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A portrait of a middle-aged man with dark hair and glasses, wearing a red blazer, white shirt, and red tie. He is standing in front of a blurred background of wooden pillars. A small university emblem is pinned to his left lapel.

THE RECTOR MESSAGE

Dear colleagues,

In this October edition, we are excited to present our new edition with various international events and scholarships. These opportunities invited all lecturers, local students and international students to actively participate in those events so they could have international exposure.

As we strive to maintain our commitment for expanding international exposure to all students, please enjoy our Geography Series and commencement of new international students who come to Hasanuddin University.

We sincerely hope that this edition can give you the updated news and events from our university.
Thank you and wishing you an enjoyable reading experience!

RECTOR OF HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY

JAMALUDDIN JOMPA

FACULTY OF NURSING HOLDS PRE-DEPARTURE TRAINING FOR OUTBOUND STUDENTS TO JAPAN AND THE NETHERLANDS



The Faculty of Nursing Hasanuddin University (FKep UNHAS), held Pre-Departure Training (PDT) on Monday, 2 October 2023 at the FKep Senate Room. This PDT was provided for lecturers and students joining international outbound programs such as European Nursing Modules at Hanze University of Applied Sciences Groningen, the Netherlands, and the Sakura Exchange Program and Yokohama Urban Solution Studies, both at Yokohama City University, Japan.

This PDT offered several sessions, beginning with “UNHAS Students and Lecturers as UNHAS Ambassadors” by Andi Masyitha Irwan, Ph. D (Head of International Office). The next session was “Tips on Academic Writing” delivered by Dr. Karmila Mokoginta (Faculty of Cultural Sciences). After the session on writing, a session on “Dealing with Culture Shock” was provided by Jamaluddin Fitrah Alam, Ph.D (Faculty of Marine Sciences and Fisheries). Next was the session on “Cross-Cultural Understanding: Going Abroad, What Should I Do?” By Muhammad Ridwan, M.A. (Secretary of International Office). The last session was “Internationalisation Programs for Nursing Students” by the Vice Dean for Academic and Student Affairs.

Mr. Syahrul, the Vice Dean for the Academic and Students of FKep hoped the outbound participants would gain knowledge and network with students and the lecturers who would teach them at their host university. Lastly, Mr. Syahrul hoped that cooperation in education, research, and publications could be improved through these programs.





INTERNATIONAL OFFICE, HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY HOSTS INSURANCE INFO SESSION FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



Hasanuddin University officials consider our international students' health care. The Rector approved the changes in the student's Letter of Acceptance (LoA) so that all students are protected by health insurance. Takaful, the insurance company that has been chosen to provide the students with health care, is well known as the first sharia insurance company in the country. The socialization was held on 27 September 2023 in the Senate Room, 2nd floor of the Rectorate Building. The socialization, which was moderated by Muhammad Ridwan, M.A. (Secretary of the International Office) and facilitated by Jaidin Abdullah, S.Ag (Takaful Area Manager of Kalimantan Sulawesi and Bali West/East Nusa Tenggara), was attended by international students, student volunteers, and International Office staff.

Mr. Jaidin explained the program and emphasized the benefits students would gain from participating in the insurance, such as inpatient and outpatient cover. For the inpatient aspect, Mr Jaidin continued explaining inpatient benefits such as a standard room, treatment cost, surgery types (complex, medium, and minor), and ambulances. One crucial point was that Takaful provides unlimited maximum benefits in a year. The presentation continued with a question-and-answer session. The participants were allowed to ask questions about presentation content that needed clarification. The students were enthusiastic in posing questions.

The info session ended with distributing the insurance cards to all students as policy holders.



FACULTY OF NURSING, HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY DELEGATES VISIT LA TROBE UNIVERSITY AND MONASH UNIVERSITY, AUSTRALIA



The Faculty of Nursing of Hasanuddin University (FKep UNHAS) delegates visited two universities in Australia: La Trobe University (LTU) and Monash University (MU), on 27-28 September 2023. The delegates represented by Prof. Dr. Ariyanti Saleh., S.Kp., M. Si (Dean), Prof Dr. Elly L Sjattar., S.Kp., M. Kes (Head of Academic Senate), Dr. Takdir Tahir S. Kep., Ns., M. Kes (Vice Dean for Partnership, Research and Innovation), Dr. Erfina Malik S. Kep., Ns., M. Kep (Vice Dean for Planning, Human Resources and Alumni), Dr. Suni Hariati S. Kep., Ns., M. Kep (Head of Quality Assurance), Dr. Yuliana Syam S. Kep., Ns., M.Si (Head of Nursing Study Program), Dr. Rosyidah Arafat S. Kep., Ns., M. Kep Sp. KMB (Director of Nursing and Non-Medical, UNHAS Hospital) and Nurmaulid S. Kep., Ns., M. Kep (Head of Vocational Nursing Study Program).

At LTU, the delegation was welcomed by Prof. Lisa McKenna and Dr. Gulzar Malik, RN., MN., Ph. D FHEA (Dean of the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery, and Associate Dean for International Partnerships, La Trobe University). The visit also enabled several topics to be discussed, such as "Overview of the School Partnership Discussion & Exploring Opportunities to Expand Partnership" lead by Prof. Lisa McKenna. Next was "Undergraduate and Postgraduate Curriculum Overview" lead by Michael Browning.

The delegates also visited the Simulation Centre, guided by Mr. Ferguzo, who explained the activities in the centre as well as the management and examination systems. The visit continued to the library, classrooms, discussion rooms, The Learning Common (TLC), and the student centre. The meeting ended with a discussion of potential international research collaboration and the progress of collaborative research funded by UNHAS in 2023. Several things were approved including the visit of Adjunct Faculty Dr. Gullzar Malik in November 2023 as well as three outbound students going to LTU in 2024.

The second visit was to MU, beginning at the MU Victorian Heart Hospital. FKep delegates were welcomed by Prof. Dominique Cadilhac, Ms. Kristen Garner, and Ms. Lana. The visit continued with a tour, guided by Ms Kritten Carner (Director of Clinical Operations, Acute and Inpatient Services), to observe rooms at the hospital, such as diagnostic cardiovascular disease cardiac care rooms. Next, the delegation met Chinese Ph.D. candidates doing their fellowships at the university. The delegates also managed to visit the lab centre for engineering and cardiovascular research. In this lab, the delegates were shown several studies related to the use of cardiovascular equipment, including the manufacture of synthetic heart valves, materials for installing rings in heart blood vessels, and many other studies.



FACULTY OF MATHEMATICS AND NATURAL SCIENCES, HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY HOLDS GUEST LECTURE PRESENTING A SPEAKER FROM UNIVERSITY OF WOLLONGONG, AUSTRALIA



The Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences Hasanuddin University (FMIPA UNHAS) held a guest lecture on Paleoclimatology using stalagmites from Bantimurung Caves. This guest lecture was delivered by Dr. Alena K. Kimbrough, paleoclimatologist at the School of Earth, Atmospheric and Life Sciences (SEALS), University of Wollongong, Australia, on Tuesday, 3rd October 2023.

Dr. Alena explained how the atmospheric conditions above South Sulawesi are very complex, for example due to the influence of the Asian monsoon, which contributes around 80% of the rainfall in South Sulawesi. To prepare for future climate conditions, it is essential to know how these Asian monsoons have behaved in the past. One way to find out about this is to use stalagmites in caves, which can serve as a proxy for the conditions of climate variables in the past. Dr. Alena K. Kimbrough uncovered variations in rainfall up to 310,000 years ago, which were recorded in Stalagmites in Bantimurung Cave, South Sulawesi, by extracting information on Oxygen Isotopes.

Andika, one of the lecturers at the Hydrometeorology Laboratory - Department of Geophysics, said that this guest lecture was fundamental, especially for us at UNHAS, which is located very close to Bantimurung. Paleoclimate data obtained in Bantimurung can be confirmed and used as a comparison with other stalagmite data taken in China and Flores.

This guest lecture was very impressive for students, particularly for Geophysics students in Hydrometeorology studies. "We gained new knowledge. It turns out that stalagmites can store climate information in each layer so that we can learn how the earth experienced changes due to periods of extreme cold and heat in the past (glacial-interglacial cycles)," said Elsa, a Geophysics student in the Class of 2021.



CENTER FOR DISABILITY HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY, HOLDS PUBLIC LECTURE PRESENTING SPECIAL ADVISOR ON INTERNATIONAL DISABILITY RIGHTS BUREAU OF DEMOCRACY



On Monday, 9 October 2023, Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) Center for Disability organized a public lecture entitled "Empowering Abilities: Championing the Rights of Persons with Disabilities on a Global Scale" at Baruga Prof. Baharuddin Lopa, Faculty of Law, Hasanuddin University. The lecture was supported by the International Office, UNHAS and the Directorate of Information Technology System, UNHAS and featured two distinguished speakers: Sara Minkara, a special advisor to President Joe Biden from the United States, and Dr. Ishak Salim, Head of the UNHAS Disability Center. This public lecture was officially opened by Prof. Dr. Eng. Adi Maulana, S.T., M.Phil., Vice Rector for Partnership, Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Business.

Prof. Adi Maulana expressed the university's commitment to becoming an inclusive campus. The event brought together students, activists, and esteemed speakers to promote inclusivity and champion the rights of persons with disabilities on a global scale. Clint Shoemake, Deputy Chief of Political and Economic Section at the U.S. Consulate General Surabaya, also delivered a welcoming speech during the event.

Minkara discussed the negative effects of disability stigma and emphasized the need for greater awareness and understanding of disability issues. Meanwhile, Salim shared his inspiring journey as an activist in the disability movement and discussed inclusive policy development in Indonesia. The lecture was moderated by Muhammad Ridwan, M.A., Secretary of the International Office. The seminar provided sign language interpreters and was attended by students with disabilities from UNHAS and other universities.

Overall, the public lecture served as an important platform to raise awareness about disability rights and foster greater inclusivity on both a national and international level. It highlighted the importance of empathy and understanding towards disability issues and inspired positive change among all attendees.



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KOREAN CORNER, HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY HOLDS KOREAN CULINARY FESTIVAL



The Korean food culinary festival was one of the activities organized by the Korean Corner of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) on 10th October 2023. The festival, which was attended by students, lecturers and also judges from Korea with participants from English literature students, was successful and gave a pleasant impression to everyone involved in this festival. "Full, exciting, and fun" were the responses given by visitors. There were also many positive reviews hoping that Korean classes could be implemented in various faculties and study programs at UNHAS.

At today's Korean food culinary festival there were so many interesting things introduced by the UNHAS Korean Corner. Not only were various foods provided such as rappoki, bibimbap, kimbab, paejaeon, dubu jorim, and japchae but there were also traditional games, traditional dress, and typical Korean culture, which were a neat complement to this event. With this event, UNHAS Korean Corner has once again succeeded in making many people interested and curious about Korean culture which turns out to be very beautiful to learn about.



DUTCH MEDICAL STUDENTS TAKE PART IN STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM TO SUPPORT HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY TOWARDS WORLD CLASS UNIVERSITY STATUS



Hasanuddin University Faculty of Medicine (FK-UNHAS) was taking strategic steps towards World Class University (WCU) status by welcoming four medical students from Erasmus Universiteit Rotterdam who are currently in their third year of study. This action was part of the university's strategy to increase the number of international students, which is one of the critical factors in achieving WCU status. Apart from accepting international students, FK-UNHAS also allows lecturers from various countries to collaborate to achieve WCU status. This collaboration aims to increase the diversity of knowledge and experience the university offers.

Dr. dr. Rina Masadah, M.Phill, DFM, Sp.PA(K), Head of the Center for Publication, Community Service, and International Affairs at the UNHAS Faculty of Medicine, emphasized the importance of international cooperation, including student exchange programs, in achieving WCU status.

These four students from the Netherlands will stay in Makassar for six weeks, taking part in academic programs and exploring local culture, accompanied by lecturers from the UNHAS Faculty of Medicine. The medical students from the Netherlands visited Primary Health Facilities, Makassar Health Laboratory Center, Daya Hospital, Bantaeng Regional Hospital, UNHAS Hospital, and Wahidin Sudirohusodo Hospital, took part in learning activities with FK-UNHAS students in class, and were active in practicum activities, Clinical Skills Lab, and Problem-Based Learning (PBL), especially studying various tropical diseases.

Under this exchange program, one FK-UNHAS student also went to Erasmus Universiteit Rotterdam to sit in class and take the Community Medicine course for four weeks. It is expected that this event will promote the development of education and culture between universities and help UNHAS achieve the desired WCU status.



ASIA PACIFIC STUDY UNHAS PARTICIPATES IN THE 1ST RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ARCHIPELAGIC AND ISLAND STATES FORUM



The Archipelagic and Island States (AIS) Forum is a 51-country multilateral dialogue platform of archipelagic and island countries mandated on four different thematic areas of work: (1) climate change; (2) blue economy; (3) marine pollution and debris; and (4) good maritime governance.

In response to the critical need for innovative ocean science research and development, the inaugural "AIS Research and Development Conference 2023: Advancing the Blue Frontier on Innovative Ocean Science" was conducted on 9–10 October 2023, as part of the 1st High-Level Forum. The conference brought together oceanographers, marine biologists, scientists, policymakers, industry leaders, and visionaries from around the world, providing a dynamic forum for knowledge exchange, collaboration, and the exploration of novel solutions.

Rafika Ramli, lecturer from the Faculty of Law, represented the Asia Pacific Study Center at Hasanuddin University and attended this two-day event. She met and discussed with researchers from AIS members. Rafika presented her research on the legal impacts of sea-level rise on low-lying states. Hasanuddin University Asia Pacific Study Center is led by Prof. Dr. Darwis, M.A. Prof. Darwis hopes the center can lead studies on Asia Pacific issues.



THE FACULTY OF PUBLIC HEALTH HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY ORGANIZES A GUEST LECTURE SERIES IN EPIDEMIOLOGY



The Faculty of Public Health Hasanuddin University (FKM UNHAS) held a Guest Lecture series on Epidemiology on 24 October 2023. This was a part of events celebrating the 41st Anniversary of FKM UNHAS. The guest lecture theme was "Cardiovascular Prediction Models can help to prevent cardiovascular events effectively." The activity was held in hybrid format at the Prof. Nur Nasry Noor Hall, 2nd floor, FKM building.

The distinguished guest speaker for this event was Steven H.J. Hageman, MD, Ph.D. an Associate-Professor in the Department of Vascular Medicine University Medical Center Utrecht, the Netherlands. The event commenced with official opening remarks from Prof. Sukri Palutturi, SKM, M.Kes, M.Sc.PH, Ph. (Dean of FKM) in which Prof. Sukri expressed his appreciation to Dr. Hageman for sharing invaluable insights regarding cardiovascular disease (CVD) prevention with the participants, especially regarding efforts to predict and prevent future cardiovascular event risk.

The program proceeded with a presentation by Dr. Steven H.J. Hageman, MD, Ph.D., wherein he provided a comprehensive overview of cardiovascular disease. Additionally, Dr. Hageman elaborated on the risk prediction model that had been developed to identify individuals who stand to benefit the most from early detection and prevention measures, and he explained the parameters used in this model. Towards the end of the session, he underscored the necessity of recalibrating the model to enhance its effectiveness in the local target population.

The event continued with a discussion led by a faculty member from the Department of Epidemiology at FKM UNHAS, Dian Sidik Arsyad. During this session, participants demonstrated great enthusiasm by actively engaging in a thought-provoking question-and-answer session. As a concluding remark, Dian Sidik Arsyad emphasized the paramount importance of high-quality data derived from robust research and cohorts to support the success of evidence-based cardiovascular prevention strategies.



THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND OFFERS SCHOLARSHIP FOR FURTHER EDUCATION AND VISITS HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY LIBRARY



Monika Firlus, Cultural Affairs attaché from the Embassy of the Republic of Poland, visited Hasanuddin University on Tuesday, 10 October 2023. She provided information on the Polish government's scholarship offer for UNHAS academics. This scholarship program is for continuing Masters and Doctoral studies in Poland. Ms. Firlus, who was accompanied by Abigail, Secretary to the Polish Ambassador, was welcomed by Prof. Adi Maulana, ST, M.Phil (Vice Rector for Partnership, Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Business), Dr. Fierenziana G. Junus, M. Hum (Head of UNHAS Library) and Anshar Saud, S.Si., M.Farm. Apt (Secretary of UNHAS Library). They were received on the 8th floor of the Rectorate building. The Embassy of Poland also offered opportunities for collaboration with UNHAS in various fields.

On this occasion, Ms. Firlus brought four books. One copy of the book entitled "Josef Zwierzycki: Geologist of the Indonesian Archipelago and Poland" was handed over to Prof. Adi Maulana. "As the leading Indonesian campus outside Java, UNHAS has a strategic role in collaborating with the Embassy of the Republic of Poland" explained Prof. Adi, who is also a leading geologist.

Apart from the book by this famous Polish geologist, three copies each of a book entitled "Solaris" and "The Star Diaries: Notes on Space Travel" were also donated. Both books were written by Stanislaw Lem, a famous Polish science fiction writer and essayist. The third book "About Polska" was handed over by Monika Firlus to Dr. Fierenziana, together with the two previous books, to be kept in the UNHAS Library collection.

Ms. Firlus and Abigail also visited the UNHAS Library and were offered a Poland Corner as well as visiting the corners from various other countries at UNHAS. Dr. Fierenziana welcomed the offer and hopes that this collaboration will continue in the future.





INTERNATIONAL OFFICE, HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY: SIX STUDENT VOLUNTEERS ARE SELECTED AS LIAISON OFFICERS AND SUPPORTING STAFF IN THE ASEAN HIGH LEVEL FORUM ON DISABILITY- INCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT AND PARTNERSHIP BEYOND 2023



This October, six student volunteers (Stuvos) from the International Office Hasanuddin University (IO UNHAS) were selected as Liaison Officer (LO) or Supporting Staff (SS) in the ASEAN High-Level Forum on Disability-Inclusive Development and Partnership Beyond 2023. The Ministry of Social Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia organized the event as part of a series of ASEAN Chairmanship 2023 events hosted over three days by Indonesia at the Four Points Hotel by Sheraton, Makassar, Indonesia. The event was also attended by 300 delegates of the ASEAN Ministerial Meeting for Social Welfare and Development (AMMSWD) and the Senior Officials Meeting on Social Welfare and Development (SOMSWD) from all ASEAN Countries alongside the United States of America, United Kingdom, and Australia.

The successfully selected Stuvos were Ibnu Alif Daffa Gymnastiar as LO for the Singapore delegation, Fiorella Lie as LO for the Philippines Delegation, Gilang Nurjihad as LO for the Timor Leste Delegation, Nurul Fathanah as LO for the ASEAN Disability Forum Delegation, Muhammad Farid as Person in Charge (PIC) in the Exhibition, and Muhammad Indra as PIC in the US-ASEAN High-Level Dialogue. They were chosen after a rigorous selection process through essays and interviews.

Before starting their assignments, they went through various technical guidance online and offline for ten days. During the training, they were taught how to communicate with people with disabilities using sign language, provide first aid, and learn the dynamics of foreign relations in Southeast Asia. Afterward, they immediately went into action, performing their respective tasks well. Those who became Liaison Officers were responsible for providing complete assistance to the delegates from the beginning to the end of the event. Meanwhile, the PICs were in charge of ensuring that the activities that were their respective responsibilities were carried out correctly. The output of this event was the Makassar recommendation, which serves as a reference for foreign and domestic policies for ASEAN countries to collaborate and commit to improving the inclusiveness of aspects of life, especially for people with disabilities.



INTERNATIONAL OFFICE, HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY HOLDS A ZOOM MEETING WITH UNIVERSITY MALAYA FOR OUTBOUND AND INBOUND STAFF PROGRAM



The International Office Hasanuddin University (IO UNHAS), joined the online meeting to discuss the opportunity of outbound and inbound staff with the Global Engagement Office, University Malaya, Malaysia, on Monday, 23 October 2023. The meeting was joined by Andi Masyitha Irwan, Ph.D (Head of IO), Muhammad Ridwan, S.S., M.A (Secretary of IO), Rafika Ramdani Ramli, LLM (Task Force of IO), Kumara Tungga Dewa, S.S (IO Staff). From Universiti Malaya, the Zoom meeting was attended by Nurul Fatihin Izatil Binti Azman (Assistant Registrar) and other staff.

Universiti Malaya (UM) is currently ranked 65th in the world university ranking. With the staff mobility activity, two staff from Universiti Malaya will be inbound to UNHAS in December 2023. This will open up opportunities for UNHAS and UM to learn together regarding staff capacity development at these two universities.

The head of UNHAS IO, Ms. Masyitha, known by the short name Ms. Citha, responded very enthusiastically to this inbound proposal from UM. She immediately appealed to all staff to identify activities that could be carried out when these two UM staff arrive at UNHAS. She also reminded staff to maintain wise time management so that this inbound program can be successfully implemented.



INTERNATIONAL OFFICE HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY HOLDS A MONTHLY GEOGRAPHY SERIES FEATURING THE REPUBLIC OF GAMBIA



Geography Series (G-Series) is another flagship event organized by the International Office Hasanuddin University (IO UNHAS), aiming to enable UNHAS International students to present their country through slide presentations. These cover an introduction to the government, culture, culinary, custom, tourism, etc., as well as allowing local UNHAS students to practice their English language skills as the event was conducted in English.

This October, the G-Series featured the Republic of Gambia, a Western African country sharing a border with Senegal. The event was held on Wednesday, 25 October 2023 in the Hall at the Lembaga Penelitian dan Pengabdian Masyarakat (LP2M) or Institute of Research and Community Development. Two Gambian students named Sangbaptise Mendy (Sang) and Kanchul Louis Mendy (Louis), both studying at the UNHAS Faculty of Law, had the honor of presenting their country in front of more than 70 students from various faculties at UNHAS. The moderator was Fidyah Adelia Fitri, an IO student volunteer.

This event started with opening remarks from Andi Masyitha Irwan S.Kep., Ns., MAN., Ph.D. (Head of IO) and began by singing Gambia's National Anthem. Jumping to the main event, Sang described Gambia's geography, including their location and population. Gambia is a small country in West Africa with a population of about 2.6 million. Interesting fact, the Gambia is named after the Gambia River, which is the most prominent geographical feature in that country.

Louis then proceeded with their presentation, delving into topics such as the history of his country and cultural heritage, including food and art. He said Gambia is known for the warmth and hospitality of its people. That reflects Gambia's nickname, "The Smiling Coast of Africa." After that, he showed us a video that showcased the incredible sights of Gambia. After the video ended, the moderator dived into the Q&A session. Some students who were curious about Gambia raised their hands, and our speakers happily answered them.

Before concluding the session, the moderator gave a quiz to the participants. The moderator posed several questions, and those who answered accurately got IO merchandise.





INTERNATIONAL OFFICE HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY HOLDS INFO SESSION: SCHOLARSHIP FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION



The info session on scholarships for further education, disseminating information on scholarships from various countries offered to students and lecturers in Indonesia, is one of the main tasks of the International Office Hasanuddin University (IO UNHAS). The session was held on Thursday, 26 October 2023, at the *Lembaga Penelitian dan Pengabdian Masyarakat* (LP2M) or Institute of Research and Community Development. The session began with an introduction from Muhammad Ridwan, M.A. (Secretary of IO). In his introduction, he described the session aim and speaker. Mr. Ridwan then welcomed Andi Masyitha Irwan (Head of IO) to present the scholarship information. This session was attended by approximately 200 participants ranging from undergraduate and master's students to lecturers.

Ms. Andi Masyitha Irwan, nicknamed Ms. Citha, commenced her presentation by figuring out the types of scholarships provided by several countries. Her presentation continued with valuable information that was relevant to the audience. She also explained the targets of these scholarships, ranging from undergraduate students to master's and doctoral programs. As Ms. Citha is one of the interviewers for Indonesian scholarships, she also shared tips on succeeding in the interview. Regarding the essay composition, she emphasized to the audience to show their passion for the field of study and any experience related to the major they intend to pursue.

In addition, she reminded the audience that having a very high average grade did not guarantee any applicant to pass the selection criteria. The interview would also review the experience of the applicants. Therefore, she said that undergraduate students should be aware of involving themselves in social engagement, as students should spend some of their time empowering themselves and building their capacity by taking part in an organization.

In the end of the event, the IO provided door prizes for members of the audience who asked questions.





INTERNATIONAL OFFICE, HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY HOLDS INDONESIAN INTERNATIONAL MOBILITY AWARD SOCIALIZATION



The students participating in Academic English preparation were introduced to the Indonesian International Students Mobility Award (IISMA) organized by the International Office Hasanuddin University (IO UNHAS). The session was held on Friday, 27 October 2023 at *Lembaga Penjaminan Mutu dan Pengembangan Pendidikan* (LPMPP) or Institute of Quality Assurance and Educational Development. This exciting session presented three speakers, namely Muhammad Ridwan, M.A. (Secretary of IO), Karisma (IISMA Awardee 2022), and Arjuna Ribal (Ongoing IISMA Awardee studying at the University of Adelaide, Australia).

The session started with the IISMA at a glance by Mr. Ridwan. He referred to the IISMA presentation template covering IISMA at a glance, steps in registration, the required document, the costs covered, and IISMA host university partners. In addition, Mr. Ridwan also described the opportunity for vocational study students, as beginning in 2023, IISMA will also provide quotas for vocational study programs. At the end of the presentation, Mr. Ridwan hoped that the participating students would succeed in the 2024 IISMA selection phases.

The second speaker was an UNHAS IISMA Awardee. The IO appointed Karisma, an International Relations Study Program student, to spend her six months in Lithuania. In her presentation, she emphasized essay writing for the prospective applicants. She said writing played an essential role in enabling the applicants go through to the next step. Meanwhile, Arjuna Ribal, the next speaker, agreed with what Karisma explained regarding the essay. He also mentioned that when choosing the courses at the university, he did not go through a big deal with his study program. He could convince the study program that all the classes were still in the area of his major.

The IO also announced that the second IISMA assistance session would be held on the coming Friday, and instructed the participants to prepare themselves.





INTERNATIONAL OFFICE, HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY HOLDS ORIENTATION FOR NEW INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



Directorate of Education Hasanuddin University welcomed 22 new international students. The International Office (IO) conducted the orientation for them that was held on Saturday, 28 October 2023, in the Ballroom at the *Lembaga Penjaminan Mutu dan Pengembangan Pendidikan* (LPMP) or Institute of Quality Assurance and Educational Development. The orientation was officially opened by Prof. drg. Muhammad Ruslin (Vice Rector for Academic and Student Affairs) over Zoom, as he is now in the United States of America for an academic mission. Joining the opening were Andi Masyitha Irwan, Ph.D. (Head of IO), and Muhammad Ridwan. M.A. (Secretary of IO), new International students, IO staff, and IO Student Volunteers.

The orientation included several sessions. The first session began with an Introduction to UNHAS delivered by Andi Masyitha Irwan, Ph.D. The second session was provided by Agus Winarto, M.Si (Head of Immigration Office of Makassar). His presentation covered the Visa Granting Policy – Residence Permit for Foreign Students and Foreign Teaching Staff. Meanwhile, the third session was delivered by Dr. Risma Illa Maulany (Director of Academic at UNHAS). In her presentation, she focused on the academic paths that students would follow. She also emphasized that the academic division would maintain communication with the International Office regarding the welfare of all international students.

The next session was DOs and DON'Ts, which was delivered by Abdul Aziz Ahmed, a co-assistant student from the Faculty of Dentistry. As Mr. Aziz had been here for years, the IO considered him an excellent speaker to share his valuable experience while studying at UNHAS. One of his experiences was learning Bahasa Indonesia. In his first year it was a big struggle to communicate with his Professors and classmates. He even approached his professor, confirming the presentation slides in English, even though the medium of instruction was in Bahasa Indonesia. As time went on, Mr. Aziz managed to communicate with people whom he met both on campus and at the hospital where he was doing his co-assistant phase.

Muhammad Ridwan, M.A, delivered the last session about dealing with Cross Cultural Understanding: Going Abroad Alone, What I Should Do? In his presentation, Mr. Ridwan began with some time management facts when dealing with foreign colleagues. Another issue Mr. Ridwan raised was what the students miss the most and the least from their home country.

IO hopes this orientation will benefit new international students in immersing themselves in the culture and life, in UNHAS in particular and Makassar more generally. The IO also thanked the moderators and student volunteers who dedicated their time to make this orientation successful.





INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ASSOCIATION HOLDS INAUGURATION JOINED BY ALL INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



As the International Students Association (ISA) was established around June 2023, it was time for this organization to be inaugurated. The inauguration was carried out on 27 October 2023, at the Ballroom of the Lembaga Penjaminan Mutu dan Pengembangan Pendidikan (LPMPP) or Institute of Quality Assurance and Educational Development. Joining this inauguration were Muhammad Ridwan, M.A (Secretary of the International Office), representing the International Office (IO), four ISA Presidium members, Kanchul Louis Mendy, Abdalaziz Ahmad Abbas, Mustafa Naeem, Mustafa Alaswad, and Mohammed Husein Mohammed Ba Naga, and Tameem Najem as the moderator. Other parties that joined the IO staff volunteers.

This inauguration aimed to introduce the strategic planning of the ISA 2023-2024. The ISA President, Louis, introduced the ISA, covering ISA as a hub of university life; ISA is vital locally and internationally. The presentation continued with other presidium members. They encouraged all international students to take part in building connections and communication so that the ISA could grow and develop.



THE DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH HOLDS PUBLIC LECTURE PRESENTING THE AUSTRALIAN CONSUL-GENERAL IN MAKASSAR



The Department of English, Faculty of Cultural Sciences Hasanuddin University (FIB UNHAS) held a Public Lecture in collaboration with the Australian Consul-General in Makassar. Mr. Todd Dias. This hybrid lecture was open to the public and held on Friday, 21 October 2023, at the Prof. Mattulada Auditorium, FIB. There were around 200 participants consisting of students and academicians from UNHAS and various other universities who attended the lecture offline and online. The Vice Dean for Academic and Students Affairs, FIB, Dr. Mardi Adi Armin, M.Hum., officially opened the public lecture.

Mr. Dias presented this public lecture on the topic of Cross-Cultural Communication. Improving the comprehension of cross-cultural communication is essential for learners of foreign languages. Since language is a product of culture, it is closely related to how people communicate based on their cultural background. The participants also showed great enthusiasm by sharing their ideas during the discussion.

PUBLIC LECTURE

"Cross-Cultural Communication"



Guest Speaker:
Mr. Todd Dias

(Australian Consul-General in Makassar)



Makassar, 20 October



INVITING PROFESSOR FROM TURKEY, FACULTY OF PUBLIC HEALTH HOLDS GUEST LECTURE ON HEALTH SYSTEMS



The Faculty of Public Health Hasanuddin University (FKM UNHAS) held a Guest Lecture as part of a series commemorating the 41st Anniversary of FKM UNHAS. The event was conducted in the Prof. Nur Nasry Noor Hall on Tuesday, 11 October 2023. The topic was "Health System Sustainability and Resilience." This activity was held under the collaboration between FKM UNHAS and the Faculty of Health Sciences of UIN Syarif Hidayatullah Jakarta.

The event presented Prof. Dr. Bülent Kılıç from the Department of Public Health, Faculty of Medicine Dokuz Eylul University who is currently a Visiting Professor at UIN Syarif Hidayatullah, Jakarta. In her opening remarks, Fajar Aryanti, SKM, M.Kes, Ph.D., the Coordinator of International Collaboration of the Faculty of Health Sciences UIN Syarif Hidayatullah, explained that the collaboration between the two institutions had been initiated in early 2023. "Hopefully, this will be part of the effort to strengthen our collaboration in the future," said Fajar Aryanti, also the Person in Charge of the Visiting Professor at the Faculty of Health Sciences, UIN Syarif Hidayatullah, Jakarta.

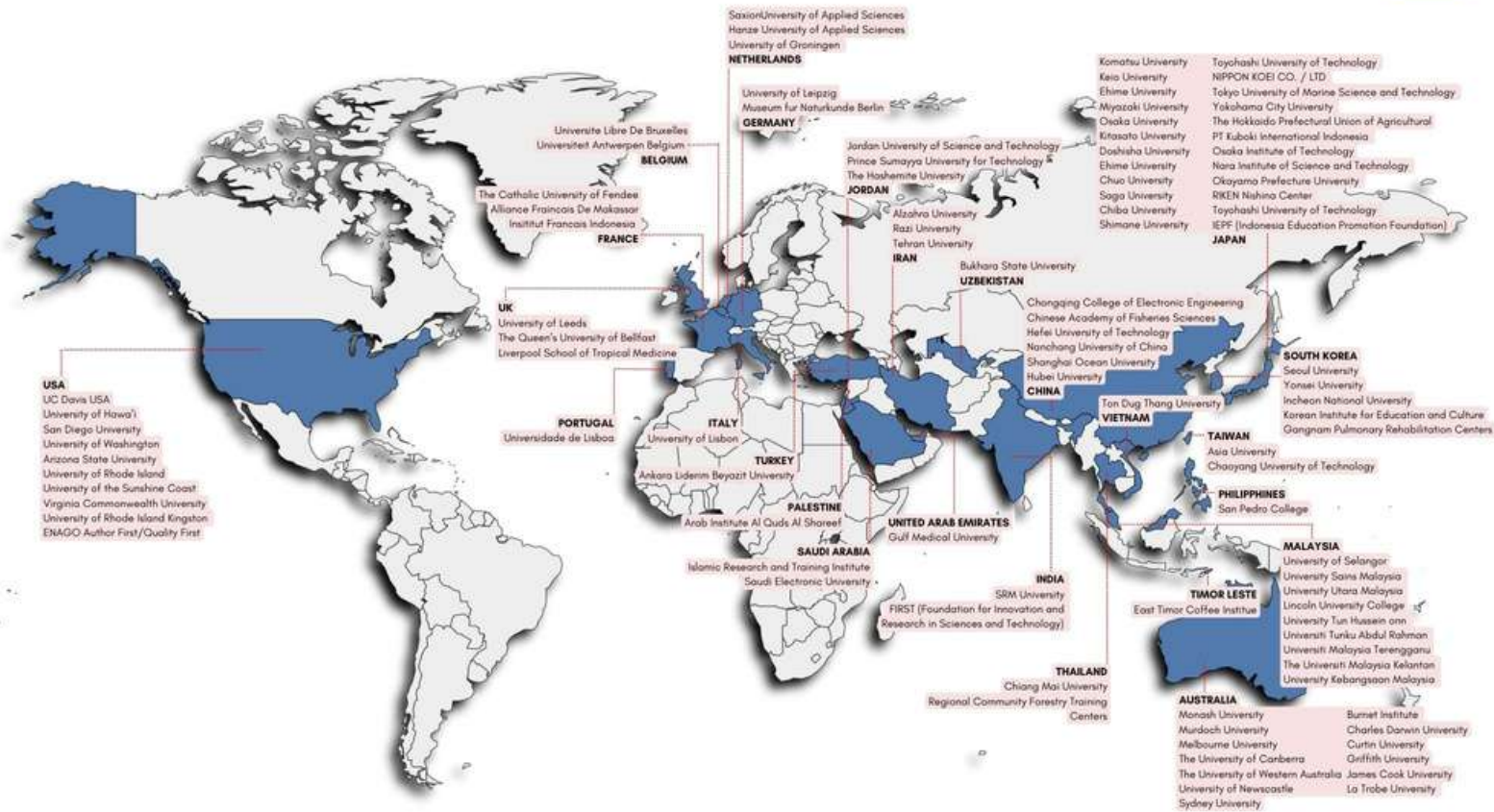
Meanwhile, the Dean of FKM UNHAS, Prof. Sukri Palutturi, expressed his appreciation and gratitude to UIN Syarif Hidayatullah Jakarta during his speech. "Our thanks to UIN Syarif Hidayatullah for their willingness to take the time and share their resources, knowledge, and experience in this event," he said.

The activity continued with the presentation by Prof. Bülent, who generally explained the sustainability and resilience of the health system. According to him, the health system needs sustainability and stability in primary health care and maximization of the Essential Public Health Functions (EPHF).

Public health plays a vital role in various health issues. These include Surveillance, Testing and Research, Vaccination (including designing strategies and identifying priority groups), and Monitoring (especially concerning mitigation measures to identify and reach vulnerable groups). At the end of the session, he emphasized three main characteristics that must be possessed by public health workers, including community perspective, seeing from a new perspective, and always involving community participation.

"We also need to focus on accountability, transparency, governance, inequality and vulnerable populations, communication, capacity, and most importantly, strengthening public health practices," he explained. The event continued with a discussion guided by one of the Lecturers of the Department of Health Policy Administration (AKK) FKM UNHAS, Dr. Muh Yusran Amir, SKM, MPH. In this session, the participants enthusiastically asked questions related to the topics presented.





UNHAS INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AS OF OCTOBER 2023



TOTAL: 179 STUDENTS



**GET ACQUAINTED WITH
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ;
MARAM RASHAD AHMED SHAYEA**

As our international students increase, it is time to introduce them so that our Indonesian students, as well as lecturers and staff, know more about them. In this edition, the International Office Hasanuddin University (IO UNHAS) will introduce one of the international female students named Maram Rashad Ahmed Shayea. She likes to be called Maram. She was born on July 6, 2004, in Taiz City, Yemen. She grew up in Saudi Arabia, because her father works there as an engineer. Her family moved from one city to another in Saudi Arabia. She is a semester four student at the Faculty of Medicine (FK). The IO had a chance to interview her with three questions, firstly how she found and chose to study at UNHAS. The second question was how she felt when arriving and checking here, and the last question was her hope for a better UNHAS in the future. Let's enjoy her responses below.

When asked how she found and chose UNHAS to continue her bachelor's degree, she said she tried to look up a list of the universities in Indonesia and found UNHAS. She looked further at the university. She discovered that the UNHAS Faculty of Medicine is one of Indonesia's leading faculties, and many international students have previously studied here. She then told her family to register at UNHAS. Moreover, UNHAS itself is in the top ten universities in the country. She chose the Faculty of Medicine (FK) because her dream was to be a doctor since childhood, and her family supported her in choosing it. Besides, she also found that the educational environment was supportive for her to study here.



The second question proposed to her was about her perspective and feelings since becoming a student at UNHAS. She explained that studying at UNHAS makes her comfortable and gives her good experiences. Professors and lecturers were very supportive and helpful in the situation where she was trying to immerse herself into Makassar's educational culture. She believes she can pass through challenges and opportunities as time progresses.

The last question asked was about her hopes of seeing a better UNHAS in the future. She explained that she would love to see UNHAS ranking much better when dealing with World University Ranking (WUR) and national ranking. Furthermore, she also hopes that more international students come to pursue their bachelor's, master and doctoral degrees at UNHAS.





GET ACQUAINTED WITH INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ; MUHAMMAD ABDUL WAHAB

The International Office (IO), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), was delighted to have an interview with one of the international students, Muhammad Abdul Wahab. His nickname is Wahab. He was born on 26 January 2001, in Lahore, Pakistan. He is now a student in semester four at the Faculty of Medicine (FK) UNHAS. The IO asked three different questions: how he found and chose UNHAS to pursue his undergraduate degree; his feelings while studying at UNHAS, and finally, how he views UNHAS as a better university in the future. Below are his responses.

UNHAS was my top choice for undergraduate studies because of the tremendous opportunity provided by a fully supported scholarship in the medical school. I decided primarily based on the fact that UNHAS is one of Indonesia's best universities. Studying in a country with similar cultural values and a shared religion with my home country can genuinely enhance the learning experience. Indonesians' warm and pleasant nature naturally inspired me to enroll in the UNHAS. An intense enthusiasm for healing, a desire to end human suffering, and a dedication to improving people's lives via the pursuit of medical knowledge and competence are the driving forces behind my enrollment in FK.



Studying at UNHAS, especially with the esteemed FK, has been an incredibly enriching experience. I feel a profound sense of pride and accomplishment to be a part of one of Indonesia's top-ranking universities. The challenges of being an international student were met with the warm hospitality and supportive atmosphere of UNHAS. Numerous opportunities for personal and academic growth have balanced these challenges. The diverse environment here has allowed me to broaden my horizons, learn from different perspectives, and prepare for a future on a global scale.

I urge for more cultural exchange programs to be supported in the future for a better UNHAS. These initiatives improve international students' academic experiences and advance intercultural understanding. Additionally, enhancing support services specifically catered to the requirements of overseas students will ease the transition and establish a more welcoming atmosphere. Last but not least, continuing this impressive, fully funded scholarship for deserving and competent students worldwide will also improve UNHAS's academic standing.





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