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## **CELEBRATING CULTURES: THE 2ND INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS FESTIVAL UNITES DIVERSITY**



The 2nd International Students Festival (ISF) on *"Uniting Global Culture in One Celebration,"* was held as part of the 68th anniversary of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) on Sunday, September 15, 2024. This event started from 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM Makassar time. Organized by the International Office (IO) of UNHAS, the event aimed to celebrate cultural diversity and foster international collaboration among students. This year's ISF attracted more than 800 spectators, including members of the UNHAS academic community, local residents, and the parents of local students, all united in a vibrant showcase of global traditions.

The festival commenced with a series of opening remarks delivered by key representatives. Dr. Andi Masyitha Irwan (Head of IO) commonly called Mrs. Citha, welcomed everyone to the event, emphasizing the importance of international student integration and cultural exchange. Dr. Mardi Adi Armin (Vice Dean for Academic and Student Affairs at the Faculty of Cultural Sciences (FIB), also spoke on behalf of the 68th UNHAS Anniversary committee), reflecting on the university's commitment to internationalization. Ali Amer Ellayan, a representative of the International Students Association (ISA), expressed his appreciation for the platform given to showcase their cultures. Finally, Prof. Sumbangan Baja, M.Phil., UNHAS Secretary, officially opened the festival, setting a celebratory tone for the day.



One of the highlights of the festival was the diverse range of booths representing the home countries of international students. A total of 17 booths were set up, showcasing cultures from countries such as Jordan, Yemen, Palestine, Nigeria, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Honduras, Timor Leste, Madagascar, and Burkina Faso. Alongside these booths were international corners representing Japan, Mandarin, German, Australian (Aussie Banget), French (Warung Perancis), and Korean cultures. The Education USA and International Office also set up booths to provide information and guidance on international study opportunities.

The culinary aspect of the ISF added a rich layer of cultural experience. Each booth offered traditional foods and drinks, giving spectators a taste of the international students' diverse culinary traditions. Visitors enjoyed delicacies ranging from Middle Eastern dishes to African beverages, creating a vibrant atmosphere that allowed everyone to appreciate the rich tapestry of cultures represented at the university. In addition to the booths, the ISF featured stage performances that enlivened the event. The Japanese Consulate in Makassar participated, with the Consul himself performing two Japanese songs, drawing the attention of many spectators. Performances by students from various cultural corners also entertained the audience, with dances and songs from countries like Korea and China and Japan, making the event an enjoyable and interactive celebration of cultural diversity.





After the opening ceremony, the IO awarded certificates of participation to the international students and booth representatives. All participants were invited to the stage to receive their certificates, acknowledging their efforts in making the 2nd ISF a success. This gesture highlighted the significance of the contributions made by each participant in promoting international understanding and collaboration.

With numbers of spectators mentioned earlier, the 2nd ISF was a resounding success. It served not only as a platform for cultural exchange but also as an opportunity for the university's academic community and the local public to interact with international students and learn about their unique traditions. The ISF continues to be an important part of UNHAS's internationalization efforts, strengthening ties between the university's diverse student body and the broader community. Mrs Citha expressed heartfelt gratitude to all the international students, cultural corners, and performers for their enthusiastic participation. She also extended her thanks to the IO staff and student volunteers for their dedicated efforts in making the festival a success, emphasizing that the event's success was a result of their hard work and commitment to celebrating global unity. A special note of appreciation was extended to the three student volunteers who served as Masters of Ceremony: Al, Tata, and Manda. Their energy, professionalism, and skill in driving the event ensured its smooth flow and kept the audience engaged throughout the day.









## **EMPOWERING GLOBAL MOBILITY: IISMA PROGRAM TAKES CENTER STAGE AT HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY**



The International Office (IO), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) conducted a series of info sessions for the 2025 Indonesian International Students Mobility Award (IISMA) from Monday to Thursday, September 9-12, 2024. The sessions targeted students from the 2022 to 2024 batches, focusing on their preparation to apply for IISMA. The IO Dream Team, including the Head, Secretary, Task Forces, and staff, delivered the presentations, and IISMA alumni participated to share their experiences and best practices whenever their schedules permitted.

The info sessions kicked off on Monday with presentations at the Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences (MIPA) and the Faculty of Social and Political Sciences (FISIP). On Tuesday, the sessions continued at the Faculty of Cultural Sciences (FIB), Faculty of Marine Sciences and Fisheries (FIKP), Faculty of Agriculture (Faperta), Faculty of Animal Sciences (Fapet), and Faculty of Law (FH). On Wednesday, the team visited the Faculty of Dentistry (FKG), Faculty of Medicine, Faculty of Forestry, and Faculty of Nursing. Finally, the series wrapped up on Thursday at the Faculty of Pharmacy (Farmasi), Faculty of Vocational Studies (Vokasi), Faculty of Public Health (FKM), Faculty of Economics and Business (FEB), and Faculty of Engineering (FT).



During each session, the IO team elaborated the IISMA program, while IISMA alumni shared their inspiring experiences, offering students valuable insights into the program. This helped motivate students from the 2022, 2023, and 2024 batches to consider applying in the future. Although the 2024 batch is not yet eligible to apply, they were encouraged to attend so they could prepare themselves for future participation in IISMA when the registration period opens for them.

Each session concluded with a (Question & Answer (Q&A), where students had the opportunity to ask detailed questions about the program, followed by a photo session and expressions of gratitude from the IO to the host faculties.

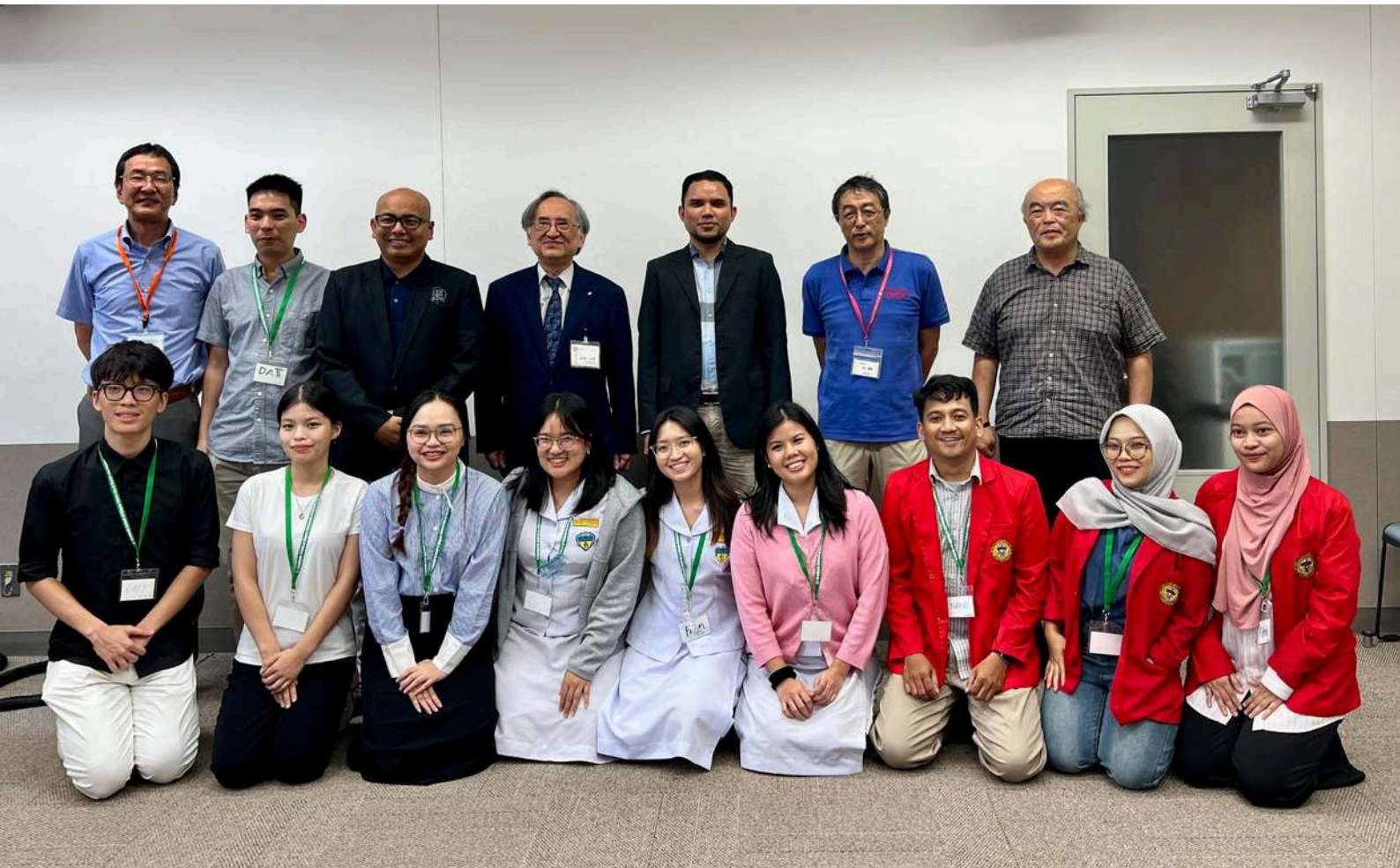








## FOSTERING GLOBAL COLLABORATION: FACULTY OF NURSING, JOINS INTERNATIONAL HEALTH AND WELFARE EXCHANGE IN JAPAN



The Faculty of Nursing (FKep), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), successfully participated in an International exchange program titled **“Enhancing the Attractiveness of Niigata Prefecture through Human Resource Development in Health, Medical Care, and Welfare”**. The event was organized by Niigata University of Health and Welfare (NUHW), Japan, from Monday, February 2, 2024, to Friday, February 6, 2024.

The faculty was represented by three students and one lecturer, who engaged in knowledge exchange with participants from other institutions, including the University of Santo Tomas (UST), Philippines, and Hai Duong Medical Technical University (HMTU), Vietnam. Throughout the program, participants attended lectures covering topics such as “Japan's Medical Insurance System and Long-Term Care Insurance System,” “Rehabilitation and Nutrition,” “New Technologies for Movement Analysis,” “Types and Supply of Prosthetics Orthotics and Assistive Devices,” and “Understanding Dementia” as well as “Prevention of Anterior Cruciate Ligament Injury of the Knee with Biomechanics.”



In addition to classroom learning, participants toured health facilities, including Niigata Rehabilitation Hospital and the Nursing Care Facility “Sakurai no Sato.” They were also introduced to aspects of Japanese culture such as language, calligraphy, food, and visits to historical sites. As part of the cultural exchange, the participants from each country presented about their respective cultures to local elementary school students.

On the final day, each country delivered presentations reflecting the new knowledge and experiences they gained during their time in Japan. The program concluded with a formal certificate handover by the Rector of NUHW, Masatoyo Nishizawa, MD, Ph.D., to all participants.





## STRENGTHENING ACADEMIC COLLABORATION: PUBLIC LECTURE ON RESEARCH PROPOSAL METHODS AT UNHAS



On Friday, September 13, 2024, Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) hosted a Public Lecture (PL) on "*How to Find the Method for Research Proposal*," featuring Dr. G.A. (Gerben) Moerman, a Senior Lecturer in Social Research Methodology from the Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences, University of Amsterdam. The event took place at Ahmad Amiruddin Hall, Faculty of Medicine (FK), and it was led by Khaeruddin, Ph.D (International office task force). This event has attracted around 150 participants across faculties, including students, lecturers, and other members of the UNHAS academic community. The lecture was part of a continuing effort by the International Office (IO) to facilitate academic growth and international collaboration at the university.

The PL was officially opened by Prof. drg. Muhammad Ruslin, Vice Rector for Academic and Student Affairs at UNHAS, who shared his personal experiences from his academic journey in the Netherlands. Prof. Ruslin emphasized the importance of international academic exchanges and how they can inspire both students and faculty to strive for excellence in their research endeavors. His presence throughout the session signaled the university's strong support for international academic collaboration and knowledge sharing.



During the lecture, Dr. Gerben Moerman offered valuable insights into selecting appropriate research methods for proposals, providing students and faculty with practical guidance on improving their research skills. His approach was well-received by participants, who engaged actively in the discussion, reflecting the growing interest in enhancing research quality within the university. Dr. Moerman's expertise in social research methodology resonated particularly with those interested in interdisciplinary research, making the event both informative and impactful.

Following the PL, the IO hosted a dinner reception in honor of Dr. Moerman. IO staff accompanied him, fostering mutual understanding and strengthening ties between Hasanuddin University and the University of Amsterdam. This event was not only an opportunity to learn from an international expert but also to reinforce the ongoing academic relationship between the two universities, with the potential for future collaborative projects.





## **STRENGTHENING INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION: HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY'S NURSING FACULTY VISITS KANAZAWA UNIVERSITY**



On September 3 and 4, 2024, two distinguished members of the Faculty of Nursing (FKep), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), Dr. Andi Masyitha Irwan and Dr. Syahrul, visited the Graduate School of Health Sciences at Kanazawa University, Japan. This visit aimed to enhance the academic partnership between the two institutions, focusing on student exchange programs and collaborative research.

During the meeting on September 3, Dr. Irwan engaged in discussions with Prof. Mayumi Kato and Dr. Miho Shogeki to evaluate the success of the 2024 student exchange program between Hasanuddin University and Kanazawa University. From July 14 to 29, 2024, two undergraduate nursing students from UNHAS participated in this exchange program, which was funded by the Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO) and Hasanuddin University. The program provided students with academic lectures, clinical exposure, and cultural immersion activities, and it included nursing students from both Kanazawa University and Taiwan Medical University. As part of a reciprocal exchange, a student from Kanazawa University is scheduled to visit Hasanuddin University in early March 2025 for a similar training experience.



The meeting also addressed the planning for the upcoming 2025 exchange program, with a particular focus on improving the overall structure of the collaboration. In addition to the student exchange program, the discussion covered potential visiting lectures and initial research collaborations between the institutions. On the following day, the UNHAS team met with two prominent professors from Kanazawa University: Prof. Makoto Oe, an expert in Chronic Care and Wound Management Nursing, and Prof. Akiko Tsuda, a specialist in Pediatric Nursing. Both professors are set to deliver guest lectures to undergraduate and postgraduate nursing students at Hasanuddin University, further enriching the academic experience for the students. This courtesy visit has deepened the academic ties between Hasanuddin University and Kanazawa University, fostering opportunities for continued cooperation in nursing education and research.





## UNHAS WELCOMES NEW KNB SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES FROM DIVERSE COUNTRIES



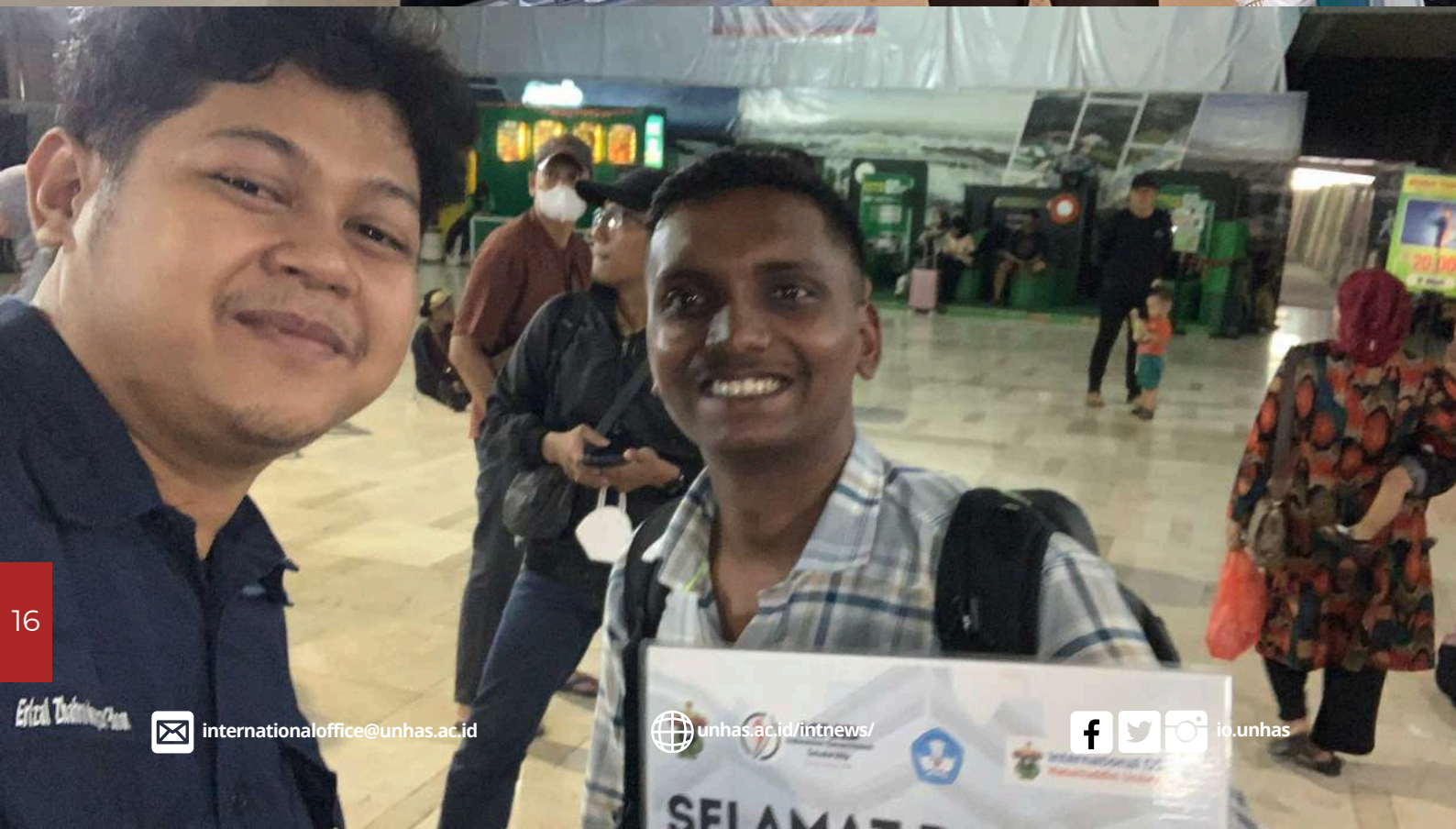
The International Office (IO), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) recently welcomed eight awardees of the *Kemitraan Negara Berkembang* (KNB) or Partnership of Developing Countries scholarship program, who arrived in Makassar over three different flights. This prestigious Indonesian government scholarship is aimed at students from developing countries, offering opportunities for them to pursue higher education in Indonesia. The awardees hailed from countries including Pakistan, Botswana, Yemen, India, and Madagascar, reflecting the diverse international community at UNHAS.

The first group of arrivals consisted of three students from Pakistan and one from Botswana, followed by a second group from Yemen and India. The final arrival was a student from Madagascar. Of the eight awardees, two will pursue undergraduate programs, one student is enrolled in doctoral program, and the remaining five are set to embark on master's studies. Upon arrival, they were warmly greeted by the IO staff, accompanied by dedicated student volunteers who assisted in picking them up from the airport and ensuring a smooth transition to their new dormitory accommodations.



As part of their initial orientation, the IO conducted a short post-arrival briefing, aimed at helping the new students adjust during their first week in Makassar. This session covered essential matters, such as setting up local bank accounts and practical tips for navigating daily life in a new environment. To ensure their smooth integration, the KNB awardees will participate in the *Bahasa Indonesia untuk Penutur Asing* (BIPA) or Indonesian Language Program for Non-Native Speakers by UNHAS Language Services, which will equip them with the necessary language skills to thrive in their academic and social life at UNHAS.

The arrival of these new KNB scholars is a testament to UNHAS's ongoing commitment to fostering international collaboration and academic excellence, as the university continues to provide opportunities for students from around the world to engage in high-quality education in Indonesia.





## DISTINGUISHED FACULTY OF NURSING MEMBER DELIVERS LECTURE ON INDOONESIAN HEALTHCARE AT SEIREI CHRISTOPHER UNIVERSITY, JAPAN



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**CULTURAL AWARENESS AND HEALTH SYSTEM IN INDONESIA**

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Associate Professor, Faculty of Nursing, Hasanuddin University, Indonesia

Presented at  
**Seirei Christopher University, Japan**  
September 6, 2024

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On September 6, 2024, Dr. Andi Masyitha Irwan, a member of the Faculty of Nursing (FKep) at Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), delivered an online public lecture to students of the International Healthcare and Welfare Program at Seirei Christopher University (SCU), Japan. This lecture followed a visit by the President of Seirei Christopher University, Prof. Shohei Ohgi, and his team to UNHAS, during which a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed with UNHAS Rector, Prof. Jamaluddin, and a series of lectures were given to UNHAS nursing students.

The lecture, titled *Cultural Awareness and the Health System in Indonesia*, was organized by the International Education and Scholar Services of SCU and lasted for approximately 45 minutes. Dr. Irwan provided insights into Indonesia's healthcare system, emphasizing the importance of cultural awareness in delivering health services. Following the lecture, Dr. Irwan engaged in a lively Q&A session, fielding questions from faculty members and students, particularly about the differences in healthcare and welfare systems between Japan and Indonesia.

This exchange of lectures between the two universities is part of a broader effort to foster mutual understanding of diverse healthcare systems, enabling students from both institutions to gain a deeper appreciation of global health service variations.



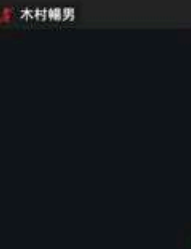


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