

### STRENGTHENING TIES: HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY AND UNIVERSITI MALAYA DISCUSS JOINT VENTURES



The Rector of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), Prof. Jamaluddin Jompa, widely known as Prof. JJ, led a delegation to Universiti Malaya, Malaysia, on Friday, August 23rd, 2024. During this visit, Prof. JJ met with the Vice Chancellor of Universiti Malaya, Professor Dato' Seri Ir. Dr. Noor Azuan Abu Osman, to discuss a broad range of collaborative opportunities. The discussions focused on areas of mutual interest, with a particular emphasis on research and the field of medicine. Both leaders expressed their enthusiasm for the future, recognizing the potential for close collaboration that could significantly benefit both institutions.

In addition to research and medicine, the talks also highlighted the possibility of securing matching grants and developing joint projects that would engage students and academicians from both universities. Both parties were eager to explore these opportunities further, recognizing the immense benefits that such collaborations could bring. The Vice Chancellor emphasized that UNHAS remains a vital player in various academic and research fields, and is committed to strengthening its relations with Universiti Malaya, ensuring that this partnership continues to grow and thrive in the years to come.







## INTERNATIONAL OFFICE WELCOMES SIXTEEN NEW STUDENT VOLUNTEERS WITH ORIENTATION AND CAMARADERIE



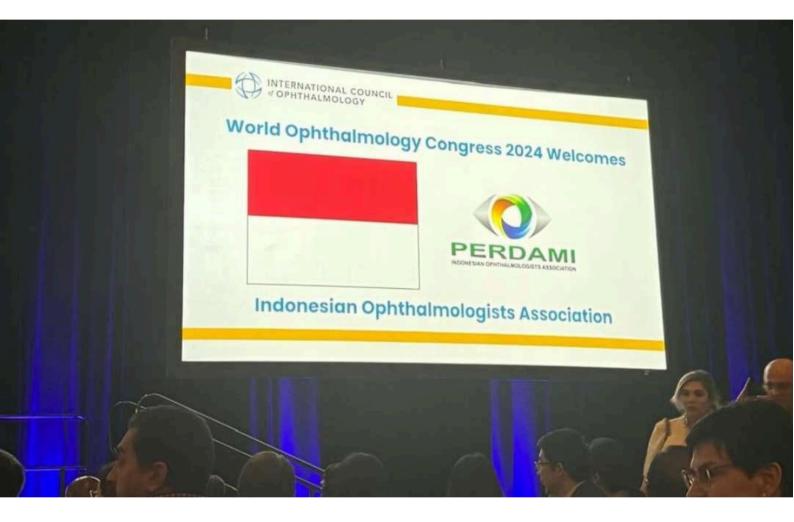
On Monday, August 26th, 2024, the International Office (IO) warmly welcomed 16 new Student Volunteers, commonly referred to as Stuvo, into their ranks. The welcome session took place at the IO office and was led by Andi Masyitha Irwan, Ph.D., who is affectionately known as Mrs. Citha. This event marked the beginning of the new volunteers' journey within the IO, providing them with a clear understanding of their roles and responsibilities.

During the session, all IO staff members introduced themselves, fostering a sense of community and support among the team. Mrs. Citha provided essential guidance on the DOs and DON'Ts for the new volunteers, ensuring they understood the importance of their positions. She highlighted that the front office is the designated area for Stuvo, where they are expected to engage with office matters and collaborate with fellow volunteers on duty. Additionally, it was emphasized that the Stuvo will undergo a three-month probation period, after which the IO will assess their performance to determine who will continue with a one-year term of service as Stuvo. In contrast, the back office is reserved exclusively for the IO management staff, underscoring the need for a professional environment.

The welcome session concluded on a positive note with a shared lunch, allowing the new volunteers and IO staff to interact informally and build camaraderie. This gathering not only served as an orientation but also as an opportunity for the Stuvo members to feel valued and integrated into the IO team from the very beginning.



# HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL DEAN PRESENTS GROUNDBREAKING RESEARCH AT WORLD OPHTHALMOLOGY CONGRESS IN VANCOUVER



Prof. dr. Budu, Ph.D., SpM(K)., M.Med.Ed, (Dean of Hasanuddin University Graduate School), represented his institution on an international stage by presenting his research at the prestigious 39th World Ophthalmology Congress, held from August 16th-19th, 2024, in Vancouver, Canada. This event, organized by the International Council of Ophthalmology (ICO), brought together top professionals from 188 countries, all focused on advancing the field of ophthalmology. The congress was known for addressing the most current issues in optical health, covering a wide array of subspecializations and showcasing the latest research developments.

During the congress, Prof. Budu delivered a compelling presentation titled "Patient Perception about Diabetic Retinopathy" in the session dedicated to Diabetic Eye Disease. His paper explored the insights and concerns of patients dealing with this condition, a critical topic given the global rise in diabetes and its complications. Budu's work contributed valuable perspectives to the discussions, highlighting the importance of understanding patient experiences in managing and preventing the progression of diabetic retinopathy.

The congress not only provided a platform for academic exchange but also coincided with Indonesia's 79th Independence Day. Despite being far from home, Prof. Budu found a way to honor this significant national celebration while attending the event in Vancouver. His participation in the congress and his acknowledgment of Indonesia's Independence Day underscored his dual commitment to both his country and the global medical community.



# ENHANCING INFECTION MANAGEMENT: HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL'S INSIGHTFUL VISIT TO SAMSUNG MEDICAL CENTER, SOUTH KOREA



On August 22nd, 2024, a delegation from Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) Hospital visited Samsung Medical Center (SMC) in Seoul, South Korea and participated in a workshop conducted specifically for this delegation. The workshop focused on the integration of teaching hospitals in infection patient care. This workshop represented a valuable opportunity for UNHAS Hospital to learn various best practices and the latest innovations in infection management implemented at SMC, which is known as one of the leading hospitals in this field. This workshop was funded by the EURO Grant project. It was awarded by the European Union due to UNHAS Hospital's success in managing the *Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau* (KfW) Loan from Germany. The management of this project is carried out by the Project Implementation Unit (PIU) of UNHAS Hospital, led by the President Director of UNHAS Hospital, Prof. Dr. Andi Muhammad Ichsan, Ph.D., Sp. M (K), with the Project Implementing Agency (PIA) from UNHAS and the Project Executing Agency (PEA) from the Ministry of Education and Culture.

The delegation from UNHAS Hospital consists of several experienced and competent healthcare professionals namely Dr. Irwandy, S.KM., M.Kes., M.Sc.PH, The Director of Finance, Marketing and General affairs; Dr. Abdul Azis, Sp.U., Subsp.Onk, who serves as the Director of Medical Services and Medical support, He is also a medical specialist in urology and oncology. Dr. Rosyidah Arafat, S. Kep, Ns., M. Kep, Sp. Keb. MB who serves as the Director of Nursing and Non-Medical Support, Dr. dr. Risna Halim Mubin, SpPD, KPTI, a medical specialist in internal Diseases specifically Infectious Diseases and Dr. Nur Arifah, S.KM., MA, who serves as the Human Resources Manager in UNHAS Hospital. Together with them, several heads of units also participated in the workshop.

The delegation was welcomed by Ms Ye Young Kim, The Head of International Relation Department. The workshop was began with a general overview about Samsung Medical Center which was delivered by Ms Ye Young Kim herself, then followed by Professor Jiwoon Kim, Deputy Director of the Office of Education & Human Resources Department (HRD) who provided insights on SMC's S-Track program, organizational culture, and leadership training. Furthermore, Professor Sun-Young Cho, Chief of the Infection Control Office, gave a presentation on the SMC's infection control system and response strategies.

After the presentations, the delegation toured various facilities, including the Diagnostic Haematology Laboratory, Molecular Genetics Laboratory, Surgical Skill Training Room, and the Robotic Logistics Centre. The workshop covered mechanisms and procedures for infection prevention, which were vital for reducing the risk of infection transmission within the hospital environment. Additionally, it discussed the supporting equipment used in infection patient care, including the latest technology and medical tools specifically designed to enhance the effectiveness of infection prevention and treatment.

SMC is known for its exemplary infection control programs. These include infection control team training aimed at enhancing the skills and knowledge of medical staff in preventing and managing infections. Furthermore, they have a clinical simulation center that allows medical professionals to practice in scenarios that closely mimic real-life conditions, thus improving their readiness and response to infection cases. The educational content development program at Samsung Hospital also serves to update the knowledge and skills of medical staff regarding the latest practices in infection patient care.

During this visit, the delegation from UNHAS Hospital not only gained insights about the practices and programs implemented at SMC, but also received valuable general information about how SMC operates. This included the organizational strategies employed to achieve hospital goals, the organizational culture that supports staff performance and engagement, and the innovative programs available at the hospital. These information were crucial for providing a clearer picture of how SMC manages and enhances the quality of infection patient care.

It was expected that UNHAS Hospital would be able to implement similar programs as those at SMC. By adopting best practices and innovations that had been proven effective at Samsung Medical Center. The implementation of these programs will contribute to enhanced patient safety, reduced infection risks, and overall improvement in medical service quality at UNHAS Hospital.





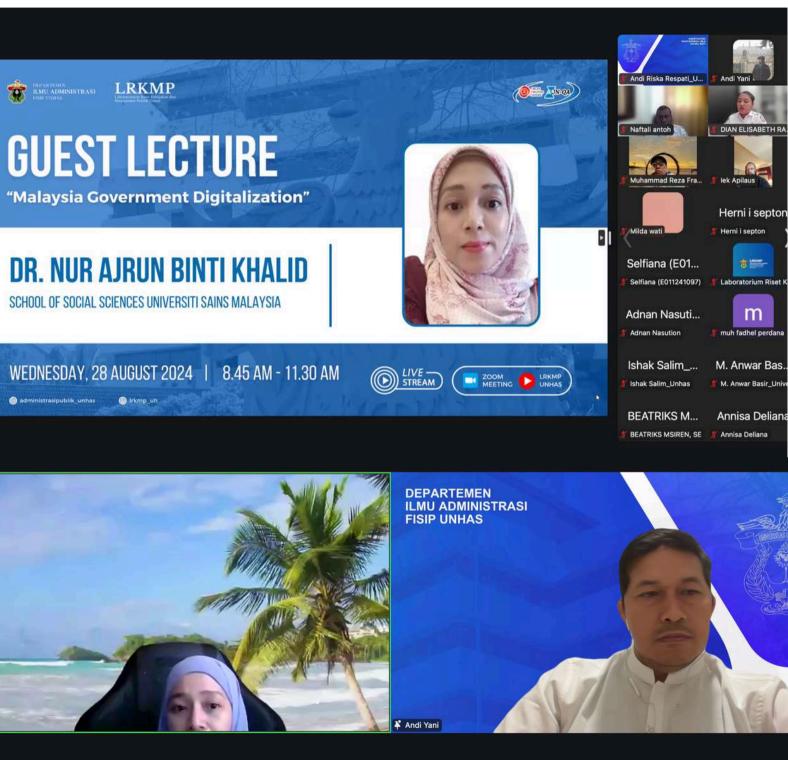
# MALAYSIA'S DIGITAL GOVERNANCE TRANSFORMATION HIGHLIGHTED IN HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY PUBLIC LECTURE



The Department of Administrative Sciences, Faculty of Social and Political Sciences (FISIP) Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) kicked off the academic year 2024/2025 with a public lecture through Zoom on Wednesday, August 28th, 2024 from 9-11am Makassar time focusing on the digitalization of governance, highlighting Malaysia's experience. Organized by *Laboratorium Riset Kebijakan dan Manajemen Publik* (LRKMP) or Public Policy and Management Research Laboratory, the event featured Dr. Nur Ajrun Khalid from Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM) as the keynote speaker. During the lecture, Dr. Ajrun detailed Malaysia's significant strides in digital government transformation, including the establishment of the Malaysian Administrative Modernisation and Management Planning Unit (MAMPU), which spearheads the digitalization efforts across various sectors. He also discussed Malaysia's strategic use of advanced technologies like Artificial Intelligence (AI), Blockchain, and robotics to enhance public service efficiency and responsiveness.

In his presentation, Dr. Ajrun noted that Malaysia ranked 42nd globally in digitalization and open government according to the United Nations in 2020. Despite this achievement, he acknowledged the challenges Malaysia faces, such as uneven digital literacy, limited internet access in remote areas, and cybersecurity concerns. The lecture was followed by an engaging Q&A session, where participants, including students and researchers from UNHAS and other universities, explored comparisons between Malaysia and Indonesia's digital governance and discussed the potential opportunities and challenges both countries face in implementing new technologies.

Prof. Dr. Alwi, (Chair of the Department of Administrative Sciences), emphasized the importance of such lectures in offering students a global perspective, crucial for understanding public governance in the digital era. He highlighted that inviting international experts is a routine practice to inspire students, especially those returning from semester breaks or just beginning their studies at UNHAS. Dr. Muhammad Tang Abdullah, (Secretary of the Department), expressed hopes that the event would open doors for collaborative research with international partners, contributing significantly to the development of public administration sciences.





#### HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY'S DENTISTRY STUDENTS EMBARK ON INTERNATIONAL ENRICHMENT PROGRAM TO JAPAN, MALAYSIA, AND TAIWAN



The 2024 Enrichment Program for the International Class students of the Faculty of Dentistry (FKG), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) is in full swing, marking a significant milestone in the students' academic journey. This year, 23 students are participating in the mandatory program, which involves immersive experiences at prestigious universities across Asia. These institutions included the School of Dentistry at Okayama University, the Health Sciences University of Hokkaido, both from Japan, the College of Oral Medicine at Taipei Medical University, Taiwan, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM), Universiti Malaya (UM, both from Malaysia, and Niigata University. Each destination offered a unique learning environment, allowing the students to gain invaluable international exposure and broaden their understanding of global dental practices.

Among the participating students, four of UNHAS's brightest from the Faculty of Dentistry were selected to join the program at Niigata University, Japan. These students—Ligarbhanu Tunggadewa Erwansyah, Hendra Suka Pratama, Muhammad Izzahnul Islam Bahri, and Muhammad Daffa Ghanialghifary Daud—will engage in a variety of academic and practical activities designed to enhance their skills and knowledge in dentistry. From August 19th to September 6th, 2024, they will participate in lectures, laboratory observations, and dental health education sessions. Moreover, they will collaborate with other international students, including those from Indonesia, as well as Japanese students, creating an environment of cultural exchange and professional development.

The Enrichment Program at Niigata University is particularly noteworthy for its focus on hands-on learning and cross-cultural interaction. The selected students will not only observe cutting-edge dental practices but also actively engage in educational activities that promote collaborative learning. This experience is expected to significantly contribute to their academic and professional growth, providing them with the tools and insights needed to excel in their future careers.

This program underscores UNHAS's commitment to fostering global competencies among its students, ensuring they are well-prepared to meet the demands of the increasingly interconnected world of healthcare. By participating in this program, the students are set to return with enhanced knowledge, enriched perspectives, and a deeper appreciation for the diverse approaches to dentistry practiced around the world.





#### FLUENT IN BAHASA INDONESIA, BURKINA FASO'S ASSANE ENGAGES AUDIENCE IN UNHAS GEOGRAPHY SERIES



Assane, an international student from Burkina Faso. The session began with the presentation of the Burkina Faso National Anthem, setting a respectful and engaging tone for the event. The event continued with a welcome remark. Muhammad Ridwan, M.A. International Office (IO) Secretary, delivered the welcome remarks, expressing his appreciation for the presence of both local and international students at this event. He highlighted the G-Series as an excellent platform for local students to practice their foreign language skills, including English, Arabic, and Japanese, etc.

Mr. Assane's presentation was both informative and captivating. He started by explaining the significance of Burkina Faso's national flag, then seamlessly transitioned to various statistical data, including population, religion, culinary traditions, and tourism destinations. What made this G-Series session particularly remarkable was Assane's fluency in *Bahasa Indonesia*, which he used throughout his entire presentation, much to the audience's delight.

To conclude his presentation, Mr. Assane expressed his gratitude to the IO and the audience in both his native language and Bahasa Indonesia. He engaged the attendees by posing three questions related to his presentation, offering prizes to those who could answer correctly at the upcoming 2nd International Student Festival (ISF). This interactive element added a fun spirit to the session, leaving a lasting impression on all who participated. The event was also joined by the IO team including Saaduddin, M.Sc. (Io Task Force), A. Afifah Fayyadhah, S.I.Kom, Erizal Zhafran Muyazzar Edsion, S.I.Kom (IO Media), Cahya Aulia Ramdani, S.I.Kom (IO Intern) and IO student volunteers. The G-Series was moderated by one of the IO volunteers called.







### NAVIGATING YOUR AMERICAN DREAM: INSIGHTS FROM THE FRIDAY OUTBOUND CLINIC ON STUDYING IN THE USA



The Friday Outbound Clinic (FOC) held by the International Office (IO) on August 30th, 2024, featured an insightful session led by Muhammad Arham, a Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) graduate in English Literature. Arham, who has pursued diverse academic experiences across the globe, shared his journey and offered practical advice for those aspiring to study in the USA. Having completed a non-degree program at Virginia Community College under a Fulbright scholarship and currently advancing his studies with a Master's degree at the University of Melbourne through the Australian Awards Scholarship (AAS), Arham brought a wealth of experience to the discussion. His presentation went beyond just the logistics of studying abroad; he emphasized the importance of English language preparation, providing valuable tips for mastering English as a second language.

Moderated by Khaeruddin, Ph.D. (IO Task Force), the session was also attended by Muhammad Ridwan, M.A. (IO Secretary), and Kumara Tungga Dewa, S.S. (IO Mobility Staff). The event, which attracted around 100 participants via Zoom, highlighted essential strategies for academic success in the USA, offering both motivational insights and practical guidance. The FOC session, running from 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm Makassar time, proved to be an engaging and informative experience for the participants, many of whom are likely considering similar educational paths.





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