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# THE RECTOR MESSAGE

Dear valued readers, I'm thrilled to share the most recent Hasanuddin University news with everyone. We continue to strive towards becoming a centre of excellence in teaching, research, and community services. Not to mention, our university has successfully hosted numerous international events. On this occasion, I'd like to draw attention to a few activities that could help our university gain recognition both domestically and abroad. I am personally appreciated the food festival of Korean corner. I noticed that this event drew large crowds of people.

In other hand, the international office worked together to reach out more participants in our annual International Cultural Program. We hope that this coming ICP might attract more participants. In the future, such events could help us market our university. There have likely been additional events that I am unable to list individually, but I am confident that everyone has been working hard to realise our goal of being an outstanding institution. Enjoy your reading!



*RECTOR OF HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY*  
**JAMALUDDIN JOMPA**

## **THE INTERNATIONAL OFFICE, HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY CONDUCTS BENCHMARKING TO BRAWIJAYA UNIVERSITY**



The International Office (IO), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) conducted a benchmarking to the IO of Brawijaya University (UB), Malang, East Java on May 3rd, 2024. The UNHAS IO team was led by Muhammad Ridwan, M.A. (IO Secretary) and Erizal Zhafran Muyazzar Edison, S.I. Kom (IO Media). The benchmarking aimed to learn more of the strategy UB used to increase the students' acceptance as an awardee in the Indonesian International Students Mobility Award (IISMA) scholarship. This scholarship enables Indonesian students to spend their semester at any IISMA partner universities around the world.

The IO team was warmly welcomed at the International Lounge 3rd floor by Dr. Didik Hartono, SS. M.Pd., (Head of International Office of UB). The welcome reception was also joined by other IO staff including Agung Nugroho Luthfi Imam Fahrudi, S.AB., M.Bus.Sys.Pro., Ph.D. (Head of International Mobility Administration Division and IISMA Coordinator), Henny Rosalinda, S.IP., MA., Ph.D. (Head of International Academic Engagement Division) and several other respected staff. The main topic during the discussion was about IISMA management by UB. It could be said that what UB has done was slightly similar to what UNHAS did. The only thing different was that new students accepted in UB must prove their English Proficiency test score submitted with other documents. Thus, from the beginning, UB could identify those potential students for IISMA preparation. Unlike UB, UNHAS itself held a diagnostic test among 1000 students from 4th and 6th semester.

Those who met the standard score were given a chance for an English TOEFL preparation class. At the end, only around 90 students proceeded to the next level. The IO intervened with the earliest IISMA socialization. These socializations included the introduction to IISMA, choosing the right university, writing a good essay, etc. The benchmarking to UB was hoped to bring lots of benefit in increasing UNHAS students to get awarded. It ended with a token exchange and a photo session. Thank you UB for sharing its best practices in IISMA management.



## **THE INTERNATIONAL OFFICE, HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY HOLDS FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSION ON UPDATING INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS HANDBOOK**



The International Office (IO), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) held a Focus Group Discussion (FGD) to update the International Students Handbook. The first handbook was designed in 2022. This update aimed at integrating the latest information needed by prospective international students. The FGD was officially opened on May 7th, 2024 at Novotel Grand Shayla Hotel, Makassar. The FGD participants included Task Force members, IO staff, interns and two representatives of international students.

The FGD began with reviewing feedback from all participants sent a day prior to the FGD. Those feedbacks were reviewed and integrated into the handbook. The review moved on to each page of the old handbook. All participants suggested their inputs/feedback to enrich the information in the handbook. Based on this FGD's rundown, the final draft of the handbook would be overlooked by all parties and the IO would declare the updated one on the second day. Soon, when new students come, the IO would send this updated version, thus they could learn Makassar and UNHAS before arriving.





## **THE KOREAN CORNER, HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY PRESENTS KOREA'S CULINARY FESTIVAL**



The Korean food culinary festival was one of the activities organized by the Korean Corner of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) on May 7th 2024. Many students from the Tourism department, lecturers and judges of this event from Korea were present. This event has successfully given a pleasant impression for every participant. "Full, exciting and fun" were the responses given by visitors. Besides, there were many positive reviews and hope that Korean classes could be implemented in various faculties and study programs at UNHAS.

At the festival, there were so many interesting things introduced by the Corner. Not only, various foods provided such as *rappoki*, *bibimbap*, *kimbab*, *pajeon*, *dubu jorim*, and *japchae* but also traditional games, traditional clothing and typical Korean culture which are a complement to this event. With this, the Corner has once again succeeded in making many people interested and curious about Korean culture which turned out to be very beautiful to learn.



## THE INTERNATIONAL OFFICE, HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY HOLDS A MEETING TO DISCUSS THE 7TH INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL PROGRAM PREPARATION



### ELIGIBILITY

- NOT an Indonesian citizen;
- Be at least 18 years old or no more than 35;
- Enrolled in a Degree / Non-Degree Program of a university;
- Be able to write and speak in English;
- Have a letter of recommendation from their institution;
- Have health insurance.

### Required Documents

- Photograph (formal);
- CV/Resume
- Motivation Letter (500 words)
- Video Cover Letter (2-5 minutes) - Upload to Instagram  
This video cover letter should cover personal information, personal statement, achievements and experiences, what makes you qualified, and what will you do during the program and after the program. Instagram account shall be in Public - please tag our IG account (@io.unhas and @hasanuddin\_univ).
- Recommendation Letter from Home University
- Health Insurance

On Monday, May 13th, 2024, the International Office (IO), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) held a meeting to discuss the 7th International Cultural Program (ICP) preparation. This meeting aimed at determining potential participants who registered themselves and met the ICP requirements. In 2024 there were approximately 100 registrants and the available slots were only 60 participants. This would challenge the IO in determining the criteria for each participant. The meeting was attended by Andi Masyitha Irwan, Ph. D (Head of IO), Muhammad Ridwan, M.A. (Secretary of IO), including IO Task Forces Saaduddin, M.Sc., and Khaeruddin, Ph.D as well as IO Staff namely Nasrah, M.Hum, Kumara Tungga Dewa, S.S., and Erizal Zhafran Muyazzar Edison, S.I. Kom.

The main agenda of the meeting was listing the participants who met all the requirements of ICP and was followed up with sending those candidates a Letter of Acceptance (LoA). Within several days, all those candidates had to confirm their participation in the IO. The next agenda of the preparation was the venue check of the 3-day field trip to *Pusat Pendidikan Lingkungan Hidup* (PPLH) or Center of Environmental Education in Puntondo, Takalar Regency. This inspection was on Friday, May 17, 2024. This inspection was important to ensure that the Puntondo's facilities meet the IO and participants' expectations. The visit to Puntondo also would let the Center know about the last year's participants. Therefore, The Center would be aware of improving the quality here and there. The IO hopes that the 7th ICP will also be successfully implemented.

## **A POSTGRADUATE STUDENT OF THE FACULTY OF CULTURAL SCIENCES ATTEND BUDDIES GLOBAL SYMPOSIUM 2024 AND VISITS PUTRA INTERNATIONAL CENTER, UNIVERSITI PUTRA MALAYSIA**



As one of the internationalization efforts, the Faculty of Cultural Sciences (FIB) sent one of its masteral students, Kumara Tungga Dewa, S.S., majoring in English Language Studies (ELS) to the Buddies Global Symposium (BuGS) 2024 held by the Putra International Centre (i-Putra) Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM). Kumara, as he is called, attended the event for 5 days, on May 7th-11th 2024 at UPM.

The program consisted of various sessions, including workshops, lectures, conferences, and discussions related to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). One of the agendas was the SDG Forum: Welcome 2023 which was a platform to discuss and generate ideas related to accelerating the achievement of the SDGs by 2030. Stakeholders from various sectors and backgrounds come together to share knowledge, experiences, and best practices in an effort to achieve these goals.

In addition, this program was a cultural exchange event entitled Cultural Forum: Cultural Convergence. This forum sought to combine various cultural perspectives in a dialog that enriched, encouraged understanding, and broadens appreciation of cultural diversity.

On Day 4, participants embarked on a City Tour of Putrajaya, Malaysia's administrative center known for its modern architecture, green parks, and enchanting lakes. The tour took participants to visit important landmarks such as Putrajaya Tower, Seri Wawasan Bridge, and the magnificent Putra Mosque, while enjoying the beautiful panorama of the city combined with natural elements.

Moreover, apart from being a representative of the Faculty of Cultural Sciences (FIB), Kumara also carried out the additional task of visiting UPM's International Office called i-Putra UPM. On May 9, 2024, on the sidelines of the activity, Kumara and representatives of the Nahdlatul Ulama University Surabaya visited the i-Putra office to learn about internationalization efforts at UPM. In that short meeting, the i-Putra UPM provided a very warm welcome and hospitality and was very open to sharing information.



## **THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ASSOCIATION, HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY ORGANIZES A MEDICAL CHECK- UP AND DENTAL CARE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**



On Sunday, May 12th, 2024, the International Student Association (ISA) began to organize medical check-up and dental care activities at the International residence such as blood pressure, oximeter (oxygen saturation in the blood), Body Mass Index, and dental check-ups. This was the first practice. The students were very enthusiastic and happy to practice and implement the knowledge they learned. This activity was expected to be carried out regularly and hoped that all international students would participate in the future.

The purpose of this activity was a form of caring among international students and to apply the knowledge that has been learned in their classrooms. There were about 15 students who did the examination and six of them were medical students including Ali Elayyan, Ibrahim Mahdi, Osama, Deeya, Ali Sarayreh, and Aziz Alhety. These students examined their peers. During the examination, it was found some students who had high blood pressure and had worrying dental conditions, and they were immediately advised to go to the nearest hospital. ISA hopes that in the next check-up there will be more tools, so the activity can be done regularly, self examinations in particular. The ISA also hopes to bring more local people and cooperate with other parties to support this activity.

## **THE INTERNATIONAL OFFICE, HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY VISITS PUSAT PENDIDIKAN LINGKUNGAN HIDUP OR CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION, PUNTONDO, TAKALAR.**



As to follow-up to the Monday meeting, May 13th, 2024 about the The 7th International Cultural Program (ICP) 2024 preparations, the International Office (IO), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) visited *Pusat Pendidikan Lingkungan Hidup* (PPLH) or Center for Environmental Education in Puntondo, Takalar Regency. This center will be a 3-day ICP field trip for participants. Likewise at last year's ICP, participants will spend 3 days here to further explore maritime culture including seaweed cultivation, interaction with maritime communities, *Bagang* (traditional fishing house) adventures and cooking classes using seaweed. The IO team visited including Andi Masyitha Irwan, Ph.D (Head of IO), Muhammad Ridwan, M.A. (Secretary of IO), Saaduddin, M.Sc. (IO Task Force), Khaeruddin, Ph.D (IO Task Force), the IO staff including Nasrah, M.Hum, Kumara Tungga Dewa, S.S., Andi Afifah Fayyadah, S.I.Kom and Erizal Zhafran Muyazzar Edison, S.I.Kom and one of the IO volunteers named Muhammad Jibrán.

When arriving at the Center, the team began to observe the facilities that Center has. The observation began with 6 available bungalows. Each of it can accommodate 4 people. The observation then continued to 2 house buildings that can accommodate 18 people. The IO team observed the facilities carefully and ensured that participants would understand that the concept of this field trip was camping. The next visit was to the final house building. Here the IO Team could see the capacity of each room. In this place, there are 4 large rooms that can accommodate 15-17 people per room.

The visit continued to observe the auditorium in which the participants would join the lecture session and briefing on a daily basis. The interior is unique and unlike the common auditorium anywhere found. The last visit was to observe the restaurant. The design of this restaurant was also uniquely designed with lots of stairs in which participants may choose at their convenience. The visit ended and the IO team departed to Makassar in the late afternoon. The result of this visit would again be assessed and evaluated by the IO team and would notify the Center for a final decision.





## **FACULTY OF LAW HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY'S TWO STUDY PROGRAMS UNDERWENT A FOUNDATION FOR INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION ACCREDITATION VISIT**



Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) continuously carries out optimization processes in various fields, including improving the quality of education, one of which is by encouraging study programs to receive international accreditation." said Prof. Dr. Ir. Jamaluddin Jompa, M.Sc.(Rector of UNHAS) well known as Prof. JJ. Two study programs at the Faculty of Law (FH), UNHAS underwent a visitation process from the international accreditation agency called Foundation for International Business Administration Accreditation (FIBAA). "The two study programs that were visited were Bachelor of Law Sciences and Bachelor of Public Administration Law," according to the Dean of FH, Prof. Dr. Hamzah Halim, S.H., M.H., M.A.P.

The assessors involved included Prof Dr Daniela Heid (Federal University of Applied Administrative Science, Brunl, Germany), Prof Dr Jur Jan Friedrich Bruckermann (FOM International University of Applied Sciences of Economy and Management), Julian Rossig (Capgemini Invent, Germany) , Prof Dr Tolkah (Walisongo State Islamic University), and Kira Kock (University of Munster, Germany).

As a university, he said, UNHAS continuously carries out optimization processes in various fields, including improving the quality of education, one of which is by encouraging study programs to receive international accreditation. Furthermore, the Rector of UNHAS said that optimally facilitating and empowering all study programs to gain national and international recognition through several strategic steps.

As the largest state university with various achievements not only in Eastern Indonesia, he said, UNHAS needs to collaborate well with strategic partners so that the benefits of UNHAS as a higher education institution can be felt by the entire community. "The suggestions and input that will be given will enrich UNHAS, as well as be an encouragement for UNHAS to continue to improve its quality," said Prof JJ. He hopes that the various documents that have been prepared by the task force team are appropriate and will receive a good assessment. UNHAS considers this activity is a form of effort to make UNHAS continue to maintain the quality of education provided. The event then continued with a question and answer session from FIBAA assessors. In general, the assessors asked questions related to the learning process, infrastructure, quality assurance, and UNHAS' achievements in general. After the opening, the assessment process continued with the two study programs at FH. The assessment process was scheduled from Monday to Wednesday, May 6th – 8th, 2024.



## **HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY HOLDS FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSION ON DECIDING *KEMITRAAN NEGERI BERKEMBANG* (KNB) RECIPIENTS**



Focus Group Discussion (FGD) was held on Saturday, May 18th, 2024 at Meeting Room A 7th Floor Rectorate Building by the Directorate of Academic. The FGD was about the decision of *Kemitraan Negara Berkembang* (KNB) or Partnership of Developing Countries scholarship recipients. The FGD was led by Prof. drg. Muhammad Ruslin, M.Kes., Ph.D., SpBM(K) (Vice Rector for Academic and Students Affairs) and was joined by fellow Dean and Vice Deans at Hasanuddin University (UNHAS). The International Office itself was represented by Muhamad Ridwan, M.A. (IO Secretary) and Kumara Tungga Dewa (IO Staff).

In addition, Nurul Ichsani, S.Sos., M.I.Kom (Head of Sub Directorate of Admission) explained that this year UNHAS received around 400 applicants from KNB and half of them proceeded to the interview test. Regarding the interview test, there were around 200 applicants who passed to study at UNHAS, but unfortunately, there were only 20 slots for prospective students in 2024. The details were 2 people for the doctoral program, 16 people for the master's program and 2 people for the bachelor's program. All Deans and their representatives submitted the recommended names for all degrees. The Directorate of Academic will follow up with recapitulating and wrapping to be sent to Jakarta. The FGD ended and all parties left the meeting room.

## **THE INTERNATIONAL OFFICE, HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY PRESENTS GEOGRAPHY SERIES: INTRODUCING JAPAN**



The International Office (IO), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) again presented an event called the Geography Series (G-Series) featuring Japan. The student named Jumpei Kadoguchi presented his country in front of approximately 200 local students and lecturers including several international students from Afghanistan, Madagascar, Sudan, Honduras and Yemen. The G-Series was carried out on Thursday, May 16th, 2024 from 2 - 4 pm Central Indonesia Time (CIT) at Prof. La Tanro Hall, Faculty of Economics and Business (FEB). Also attending this event were all IO crew and volunteers. This G-Series was moderated by the IO student volunteer named Netalen Priscyla Adiestya.

The G-Series began with an opening remark by Andi Masyitha Irwan, Ph.D (Head of IO). In her remark, she emphasized that G-Series aimed to enable international students to introduce his/her country, language and culture to UNHAS academic community. In addition, G-Series also enables UNHAS local students to practice their English skills. After the official opening, the G-series continued with Kadoguchi's presentation.

Mr. Kadoguchi started with his country's national anthem called *Kimigayo* which is an image of the emperor's glorious reign for the Japanese people. It was an incredible presenter as Mr. Kadoguchi, a researcher majoring in Sociology, spoke in *Bahasa Indonesia* during his presentation. G-Series participants were facilitated by his *bahasa* skills. They could more easily understand the content of the presentation. Mr. Kadoguchi then presented his first encounter with Indonesia, particularly UNHAS. It was in Sinjai, South Sulawesi he met a number of UNHAS students. His impression was the students were very friendly while he himself was quite shy. His encounter continues until now as he is doing his research on Sarung Sekomandi in Mamuju, Western Sulawesi.

He continued his presentation by introducing several cities in its landmarks including Tokyo tower. Moreover, he showed several cultural artifacts and cartoon characters in those cities like Tokyo, Nagoya, Yokohama, Fukuoka and his hometown, Osaka. He also figured out types of Japanese food and drinks such as Takoyaki, Okonomiyaki and the like. He introduced some tourist destinations in his hometown including Osaka castle, Hideyoshi Toyotomi and Gulico, etc as well as Japanese Katakana and Hiragana. His presentation was more attractive by showing several videos about Japan. Prior to the end, he managed to show the railroad networks that cover the entire Japan.

The moderator then invited the participants to propose the questions. There were a number of questions by the participants and Mr. Kadoguchi answered precisely. The moderator asked Mr. Kadoguchi to present a quiz. The participants who gave a correct answer were rewarded with special merchandise from IO. The G-Series ended with a photo session and getting to know among the participants and with Mr. Kadoguchi as well. *Sayonara!*







## **LECTURER OF GEOPHYSICS DEPARTMENT PARTICIPATES IN THE 6TH ASIA PACIFIC MEETING ON NEAR SURFACE GEOSCIENCE & ENGINEERING CONFERENCE IN TSUKUBA, JAPAN**



Asia Pacific Meeting on Near Surface Geoscience & Engineering (NSGE) conference is an annual conference that focuses on near surface geoscience. The conference included a variety of mini-conferences, an exhibition, and instrument demonstrations. In this 6th edition, the conference, which was organized by the European Association of Geoscientists and Engineers (EAGE) and the Society of Exploration Geophysicists of Japan (SEGJ), was held in Tsukuba, Japan from May 13th - 15th, 2024 with the theme of "Smart Technologies Kind to the Planet".

The conference was a remarkable gathering that attracted nearly 200 participants representing 24 countries and 103 organizations from Australia, America, Africa as well as Asia. This event stood out with over 80 technical presentations addressing the latest trends and developments in the field of near-surface geoscience and engineering. In addition to the enriching discussions and presentations, the conference also hosted an exhibition running parallel to the sessions, providing attendees with valuable insights and networking opportunities.



Delegation from Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), represented by Andi Muhamad Pramatiadie Ph.D. from Geophysics Department Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences (MIPA), also participated in the conference as a poster presentation with the title of "Exploration of Shallow S-wave Velocity in Bandung Basin using Surface S-wave Velocity and H/V Method". The conference and presentation moment was utilized for networking and promoting UNHAS in an international event. Furthermore, a pre-conference workshop with the title of "Workshop on the Active and Passive Surface Wave Explorations" was participated by the delegation. This workshop covered recent development of active and passive surface wave explorations, including data acquisition (e.g., DAS), data processing (e.g., Machine Learning), and case studies (onshore and offshore). In addition, standardization of the surface wave explorations was discussed. We hope that the recent methods for surface wave exploration can be applied in the exploration, monitoring and mitigation efforts in Indonesia.



## **HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY SIGNS A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH ANHUI FUXIN EDUCATION FROM CHINA**



Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Anhui Fixin Education from the People's Republic of China on Friday, May 17, 2024 at Meeting Room A 4th Floor of the Rectorate Building. This MoU signing was done by Prof. Dr. ng. Adi Maulana, M.Phil (Vice Rector for Partnership, Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Business) and Mr. Tian Zhaoshuo (Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of PT Edu Jobs. On this occasion, Prof. Adi stated that through this signing proved that UNHAS is committed to expanding its global partnership. "We do hope that after the signing, we can implement all the programs that have been planned particularly in student and academic staff exchange. It is hoped that those programs can improve the quality of education and broaden cultural horizons for both institutions."

Meanwhile, Mr Tian appreciated UNHAS's openness to establishing collaboration and partnership strategies with prestigious institutions in China. "Students from China plan to study in Indonesia, we are very honored and excited to start strategic collaboration with UNHAS. As a company dedicated to advancing the education sector, we see this collaboration as a great opportunity to deepen China and Indonesia in the fields of academics and culture." explained Mr Tian.

After the signing the Anhui Fuxin Education visited three different faculties in the medical complex such as the Faculty of Medicine (FK), Faculty of Dentistry (FKG) and Faculty of Nursing (FKep). The team was warmly welcomed by all Deans. In FK, for example, the team visited Anatomy Laboratory while in FKG, the team had a meeting with the Dean and academic community as well as in FKep. The visit ended in the afternoon and UNHAS looks forward to implementing the MoU.



## **THE INTERNATIONAL OFFICE, HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY PARTICIPATES IN ONBOARDING THE 2024 INDONESIAN INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS MOBILITY AWARDS**



The Indonesian International Students Mobility Awards (IISMA) awardees departure is coming. In order to prepare the departures, the IISMA headquarters invited all the joined universities to participate. Each university was represented by the International Office and two awardees. This event was successfully held in The Ministry of Education and Culture, Research and Technology Jakarta, Indonesia. This event was organized by the IISMA center. This event provided very interesting programs by the awardees and all the participants and was officially opened by the Minister of Education, Mr. Nadiem Anwar Mkaarim, B.A.,M.B.A.

In his online opening speech, he mentioned that the IISMA awardees should be proud to present Indonesia to the international world. "I am so proud to witness all the awardees' journey. All the awardees should be able to represent Indonesia world wide, expand your experiences, learn everything positive while you are in the universities overseas, and bring those things home to build a better future for Indonesia". In addition, the Head of IISMA reported that IISMA has attracted Indonesian students. This can be seen by a significant number of applicants each year. "This year we accepted about 12.000 applicants and only 2000 of them passed, it is very competitive," said Dr. Rahmat Sriwijaya. ASEAN Eng. Furthermore, Prof. Dr. rer.nat. Abdul Haris. M.Sc. added "Dear all awardees, you are the Indonesian representatives. Show the world that you are the best selected students with global competencies and skills. Hard skills and soft skills are part of being a global citizen."

The next speech was part of *Lembaga Pengelola Dana Pendidikan* (LPDP) or Indonesian Endowment Fund for Education Director, Ir. Dwi Larso, M.SIE., PhD. In his speech, he mentioned the strong support by his institution. He elaborated how LPDP plays its role in giving financial support for all Indonesian students in the local as well as international universities. He ensured that all awardees at any level of education should not be worried about their financial support. He ended his speech by sharing his phone number and letting everyone who needs support to contact him anytime. The last speech was closed by the Secretary of International Protocol of Foreign Minister, Mr. Didik Eko Pujiyanto. He emphasized the role of foreign minister to keep the Indonesian students safe overseas. He also reminded everyone who is going overseas to understand each country's law and behave well. In his closing speech he suggested everyone to be familiar with the downloadable safe travel app.

Everyone was so happy to attend this memorable event. The International Office (IO), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) sent Khaeruddin Ph.D, (IO mobility Program Division) and Ashrie Wahid the 2024 IISMA Awardee to participate. Congratulations to all IISMA awardees.



## **THE FACULTY OF MEDICINE CARRIES OUT THE IMPLEMENTATION AGREEMENT WITH NIIGATA UNIVERSITY, JAPAN**



Collaboration between the Faculty of Medicine (FK), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) and the Niigata University Japan Faculty of Medicine has been running since 2022, and various joint activities have been implemented. One example was that three students participating in medical education (clerkships) have been working at UNHAS Hospital and various FK UNHAS network hospitals since May 5th, 2024 for 4 weeks. This program was a student exchange (inbound) where the focus of learning was tropical diseases.

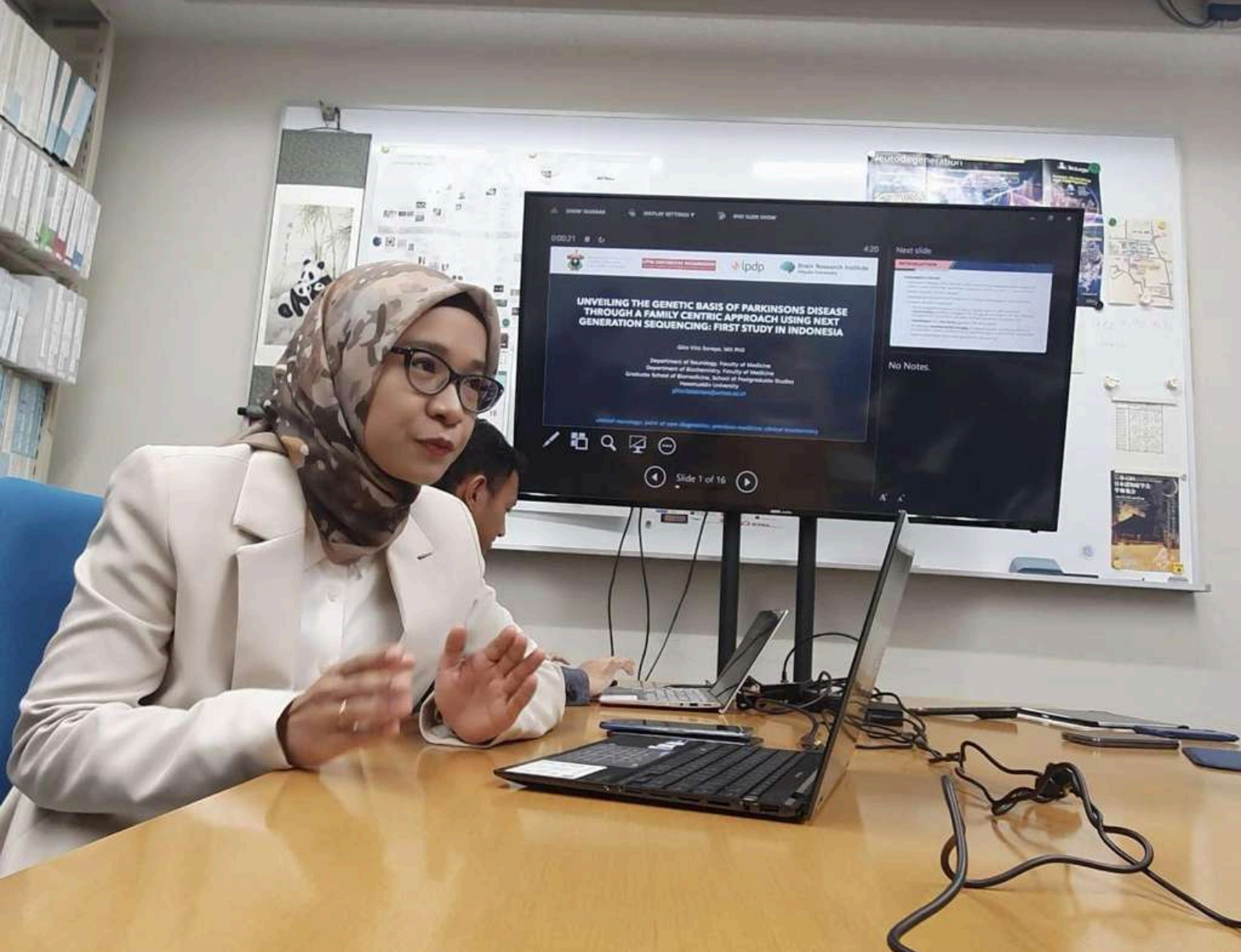
Furthermore, Prof. Akihiko Saitoh, MD, PhD (Dean of Niigata Faculty of Medicine) is a pediatrician and Prof. Fumiko Okazaki, MD, PhD (Chair of the Medical Education Center, Niigata Faculty of Medicine) also gave a public lecture on toxoplasmosis, rubella, cytomegalovirus, herpes and other agents (TORCH) disease and career development of a doctor to lecturer staff and students in the Department of Pediatrics and in the Department of Medical Education FK Unhas on May 14th, 2024. Prof. Fumiko is also a medical educator in Japan, Apart from that, Prof. Akihiko Saitoh is also involved in bedside teaching of pediatric cases at UNHAS Hospital and led clinical case discussion conferences at the Department of Child Health, FK UNHAS.



Likewise, the lecturers from FK UNHAS delivered a guest lecture at Niigata University. On May 23rd 2024 at the Brain Research Institute (BRI) Faculty of Medicine Niigata University, lecturer at the Department of Neurology and Biochemistry, FK UNHAS, dr. Gita Vita Soraya, PhD gave a guest lecture with the title "Unveiling the Genetic Basis of Familial Parkinson's Disease Using Whole Exome Sequencing: First Study In Indonesia". A guest lecture was also given by Dr. Yusran Ady Fitrah, PhD with the title "A Multidisciplinary Integrative approach to Precision Medicine". The guest lecture was attended by Prof. Takeshi Ikeuchi MD PhD (Head of Department of Molecular Genetics, Brain Research Institute, Niigata University) and Associate Prof. Akinori Miyashita PhD, as well as students and staff of Niigata University Graduate School of Medical and Dental Sciences, and also attended by online participants from Indonesia and Japan.

On this occasion, the Brain Research Institute also provided facilities and infrastructure for carrying out biomolecular analysis of samples that had been prepared, for a collaborative research project between the two institutions. Several analysis protocols have been carried out at the BRI Molecular Genetics Laboratory during a visit by researchers from the Department of Neurology, FK UNHAS. Besides, to strengthen international collaboration, the lecture was combined with a joint meeting with the Head of the Neurology Study Program, FK UNHAS, Dr. Muhammad Akbar, PhD, Sp.S(K) and dr. Cahyono Kaelan, Ph.D, DFM, Sp.S(K), Sp.PA(K) as representative of the Department of Neurology FK UNHAS regarding the ongoing collaboration with BRI in the field of Neurology and Molecular Genetics with the whole exome sequencing project for the genetic characterization of Parkinson's patients in Indonesia. During this visit, the Department of Neurology also participated in a meeting with the Chair of the Department of Pathology, Professor Akiyoshi Kakita and Prof. Rie Saito from the Department of Pathological Neurosciences, to discuss collaboration plans in the field of neuropathology.

Dr. dr. Rina Masadah, M.Phil, Sp.PA(K) as Chair of the Center for Publication, Community Service and International Affairs said that the collaboration with Niigata was very good by involving lecturers and students from both faculties. This collaboration certainly will improve UNHAS reputation at the international level.





## **THE DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY HOLDS KAHIN LECTURE IN COLLABORATION WITH EL COLEGIO DE MEXICO**

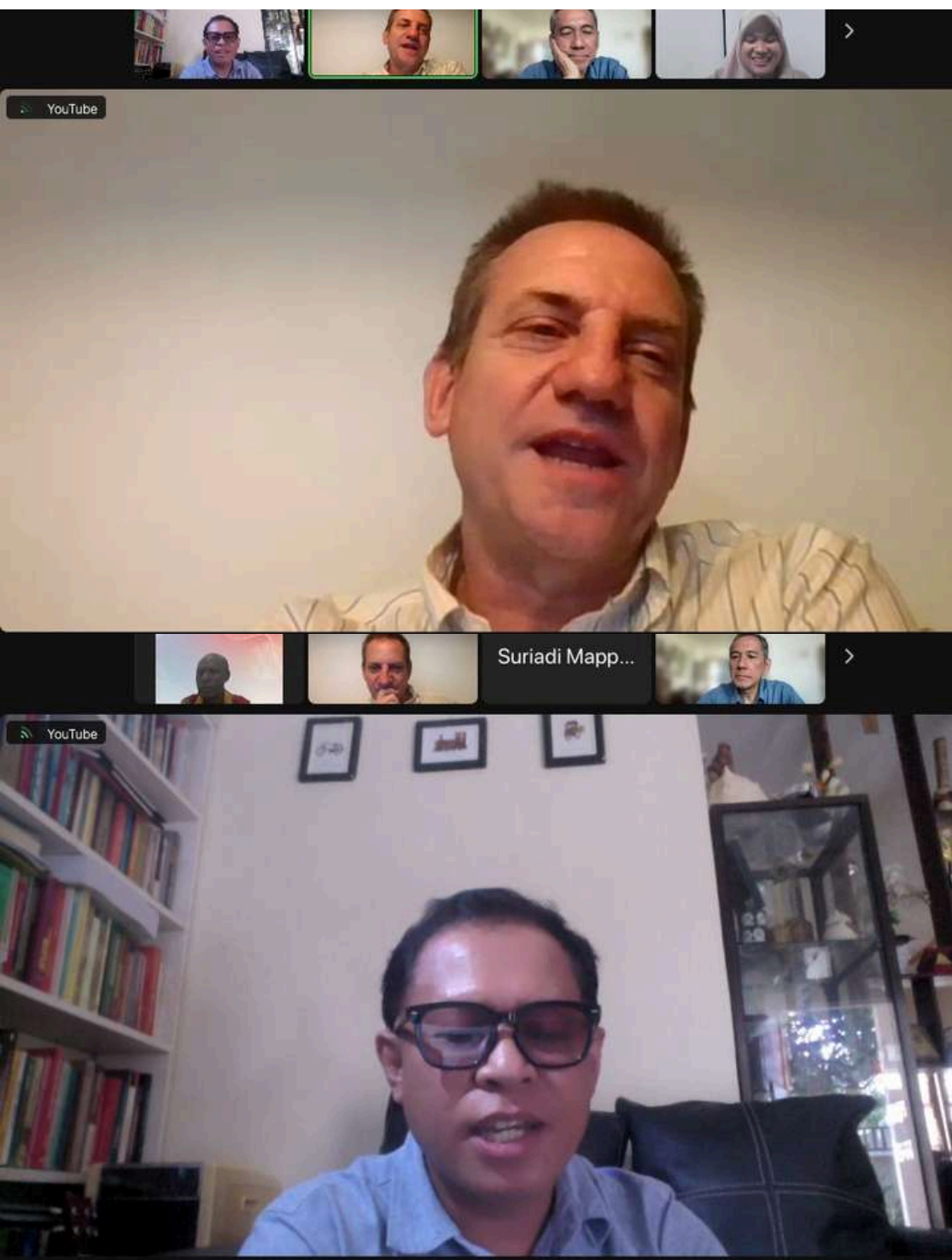


The Department of History (DoH), Faculty of Cultural Sciences (FIB), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), in collaboration with the Development Study Club, held a scientific discussion entitled "Kahin Lecture" themed "Separatism in Eastern Indonesia: A Brief History", by Professor Christopher Alan Lundry (Research Professor, Center for Asian and African Studies (CEAA) El Colegio de México. The activity began with remarks from Dr. Ilham Daeng Makkelo (Head of DoH), and the event was guided by moderator Dias Pradadimara, M.A. This lecture was carried out through Zoom on Tuesday, May 21st, 2024. Participants came from various disciplinary backgrounds. Not only DoH students from UNHAS, but also students from other disciplines from various universities in Indonesia.

Kahin Lecture is a series of online public discussions regarding Indonesian studies conducted by foreign researchers. This activity was to honor George McTurnan Kahin's services in promoting Indonesia in social, political and humanities studies in the United States. Especially in historical studies, Kahin's contribution was enormous in opening up studies of political history in Indonesia. Kahin was an American historian and political scientist. He was one of the leading experts on Southeast Asia. The main focus of the discussion is the separatist movement, especially in Eastern Indonesia. Historically, this region has had various experiences related to the separatist movement. Separatism has been an important and often controversial issue in Indonesian history.

The history of separatism in Indonesia has been going on since the beginning of Indonesia's independence until today. We can mention the *Darul Islam Movement*, *Pemerintahan Revolusioner Republik Indonesia* (PRRI) or Revolutionary Government of the Republic of Indonesia / *Perjuangan Rakyat Semesta* (Permseta) or The Struggle of the Universal People, and others.

In the Eastern region of Indonesia, we know about the separatist movement in Papua, South Maluku, East Timor. How to read the separatist movements in these three regions are very important and remain contextual today. Including nationalism and separatist issues. The separatist movement cannot be seen simply as related to local residents' dissatisfaction with central government policies, but the problem is very complex, including the role of elites, poverty, religion, ethnicity, political participation, social aspects and can even be related to regional and global geopolitics. This aspect must be seen in a multidisciplinary and multidimensional manner. So this separatist aspect is not only a matter of historical experience but is also still a contemporary reality in Indonesia, for example the case of the Free Papua Movement. The issues range from demands for justice to human rights.



## **MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION STUDENTS PRESENT AT UNIVERSITI SAINS MALAYSIA**



The Department of Administrative Sciences (DAS), Faculty of Social and Political Sciences (FISIP), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) is committed to increasing student capacity in scientific development and strengthening international networks and experiences. Thus, the Master of Public Administration Program (MPA) in collaboration with the Master of Public Administration (MPA), Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM) conducted a joint colloquium on public administration at the USM campus, Penang, Malaysia which was held on Thursday, May 23rd, 2024 in the Seminar Room of the School of Social Sciences (SSS), USM Penang. This activity was attended by all lecturers and students of MPA, USM, Penang.

On this occasion, four MPA UNHAS students presented their research including Apriana and Agung Muhammad Arasy who presented their research entitled The influence of Servant Leadership on Employee Performance: A Case Study of Pinrang Regency. Next, Hilal Hamdi and Regina Samudra presented Food Security Policy and Local Development: A Case Study of Kolaka Regency. After the MPA UNHAS students presented, the MPA USM students asked the presenter questions to confirm the various issues that had been presented. In the next session, lecturer at the DAS, UNHAS, Andi Ahmad Yani, M.Si, MPA, M.Sc also presented his research regarding the application of Bugis administrative culture in increasing governance capacity. In the last session, Prof. Richard Walker, who is a professor of public management at City University of Hong Kong and a visiting professor at the SSS, USM, presented his lecture on public administration behavior in various countries.

This activity was attended by 20 MPA UNHAS students who were coordinated by Dr. Gita Susanti, M.Si (Head of MPA) and Dr. Muhammad Tang Abdullah, M.AP (Secretary of DAS) as well as Nuralamsyah Ismail, S.Sos, MA who is also a Lecturer in DAS. The MPA delegation was received by the leadership of the SSS, USM Assoc. Professor Dr. Paramjit Singh Jamr Singh (Vice Dean for Research, Innovation and Industry and Community Cooperation), Assoc. Prof. Radin Firdaus Radin Badaruddin (Head of Postgraduate Program) and Dr. Nur Ajrun Khalid (Head of the Public Administration Program). In the meeting with faculty leaders, the two institutions agreed to strengthen collaboration in the fields of research and publication as well as student and lecturer exchanges. Besides, the two institutions will collaborate in holding international conferences for postgraduate students at both universities.



## **THE FACULTY OF PUBLIC HEALTH, HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY HELD A GUEST LECTURE ABOUT "WASTEWATER MICROBIOLOGY" FROM THAILAND**



The Faculty of Public Health (FKM), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) conducted a Guest Lecture about "WasteWater Microbiology" on Tuesday, May 14th 2024. This hybrid event was held online by the Zoom platform and offline in the Prof. Nasry Noor Room FKM. It was officially opened by the Dean of FKM UNHAS, Prof. Sukri Palluturi, SKM., M.Kes., MSc.PH., Ph.D. In his welcoming speech, Prof. Sukri Palluturi highlighted the importance of knowing and managing wastewater microbiology for environmental sustainability.

Two prominent speakers, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sopa Chinwetkitvanich, an expert of Sanitary Engineering from Mahidol University, Thailand, followed by Prof. Anwar, M.Sc., Ph.D., an Indonesian expert from the same area of expertise were presented in this guest lecture. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sopa Chinwetkitvanich focused his presentation on the role of microorganisms in wastewater treatment processes, latest technological advancements in this field, as well as the importance of sustainable practices in wastewater management. In addition, Prof. Anwar, MSc., Ph.D., spoke about biotechnology innovations to improve wastewater treatment efficiency alongside the case studies on the application of microbial solutions in various countries.

About 200 participants, including lecturers, graduate students, and professionals, participated in the event. Interactive Q&A sessions after the presentations provided an opportunity for participants to discuss directly with the speakers, seeking insight into the specific challenges they face in their work and studies. Dr. Owildan Wisudawan B, as moderator, successfully facilitated a productive and informative discussion, while the MC Mrs. Marselina led the event well, ensuring the smooth running of the event.

Prof. Sukri Palluturi expressed his sincerest gratitude to the speakers and participants for their enthusiastic participation. "This guest lecture is part of our ongoing efforts to provide access for our students and lecturers to leading global expertise and encourage international collaboration in the public health area," he said. This Guest Lecture about 'Wastewater Microbiology' marked an important milestone for FKM UNHAS toward its mission to enhance academic and research excellence through international partnerships and knowledge exchange. The faculty hopes to organize more similar events to inspire and educate future public health leaders.



## **FACULTY OF VOCATIONAL STUDIES AT HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY PARTICIPATES IN THE EQUITY PROGRAM AT SHAANXI POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE, XIANYANG, CHINA**



The Faculty of Vocational Studies (FV) at Hasanuddin University, (UNHAS) the newest faculty at UNHAS, had the opportunity to send two lecturers, Nur Lisani and Rahmaniar Rahman, to Shaanxi Polytechnic Institute (SXPI) in Xianyang, China. This visit was a part of the Equity (Enhancing Quality Education for International University Recognition) program, aimed at exploring and strengthening research and academic collaboration between UNHAS and SXPI.

The two lecturers, each from different study programs within the FV, participated in separate activities relevant to their fields at SXPI. Nur Lisani, from the Tourism Destination Study Program, engaged in a series of events including a campus and facility tour at the School of Finance, Economics, and Tourism on May 20. The purpose was to learn about student success at SXPI. Ms. Lisani also attended a "Food Service and Digital Operation" class in the Tourism, Cultural, and Chinese Culture program on May 21 and participated in discussions with program management about research collaboration, student exchanges, and organizing international seminars. The SXPI faculty members were particularly impressed by UNHAS's teaching factory in Selayar Islands Regency, which features the Tamamelong tourist attraction. They expressed enthusiasm for visiting and collaborating on tourism development in the Selayar Islands, which holds historical ties to the Chinese dynasty.

On May 22nd, Ms. Lisani delivered a guest lecture on "The Importance of Cultural Uniqueness in Developing Sustainable Tourism: Introducing the Integrated Community-based Tourism (ICBT) Project." This session highlighted the importance of preserving cultural uniqueness in the face of globalization and commercialization in tourism. The ICBT project, funded by the Matching Fund *Kerjasama Dunia Usaha dan Kreasi Reka Kampus Merdeka* (Kedaireka) or Business World Cooperation and Independent Campus Design Creation 2023, aimed at integrating local tourism SMEs in village tourist destinations to boost and equalize economic benefits. The project has already been implemented in Rammang-Rammang, a prime tourist village in South Sulawesi, and is being developed for digital application across other tourist villages.





## **THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ASSOCIATION, HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY LAUNCHES "THE 1ST ISA GOES TO SCHOOL" TO ISLAMIC BOARDING SCHOOL IN TAKALAR**



The International Students Association (ISA), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) launched "The 1st ISA Goes to School (IGtS)." The event was held on Thursday, May 23rd, 2024 at Pesantren Modern Tarbiyah Takalar. Joining the school were the team of ISA consisting of Ali Amir Ellayan and Mustafa naeem Alaswad (both Palestinian Students), Abdalbari Yousef Saamk (an Indonesian student born in Saudi Arabia) and accompanied by Saaduddin, M.Sc. (International Office Task Force) who is also affiliated with the school. The IGtS aimed to motivate and encourage the students to learn more about Arabic.

The team left for Takalar at 9am Central Indonesia Time (CIT) and was warmly welcomed by the school staff. The IGtS began with introduction with the ISA team. The introduction was made to get the students closer to the team. It then continued with learning Arabic including reading passages and integrating games to facilitate the students understanding Arabic. The students seemed very active and enjoyed the session with ISA. Before leaving for Makassar, the team managed to have a school tour, particularly the students' dormitories. The team left in the afternoon and spent their time having boiled corn on their way back to Makassar. Bravo ISA!



## **THE INTERNATIONAL OFFICE, HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY WELCOMES THE GLOBAL STUDY (GO STUDY) FROM CHINA**



The International Office (IO), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) welcomed the Go Study Global Education and the representative of Chinese Invested Company (CIC) In Indonesia. The welcome ceremony was on Monday, May 27th, 2024 at the Vice Rector 4 Meeting Room, 5th Floor Rectorate Building. The visit aimed at identifying a potential cooperation on internship programs at Chinese Invested Companies existing in Indonesia. Joining the welcome ceremony were Dr. Ida Leida. M, SKM., MKM., M.ScPH (Vice Dean for Academic and Students Affairs, Faculty of Vocational Studies), Muhammad Ridwan, M.A. (IO Secretary), Zulkifly Tahir, Ph.D (Head of Sub-Directorate of International Partnership), Khaeruddin, Ph.D and Haniek Khoirunnissa, M.Sc (both IO Task Force). Meanwhile, from the Go Study, joining the meeting were Ms Jess ZHOU (International Program Associate) and Ms. Iriana Nur Falah ( General Administration) as well as Mr. YU Jian Ying (Human resource Manager of PT CCECP).

The welcome session began with the introduction from both parties and then continued to the general discussion of potential cooperation. The Go Study explained its internship program and targeted UNHAS final year students to be able to carry out internships in CIC as they would get paid internships. The discussion continued with designing the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between UNHAS-CCECP and the Go Study. In addition, Ms. Ida Leida came up with the Letter of Intent (LoI) that was signed previously long before this welcome ceremony. This was a good sign that UNHAS might proceed to the next stage in designing the MoU. The discussion was fruitful and looked forward to the next positive strategies in building cooperation between the three parties. The welcome ceremony ended with a photo session.



## **TWO PROFESSORS FROM MARINE SCIENCE AND FISHERIES HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY ATTENDED THE BAGUI OCEAN FORUM AT BEIBU GULF UNIVERSITY IN GUANGXI**



Following up on the MoU which was signed by the Rector of Hasanuddin University (Unhas) Prof. Dr. Ir. Jamaluddin Jompa and the President of Beibu Gulf University (BGU) Prof. Dr. Miao Jian. Prof. Dr. Ir. Yushinta Fujaya and Prof. Dr. Nita Rukminasari from Marine Science and Fisheries Faculty flew to Guangxi at the invitation of the Executive Vice Dean of, the College of Marine Sciences, Prof. Kwan Kit Yue to attend the “Bagui Ocean Forum” in Qinzhou City.

The Forum is a year-round seminar series organized by Guangxi Key Laboratory of Beibu Gulf Marine Biodiversity Conservation, Beibu Gulf University, which provides a platform for scientists, policymakers, industry representatives, and other stakeholders to discuss current and emerging ocean and fishery issues, and identify solutions to promote sustainable use and management of marine resources. Additionally, a discussion on potential research and collaboration will also be held within this period.

The forum was opened by Prof. Tang Gaohua, Deputy Party Secretary of BGU. This activity was attended by several university officials, such as the Director of the Science & Technology Office (Prof. Xu Youhou), the Associate Director of International Office Exchange (Ms. Liu Weiling), the Executive Vice Dean (Prof. Kwan Kit Yue), Head of International Affairs Office (Dr. Tan Kian Ann), Associate Head of International Affairs Office (Dr. Zhang Wei), Program Head of Aquaculture (Prof. Cai Xiaohui), Program Head of Marine Sciences (Dr. Chen Daigeng), and some of the postgraduate students went smoothly and warmly. At this moment, Prof. Yushinta presented “Blue Swimming Crab Industry and Aquaculture Effort for Sustainability” and Prof. Nita presented “The Role Of Microalgae in Mitigating Ocean Acidification: Understanding the Potential Of Marine Microorganisms”.

During three very productive days, Prof. Yushinta and Prof. Nita were invited to visit a commercial marine animal (seafood) hatchery research center and discuss collaboration in the future. Some programs that have the potential to be implemented immediately are Student and staff exchange, joint research and publication, including scholarships for Unhas alumni who are interested in continuing their studies into a master's program. Joint international seminars or symposiums will be held annually. The 2nd joint IPSOS (International PostGraduate Symposium) will be held in Guangxi in March next year (2025).



## **THE INTERNATIONAL OFFICE, HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY HOLDS A SERIES OF MEETINGS FOR THE 7TH INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL PROGRAM PREPARATION**



The International Office (IO), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) held a series of meetings for preparing the 7th International Cultural Program (ICP) that will be carried out in early July 2024. The aim of the meeting was to design the fixed rundown of the program. Starting with a pre-arrival orientation and continuing with a discussion of the day-to-day activity program. Representing the Head of IO, Muhammad Ridwan, M.A. (Secretary of IO) opened the meeting officially. Joining the meeting were Saaduddin, M.Sc. and Khaeruddin, Ph.D (both IO Task Force), and three IO Staff including Kumara Tungga Dewa, S.S., A. Afifah Fayyadah, S.I.Kom and Erizal Zhafran Muyazzar Edison, S.I.Kom as well as the IO Student Volunteers (Stuvo).

The meeting started with overviewing the details of ICP rundown on a daily basis . In addition, the meeting also discussed the facilitators of all sessions. According to the last year's participants' feedback, the facilitators had to engage more participants in the session. They demanded to have such a more interactive session thus they could enjoy whole classroom lectures. The meeting continued to discuss the possibility of having a dinner reception with the Mayor of Makassar City and Acting Governor of South Sulawesi. This would be a great opportunity for the officials to welcome the ICP participants coming from various countries.





## **HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY WELCOMES MONITORING AND EVALUATION TEAM OF *KEMITRAAN NEGARA BERKEMBANG* OR PARTNERSHIP OF DEVELOPING COUNTRY SCHOLARSHIP**



Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) welcomed monitoring and evaluation (Monev) team consisting of Institutional Directorate, the Ministry of Education and Culture, Research and Higher Education (*Kemedikbud Ristek Dikti*) and *Lembaga Pengelola Dana Pendidikan* (LPDP) or Indonesia endowment fund for education, on Thursday, May 30th, 2024 from 1pm Central Indonesia Time (CIT). The Monev was held at Meeting Room A 7th floor, Rectorate Building. Joining the meeting were Risma Illa Maulany, Ph.D (Directorate of Academic), representing the Vice Rector 1 for Academic and Students Affairs. In addition, several Heads of Sub-Directorate under the Directorate of Academic. Meanwhile, the International Office (IO) was represented by Muhammad Ridwan, M.A. (Secretary), Dra. Harniaty (Head Foreign Cooperation Division) and Kumara Tungga Dewa, S.S. (IO Staff).

In her opening speech, Ms. Risma emphasized her joy in welcoming the team and hoped the team would enjoy their stay in Makassar. Moreover, Ms. Risma also said that the arrival of the team did not mean to investigate the malpractice in KNB management in UNHAS but more like to improve the management of this scholarship. After the opening, the speech continued to the representative of the Institutional Directorate and LPDP. The meeting continued to hear the progress report by the IO and was followed by the report by the Language Services seeing the KNB Awardees' progress in learning *Bahasa Indonesia*. After hearing the report from IO and Language Service, the team discussed things related to the report asking for clarification from both parties.

After discussing with the management, the team continued with the KNB Awardees. The session aimed at identifying *Bahasa Indonesia's* skills and issues related to their scholarship. Generally speaking, UNHAS ongoing awardees expressed their feelings and situations during their *bahasa* preparation class. One awardee said that the second term of his class was much better as the class assigned us not only in the classroom but also outside the class. The awardees had to interview at least seven local students to practice what they got inside the class, for example asking about students' hobbies, etc. The awardees also convinced the monitoring and evaluation team that they were ready for joining the classes in the coming semester with their current *bahasa* skills. The session lasted in the late afternoon and before leaving, the team and the awardees took a photo session.



## **THREE STUDY PROGRAMS UNDERGO FOUNDATION FOR INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION ACCREDITATION PROCESS**



Three study programs at the Faculty of Cultural Sciences (FIB) at Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) underwent the international accreditation assessment stage by the Foundation for International Business Administration Accreditation (FIBAA). The opening was held on Monday, May 27th, 2024 from 2.30pm Makassar Time. In the Faculty Senate Room, 2nd Floor of the FIB Building, Tamalanrea Campus, Makassar, and was connected virtually via the zoom meeting application. The assessment lasted on Wednesday, May 29th, 2024. Those three study programs were Bachelor of Regional Languages, Bachelor of Indonesian Literature, and Master of Linguistics. The assessors involved were Prof. Dr. Andrea Dlaska (Middlesex University London), Dr. Soe-Tjen Marching (University of London), Prof. Dr. Edwin Wieringa (University of Cologne), Prof. Dr. Ali Formen (Semarang State University), Denisa Koch Erich Kästner (Comprehensive School Homberg), Janina Kofotet (University of Hamburg).

Prof. Dr. Ir. Jamaluddin Jompa, M.Sc., (Rector) in his speech welcomed the FIBAA assessors. Prof. JJ said, as an international university, UNHAS continues to improve its quality globally, with the hope of strengthening and increasing UNHAS role and contribution as an educational institution in various sectors. "Optimally, we facilitate and empower all study programs to gain national and international recognition through several strategic steps. "We do this on an ongoing basis, so that the benefits of UNHAS as a higher education institution can be felt by the entire community," explained Prof JJ.

Furthermore, Prof. JJ added that the suggestions and input given will provide insight and enrich Unhas, as well as provide encouragement to continue to improve quality. According to him, this activity is a form of effort to ensure that Unhas continues to maintain the quality of education provided. After the opening session from the University leadership, it was followed by a question and answer session from FIBAA assessors. In general, the assessors asked questions related to the learning process, infrastructure, quality assurance, and UNHAS' achievements in general.

On the second day of the assessment, the FIBAA assessment team met with student and alumni representatives from the three study programs. This meeting was to gather information on the involvement of students and alumni in the development of the three study programs. This included how they feel while continuing their studies in their respective study programs.

Then on the third day, the FIBAA assessor team met with representatives of administrative staff both at university level and at FIB. The International Office (IO) itself was represented by Muhammad Ridwan, M.A (Secretary). He revealed that when the meeting with the assessor started, the first question immediately pointed to the internationalization program related to preparing students for international exposure at UNHAS. Mr Ridwan explained comprehensively the role of IO, for example providing pre-departure training sessions for selected students in study abroad programs funded by the government through the Indonesian International Students Mobility Awards (IISMA) program. He also explained that every event such as a Public Lecture, Guest Lecture which presents foreign speakers such as the Prime Minister, Ambassadors, foreign researchers who came to UNHAS, the IO mobilized students to take part in the event.

He also explained that the presence of international students at UNHAS benefits local students through the Geography Series (G-Series) as the IO's monthly event where international students introduce their country and culture in front of local students so as to create mutually beneficial understanding. Likewise, local students could practice their foreign languages, especially English as the language of instruction. Mr Ridwan ended his explanation by saying that IO is also currently holding an online Friday Outbound Clinic (FOC) which aims to equip students, lecturers and staff with outbound program information as well as tips when implementing the outbound, including cross-cultural understanding and DOs and DON'Ts. you need to pay attention when you are in another country.

In the closing session, FIBAA suggested several strategies for the future development of these three study programs. One recommendation was to implement benchmarking to examine similar programs. This will help the three study programs refine their vision and mission, as well as highlight the unique aspects that set them apart from other programs.





MEET OUR STUVO:  
**TAMEEM NAJEM**  
FROM PALESTINE MAJORING IN MANAGEMENT

Hello there! This is me, Tameem A.K.A. "Montana" comes from a small country in the Middle East, yet one that holds great value: beloved Palestine. I have been to multiple countries so far, including Egypt, United Arab Emirate, Malaysia and Turkey before coming to beloved Indonesia. Going on such a trip around the world evolved the instinct of exploring and discovery and that was what has been driving me through life since! My contentious search for new things to learn is what fuels my motivation to improve as a person. Saying so, a chance to become a student volunteer (STUVO) for the International Office (IO). Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) arose in the horizons! And I took it without hesitation.

With a wealth of new experiences and knowledge to enrich my journey, becoming a volunteer student stands out as one of the best decisions I've made during my academic life. The IO has enhanced my sense of innovation, time management, and dedication to work, all without any pressure and with complete flexibility. Moreover, it has provided me with the opportunity to meet and interact with important guests and successful individuals, offering me valuable learning experiences.



The warm, welcoming, and familial atmosphere of the IO Stands out! Saying it from past interactions with the office team has motivated me to apply for the position. Making new, kind, and lovely friends is also one of the most important aspects of this experience. The activities we engage in, the experiences we share, and the support we offer each other all contribute to my experience and academic life. Ending the article with a quote that says, "Run towards the things that scare you, for there you will find growth, courage, and the opportunity to become the person you are meant to be.





GET ACQUAINTED WITH  
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT:

**HANGIVOLA EMYBLONDE RATNA**  
FROM MADAGASCAR



After a bit of a long pause, this issue, the International Office (IO), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) began to feature one of its international students whose name is Hangivola Emyblonde Ratna, preferably called Ratna. She was born on June 16, 1993 in Toliara, a city in Madagascar. She is a recipient of *Beasiswa Kemitraan Negara Berkembang* (KNB) or Scholarship for Developing Countries Partnership funded by *Lembaga Pengelola Dana Pendidikan* (LPDP) or Indonesia Endowment Fund for Education since 2023. She is currently focusing on improving her *Bahasa Indonesia* skill as one of the requirements from this scholarship. The IO managed to interview her in her free time while studying the language.

There were several questions proposed to her such as how she found and decided to study at UNHAS, how she feels studying here, and her vision for a better UNHAS in the future. Ratna who is currently living at International Housing (RAMSIS), UNHAS, graduated from Institut de Formation Technique (IFT) University in Fianarantsoa and majored in Informatics. After graduating, she worked as a secretary at a high school for 7 years until I finally decided to continue her studies. Please read her responses below.

When asked how she found and decided to continue her study at UNHAS, she said that she came to Indonesia to study Communication, at Master level. She found UNHAS from her friend who gave her a website and chose UNHAS. Her friend also recommended UNHAS to her as there were no students from Madagascar studying at this university. She wished to be one of the first Madagascar students here and finally enrolled at this campus. She then completed the documents to register. She added by saying that she chose UNHAS as she had longed to go abroad. She had a friend studying in this country. He told me about life in Indonesia. She searched about Indonesia on the internet and she was interested in studying here. UNHAS itself offers a unique academic program, namely communication. In her country, this field of study is hard to find. For her, this is a great opportunity because it aligns with my interests. Studying at UNHAS is a transformative experience, offering opportunities for her personal growth, independence and self-discovery.



The second question was about her feelings during her study. Despite the fact that she is currently studying *Bahasa Indonesia*, she at first was lonely and homesick. But now, she feels at home. She already has friends here, Indonesian student friends for sure. They often take her for walks in Makassar city and try traditional Makassar food. There are lots of choices to enjoy Makassar cuisine and drinks. She has made friends not only with international students but also local students. She feels happy with that.



Finally, she was asked about her vision for a better UNHAS in the future. She responded by saying a simple thing namely seeing more international students studying here. Indeed, the numbers of students may not yet meet her expectations. However, keep in mind Ratna, UNHAS has been working on increasing the number and the day with huge numbers will come. As you are a KNB scholarship recipient, UNHAS will get more KNB students in the future for sure. She ended her responses and the IO wishes her the best in her study.





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