PUBLIC SEMINAR ON DISASTER AS AN OPPORTUNITY; AN INTERDISCIPLINARY APPROACH



The Department of International Relations (HI), Faculty of Social and Political Sciences (FISIP), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), in collaboration with the University of Amsterdam (UvA), recently organized the seminar entitled "Disaster as an Opportunity; An Interdisciplinary Approach" on Friday, March 8, 2024 at the Prof. Syukur Abdullah Hall, 3rd Floor, FISIP, UNHAS. The event featured prominent speakers sharing insights on disasters from various disciplines, aimed at enhancing a comprehensive understanding of disasters, focusing on transforming challenges into opportunities. The seminar attracted 157 participants, including undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral students, as well as researchers from the UNHAS Research and Community Service Institute (LPPM) and the National Research and Innovation Agency (BRIN).

The seminar commenced with warm remarks from Prof. H. Darwis, M.A., Ph.D., Head of the HI, UNHAS. He expressed his gratitude to all speakers, academics, organizers, and participants, highlighting the motivation behind the event inspired by his visit with the Hasanuddin University Rector to the University of Amsterdam, Netherlands. Prof. Darwis emphasized the multidisciplinary approach of the seminar and announced it as the kick-off for a series of consistent seminars in the future. He mentioned that the seminar sessions would yield executive summaries disseminated to the public.

The first session began with a presentation by Ilham Alimuddin, S.T., M.Gis., Ph.D., Head of the Disaster Center at UNHAS LPPM, on "Lesson Learned: Disaster Mitigation in South Sulawesi." He underscored the importance of viewing disasters not only as challenges but also as opportunities for community involvement and public learning. Dr. Alimuddin showcased various disasters in Sulawesi and introduced initiatives to enhance disaster literacy among Indonesian communities, starting from schools. The second session featured Dr. Gerben Nooteboom, M.Sc., Director of the Graduate School at the University of Amsterdam, presenting "Disaster as Opportunity?" discussing the social aspects of disasters. He discussed how disasters are not only socially experienced but also socially constructed, serving as catalysts for change that can offer new opportunities or exacerbate existing inequalities.

The seminar offered a comprehensive exploration of disasters from various perspectives, encouraging a holistic and interdisciplinary approach to disaster risk management and mitigation. The insights shared by the speakers pave the way for further discussions and actions aimed at turning challenges into opportunity in building resilient communities against the dynamic of disaster in Indonesia.



## THE INTERNATIONAL OFFICE HOSTS THE MEETING WITH THE INTERNATIONAL OFFICES MANAGEMENT WITHIN THE HIGHER EDUCATION SERVICES INSTITUTIONS REGIONAL IX



As Ramadan month approaches, the International Office (IO) held the 2nd International Students Gathering and Iftar on Friday, March 15, 2024 at the UNHAS Hotel and Convention courtyard. Prior to the iftar, the IO held a meeting with the international offices management under the *Lembaga Layanan Pendidikan Tinggi* (LLDIKTI) or Higher Education Services Institutions Regional IX. There were around 18 institutions joining the meeting including the representatives of LLDIKTI Office. The meeting aimed at establishing relationships with IO management at LLDIKTI IX, Exploring the potential cooperation in terms of internationalization programs. This meeting also encouraged the synergy among the institutions to grow together. In other words, UNHAS invited all the institutions to develop together in terms of internationalization.

The meeting was officially opened by Prof. drg. Muhammad Ruslin, M.Kes., Ph.D., Sp.BM(K) (Vice Rector for Academic and Student Affairs). In his speech, Prof. Ruslin said that from this meeting it was expected to establish cooperation among the offices. He analogized this collaboration as the Avenger. A group of superheroes to fight Thanos, the big enemy. The synergy that could hopefully be established would enable us to face the challenges of global competition together. Finally, the Vice Rector and all participants ended up with a photo session. In

addition, from UNHAS side, joining the meeting were Andi Masyitha Irwan, Ph.D (the Head of IO), Saaduddin, M.Sc. and Khaeruddin, Ph.D. (both IO Task Forces) and other IO staff and volunteers. The meeting was moderated by Muhammad Ridwan, M.A (the secretary of IO).

After the opening, Mrs. Andi Masyitha shared UNHAS's IO best practices regarding internationalization programs. She began with introducing the IO and its programs including support for both local and international students. She ended up presenting a number of achievements that UNHAS gained. The session continued with questions and answers. Some of the meeting participants raised their hands. The first one asked about the strategic ways of establishing the office in his institution. He continued to say that his campus established Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with several universities abroad but it wasn't managed by the international office. Another participant expressed her gratitude for having this meeting and conveyed her concern dealing with international students who brought his spouses and dependents to her campus which resulted in a problem with the immigration. One participant also shared the best practice in regard to the grant obtained from the ministry to build the capacity in managing the office. With the grant, his institutions might have established and conducted several internationalization programs.

As the iftar time approached, the meeting was closed. The moderator cordially invited all the participants to proceed to the hotel courtyard to meet UNHAS international students and got iftar together.





## THE INTERNATIONAL OFFICE HOLDS THE 2ND INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS GATHERING AND IFTAR PARTY



The 2nd International Students Gathering and Iftar Party was held by the International Office (IO), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) on Friday, March 15, 2024 at UNHAS Hotel and Convention courtyard. Joining the gathering were Prof. drg. Muhammad Ruslin, M.Kes., Ph.D., Sp.BM(K) (Vice Rector for Academic and Student Affairs), Andi Masyitha Irwan, Ph.D (Head of IO), Muhammad Ridwan, M.A. (Secretary of IO), Saaduddin, M.Sc., Khaeruddin, Ph.D., and Haniek Khoirunnissa, M.Sc. (IO Task Forces), several Directors, Sub-Directors, IO staff and Internationalization Task Forces at faculty level and certainly UNHAS International Students. The party also was joined by the representatives of international office managements from *Lembaga Layanan Pendidikan Tinggi* (LLDIKTI) or Higher Education Services Institutions Regional IX.

The welcome remark was delivered by Prof. Ruslin and then the event continued with the tradition of iftar in Makassar particularly and Indonesia generally, with a Ramadhan sermon delivered by a religious speaker and ending before the moment of iftar. A number of international students got to know several invited guests from international office management under the supervision of LLDIKTI Regional IX. The representatives were amazed with the Bahasa ability performed by the students. They continued to talk to each other. The iftar ended with a photo session with all participants.





## **THE FACULTY OF PUBLIC HEALTH HOLDS A GUEST LECTURE DISCUSSED URBAN PLANNING AND PUBLIC HEALTH STRATEGIES IN THE PHILIPPINES**



The Faculty of Public Health (FKM), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) successfully held a Guest Lecture on the topic "Challenges and Strategies for Managing Urban Health in the Philippines" on Friday, March 8, 2024. This event was held hybrid; online through the zoom platform and also offline in Prof Noer Nasry Noor room FKM UNHAS. The students who participated in this guest lecture were undergraduate and postgraduate students in The Faculty of Public Health.

The event was opened by the Dean of the Faculty of Public Health, Hasanuddin University, Prof. Sukri Palutturi, S.KM., M.Kes., M.Sc.PH., Ph.D. In his remarks, Prof. Sukri revealed that Guest Lecture activities are held regularly by FKM Unhas to broaden the knowledge and improve collaborative opportunities between Universitas Hasanuddin and other international universities, including the School of Public Health and Community Development, Bataan Peninsula State University in the Philippines.

The guest lecturer, Prof. Ronnel D. Dela Rosa, Ph.D, DNM, DPA, discussed strategies in the Philippines to improve public health and to implement the program as sustainable as possible in their city. He pointed out the similarities between Jakarta and Manila in both infrastructure and health policy strategies from the government. He noted that it is possible for a city to become a 'Smart City' when it is accompanied by a 'Healthy City' policy and vice versa. The achievement of this goal requires supportive elements such as transportation, housing, energy resources, public services, and well-developed health services. Thus, it is highlighted that improving urban planning alongside improving public health cannot be done overnight, but requires a sustainable development and innovation strategy.

During the discussion session which was led by Basir, S.KM., M.Sc. as the moderator, a student asked about the priority policies of the Philippine government and the differences between Indonesia and the Philippines in terms of content and implementation. Prof. Dela Rosa answered that he observed a common ground between the Indonesian and Philippine politics; the implementation of health policies in a region was dependent on the government (territory leaders) who are in charge at the moment because the integration of public health status with the political priorities target makes it important to integrate the elements of resilience, security and sustainability in implementing the health policy. Prof. Dela Rosa also concluded that the best thing we can do outside of political intervention is to prepare ourselves with enough knowledge to empower people to contribute in improving the health status of the country.



## **THE FACULTY OF MEDICINE IN COLLABORATION WITH THE INSTITUTE OF RESEARCH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES HOLD A PUBLIC LECTURE ON DEVELOPING VACCINE FOR THE WORLD**



On March 4, 2024, the Collaboration of the Faculty of Medicine (FK), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) and the Institute for Research and Community Service at Hasanuddin University (LPPM UNHAS) held a Public Lecture with the theme "Developing Vaccine for the World". This event aimed to encourage a scientific atmosphere and interest in research among the UNHAS academic community, by presenting expert speakers in vaccine development, Prof. Dr. Carina Citra Dewi Joe, B.Sc, M.Sc, Ph.D, who is a leading researcher in the development of the AstraZeneca Covid-19 vaccine from Oxford University.

This public lecture was opened by the Head of the Center for Publication, Service and International Affairs, FK UNHAS, Dr. dr. Rina Masadah, Sp.PA(K), M.Phil., DFM as moderator, with an introduction from the Chair of LPPM UNHAS, Prof. Dr. Muh. Nasrum Massi, Ph.D. Sp.MK(K). Prof. Nasrum explained the importance of funding sources and building connections in research.

In opening the event, Dr. dr. Rina Masadah emphasized: "This public lecture is an important momentum for us to dig deeper into the vaccine development process and its important role in dealing with the global pandemic. "Hopefully the insights gained from this event can inspire us all to continue to contribute to efforts to overcome public health challenges."

Prof. Carina started her lecture by sharing her work experiences, including the production process for the AstraZeneca Covid-19 vaccine. He highlighted the importance of cGMP (current Good Manufacturing Process) production standards and collaboration with industry to ensure safe and effective quality of biological products. He also described his team's struggle in developing the Covid-19 vaccine, starting from limited funds to collaborating with AstraZeneca to produce the vaccine on a large scale.

Prof. Carina emphasized that the distribution of the Covid-19 vaccine was not only for profit, but also to ensure that developing countries receive fair access. With the concept of distributed manufacturing, his team succeeded in producing 3 billion vaccine doses within 2.5 years, in collaboration with 25 developing countries. This event provided in-depth insight into the challenges and prospects in vaccine development, as well as the importance of global cooperation in overcoming the Covid-19 pandemic.



## **THE FACULTY OF LAW IN COLLABORATES WITH UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF MIGRATION TO HOLD TALK SHOW AND CULTURAL FESTIVAL**



Faculty of Law (FH) of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) held a Talk Show in collaboration with the United Nation (UN) International Organization for Migration (IOM) which was part of the 72nd Anniversary of the Faculty of Law, UNHAS. The talk show's theme was "Getting to Know More Closely about Foreign Refugees in Makassar City" and took place in the Prof. Doctoral Promotion Room. Dr. Andi Zainal Abidin Farid, S.H., 3rd Floor, FH, UNHAS. The talk show was officially opened by the Vice Dean for Academic and Student Affairs, Faculty of Law, Hasanuddin University, Prof. Dr. Maskun, S.H., LL.M.,

Dean of the Faculty of Law, Hasanuddin University, Prof. Dr. Hamzah Halim, S.H., M.H., M.A.P., expressed his gratitude "We really appreciate this talk show activity and we hope that in the future we can collaborate again at various events and even work together in the legal assistance process," he said. Drs. Muh. Djamaluddin Maulana, M.Si, the Representative of the Makassar City Overseas Refugee Handling Task Force, in his speech expressed his thanks to the faculty for holding the Talk Show. "Thank you from IOM and FH UNHAS who held this event and also friends from immigration, I hope this morning's activities can be useful for the future," he said.

Andry Yuan, Representative of the National Program Officer, Eastern Regional IOM Indonesia in his speech really appreciated the welcome from the Faculty and hoped that after the implementation of the Talk Show, it would have a positive impact on policies regarding refugees in Indonesia. "I really appreciate the welcome from the Faculty of Law.

Talk shows like this are important because not many people know about and deal with refugees, so it is important for students to be critical in understanding humanitarian issues, hopefully it will help organizations in providing refugee policies," he said. The talk show, which took place on Friday, March 8, 2024, was attended by around 230 participants and began with performances by Student Club of UNHAS and Indian dance UKM from representatives of foreign refugees (Sri Lanka).

Several resource persons who were qualified in their fields were present, Drs. Muh. Djamaluddin Maulana, M.Sc. (Representatives of the Makassar City Overseas Refugee Handling Task Force), Andry Yuan (National Program Officer Eastern Regional IOM), Hamanzah, S.H. (Head of the Care and Health Section of the Makassar City Immigration Detention Center), Mia Tri Fitriani, S.Psi. (Representative of the International Organization for Migration Makassar City), Prof. Dr. Iin Karita Sakharina, S.H., M.H. (Professor of law, UNHAS), Yance Tamaela (UNHCR Makassar Protection Associate), and Mohammad Haidari and Kadijo Abdulkadir Mohammad Omar (Representatives of Overseas Refugees).

Some of the materials discussed were was the Role of the Makassar Immigration Detention Center in handling foreign refugees in Makassar City, the Contribution of Academics in Efforts to Assist the Regional Government in Resolving Various Problems for Foreign Refugees in Makassar City, Formal and Informal Education for Refugees, and the Principles of Protection Refugee. The Talk Show closed with a Culinary Festival.



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