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THE RECTOR MESSAGE

First of all,

I would like to express my appreciation to Hasanuddin University team. Numerous International events have been established to expand UNHAS position as a world class university.

We have recently signed a memorandum of understanding with Northern Illinois University, USA. Additionally, we are now leading Australia and Indonesia research Program through PAIR (Partnership for Australia Indonesia Research Program). Not to mention, a lot of international events have considered the important role of UNHAS academic in various international workshops and international seminars across different fields.

Besides, we also keep encouraging our students to be actively involved at any kinds of international programs and events. This year, we are so happy to announce that our students' participation getting more attention. Many of our students have successfully joined students exchanges as well as IISMA program.

I am personally proud to these remarkable achievements. Congratulations to the alumni, awardees and all parties involved.

RECTOR OF HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY



INTERNATIONAL OFFICE, HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY HOLDS HELLO IO: ROAD TO IISMA 2024 OFFERING IISMA FORM APPLICATION



On February 2, 2024, the International Office of Hasanuddin University (IO UNHAS) hosted a Zoom meeting session to guide students through the IISMA (Indonesia International Student Mobility Awards) process. Kumara Tungga Dewa, IO Officer for IISMA, led the discussion as a speaker. To help the discussion run smoothly, this event was moderated by Fidyah Adelia Fitri, one of IO student volunteers. The zoom session aimed at providing clear instructions regarding IISMA's application form. The meeting started by explaining each section of the application form. This elaboration ensured participants to fully understand what information is needed. Every aspect was carefully explained to avoid confusion, from personal details to academic history.

The speaker also clarified the process of obtaining recommendation letters from the IO, one of the important parts of the application. The interactive part of the session provided an opportunity for students to ask questions and seek clarification. The speaker and moderator patiently addressed queries, covering topics such as document submission and cultural considerations. This exchange fostered a supportive atmosphere, reassuring students and easing their concerns.





COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE FACULTY OF MARINE SCIENCES AND FISHERIES, HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY AND ANTWERP UNIVERSITY TO HOLD A WORKSHOP IN THE FIELD OF EDNA METABARCODING AND GENOMICS



The Faculty of Marine and Fisheries Sciences, Hasanuddin University (FIKP UNHAS) in collaboration with the University of Antwerp, Belgium, organized a training workshop focused on Environmental DNA Metabarcoding and Genomics. This event was opened by the Dean of the FIKP UNHAS, Prof. Safruddin. He emphasized the significance of the metabarcoding method in the field of marine and fisheries sciences. The dean also thanked Prof. Hannes Svardal, Dr. Els De Keyzer, Jaysmita Saha, and Dr. Sophie Gresham, the instructors who traveled from Belgium to conduct this workshop.

This event began with a public lecture on biodiversity Genomics by Prof. Hannes Svardal and Dr. Els De Keyzer. Then, it was followed by a workshop with 29 selected participants. The participants came from various universities and agencies in and outside of Makassar, such as: Tadulako University, Mataram University, Mega Rezky University, Pangkep Polytechnic, Buton Marine Technology Institute, Indonesian Muslim University, Brawijaya University, Board of National Innovation and Research (BRIN), and Hasanuddin University itself. This workshop lasted for 9 days, from January 30 to February 9, 2024, at the Faculty of Marine and Fisheries Sciences and the Institute for Research and Community Services, UNHAS.





THE INTERNATIONAL OFFICE, HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY IMPLEMENTS STAFF EXCHANGE PROGRAM AT UNIVERSITI MALAYA, MALAYSIA



The International Office Hasanuddin University (IO UNHAS) held a staff mobility program to develop staff capacity at the Universiti Malaya (UM), Malaysia on February 6-7 2024. This program aimed at learning the internationalisation management program to be implemented at UNHAS. All IO's staff participated in this program. They are Andi Masyitha Irwan, Ph.D (Head of IO), Muhammad Ridwan, M.A. (Secretary), Saaduddin, M.Sc. (Task Force), Khaeruddin, Ph.D (Task Force), Haniek Khoirunnissa Baja, M.Sc. (Task Force), Nasrah, M.Hum (Staff), Kumara Tungga Dewa, S.S., (Staff), Andi Afifah Fayyadhah, S.Ikom (Staff) and Erizal Zhafran M. Edison, S.Ikom (Staff).

This visit began with a meeting in the International Relations Center (IRC) room at UM. The IO UNHAS delegation was warmly received by Sheena Kaur, Ph.D (Head of Strategic Global Alliances Division) accompanied by Nina Norizan (Partnership Manager). In this meeting, IO's staff were exposed to the management of the IRC, which divides its partnership managerial office into four divisions. Furthermore, IO UNHAS delegates were taken on campus tours. The first tour was to UM's on-campus conservation forest named Rimba Ilmu (Jungle of Knowledge). This forest resembles the UNHAS education forest that is managed by the Faculty of Forestry (FAHUT). The only difference is the location. UNHAS education forest is located outside Makassar while Rimba Ilmu is located inside the UM campus. This forest is virtually accessible by the internal UM academic community and outside the campus. The tour was guided by Ahmad Hilmie Ya'kub (Student Activity Coordinator) and Dayang Siti Khadijah Awang Bujang (Administrative Assistant).

Prior to lunch time, IO UNHAS delegates were taken to the UM Museum. Inside the museum, particularly on the second floor, the visitors could see porcelain, ceramics and various kinds of jugs from different periods. According to the staff at this museum, these historical artefacts came to the Museum when UM separated from its affiliated campus in Singapore. The leaders at that time chose the best artefacts to be brought to Malaya. Even when there were visits from Singapore, they said that everything in this museum was better than their collection in Singapore. After this, the IO UNHAS delegates were taken to the Canseleri Building and warmly welcomed by Nuzul Fatihin Izatil Azman (preferably called Izzatil) accompanied by other UM staff. The presentation by Izatil lasted until 4pm Kuala Lumpur time and also closed the visit on day #1.





Beginning the visit on day #2, the IO UNHAS delegates visited the Kong Zi Institute. Prof. Dr. Noor Zalina (Director) accompanied by Erraine Ruszeqkha Binti Abu Bakar (Assistant Registrar) and other staff welcomed the delegates in such an informal setting. This institute resembles the Mandarin Corner which showcases Chinese culture at UNHAS. The visit ended with a photo session and a tour around the building.

The next visit of UNHAS delegates was to the Marketing and Recruitment Division. The delegates were welcomed by Vighneshree King (preferably called King). She is the Head of Enrichment and Mobility (GEM). In this division, the UNHAS delegates joined the discussion on international mobility and collaboration programs. Muhammad Ridzwan bin Mohd Rashid (inbound Mobility Program Coordinator) presented outbound and inbound activities done by the office. One of the slides that could be inspiring was a homestay program for inbound students. Such a homestay system could be implemented in UNHAS as Makassar is rich with cultural diversity.

After the discussion of the mobility program, the delegates were introduced to the marketing and recruitment division presented by Adi Yusran bin Mohamad Radzi (Assistant Registrar). He delivered such a wonderful presentation regarding putting UM in the market.





He emphasised three different marketing categories: mature, developed and new markets. Mr. Adi also said that marketing needs a lot of effort and energy as well as finance. We might expect that once we do marketing in a region to attract new students, our hopes would come true immediately. It takes a long process from planting and watering to harvesting your dreams. The presentation was also attended by Tuty Haryati Kassim (Head of Marketing and recruitment Division).

Before completing this mobility program, the UNHAS delegates were given the opportunity to briefly present UNHAS and self-reflections regarding the two day visit. The first presentation was carried out by Andi Masyitha Irwan, Ph.D. She began with the philosophy behind the university name then continued with UNHAS performance and achievement. She also described how beneficial this mobility is for increasing IO UNHAS capacity and capability for doing internationalisation programs. The second presentation was done by Muhammad Ridwan, M.A. In his presentation, he emphasised the lessons learned from the two day visit. These ranged from international staff hired by UM to inbound and outbound activities, etc. In short, UNHAS delegates learned that it was not about the modern buildings that the university should have but a well-built system that would determine whether the university could become a global university like UM in the top 65 world university ranking.

The visit finally came to an end. The photo session closed the visit and the UM team was very kind in providing various kinds of souvenirs, such as notebooks, flash disks, batik cloth, etc. The UNHAS delegates had to leave the UM but, in their hearts, abundant benefits were obtained during the visit. Thank you, UM for the hospitality.





THE INTERNATIONAL OFFICE, HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY HOLDS INDONESIAN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT MOBILITY AWARDS (IISMA) CAMP; PART #1



The Indonesian International Student Mobility Awards (IISMA), a flagship program designed by the Ministry of Education and Culture, Research and Higher Education, is on the air now. IO UNHAS has been in charge of disseminating the IISMA in UNHAS by holding a camp for applicants. The first day of IISMA Camp was held on Sunday February, 11 2024 at the Grand Ballroom, UNHAS Hotel and Convention.

The camp began with an introduction by Khaeruddin, Ph.D (IO Task Force for Student Mobility). He delivered the aim of the first day camp; essay coaching. The IISMA applicants must have submitted their essay a day prior to the camp. This early submission was important to enable the respective reviewers to evaluate the essay properly and within an adequate time. This coaching focused on grammatical and word options integrated in the applicants' essay. This coaching session was attended by about 100 participants and lasted for 3 hours. Each participant spent 10 minutes in a face to face consultation.

Furthermore, choosing the right host university abroad was considered the most crucial point. The IISMA camp committees provided a special consultation session on this. The applicants were divided into six big groups and each group was facilitated by IO staff. There was another fundamental issue discussed during the session, the applicants' English Proficiency Test score, as it determines the choice of host universities they can aim for. In the IISMA program, applicants are allowed to choose 3 universities abroad.

The first choice is the participants' dream university. However, the second and third options must be synergized between their wishes and UNHAS. In this case UNHAS was represented by the IO. Here, the facilitator reminded the applicants that the English Proficiency Test score is an important consideration as well as the statistics of applicants each year. For example, if an applicant has a Duolingo English Test (DET) score of 125 and enrolled at a university that requires a 125 minimum score, then choosing this university is not considered the best option because it is very likely that other applicants might have a higher score (above 125). Finally, the facilitator suggested that the applicants should be realistic in their choices. Their university choices should be based on their English language skills.

The last session on the first day was Best Practices in Essay by the IISMA Alumni. Prior to this camp, the applicants were divided into several groups facilitated by the alumni. A few of them conducted IISMA mentoring through online meetings. They met each other and discussed the IISMA related issues. In this camp, many of them met their facilitator for the first time. The alumni shared their best practices in writing essays for IISMA. They all sat together in numbers of round table discussions. The best practices of alumni might be a good reference for the applicants to present their best essay to IISMA. The first day of IISMA ended and all the facilitators and applicants went home with high hopes of winning the award this year. Good luck.







THE DEPARTMENT OF ARABIC LANGUAGE HOLDS A ZOOM MEETING WITH THE INTERNATIONAL ISLAMIC UNIVERSITY OF MALAYSIA SEEKING A POTENTIAL COLLABORATION



To increase the cooperation and collaboration with foreign universities, the Department of Arabic Language, Faculty of Cultural Sciences (FIB), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) held a zoom meeting with Jabatan Bahasa dan Kesusateraan Arab (Department of Arabic Language and Literature), International Islamic University of Malaysia (IIUM), Prof. Dr. Asem Shehadeh (Head) and Dr. Anwar Ahmad (Academic Staff). From FIB UNHAS, those present were Haeruddin, M.A. (Head of the Arabic Literature Study Program), Ilham Ramadhan, M.A. (Academic Staff who is also an alumni of IIUM), and Muhammad Ridwan, M.A. (Academic Staff and Secretary of UNHAS International Office). The meeting was on Wednesday, February 7, 2024 Malaysia Time.

Several issues were discussed during the zoom meeting. Both parties opened hands to welcome everyone in the meeting. One of the issues talked about was a future collaboration between both parties. However, since this one was the very first encounter between UNHAS and IIUM, the meeting agreed with the site visit. The delegates from UNHAS would visit the IIUM campus and it was expected that the delegates of IIUM would do the same. It was hoped that the collaboration of both parties would come true. The meeting ended and Prof. Asem looked forward to meeting the UNHAS delegates on Wednesday, February 28, 2024.



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MEET OUR STUVO: AGUNG SUTIONO PONTOH STUDENT FROM FACULTY OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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After successfully managing the first batch of student volunteers, the IO UNHAS is now overseeing the second group. Each batch will serve as volunteers for a year. In this second batch, we would get to know one of the volunteers named Agung Sutiono Pontoh closely. He prefers to be called Agung. He is in his 8th semester in Population Health Biostatistics under the Public Health Study Program at the Faculty of Public Health (FKM). In his free time during Indonesian International Students Mobility Awards (IISMA) Camp 2024, the IO managed to interview him with several questions such as his roles and responsibilities as a Stuvo, challenges faced, effects, envisioning his performance in the future and his advice to other UNHAS students.

Agung has already been a volunteer at the IO since August 2023. He went through a recruitment process among hundreds of prospective candidates. When he was officially recruited, he went through a probation period for three months. Based on the IO assessment, Agung could continue his service until August 2024. He is one of the twelve volunteers assisting the operation of the IO on a daily basis. He said that his study program at FKM is considered unusual, and being involved as a volunteer at the IO might increase his insight and build his network with other volunteers.

When asked about his roles and responsibilities as a volunteer, Agung said that he has been working with the international students administration. He is in charge of dealing with several administration matters. He also said that he was involved in a variety of different activities such as the first International Student Festival (ISF) in 2023. This was his first involvement in IO's big event. Providing 16 booths, the ISF enabled UNHAS international students to introduce their country and culture. He was amazed with this event as he could interact with more international students. Meanwhile, the Geography Series (GS) is another big event aiming to introduce international students' countries of origin that is different from the ISF. Each GS event is more like a seminar where the students present their country through a powerpoint presentation and the local students can pose questions and give feedback. Agung is also happy to be involved in these events. When the interview was conducted, Agung and other volunteers were involved in the ISFMA Camp 2024 held at the Grand Ballroom, UNHAS Hotel and Convention. Involvement in these events is certainly improving his capacity, especially in writing essays and many other matters for continuing his university studies.



In addition, Agung also felt his confidence had improved. Prior to his involvement in the IO, he rarely spoke English in his daily surroundings. Since he was accepted at the IO, he has been able to speak the language with other volunteers in general, and with foreign guests coming to UNHAS in particular. When assigned as a liaison officer, where he had to escort foreign guests, this enabled him to communicate with them. In turn, his improved speaking skills have helped build his confidence. However, being a volunteer has also brought him face to face with several challenges.

The challenges he has encountered so far have been about time management. Being a student in the fourth year certainly requires focus to finish on time. However, being a volunteer sometimes requires considerable effort to be able to carry out the programs at IO effectively and efficiently. This is where the challenges lie, in how to divide his time so that to run both these two opportunities well. He was very thankful that the other volunteers are very helpful and supportive. He hopes that he can serve well and this support will continue until the end of his service as a volunteer.

Seeing that his service as a volunteer will end in six months or so from now, Agung is assuring himself that he will be able to gain as many experiences as possible that will help him build his own competency and capacity. Moreover, support and direction from the IO are indeed needed, so that the volunteers are able to develop their contribution and participation as well as capacities to prepare them to reach their dreams in the future, especially his wish to continue his study abroad.

Before ending the interview, Agung left a great message to other UNHAS students: that they should try volunteering, particularly in the IO, as there would be abundant chances and opportunities to develop their confidence. He closed his statement by expressing his feelings in three words; amazing, excellent and challenging. The IO wishes him the best in his studies and future professional career.







THE INTERNATIONAL OFFICE, HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY HOLDS INDONESIAN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT MOBILITY AWARDS CAMP; PART #2



The 2024 Indonesian International Students Mobility Award (IISMA) Camp Part #2 was conducted by the International Office (IO), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) on Monday February 12 2024 at the Grand Ballroom, UNHAS Hotel and Convention. There were a number of sessions offered to the IISMA applicants coming from various faculties, such as Self-Reflection, Introduction to the 2024 IISMA, Choosing Courses, Course Conversion Policy, and Wrap Up. Apart from students as IISMA registrants, the second part of this camp was also attended by Heads of Study Programs throughout UNHAS.

As this camp had started the day before, the first session of day two was Self-Reflection facilitated by Muhammad Ridwan, M.A. (Secretary of IO). In this session, there were two questions proposed to the students: "what they learnt from sessions offered the day before" and "what they wanted to improve on the second day". Mr. Ridwan invited all members of the audience to speak during this reflection session. Some students mentioned that the feedback from the reviewer for their essay was very helpful. They could identify the grammatical errors as well as improve the flow of the writing. Several students also mentioned how choosing the host university session from the first day has opened their eyes and minds to not only pick any host university they want but that they need to consider their English proficiency scores, while being realistic. The second session offered was the Introduction to the 2024 IISMA by Andi Masyitha Irwan, Ph.D (Head of IO) and was moderated by Haniek Khoirunnissa Baja, M.Sc (IO Task Force). The session has been presented many times since IO held IISMA dissemination last year. Alongside the IISMA registrants, there were several Study Program Heads who were not familiar with this flagship program from the Ministry Education and Culture. In addition, several students also took part in the official socialisation of IISMA through this camp.

The next session was choosing the courses, followed by a discussion. This session shared valuable information, as some of the awardees faced problems in choosing a course. The Head of the UNHAS Sub-Directorate of Independent Learning (Pembelajaran Mandiri), Makkarennu, Ph.D (often called Ms. Nunu) as the presenter of the third session, and Khaeruddin, Ph.D (IO Task Force) as the moderator, addressed several questions from the audience. This session also continued with practice. Ms. Nunu encouraged both groups to continue the discussion, with the result of mutual benefit for the study programs as well as the students.

The last session was the closing ceremony, led by the Vice Rector for Academic and Students Affairs, Prof. drg. Muhammad Ruslin, M.Kes., Ph.D., Sp.BM(K). He emphasised the importance of the camp. Prior to his speech, Andi Masyitha Irwan, Ph.D (Head of IO) reported on the last two days of the camp. In her report, she mentioned how the first day went, during which the students had been facilitated to get assistance from Language Services Lecturers in composing their essays for IISMA. The session aimed to ensure the IISMA applicants would be able to meet the English essay standards and produce properly written essays; this included checking the grammar, choice of words, and the flow between paragraphs. Furthermore, in his closing speech Prof. Ruslin reminded the students to be motivated and resilient in facing the IISMA selection process. Prof. Ruslin closed the camp and had a photo session with all the participants.







CENTER FOR PEACE, CONFLICT AND DEMOCRACY HOLDS A GUEST LECTURE PRESENTING A SPEAKER FROM THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY



The Center for Peace, Conflict, & Democracy (CPCD) Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) in collaboration with the Faculty of Social and Political Sciences (FISIP) UNHAS held a guest lecture facilitated by Dr. Sana Jaffrey. This guest lecture discussed the role of Rukun Tetangga (RT)/Rukun Warga (RW) ; neighbourhood leaders in local government in Indonesia. Dr. Sana Jaffrey is a lecturer in the Department of Political & Social Change, Australian National University (ANU) and a non-resident scholar at The Carnegie Endowment for International Peace with 15 years of research experience in Indonesia.

The guest lecture was attended by the academic community of UNHAS and dominated by lecturers and students from the Faculty of Social and Political Sciences (FISIP) UNHAS. This guest lecture took place on Monday, February 12 2024 from 09.00 – 11.00, in the FISIP UNHAS Senate Room. This guest lecture was held as a follow-up to international collaboration between the CPCD UNHAS and ANU. Under this collaboration, two collaborative research programs will be carried out, one on conflict mapping in South Sulawesi and the other on the role of Rukun Tetangga (RT) /Rukun Warga (RW) in local government in Makassar City. One of the interesting parts of this guest lecture was that several participants came from the scientific and technology study group. The contents discussed by the social studies group (social and humanities) has attracted interest from other study groups. This will be a good investment for the development of scientific progress if all academics are open to knowing the social and political realities that occur in their environment.

Dr. Sana started her presentation by expressing the importance of studying RT/RW. According to Dr. Sana, the RT/RW plays a politically significant role in society, yet this role has not been studied much by researchers in political science studies. The main points explained by Dr. Sana during the discussion session of this guest lecture were RT/RW as political control in Asia and beyond, changes in RT/RW governance in the democratic transition in Indonesia, religious extremism and the rise of RT/RW security functions, and a case study in Surabaya (Capital City of East Java Province) on the role of RT/RW in cities.

Prof. Dr. Suparman Abdullah, M.Si, the Vice Dean III of FISIP, who was also present during the discussion session of this guest lecture, explained that, based on his experience when he served as RT head for two periods, the role and position of the RT head is indeed quite significant in society while on the other hand they are "stuck" between two interests. According to Prof. Suparman, the head of the RT was "strapped" to the interests of being an extension of the government's interests and being a mouthpiece for the people's aspirations to the government.

At the end of the guest lecture session, Dr. Sana pointed out several roles of the RT/RW in local government in Indonesia. First, its multi-purpose nature makes the RT/RW an inseparable part of the state administration and impossible to tear down. Second, the emergence of new threats from terrorists and radical Islamic groups has triggered efforts to revive the RT/RW as a place of collaborative repression. However, in a democratic system, the state has little influence to require compliance. Third, social obstacles and blind spots mean that the RT/RW cannot monitor and report suspicious activities in their environment. Fourth, the RT/RW network is important for emergency response but is unlikely to be a source of reliable and actionable information for Counter-Terrorism/Preventing Violent Extremism. A "just in case" approach to maintaining an emergency response network is a sensible approach. Last but not least, the increasing gap between the government and the RT/RW's understanding of their roles and responsibilities.





HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY ATTENDS THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SUIJI PROGRAM COOPERATION IN JAPAN: STRENGTHENING COLLABORATION



Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) strengthened its commitment to international cooperation by being part of the SUIJI (Six Universities Indonesia Japan Initiative) Consortium's 10-year History event in Japan, on Thursday 19 February 2024. During the event, a delegation of university leaders participated in strengthening cooperation in the SUIJI exchange program which has made major contributions in the fields of education, research, and culture. SUIJI is a consortium between three universities in Japan (Ehime University, Kagawa University, and Kochi University) and three universities in Indonesia (Bogor Agricultural University (IPB), Gadjah Mada University (UGM) and UNHAS).

The SUIJI exchange program has paved the way for UNHAS to expand its international cooperation network, enhance the university's reputation globally, and provide valuable learning experiences for students. With the full support of the university leadership, UNHAS has committed to continue actively engaging in this initiative, strengthening bilateral relations between Indonesia and Japan, and improving the quality of education and research in both countries. In this SUIJI Consortium meeting, UNHAS Rector, Prof. Jamaluddin Jompa (Prof. JJ) attended the meeting virtually via Zoom meeting application.

During the meeting, the UNHAS delegation discussed the next steps for increasing the exchange of students, researchers, and other collaborative programs between UNHAS and Japanese universities.

They also shared experiences and best practices in managing international exchange programs. Prof. JJ in his discussion emphasised UNHAS' commitment to keep on playing an active role in the SUIJI Consortium program and expand cooperation networks with universities in Japan and around the world. In order to open new opportunities for students and researchers to gain valuable international experience and expand their professional networks.

By participating in SUIJI Consortium's 10-year History event, UNHAS further affirmed its position as one of the leading higher education institutions in Indonesia that actively participates in international cooperation to improve the quality of education and research.





SIGNING OF MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY FACULTY OF LAW AND UNIVERSITAT DER BUNDESWEHR MÜNCHEN GERMANY



On Thursday February 15 2024, in the Harifin Tumpa Moot Court Room, the Faculty of Law (FH), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) held a collaboration signing ceremony with Universitat Der Bundeswehr Munchen Germany. On this occasion, 3 sets of documents were signed: a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) at a university level, a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) at a faculty level, and an Implementation Arrangement (IA) at a study program level. The signing ceremony was attended by representatives of the Universitat Der Bundeswehr Munich Germany, Professor Stefan Koos and the Dean of the Faculty of Law (FH), Prof Dr Hamzah Halim, SH, MH, MAP.

The IA at the undergraduate level was signed by the Head of the Law Study Program, Dr. Muhammad Ilham Arisaputra S.H., M.Kn., and the Head of the State Administrative Law Study Program, Dr. Hijrah Adhyanti Mirzana S.H., M.H. Meanwhile, at the postgraduate level, it was signed by the Head of the Master of Law Study Program, Prof. Dr. Hasbir Paserangi S.H., M.H., and Head of the Notary Study Program Prof. Dr. H. M. Arfin Hamid S.H., M.H., and at the doctoral level it was signed by the Head of the Legal Sciences Doctoral Study Program, Prof. Dr. Marwati Riza S.H., M.Si. This signing agenda was expected to serve as a forum for the two universities in order to build cooperation and increase collaboration.

Apart from the signing of the collaboration agreement, a public lecture was also held with the theme: Challenge for the Law in The Digital Globalization: Relation between Technology, Sovereignty and Law. Prof. Stefan Koos explained the development of smart contracts, artificial intelligence, and their relationship to law and sovereignty and cross-border jurisdiction. This was the second visit by Prof Stefan Koos to the Faculty of Law and this event was part of a collaboration between UNHAS and Universitat Der Bundeswehr Munchen. This activity was also the kick off for the opening of the 72nd Anniversary Series of the UNHAS Faculty of Law.





MEET OUR STUVO: NETALEN PRISCYLA ADIESTYA STUDENT FROM FACULTY OF LAW

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Hi, I'm Netalen Priscyla Adiestya, currently I'm in my second year studying Law at Hasanuddin University (UNHAS). As a student volunteer (Stuvo) at UNHAS International Office (IO), I am responsible for Creative Media. I have conceptualised UNHAS IO's Instagram videos, edited the required brochures and also been a photographer in UNHAS IO events. But as a UNHAS IO Stuvo, my work is not only limited to Creative Media. I have worked as a Person in Contact (PIC) for Bangladeshi and Pakistani students at the 1st International Student Festival (ISF), a moderator for HELLO IO IISMA series, a Liaison Officer to accompany guests from UNHAS IO and many more.

The challenge I found during my time as a Stuvo was to manage my time well. As I have the responsibility to study while still carrying out my other responsibilities as a student volunteer. However, I always prioritise my studies, so I will complete my responsibilities as a Student Volunteer after completing my obligations. I also learned to be more communicative, where I will inform other Stuvo and staff if I had any difficulties or was unable to carry out a task because it conflicted with a lecture so that a solution could be found immediately.

When asked in what ways I believe have made a difference within the university community, I will say that first of all, being a UNHAS IO Stuvo often involves direct interaction with many people such as be international students, UNHAS officials, international guests and even foreign embassies visiting UNHAS. This causes me to be able to establish connections with these people and create opportunities for collaboration, as well as gain a broader cultural knowledge and practice living diversity. Secondly, how my skills were developed in various areas other than creative and media. Starting from how I had to master hospitality as one of the important factors of being a UNHAS IO Stuvo, becoming a delegate of UNHAS students to the Nation University Network Indonesia (NUNI) until they trusted me to be a moderator in one of the HELLO IO series.



Through my volunteer work, I aspire to continually develop my skills such as public speaking, leadership, time management, etc. and to broaden my impact, and cultivate meaningful connections within my community and professional network. I want to express how grateful I am for being part of UNHAS IO STUVO. Being a part of UNHAS IO STUVO has become one of the places where I can develop and maximise my potential event more and I hope in the future I give more impact to UNHAS IO's development, so if you have a chance to become a part of UNHAS IO STUVO, what are you waiting for?





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I know I always love Europe. The tall buildings that have stood for hundreds of years, the fourseason cycle that turns the landscape different every couple of months, and the academic environment filled with dynamic discourses regarding contemporary issues. It has been a dream for me, an Asian girl who spent almost her entire life in a tropical country. That love then manifested itself in a desire to visit Europe in every way possible. The desire that has taken place in my life was finally fulfilled in April 2023, when I was selected as an awardee for a program called the Indonesian International Students Mobility Award (IISMA) at Palacký University Olomouc, Czech Republic.

The landscape of Europe still did not feel real when the plane touched the ground. The vibrant blue sky around me felt like a distant dream, feverishly surreal. Then, I travelled on a bus for 3 hours from the dazzling city of Prague to a university town called Olomouc, my home for the next 4 months. During the trip, I looked outside towards the surrounding landscape and found myself bedazzled by the beauty I encountered. So mesmerised that the 3 hours trip from Prague to Olomouc felt too short.

Travelling away from home, opened a whole new door. I was served with a new life that was 180 degrees different from my previous one. In Olomouc, I had to do everything mostly by myself. I Went to class at 6 PM instead of early in the morning, then prepared a meal instead of enjoying the one my mom made, and faced the cold autumn breeze instead of the scorching sun. Back home or after the class, I loved hanging out with my friends in a café after class, but in Olomouc, most of the café closed earlier, even before I got out of class.


Despite all the differences, I found myself understanding what another side of life could offer. I learned to be more independent and believe in myself, I learned to appreciate the existence of the people around me, and I learned to be more grateful for what I have. I thought studying abroad in Europe was only about the euphoria of ticking off my bucket list, but turns out, it is more than that, it is a lifetime experience that I will cherish forever.





HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY WELCOMES THE REPRESENTATIVE OF VRIJE UNIVERSITEIT, AMSTERDAM



On Monday 19 February 2024, on behalf of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), 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 she had come to establish cooperation with UNHAS, particularly in sending Ph.D students to the VU with support from the VU, and that 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 is an expert in Intercultural Communication, mentioned that dealing with people from many different universities may cause issues in communication. The welcome meeting ended with a photo session and the distribution of souvenirs from the VU to the meeting participants.





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



On Thursday 19th 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 an Australia Awards Scholarship (AAS) Presentation and Alumni Sharing Session at the Senate Room, the 2nd Floor of UNHAS Rectorate building.

This great event was attended by Prof. Jamaluddin Jompa, colloquially called Prof. JJ (Rector of UNHAS and President of IKAMA, South Sulawesi), Todd Dias (Australian Counsellor), 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 Committee Chair, Andi Baso Tombong, Ph.D and continued with welcoming remarks by Prof. JJ and Mr. Todd. After the two 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 the Aussie Banget Corner (ABC).

Australia Awards is a prestigious international scholarship program funded by the Australian Government, with a load of aims including education links, enhancing the global scope of the education field, and even making it available not only for master's degrees but also for doctoral degrees. No wonder then, that this prestigious scholarship by the Australian Government is competitive. On the other hand, the relationship between Indonesia and the Australian Government regarding education has seemingly made a significant impact, with both countries providing feedback. Before closing, the session gave chances for participants to pose 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 the semester with a Guest Lecture (GL) delivered by Karl Löfgren, a professor from the School of Government, Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand, who gave his presentation for approximately 35 minutes. Andi Ahmad Yani, M.Si, MPA, M.Sc., a lecturer at the Department of Administrative Sciences which 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 maximised 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 the material into 3 levels in discussing Information Technology. First, there was a broad discussion of the information society, where there would be changes in society in the future in relation to technological advances. This has implications for future work.

Second, the use of Information Communication Technology (ICT) in society, developing policy-related themes such as discussing access, accountability, security, safety and ownership. For example, data protection, social media, surveillance technology, digital/literacy divides, etc. Third, the use of ICT by the public sector encouraged 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 the discussion session. Dr Ishak Salim, S.Ip, M.A raised the issue of space for the involvement of people with special needs in his question. This raises big questions, through what processes and what categories 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 the meeting with a concluding session. Professor Karl outlined the opportunities and challenges in Big Data in both 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 whether Big Data and Artificial Intelligence 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



The global historical background - ICTs in governments

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



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

The Dean of the UNHAS Faculty of Law, Prof. Dr. Hamzah Halim, S.H., M.H., M.A.P, was represented by the Vice Dean for Partnership, Research and Innovation at this event. He 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."

The speaker 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, with 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 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 events called the Geography Series, also called the G-Series. These events enable international students to introduce their 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 this month was held on Thursday 22 February 2024 from 2-4pm in the LaTanro Lecture Theatre, Faculty of Economics and Business (FEB). Two of the three students from Madagascar were given the chance to facilitate 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 on him, despite the fact that he spoke quite softly. The arrangement of his slides indeed embraced the important points from his country. Giovanni shared the presentation with his colleague, Robusta. The IO paid attention to his performance. He has improved his confidence and language skills a lot compared to the time of his first arrival in the university. The event continued with a Question and Answer (QA) session. Giovanni invited other students from Madagascar to answer the questions posed 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 people of Madagascar, however, would answer that they are African when asked about their continent of origin.

Before ending the G-Series, the moderator invited Robusta to perform a song for the participants. For the first time in the G-Series presentation, the international students sang the song "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 being awarded to the presenter by Andi Masyitha Irwan, Ph.D (Head of IO). While handing the token to Giovanni, Ms. Masyitha conveyed her gratitude for the presentation on Madagascar, and reminded the participants to keep their eyes on the IO G-Series which is held monthly. The Head of the IO and her staff, the students from Madagascar and all the 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 emphasised 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

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 favourite 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 fulfil 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.





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 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 their powerpoint presentations. Ms. Jazreel Goh, however, proposed a number of questions that each of the speakers could respond to. She also asked the audience to ask questions.

After the lunch break, the BC divided the audience into four breakout (BO) rooms, 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 practices in giving the students experience with transnational education. His university obtained a grant by the BC Indonesia for university capacity building, particularly in establishing cooperation with UK universities.

In the closing plenary, BC Malaysia invited Matt Durmin to present the drivers of and trends in transnational education rising in Asia. He figured out a vision of East Asia prospects in developing the TNE in the future. For the official closing, the BC Director of Education, Leghton Ernsberger, extended his gratitude to the participations from all parties who contributed to the success of the forum. The photo session marked the end of the forum.

Right after the closing session, all the forum participants were requested to assemble in 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 running for 17 years or so. The partnership was indeed a showcase of both universities. The Vice-Chancellor of Lancaster quoted the African proverb: "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 insights to the participants wishing to establish and sustain their partnerships. 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



The Department of Arabic Literature (DoAL), Faculty of Cultural Sciences (FIB), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) conducted a benchmarking visit 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 28 February 2024. Joining the benchmarking from UNHAS were Haeruddin, M.A. (Head, Department of Arabic Literature), Haeriyyah, 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 Prof. Asem Shehadeh Ali (Head, Department of Arabic and Literature) joined the event, coming a bit later to the room due to his presence at a series of meetings that day, as well as Dr. Anwar Ahmad (Academic Staff), other administration staff, and students.

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

The further discussion was about reviewing the content of the Letter of Intent (LoI) describing future cooperation between UNHAS and IIUM in the future. The benchmarking ended with a photo session and handing UNHAS tokens to Prof. Asem, Dr. Ahmad, and all members of the audience 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, at an event opened by the dean of FIKP, Prof. Safruddin. Prof. Jamaluddin Jompa, Rector of UNHAS, also gave a speech, expressing his hope that this project would be successful, so that it could be implemented in other areas. Furthermore, he emphasized that this project could solve several problems that have been around for years, such as electricity supply and the sustainability of fisheries 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 Barrang Lompo Island fishermen's catches. 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 officers, the Head of Ujung Tanah Police Station, Secretary of Sangkarang Sub-District, Head of Barrang Lompo Village, and the local community.

FIKP UNHAS is committed to contributing to research, development and implementation of environmentally friendly and sustainable technology in Barrang Lompo Island through utilizing its expertise and resources. This project is an innovative step in utilizing technology to improve the quality of life of the local 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.



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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 the FIKP, who played pivotal roles in funding and facilitating the participation of the Indonesian delegation. As a result of this collaborative effort, the hope was expressed that future activities like IPSOS could 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

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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 honour 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: YAHYA SAHLOL AL EISSA

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: firstly, 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, Yahya responded by saying that he got several scholarship offers to continue his study in this country. However, he chose UNHAS as it had very complete information and benefits. UNHAS has helped him to grow personally and shape into the person he is today.

The second question put to him was his feelings during his learning process. He said that in his early days after arrival, he encountered several issues such as food and local people as well as language. In terms of food, he had a challenge with 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 that, after several months, he could face the challenges and move on smoothly. He has been able to learn 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 have positive impacts for them.



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