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# THE RECTOR MESSAGE

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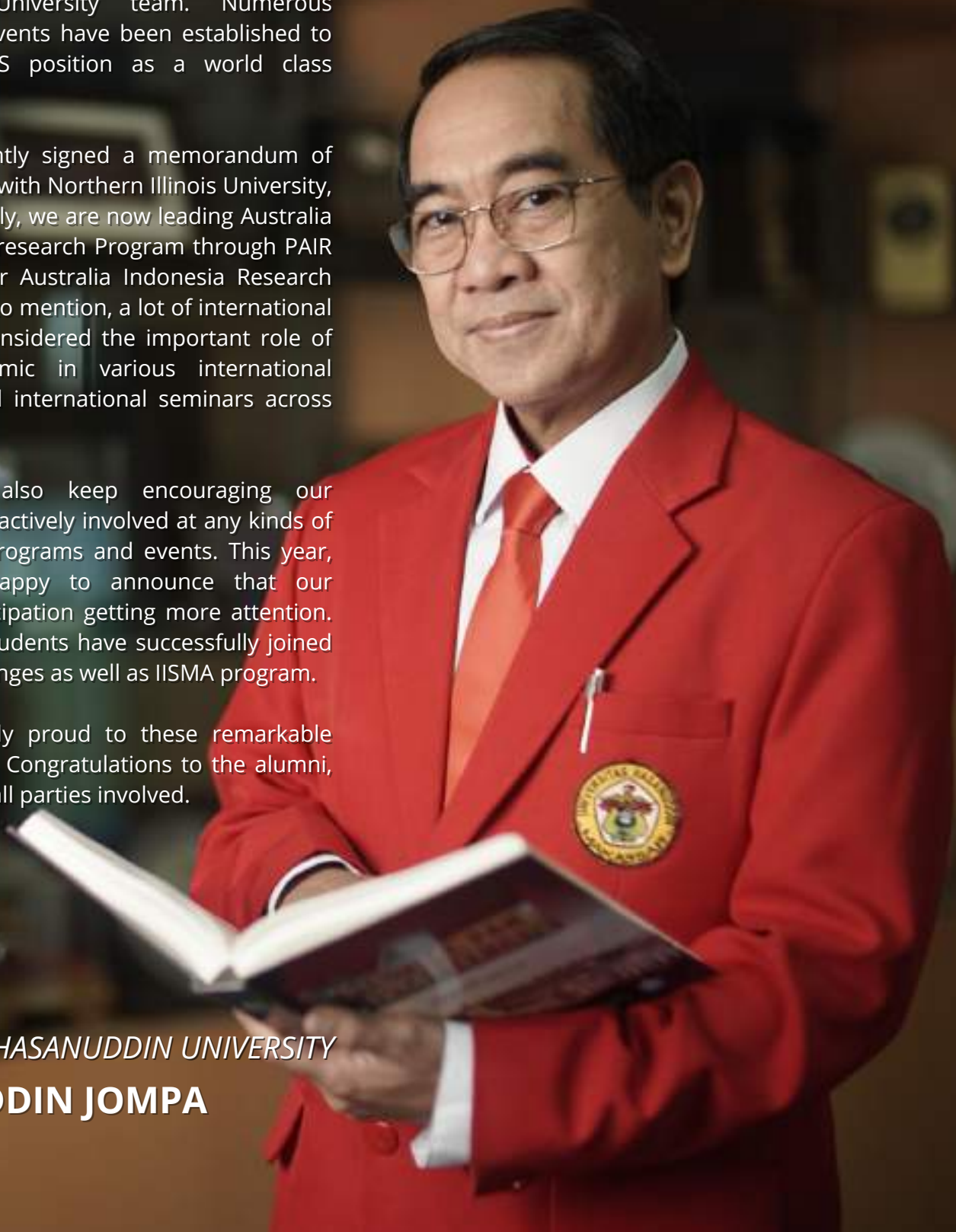
I would like to express my appreciation to Hasanuddin University team. Numerous International events have been established to expand UNHAS position as a world class university.

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*  
**JAMALUDDIN JOMPA**



## **HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY AND NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY, USA, SIGN THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**



Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) and Northern Illinois University (NIU) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Saturday, 6 January 2024 in the Senate Room, 2nd floor, Unhas Rectorate. Prior to the signing ceremony, the Rector of UNHAS, Prof. Dr. Jamaluddin Jompa, M.Sc. (Prof. JJ), hosted a lunch for NIU delegates and UNHAS officials on the 8th floor. In signing the MoU the Rector was accompanied by all Vice-Rectors as well as several Deans, Heads of Institutions, other lecturers and staff. Meanwhile, the NIU President was accompanied by Prof Dr Eric Jones (Executive Director of Global Initiatives), Prof Dr George Middlemist, (Chief Financial Officer), Dr Bob Brinkmann (Dean of NIU College of Liberal Arts and Sciences), Catherine Middlemist and Gazly (Police Interpol).

The MoU signing ceremony began with a screening of the UNHAS video profile and continued with welcome remarks by Prof. JJ, who said “I will express my happiness at hosting the President of NIU and team. Allow me to describe the meaning of the UNHAS logo, which shows the head of a rooster. It represents the fight of Sultan Hasanuddin towards the colonies by the Dutch!”. Prof JJ also explained that UNHAS played an important role not only in education but also in sciences.

In addition, UNHAS and NIU are not only two big universities but also represent two big and different countries. He then continued by introducing all UNHAS officials joining the ceremony.

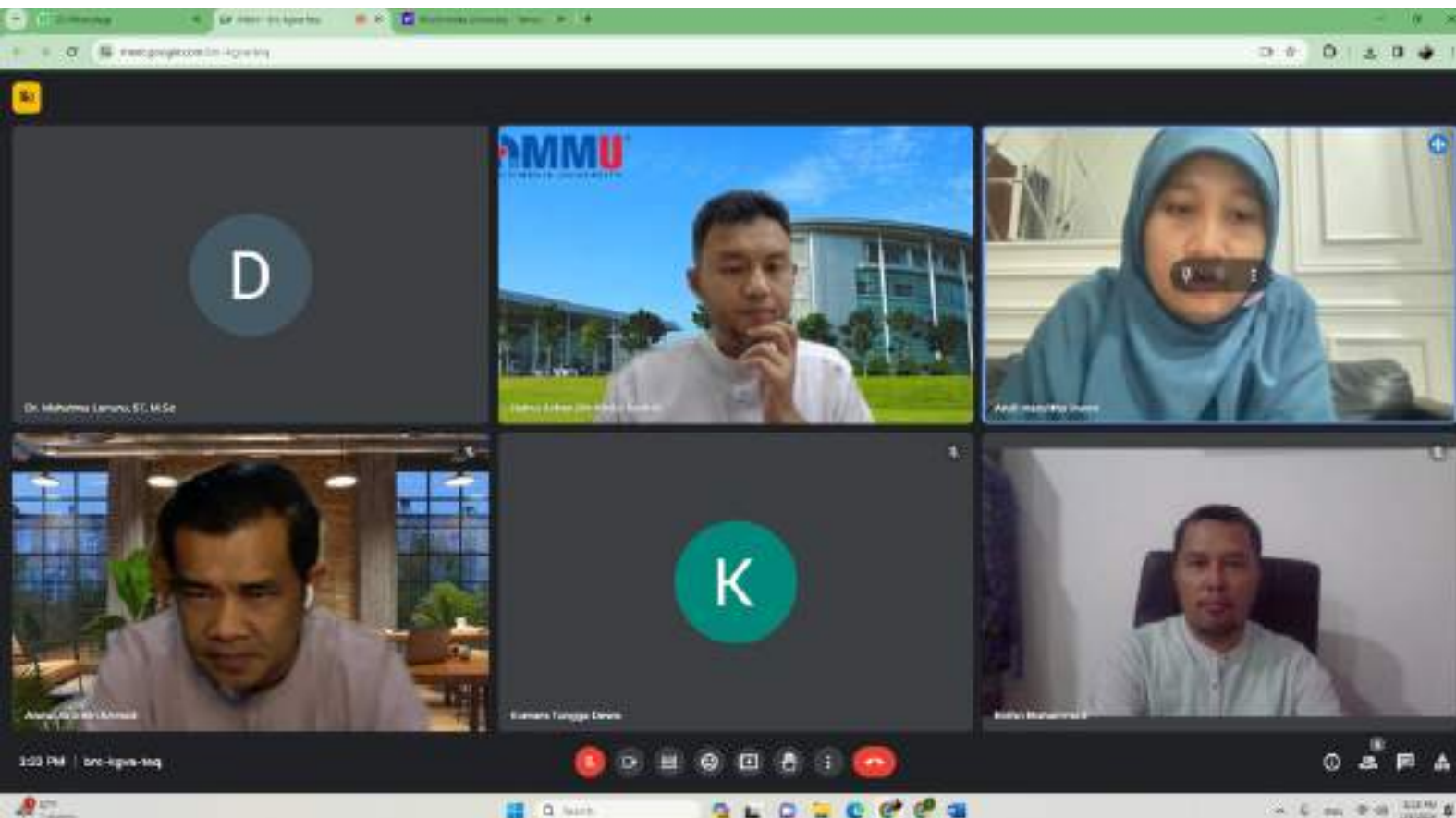
Meanwhile, the President of NIU expressed her gratitude for being here at UNHAS. “The presence of UNHAS officials in this ceremony, particularly during the weekend, really meant a lot to me. I am very glad to meet the Rector and all staff and see this moment as a very potential partner.” She also explained the NIU logo which shows a husky, a type of dog. The husky is well known for its focused character to pursue its goals in life. She also welcomed UNHAS as a part of the husky family.

The ceremony then moved on to the discussion, facilitated by Dr. Ansariadi (Director of Partnership). Dr. Ansariadi explained three areas of the collaboration. One of these was *Bahasa Indonesia untuk Penutur Asing* (BIPA) or Indonesian Language for Non Native Speakers, both teaching and learning. In the future, NIU students and academic staff will learn Bahasa Indonesia and this will be handled by the UNHAS Language Service Center.

Before the ceremony ended, both universities exchanged tokens; UNHAS and NIU delegates then proceeded to the Balla Lompoa (Great House), a house that functioned as a palace of the Kingdom of Gowa when the kings were in power, a long time ago. The Balla Lompoa has now been transformed into a museum showing many artifacts that were used by the Gowa royalty. Delegates from both institutions continued by enjoying Losari Beach and sailing on a Phinisi in the Makassar Strait.



## **INTERNATIONAL OFFICE, HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY HOLDS AN ONLINE MEETING WITH MULTIMEDIA UNIVERSITY, MALAYSIA**



The International Office of Hasanuddin University (IO UNHAS) held an online meeting with Multimedia University (MMU), Malaysia on Friday, 5 January 2024. The meeting was conducted through Google Meet and was followed by Andi Masyitha Irwan, Ph.D (Head of the IO), Prof. Dr. Mahatma Lanuru, S.T., M.Sc (Lecturer in Marine Science), Muhammad Ridwan, M.A. (IO Secretary) and Kumara Tungga Dewa, S.S. (IO Inbound/Outbound Staff). Meanwhile, there were two officials from MMU: Prof. Hairul Azhar Bin Abdul Rashid, Vice President of Market Exploration, Engagement and Touchpoints (MEET) and Dr. Abdul Aziz Bin Ahmad from the MMU IO.

The meeting began with an introduction by Ms. Masyitha. She briefly described UNHAS, including the student body, and campuses that are located outside Makassar. In addition, she also described the flagship program of the IO: the International Cultural Program (ICP), which is based on South Sulawesi maritime culture. Last year students from around 30 countries took part in the ICP, she continued. Prof. Hairul then introduced his colleagues and briefly described his university. “MMU is like Telkom University that exists in Indonesia. It has several concentrations including engineering and business management”, he added.

During the meeting several issues were discussed, such as many opportunities for potential collaboration. These included outbound/inbound lecturers and students and joint research. The discussion was very fruitful and interesting. Both parties expected to have a follow up such as signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). Therefore, MMU would send a draft MoU to the UNHAS IO to be reviewed. Both parties also expected further visits between the universities.





## **HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY LEADS THE SULAWESI PARTNERSHIP FOR AUSTRALIA INDONESIA RESEARCH PROGRAM**



Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) recorded a new chapter in the history of educational cooperation between Australia and Indonesia through the signing of an innovative research collaboration agreement. "The funds agreed for this collaborative research program total IDR 120 billion which will be allocated over four years, or IDR 15 billion per year," said the Vice Rector for Partnership, Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Business, Prof. Adi Maulana, on Friday 5 January 2024. He stated that the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) marked the start of the Partnership for Australia Indonesia Research (PAIR) Sulawesi program, where UNHAS became the leading university in research collaboration between Australia and Indonesia.

"The total agreed funds for this collaborative research program are 120 billion rupiah, which will be allocated over four years, with an average of 15 billion rupiah per year," he explained. Prof. Adi emphasized that this moment of collaboration was historic because it was the first time educational collaboration between Australia and Indonesia adopted a matching fund scheme. "Apart from that, this is also the first time in history that UNHAS has led a research consortium for Perguruan Tinggi Negeri Berbadan Hukum (PTNBH) or Legal Entity State Universities," he said.

The MoU signing ceremony was attended by Australian government representatives from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (DFAT) and Indonesian representatives from the Directorate General of Higher Education (Dirjen Dikti) at the Republic of Indonesia Ministry of Research, Technology and Higher Education Building, in Jakarta.

This event was a historical milestone because for the first time, it involved a matching fund scheme. Apart from that, UNHAS was also the first to lead a PTNBH research consortium . The MoU was signed by the Chancellor of Monash University as chairman of the consortium from Australian universities, and the Rector of Unhas, Prof. Jamaluddin Jompa, as Chairman of the Indonesian Universities Consortium. UNHAS will lead a university consortium consisting of seven PTNBHs: University of Indonesia (UI), Gajah Mada University (UGM), Bandung Institute of Technology (ITB), IPB University (IPB), Airlangga University (UNAIR), Sepuluh Nopember Institute of Technology (ITS), and UNHAS. Meanwhile, the Australian consortium comprises the University of Melbourne, Monash University, University of Sydney, University of Western Australia, and University of Queensland.

The Sulawesi Partnership of Australia-Indonesia on Research (PAIR) program is a research collaboration platform between seven PTNBH universities in Indonesia and five universities in Australia. Funds for this program, totalling IDR 120 billion over a four year period (2024-2027), will be sourced from the Australian Government and from the Indonesian Government through the Lembaga Pengelola Dana Pendidikan (LPDP) or Education Fund Management Institution. Researchers from seven PTNBHs in Indonesia will collaborate with researchers from five universities in Australia on various research topics with research locations in Sulawesi.



## **HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY MEETS THE COUNTRY DIRECTOR OF USAID HIGHER EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVES PROJECT**



As the year 2024 began, Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) in collaboration with the USAID Higher Education Initiatives Project (USAID-HEPI) met together to discuss the implementation of this year's programs. The meeting was held on Thursday 11 January 2024. Abdul Rahman, Ph.D (USAID HEPI Project Country Director) met Prof. Dr. Eng. Adi Maulana, S.T., M.Phil. (UNHAS HEPI Team Leader and Vice-Rector for Partnership, Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Business), Prof. Yusring Sanusi Baso, M.App.Ling (Institute of Quality Assurance and Educational Development), Dr. Eng. Adi Wahyudi Paundu (Director of Information Systems), Rini Rahmawaty, Ph.D. (Secretary of UNHAS HEPI Team), Muhammad Ridwan M.A. (Secretary of International Office), and Zarah Arwieny Hanami, M.T. (Lecturer of Engineering).

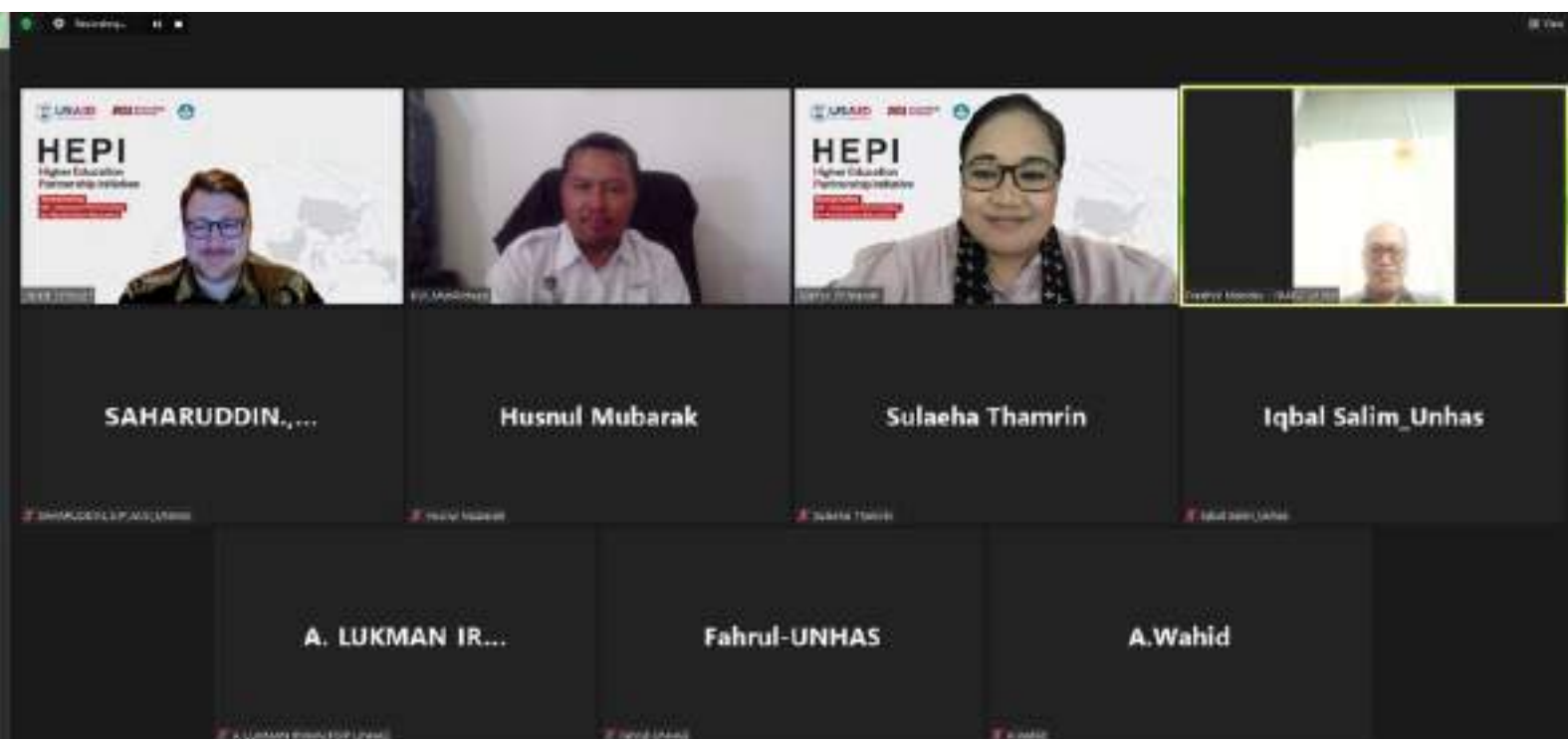
Prof. Adi expressed his gratitude for the meeting and the presence of Mr. Abdul. This was a good sign for the sustainability of HEPI projects at UNHAS. Indeed, Prof. Adi emphasised that UNHAS welcomes the continuation of the projects despite the fact that some disinformation and miscommunication occurred last year. To ensure this does not occur again, Prof. Adi conveyed his concerns that this year the projects should be well organised and coordinated with the UNHAS team to avoid any obstacles. He also said that UNHAS team members may have had abundant tasks and responsibilities that affected communication last year. In short, Prof. Adi hoped the project implementation would run smoothly.

Meanwhile, Mr. Abdul Rahman also apologised for any inconvenience during the communication last year. He also wanted to ensure that this year the program implementation would be well coordinated with the UNHAS HEPI Team and would not interrupt the team's major roles and responsibilities at the university. He also apologised for the apparent slowness of the Make Innovation Space (MIS) implementation. He reminded the team that some of the challenges came from USAID, which was very selective in purchasing equipment made in a specific country. In addition, the shipping of the equipment also met challenges with respect to customs regulations, which is very common when dealing with importing foreign equipment.

Before the meeting ended, Mr. Abdul handed the MoU to Prof. Adi. This MoU regards the implementation of an MIS located at the Faculty of Engineering (FT) in Gowa Regency. The meeting ended with a photo session.



## **HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY HOLDS THE PREPARATION OF GLOBAL EPICS WORKSHOP PLAN MEETING PRESENTING ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY HIGHER EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVES USAID**



As a continuation of the collaboration between Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) with USAID Higher Education Partnership Initiatives (HEPI), Arizona State University (ASU), a Zoom meeting with the topic of Global Engineering Projects in Community Services (EPICS) workshop plan was held on Wednesday 10 January 2024, presented by Jared Schoepf, Ph.D from ASU. The meeting was joined by Abdul Rahman, Ph.D. (Country Director of USAID HEPI Project), Menuk Primawati (USAID HEPI Project Program Coordinator), Muhammad Ridwan, M.A. (UNHAS International Office), Muhammad Kurnia, Ph.D. (Head of UNHAS Community Service Program) and lectures acting as UNHAS Community Service Program Supervisors.

The meeting began with a welcome speech by Abdul Rahman, Ph.D and Muhammad Ridwan, M.A. Both expressed their gratitude for joining this workshop plan. Mr. Ridwan continued by introducing several important participants, particularly Mr. Kurnia as the Head of the Community Service Program.

The meeting moved on with the presentation by Jared. He started with an explanation of Global EPICS, including the definition, phases, program snapshot, human-centered design process, project-focused themes, and much more. His presentation employed an interactive session approach. Many times, the participants asked questions in the middle of his presentation.

## **HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY LANGUAGE SERVICES AND AUSSIE BANGET CORNER WELCOMES THE AUSTRALIA CONSUL GENERAL**



On Wednesday afternoon, 10 January 2023, the Australian Consul General, Mr. Todd Dias, and his staff visited the Aussie Banget Corner (ABC), which is located in the Language Services Unit, Hasanuddin University. This was his first visit since he began serving at the Australian Consulate, replacing Mrs. Bronwyn Robbins whose term of office had come to an end. During this visit, Mr. Todd Dias asked about visitors who came to take advantage of the ABC's presence.

Generally, these visitors are students from the Faculty of Cultural Sciences (FIB) and Faculty of Social and Political Sciences (FISIP). They mostly read books from the ABC book collections, and some also come to ask for information about scholarships to study in Australia. Before leaving, Mr. Todd Dias promised to provide more books for the ABC collection. The Consul General closed his visit by taking pictures with the staff of the Language Services Unit.



## **INTERNATIONAL OFFICE HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY SPEAKS ABOUT INDONESIAN INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS MOBILITY AWARD AT BOSOWA UNIVERSITY**



The International Office (IO), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) was invited by Bosowa University (Unibos), Makassar to speak to Unibos students about the Indonesia International Students Mobility Award (IISMA). The session was held on Thursday 18 January 2024. This IISMA socialization was delivered by Dr. Andi Masyitha Irwan, the Head of UNHAS International Office and Arjuna Ribal, an IISMA 2023 Awardee who went to Adelaide, Australia.

They talked about IISMA and its registration procedures, as well as sharing a few tips and tricks to get through the IISMA registration period. Furthermore, Arjuna motivated the Unibos students by sharing his personal experience as an IISMA awardee. The socialization itself was crucial as Unibos has not had an IISMA awardee since IISMA began back in 2021. Therefore, UNHAS IO hopes that, through this socialization, they can help Unibos students live their dreams to become IISMA awardees and study abroad.





## **HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY HOLDS CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP FOR STUDENT VOLUNTEERS**



The capacity building workshop for International Office (IO) student volunteers (stuvos) was held on Wednesday 17 January 2024 at the UNHAS Hotel and Convention. The aim of the workshop was to prepare the eleven students who had passed through their probation period for being IO volunteers during one year of service. The workshop was officially opened by the Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) Secretary, Prof. Sumbangan Baja, accompanied by Dr. Andi Masyitha Irwan the Head of IO and Muhammad Ridwan, IO Secretary and other IO's staff.

The IO offered several sessions in this workshop: Workshop Orientation, delivered by Mr. Ridwan; Direction and Policy of IO Towards Student Volunteers by Mrs. Irwan; How to be an Effective Volunteer by Nirma Hasyim, Independent Consultant/Experienced Global Volunteer. Meanwhile, the Introduction to South Sulawesi Tourism Destination session was delivered by Andi Zulkarnain, South Sulawesi Provincial Office of Culture and Tourism; Public Speaking by Eddyman Ferial, the News Anchor of TVRI Makassar/Lecturer; Hospitality Management by Jaka Priatna, General Director of UNHAS Hotel and Convention; and Basic Journalism by Iswanto, Journalist and Lecturer.

As a part of the workshop, all Stuvos had to submit their reflections in a paper describing what they had learnt from this one day workshop.





## **INTERNATIONAL OFFICE, HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY HOLDS UPDATING MODULE FOR BAHASA INDONESIA OF NON NATIVE SPEAKERS**



The International Office (IO) of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) held the Updating Module of Bahasa Indonesia for Non Native Speakers on Thursday 18 January 2024 at the UNHAS Hotel. The module will be used by student volunteers in assisting UNHAS international students to speak Bahasa Indonesia more fluently. The session was joined by the IO staff and student volunteers as well as invited international students. The volunteers were divided into three groups which were supervised by the IO and previous volunteers.

In the afternoon session, all groups presented their findings and discussed additional aspects of the module. The volunteers provided input to each other on how to improve and develop each module chapter. Before the session ended, Gurpreet Kauri and Muh. Farid Mujahidin from the Stuvos Batch 1 were given the opportunity to present their best practices as former volunteers at the IO.



## **FACULTY OF MARINE SCIENCES AND FISHERIES WELCOMES 16 INBOUND STUDENTS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF TASMANIA, AUSTRALIA**



The Faculty of Marine and Fisheries Sciences (FIKP) Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) welcomed students for the Inbound Student Program. There were 16 students plus two supervisors from the University of Tasmania, Australia. The inbound student program lasted five days, 11-15 January 2024, with the theme Marine Conservation Activities in Indonesia.

The Dean of FIKP, Prof. Safruddin, said that there were many things gained both from experience and new experiences for the inbound student participants. Meanwhile, Prof. Adi Maulana, M.Phil (Vice Rector for Partnership, Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Business) said that Makassar was a centre of maritime science and culture which historically also has close ties with the Australian nation. "So it will be very interesting for participants to find out and gain new experiences at UNHAS," he said via a release to *Tribun-Timur.com* on Monday 15 January 2024. While at UNHAS, inbound student participants took part in various activities. These included receiving material related to maritime culture in South Sulawesi, UNHAS international roadmap and policies, conservation and biodiversity of marine resources, and several other materials.

Apart from that, the participants were also invited to visit several cultural places and conservation areas such as the Rammang-Rammang tour and the Rotterdam Fort. This activity also elicited a very good response from the Makassar City Government, inviting participants to a dinner with the Mayor of Makassar, Danny Pomanto. On this occasion, Danny Pomanto explained the strategic position of Makassar City which is very important in the flow of national and international trade and economic affairs. Danny also introduced Makassar City as a culinary city, with every time or hour having a different food menu to eat.

Inbound students from the University of Tasmania continued their journey on 17 January 2024, going to Toraja for tourism and to explore the culture in South Sulawesi.





## **FACULTY OF MATHEMATICS AND NATURAL SCIENCES HOLDS IISMA INFORMATION DISSEMINATION PRESENTING INTERNATIONAL OFFICE**



The Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences (FMIPA) Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) held an information dissemination session on the Indonesian International Student Mobility Award (IISMA) 2024 in the Ballroom on the Ground Floor of the Science Building at FMIPA UNHAS, on Friday 26 January 2024. The dissemination aimed to build student awareness about the importance of student exchange programs and enable students to gain as much information about student mobility awards as possible.

FMIPA was the first faculty to conduct internal dissemination of IISMA 2024 at the faculty level. Dr. Eng Amiruddin M.Si (Dean of MIPA) said that FMIPA students had great potential to take part in IISMA 2024 based on the English test scores that were held last January. There were 105 FMIPA students from the 2022 and 2023 batches and 43 from the 2020 and 2021 batches who scored above 500.

The test was the English Diagnostic Test (EDT) organized by the UNHAS Language Service with the aim of determining the English language skills of the 2022 and 2023 batch students, and helping them prepare for IISMA 2024. From the test results, students who scored above 500 were given a four-week English course every Friday, and mentors from IISMA Alumni for consultation.



## **FACULTY OF NURSING, HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY HOLDS A PRE-DEPARTURE TRAINING FOR SAKURA SCIENCE EXCHANGE PROGRAM STUDENTS**



The Faculty of Nursing (FKep) held a Pre-Departure Training for students joining the Sakura Science Exchange Program on Tuesday 12 January 2024. The training was attended by nine students and one lecturer who departed for Yokohama City University, Japan to take part in a program on 15 – 20 January 2024. The activity was attended by Prof. Ariyanti Saleh (Dean of FKep), and fellow Vice Deans. The speakers were Jumriani and Dr. Suni Hariati.

Prof. Ariyanti said, "Congratulations on the selection of students who are selected to take part in the cherry blossom exchange activity at Yokohama City University, hopefully the students can get benefit as much as possible". In addition, Prof. Ariyanti continued: "There are many of these student exchange activities, particularly building networks with Japanese students. We also advise that students are UNHAS ambassadors in Japan so they must maintain their attitude at the university where they will be."

The Vice Dean for Academic and Students Affairs, Dr. Syahrul, said that "The Sakura Exchange Program is a form of collaboration between F.Kep and the School of Nursing, Yokohama City University which has been going on for 4 years".

There are 9 students who go and 1 lecturer on a Japanese government scholarship," explained Syahrul.

The presentation of training material lasted for 2 days with the topics: The Role of the Nursing Profession in the Implementation of Palliative Care in Hospitals; the Role of the Physiotherapy Profession in the Implementation of Palliative Care in Hospitals; and the Concept of Palliative Care for Children.



## **THE FACULTY OF NURSING, HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS SUCCESSFULLY PARTICIPATED IN THE SAKURA SCIENCE PLAN EXCHANGE PROGRAM 2024**



The delegation of the Faculty of Nursing (FKep), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) successfully participated in the Sakura Science Plan Exchange Program 2024 which was held at Yokohama City University, Japan on 14-20 January 2024. This program is a collaboration between the Faculty of Nursing, UNHAS and the Department of Nursing, Yokohama City University and this year it was held offline for the first time.

This program was attended by 9 students who had gone through internal selection including 7 students from the nursing science study program, 2 students from the physiotherapy study program and 1 accompanying lecturer. This year's Sakura Science Plan Exchange Program raised the theme of Palliative Care which is a treatment area that aims to improve the quality of life of patients who have serious or chronic diseases.

The program was opened on 15 January 2024 at the Nursing department building, Yokohama City University by the dean and other YCU parties. The YCU warmly welcomed the delegates and hoped that this program could run smoothly. This session also introduced Yayoi Shoji, Ryota Ochiai, and Chiyono Shimomichi who accompanied the UNHAS students during this program. After that, the event continued with the provision of material about "Medical Care and Nursing in Japan" followed by material about palliative care in Japan and Indonesia. The presentation of this material was attended by YCU nursing students and Unhas Delegation Students.

In addition to following the presentation of material in class, the UNHAS student delegation also toured three different hospitals including Yokohama City University Hospital, Shonandai Hospital Palliative Care Unit, and Yokohama City University Medical Center palliative care at the Comprehensive Perinatal Maternity and Child Health Center. This tour aimed to provide the UNHAS students with an overview of the implementation of palliative care in several hospitals in Japan. The students also took a tour to Yokohama Children's Hospice and to Maggie's House which is a home-like care center that provides comfort to people who feel worthless and have no spirit for life because of their chronic illnesses.

One of the peaks of this program was the discussion and presentation between UNHAS and Yokohama City University students which was divided into 3 subtopics. The sub topics given were Palliative Care System and Team Medicine, Definition of a Good Death, and Place of Death Preferences and How to Achieve Them. And after that the event closed with a farewell party and four ethnic dance performances from UNHAS students and closing remarks from Ryota Ochiai, the associate professor of the Nursing Department of Yokohama City University. "Every time Sakura Science is held, I am very impressed with the active participation of UNHAS students. My hope for next year's Sakura Exchange Program is that there will be more time between Hasanuddin University and Yokohama City University students so that we can exchange cultures and thoughts and it will be fun", Ryota Ochiai said.

It is anticipated that the Sakura Science Exchange Program can provide experience for students, enabling them to experience learning abroad and to gain new knowledge, especially about palliative care in Japan.



## **FACULTY OF MARINE SCIENCES AND FISHERIES COLLABORATION WITH JAPANESE NGOS DISCUSSES MARITIME ECONOMIC POTENTIAL IN SOUTH SULAWESI**



The Faculty of Marine Sciences and Fisheries (FIKP), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) held an international symposium related to marine socio-economic issues and plastic waste on 15 January 2024 in the FIKP Meeting Room. This activity was a collaboration between the Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) Asia Livelihood Network and Nishinippon Nichimo Co. The Dean of FIKP, Prof. Safruddin, S.Pi., M.Sc., Ph.D, opened the symposium and invited all offline and online participants to contribute ideas to and really support this collaboration. According to him, this collaboration would increase seaweed development in Indonesia, especially in South Sulawesi. "The development of seaweed and the issue of plastic waste are very crucial problems for the future of the world," he said.

The choice of this partnership is also considered very appropriate because the Asia Livelihood Network has many programs related to social, economic and cultural empowerment of communities and the environment in Asia. Meanwhile, Nishinippon Nichimo Co., whose main business is in fishery products, is very concerned with social, economic and environmental sustainability issues.

The Head of the South Sulawesi Province Maritime and Fisheries Service, Dr Muhammad Ilyas MSc IPU, was also present during this activity. He took this occasion to discuss seaweed development policies and strengthening the blue economy in South Sulawesi. This collaboration is very beneficial, especially for South Sulawesi, and it is hoped that it can develop marine wealth from seaweed, a commodity which has great potential.

## **THE FACULTY OF MEDICINE, HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY TEAM WAS INVITED TO SPEAK AT THE INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM IN KYOTO, JAPAN**



Kyoto University invited the Faculty of Medicine (FK), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) to continue their collaboration in Asia and African Area Studies (ASAFAS). The discussion was about the project of Maritime Asia Pacific Studies (MAPS) funded by the National Institute of Humanity of Japan. This research project involved well-known institutions in Japan, such as the University of Tokyo, Kyoto University, National Museum of Ethnology, Tokyo Metropolitan University and Toyo University. The international symposium was held on January 26-28, 2024 at Kyoto University, Japan.

The FK UNHAS delegation included Prof. Irawan Yusuf as the Team Leader, Dr. Andi Alfian Zainuddin (Vice Dean for Partnerships, Research, and Innovation) and Prof. Muh. Nasrum Massi (UNHAS Head of Institute of Research and Community Services). Prof. Irawan Yusuf presented the research design entitled "Syndemic Approach of Diseases Burden in Wallacea Region; Geospatial and Network Analysis.". He mentioned that the Wallacea area, which covers Sulawesi, Maluku, and Nusa Tenggara Islands, is diverse not only in terms of ecology but also in certain characteristics of diseases; involving social, economics and other environmental factors.



FK UNHAS was the only delegation from Indonesia alongside several international researchers from other countries such as Germany, Palau, Solomon Islands, and from Japan itself. Dr Alfian stated that this event was the starting point of the collaboration signed by both parties in December 2023 and was expected to produce collaborative research primarily in the Asia Pacific area.



## **HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY WELCOMES THE INTERNATIONAL OFFICE DELEGATES FROM THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF SEMARANG**



Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) has obtained access to best practices as it has become a center of the Higher Education Partnership Initiatives (HEPI) Project. This achievement prompted the visit of an invited delegation from the International Office of Semarang State University (UNNES). The delegation consisted of Dr. Lulu Farida, the head of the international office, and four staff members. They visited UNHAS International Office to carry out benchmarking. On this occasion the delegation was welcomed by Prof Adi Maulana, the Project Team Leader of HEPI UNHAS, along with Prof. Yusring Sanusi Baso, the Head of Curriculum Design; Dr. Rini Rahmawaty, HEPI UNHAS Project Secretary; Prof. Kasbawati, Head of Accreditation Division; and Muhammad Ridwan, Secretary of the International Office.

In his welcoming remarks, Prof. Adi explained the history of the HEPI project and its implementation at UNHAS. In addition, Ms. Rini added several challenges she faced in dealing with communication with the HEPI Jakarta Office. For example, the implementation of the programs was beyond UNHAS lecturers' expectations. Thus, both UNHAS and HEPI project teams discussed curriculum co-creation to solve these issues.

Meanwhile, Core 3, facilitated by the International Office in relation to student's pathways to the United States of America (USA), brought benefits for the UNHAS students involved in terms of building their critical thinking.

Ms. Rini also explained that the Make Innovation Space (MIS) has not been implemented because the required supporting equipment can only be purchased from certain reliable enterprises in trusted countries. To maintain the quality, HEPI did not want to purchase that equipment from certain banned countries. In addition, Ms. Lulu said that she visited Arizona State University (ASU) to make herself more familiar with this cooperation.

Furthermore, the UNNES delegates continued with a visit to the International Office of UNHAS where they were warmly welcomed by the Secretary, Mr. Ridwan.



## **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 Science, 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 metabarcoding methods in the field of marine and fisheries science. The dean also thanked Prof. Hannes Svoldal, Dr. Els De Keyzer, Jaysmita Saha, and Dr. Sophie Gresham, the instructors who travelled from Belgium to conduct this workshop.

This event began with a public lecture on Biodiversity Genomics by Prof. Hannes Svoldal and Dr. Els De Keyzer. This 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 30 January to 9 February 2024, at the Faculty of Marine and Fisheries Science and the Institute for Research and Community Services, UNHAS.



## **DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL RELATION'S STUDENT JOINS KANAZAWA UNIVERSITY EXCHANGE PROGRAM IN JAPAN**



Vanya Kananga Iqbal, an international relations student of the class of 2021 at Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) Faculty of Social and Political Sciences (FISIP) joined the Kanazawa University Exchange Program (KUEP). On 8 January 2024 she took part in the celebration of Seijin-no-hi, or Coming-of-Age Day in Japan. Coming-of-Age Day is a holiday and one of the most important Japanese celebration days. Coming-of-age ceremonies have been held in Japan since at least 714 CE, during Empress Genmei's reign, when a young prince donned new robes and a hairstyle to commemorate his transition into adulthood. Coming-of-Age ceremonies are held across Japan at city halls, municipal or ward offices, and other official venues, usually in the late morning of Coming-of-Age Day. On this special day, she attended the celebration in Tokyo, which was organized by the Minato City Government, and held at a hotel in the centre of Tokyo, directly opposite the Tokyo Tower.

This holiday is a celebration of the transition to adulthood when a teenager turns 20 years old and becomes an adult. In Japan, becoming an adult means a variety of rights and responsibilities, including the ability to vote, drive, and consume alcohol.

Coming of Age Day is a big deal in Japan, and people go to great lengths to dress up and look their best.

On this special day, young ladies usually wear an elaborate kimono called a furisode. Furisodes are commonly worn by single adult women, indicating that the woman is of legal age and eligible for marriage. The furisode cannot be worn until a woman reaches adulthood, so Coming of Age Day is the first occasion when young ladies can wear a furisode. Apart from the furisode, a woman's full Seijin-no-Hi ensemble typically consists of an exquisite updo hairstyle paired with vibrant floral hair accessories, a tiny kimono-fabric bag to hold personal belongings, white tabi socks, and traditional sandals (zōri).

As an international exchange student at Kanazawa University, Japan, she felt very happy because she experienced firsthand the very strong atmosphere of Japanese culture and traditions. Kanazawa is also known as the city of samurai led by the Maeda Shogunate. Some of the buildings left over from the samurai era are still intact and preserved. Some of these buildings have become museums, one of which is the Samurai Museum, which exhibits many of the items of the era when Shogun Maeda was in power. Kanazawa City is also often referred to as the city of samurai. Apart from that, Kanazawa University provides complete facilities and has very modern library facilities, making her very comfortable studying there for hours. Apart from that, she also made friends from various countries, including her roommate, who is a native Japanese.

She is very grateful for having the opportunity to be an international exchange student at Kanazawa University. As an international relations student, she experienced firsthand the differences between Japanese and Indonesian cultures and interacted with various foreign students. However, there is also sadness due to the large earthquake that just hit Ishikawa prefecture some time ago. This big earthquake of course made her quite surprised and a little anxious because this incident took place when she was far from her family. She felt assured this experience would be very valuable in her future. Thank you UNHAS and Kanazawa University for this golden opportunity.



## **INTERNATIONAL OFFICE, HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY HOLDS HELLO IO INTRODUCING THE 2024 INDONESIAN INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS MOBILITY AWARDS**



Starting in 2024, the Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) International Office (IO) held the first HELLO IO through Instagram Live on Friday 5 December 2024. HELLO IO is a marketing strategy to reach out to as many people as possible so they will be aware of IO's national and international activities. This first HELLO IO focused on the 2024 Indonesian International Students Mobility Awards (IISMA), featuring two speakers: Andi Masyitha Irwan, Ph.D (Head of IO) and Geiby Mita Saroinsong (a 2022 IISMA awardee from the Faculty of Social and Political Sciences). The moderator of the HELLO was Agung Mandalika (IO Student Volunteer).

Watched by around 300 viewers, the HELLO IO began with a general description of IISMA delivered by Ms. Masyitha. She explained that IISMA is a flagship program designed by the Ministry of Education and Culture, Research and Higher Education. It enables Indonesian undergraduate students to spend one semester in IISMA partner universities around the globe. Ms Geiby then continued by sharing her golden experiences in IISMA. She said that she participated in various activities during her participation in IISMA. Her involvement indeed brought her some of the most memorable events in her life.





After both speakers had presented, the moderator invited the viewers to pose questions through the comments facility. Both speakers responded to each question in turn, to allow the viewers to comprehend the material and to address their concerns. Before closing Ms. Masyitha reminded the viewers to keep looking @IO\_Unhas instagram for any updates.



## INTERNATIONAL OFFICE, HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY HOSTS "HELLO IO" ROAD TO INDONESIAN INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS MOBILITY AWARDS" FOCUSING ON TEST *WAWASAN KEBANGSAAN* (NATIONAL INSIGHT TEST)

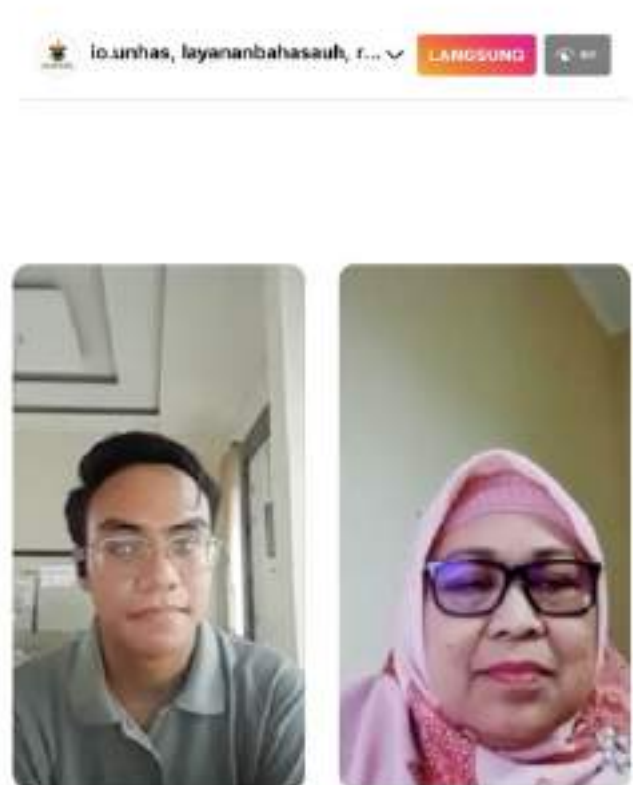


On Friday 19 January 2024, on the Instagram Live platform, "Hello IO: Road to the 2024 Indonesian International Students Mobility Award (IISMA) focusing on *Tes Wawasan Kebangsaan* (National Insight Test)" was held by the International Office (IO) of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS). This insightful Hello IO was hosted by Muh Nurfaiz Fahmi as an IO student volunteer, and simultaneously showed his greatest efforts, attempts, and arranged the lives properly. The event featured two motivated speakers: Arjuna Ribal, a 2023 IISMA Awardee who studied at the University of Adelaide, Australia, and Aliyyah Ansariadi, a 2023 IISMA Awardee who went to Michigan State University, USA.

Both speakers made tremendous efforts to empower and motivate the IISMA prospective applicants to achieve their dreams and eventually make progress. Furthermore, considering the majority of IISMA applicants come from semesters 4 & 6, it completely doesn't seem easy for IISMA participants to compete. Therefore, there were more than 250 students who attended the live show through Instagram which indicated and simultaneously reinforced the tremendous motivation of UNHAS students. On the other hand, the IO believes that the speakers' answers corresponded to the host and audience's questions and even exceeded the expectations of the IO.



## **INTERNATIONAL OFFICE, HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY HOLDS HELLO IO FOCUSING ON ENGLISH PROFICIENCY TEST**



In the Instagram Live "Hello IO: Road to IISMA 2024: English Proficiency Test," intellectual discourse was guided by the esteemed moderator, Ibnu Gymnastiar, who skilfully orchestrated a dialogue of paramount importance. The event featured two distinguished speakers: Dra. Herawaty Abbas, M.Hum., M.A., Ph.D., the esteemed Head of the Language Service, and Muh. Reza Tryandhi K., an accomplished IISMA Awardee of 2023 to the University of Pennsylvania, USA. This HELLO IO was held on Friday 12 January 2024.

Mrs. Herawaty Abbas explained intricate details surrounding the English training camp conducted by Universitas Hasanuddin. She underscored its pivotal role in preparing candidates for the Diagnostic English Test (DET) and, consequently, the impending IISMA 2024 examination. In parallel, Mr. Reza Tryandhi K. imparted sage counsel, advising prospective applicants to tailor their focus to the specific English Proficiency Test aligned with the requisites of their prospective universities.

The unequivocal importance of establishing clear and attainable objectives resonated throughout his discourse. As the live Instagram approached its culmination, both speakers united in a resounding call to action, encouraging applicants to approach the impending challenges with unwavering confidence, focused concentration, and an unwavering commitment to delivering their optimal performance. The narrative of the event concluded, leaving the audience fortified with motivation and prepared for their distinctive journeys on the Road to IISMA 2024.



## INTERNATIONAL OFFICE, HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY HOLDS HELLO IO FOCUSING ON WRITING A GOOD ESSAY



As the Indonesian International Students Mobility Awards (IISMA) registration is now open, the International Office (IO) Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) has been conducting an IISMA socialization series through Instagram Live. "Hello IO: Road to IISMA 2024 - How to Write a Good Essay" was successfully streamed on 26 January 2024 from 10-12am Central Indonesia Time (CIT). The event featured an IISMA 2023 alumni speaker: Karisma Nurul Izzah. She is a student in the UNHAS International Relations Study Program and spent one semester at Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania with Netalen Priscyla Adiestya as the host.

Ms. Karisma shared her rich knowledge and experience, providing the participants with invaluable insight into the art of essay writing. Her practical tips and strategies offered a comprehensive guide to creating engaging and impactful essays for the IISMA 2024 application. The live session was characterized by an engaging Question & Answer (Q&A) time, where participants had the opportunity to interact with Ms. Karisma directly. The questions ranged from essay structure to effective research techniques, creating a dynamic and enriching experience for all participants.

Ms. Netalen's vibrant hosting style added excitement to the event, ensuring a lively and fun atmosphere. Her ability to connect with the audience further enhanced the educational value of the discussion. The event not only provided valuable insights into essay writing, but also served as a platform to foster a sense of community and learning.



## **HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY INTERNATIONAL OFFICE HOLDS HELLO IO: ROAD TO IISMA 2024 OFFERING STRATEGIC WAYS OF CHOOSING THE RIGHT HOST UNIVERSITY**



To increase the number of participants applying for the Indonesian International Students Mobility Awards (IISMA), the International Office (IO) held an Instagram Live Series "Hello IO: How to Choose the Right University" on Tuesday 30 January 2024. It was hosted by Faizah Almas Cantika, IO's student volunteer. It featured a speaker from the IISMA 2022 Awardee, Andi Alfissa Azzahra Rahman who went to the University of Padua, Italy.

Currently, there are still some participants who are confused about choosing a host university for IISMA. The IO worked to provide information on how to choose the right university. The host presented the life and atmosphere when studying overseas to audience members who are preparing for IISMA. Alfissa started the IG live telling her life struggles studying a semester in one of the top universities in Italy. In addition, she elaborated on the differences between the education system in Europe and Indonesia. Her explanation showed that she could survive and adapt to a new academic life. This experience could be valuable information for participants in choosing a good university. She added, "We need to look at the three aspects: the region, the university, and the courses offered in the university. We should do a lot of research before choosing a university, especially looking at the awardee admissions statistics in previous years". Moreover, it is necessary to finalize the English Proficiency Test score to choose the dream university.



All in all, it was an amazing live session and Alfissa also answered the questions from the audience in the comments column. The audience were very satisfied with the instagram live show. Finally, the majority of the participants found that the information was valuable for choosing the right university.





# IISMA CORNER : CHAIRUNNISA ATHAYA

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT - IISMA ALUMNI - 2023



It might not be far-fetched to say that most of us youths dream of seeing beyond the horizon, and through the Indonesian International Student Mobility Awards (IISMA) program, I fulfilled my long standing dream of studying abroad. Opting for a South Korean university as an English Literature student might seem like an odd choice, but the invaluable lessons I've gleaned at Hanyang University, both inside and outside the classroom, are irreplaceable.

With IISMA's focus on multidisciplinary studies, I had the opportunity to enrol in courses aligning with my diverse interests developed during my college journey, such as media, culture, and marketing. Many of the courses at Hanyang University placed substantial emphasis on honing skills essential for the industry. Thus, class participation often involved engaging in discussions, solving case studies, and crafting critical discourses related to the material, fostering practical and soft skills pertinent to my field. Another integral part of my university experience was the open communication with fellow students and lecturers, providing safe spaces for conversations extending beyond the course material. I highly value the transparent grading system, including regular feedback on assignments. Through these interactions, I engaged in enriching discussions with my lecturer, while also cultivating a robust professional network. One lecturer even encouraged me to reach out whenever I encountered something about South Korea that I didn't understand yet.

As a social media creator at IISMA Hanyang, it was an incredible opportunity to bridge both cultures. We frequently shared campus tours, cultural videos, and club activities to inspire fellow Indonesian university students to consider studying abroad. However, the most unforgettable experience I captured was the day we organized a "warmindo" event, fostering communal eating experiences for our campus peers. Our friends and lecturers alike joined us, some dropping in before classes, while others stayed for lunch breaks. I had the privilege of interviewing several students and witnessing their excitement while enjoying themselves at our booth, relishing food, games, and performances.

My journey with IISMA will forever hold a special place in my heart. Exploring the impact of media on culture and values in class while experiencing it in my daily life fuels my eagerness to delve deeper into other cultures and my own roots. There was always a sense of anticipation for what each day in Seoul would bring, and there will be an equally exciting tomorrow in Makassar too.

In this opportunity, I would like to extend my gratitude to all parties that contributed to my participation in IISMA. I would begin with a huge appreciation to my father, Rahmat Makmur and my mother, Dwi Indah Mustikarani. Both of them always support me with their prayers. Academically, I also would like to thank my academic advisor at the Department of English Literature Study Program (ELSP), Faculty of Cultural Science (FIB), Ms. Ainun Fatimah, S.S., M.Hum. who always guides me in choosing courses that have positive impacts of building my self competencies, capacities and pride. To the Head of ELSP, Prof. Dr. Nasmilah, M.Hum. who also persistently supports students wishing to study abroad. Last but not least, to all parties that I cannot mention one by one here, allow me to express my thankfulness for supporting me so far. Thank you.





# IISMA CORNER : MUH. REZATRIYANDHI KARUNDENG

INTERNATIONAL RELATION STUDY PROGRAM -  
IISMA ALUMNI 2023

At this point, I believe that we all know what IISMA stands for: Indonesian International Student Mobility Awards, arguably one of the most highly-sought after scholarships these past few years. And as an alumni, I can safely say that it deserves the hype. IISMA has become such a core actor in shaping who I am as a person today, both academically and socially. As someone who majors in International Relations, studying abroad or even just living abroad for a while has always been a dream of mine, much less enrolling in one of the most prestigious universities in the world. And for that, I feel incredibly blessed and grateful.

Throughout the period of my study at University of Pennsylvania, popularly called UPenn, I studied several courses both in and outside of my comfort zone, just for the fact that I had the opportunity to. I broadened my knowledge by attending courses in Finance and Business in order to learn about decision-making in businesses and in general, while also taking a course in Archaeology for my personal interests. Thankfully Penn is a campus filled with fascinating facilities and communities, such as the Perry World House, one of my favorite places on campus, which is basically a forum for discussing recent or trending global issues. This forum invited notable speakers from the United Nations and experts in various fields from all around the world, which gave my International Relations professor a chance to invite them for a guest lecture in class, which easily became one of my favorite parts of attending Penn. With all these opportunities, albeit I missed quite a lot, it still helped develop myself immensely.

Outside of all the hustle and bustle of an academically challenging, demanding, and honestly mentally draining campus, I figured that I should balance it out with non-academic activities! Which as I have mentioned previously, exists a lot. Student clubs and organizations both competitive and recreational existed, a fact that I took advantage of by joining various of said clubs, offering me a chance to socialize with new friends and develop new hobbies and habits. And following the acquisition of these new friends of mine, me and my fellow awardees did not forget the original goal of IISMA: cultural exchange! We gave quite a lot of effort in our cultural exchange by mentioning Indonesian cultures casually in conversations, wearing Batik quite often to classes, doing various charity work and organizing events, et cetera.



The academic challenges, the friends I made both fellow awardees and locals at Philly, the new habit and skills I gained, accumulated into one unforgettable memory for me, one that I would never have had the chance to gain without being an awardee myself. All the places I visited and all the people-watching I did while simply sitting by the road as I watched people from all walks of life go past, will always be one of the things I miss. Thus, I cannot stop recommending IISMA to those who can participate and are looking for new opportunities in life, as in the end, it will become something much larger than a mere opportunity.

To wrap up, allow me to extend my gratitude to everyone contributing to my participation in IISMA. First allow me to extend my gratitude Prof. Dr. Phil. Sukri, M.Si. (Dean of Faculty of Social and Political Sciences), then to Prof. H. Darwis, M.A., Ph.D (Head of International Relation Study Program), and who is also my academic advisor. To both my parents and all my siblings, I would thank every single support given to me. May Allah SWT bestow His mercy to all of us. Cheers!





# IISMA CORNER : ALIYYAH ANSARIADI

PUBLIC HEALTH - IISMA ALUMNI 2023



My journey as an Indonesian International Student Mobility Awards (IISMA) awardee has been nothing but insightful and wonderful. From the moment I received the scholarship until the completion of my mobility program, every step has been filled with valuable experiences and personal growth.

The opportunity to study abroad at Michigan State University (MSU) through IISMA has broadened my horizons in ways I never imagined. Being immersed in a new academic environment challenged me to think critically, adapt to different teaching methods, and collaborate with students from diverse cultural backgrounds. These experiences not only enriched my academic knowledge but also enhanced my interpersonal and intercultural skills.

Moreover, living in a foreign country allowed me to explore new cultures, traditions, and perspectives. From trying local cuisines to participating in cultural events, every interaction deepened my understanding and appreciation of global diversity. These cultural exchanges have not only expanded my worldview but also fostered lifelong friendships with people from across the globe.

Getting to meet new people and make friends through IISMA has been one of the blessings I received in life. I would never forget the feeling of sharing our daily activities with my roommate's at midnight, traveling with groups of friends on the weekends, taking a picture with my lovely roommates in front of Rockefeller Christmas Tree in December, and simplest things like sunbathing in the middle of the field in front of our dorm after breakfast. I will forever be grateful for these memorable days and cherish them deep within my heart.

Overall, my journey with IISMA has been an incredible opportunity for personal and academic development. It has equipped me with the skills, knowledge, and experiences necessary to thrive in an increasingly interconnected world. IISMA has taught me how to thrive better socially and professionally. I am immensely grateful for the support of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Research, and Technology of the Republic of Indonesia and for the chance to embark on this transformative journey.



I'm immensely thankful to all the lecturers and staff members in the Public Health Department for their invaluable guidance and unwavering support throughout my journey. Without their mentorship and encouragement, I wouldn't have achieved what I have. A special mention goes to my parents and my Academic Advisor, Dr. Sudirman Nasir, S.Ked., MWH., Ph.D. for their personalized guidance and constant support. Furthermore, I'd like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to International Office for their continuous moral and practical assistance. Your collective efforts have not only enriched my experience but have also made my participation in IISMA 2023 profoundly meaningful. Thank you deeply for everything.





**GET ACQUAINTED WITH  
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT:  
SUHAYB JAMA HASSAN**

In Issue #60, the International Office (IO) invites readers to visit one of the countries on the African continent. This country borders directly with several countries including Sudan and Eritrea in the north, Somalia in the east, South Sudan in the west and Kenya in the south. This country is called Ethiopia. Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) hosts several students from this country and one of them is called Suhayb Jama Hassan. He prefers to be called Suhayb. He is currently in semester 4 at the Faculty of Medicine (FK). He was born on 2 February 2004 in Ethiopia. The IO staff managed to interview him with three different questions: how he found and registered his name to this university, his feelings during his study here and his vision for a better UNHAS in the future. Fasten your seatbelt and enjoy his responses below.

In his response to the first question, he said “My elder sister informed me about UNHAS because she graduated from Faculty of Dentistry (FKG) in the year of 2012/2013. She explained the comparison of two different university scholarships from UNHAS and another university in Asian countries. Thus, my sister convinced me that studying at UNHAS is better as she knows more about UNHAS.” He then applied online and had to wait around 3-4 months for the acceptance. He regularly checked his email and at the end he got a Letter of Acceptance (LoA) to pursue his study here in UNHAS.

Secondly, his response to the question of his feelings during his study at UNHAS. He explained, “At the beginning I struggled a lot. I found many challenges, especially my skill in Bahasa Indonesia. As a beginner, I couldn’t yet speak and understand the language. It was no wonder if my GPA in semester one was not satisfying.” As time went on, entering semester 2, “I felt my Bahasa was much more improved as I interacted and communicated with more local students. My GPA was more satisfying and got above 3,5 on scale 4. This was certainly very encouraging.” he added. He hopes that in the coming semester, his academic performance is more and more progressive.



The third question was how he sees a better UNHAS in the future. He responded by saying that in order to grow, UNHAS must improve its quality in all aspects, particularly its housing or dormitory for students. I found no problem with the room I am living in now. Nevertheless, other rooms are still in need of repair such as the door, wall, and ceilings.

The interview ended with a big hope from the IO that Suhayb succeeded in completing his degree with abundant satisfaction. Thank you Suhayb.





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

In the last issue, the International Office (IO), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) weekly news featured an international student from Ethiopia. In this Issue #61, the IO managed to interview a Jordanian student studying at the Faculty of Medicine (FK) during the semester break. As we know, most international students travel home or do not remain in Makassar. When asked why she was still in Makassar and not going home, she said that this year she decided to stay. However, she went back home last year and met her family. She is now in semester 5. Her name is Bara'ah Saleh M. Aifuqara. She likes to be called Baraah. She was happy to be interviewed by the IO with three different questions. Firstly, how did she find UNHAS? Secondly, how did she feel studying here? And lastly, what would she like to see at UNHAS in the future.

When the IO asked the first question, she was trying to recall the moment when first found this university. "I found a post on Facebook about scholarships in Indonesia. I told my family that I wanted to contact the person in the post." She then contacted that person. She was told to complete all the documents needed in the application including her passport. She said that there was a payment given to that person or the so-called agent. After 2-3 months waiting for the notification, she checked her email and found her Letter of Acceptance (LoA) from UNHAS. She prepared her trip to Makassar. It was night when her feet stepped on Makassar land, and she felt grateful as two staff of IO picked her up at the airport.

The second question was her feelings about her study journey at UNHAS. She tried to lean back and said: "I guess this happens to all international students when starting his/her study in a new country. New culture, new people, new atmosphere which are completely different from their home country." She added: "I struggled with the new environment and I began to learn Bahasa Indonesia at UNHAS Language Service. It was a huge challenge adapting to new situations." Ms Bara'ah was thankful that, as time went on, she has been able to adapt, particularly to the teaching and learning process. Her lecturers and classmates were very helpful. In terms of the facilities, FK has modern facilities with the support of technology that help the students to learn.



Lastly the IO asked her about anything she wanted to see for a better UNHAS in the future. She responded by saying that she wanted to see better facilities in the students dormitory. The room she lives in now needs to be improved so that students could live there more comfortably. However, she still feels happy to enjoy her daily life. She is becoming more motivated to complete her study at the FK. After several photo shoots, the IO ended the interview and wished her the best in reaching her dreams. Thank you Bara'ah







**GET ACQUAINTED WITH  
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT:  
OMAR TAHA SUBHI**



Ending the year of 2023, the International Office of Hasanuddin University (IO UNHAS) again introduces its international students. In this issue, the IO managed to interview one of the students named Omer Taha Subhi, preferably called Omer. He was born in Baghdad on April 14, 2004. Omer is a semester three student at the Faculty of Agriculture (Faperta). He is from the Islamic State of Iraq. As previously, the IO always poses 3 questions to the students who are introduced through the weekly news. These three questions were how he found UNHAS and finally enrolled at this campus. The second question, how he felt while studying at this university, and the final question was what his vision was for a better UNHAS in the future. Please read his responses below carefully.

Omer found UNHAS through his brother who came to Makassar earlier and studied at the State Islamic University of Makassar. With his brother's recommendation, he talked to his family and they did the application for him. Choosing UNHAS to study was Omer's dream as he expected to have a scholarship for continuing his undergraduate program. His parents also agreed and organized his application for him. He was very happy after the notification from UNHAS reached his email.

The last responses he gave were to the third question, about seeing a better UNHAS in the future. He said that English as a medium of instruction in the classroom to attract more international students. Moreover, UNHAS also has to improve the quality of its dormitories, as in some cases there are rooms that need to be well renovated and fixed. Despite all the challenges he faces, he expects to finish his studies on time and find a job that can be beneficial to his country of origin. The interview ended, and the IO wished him the best of luck with his studies.





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