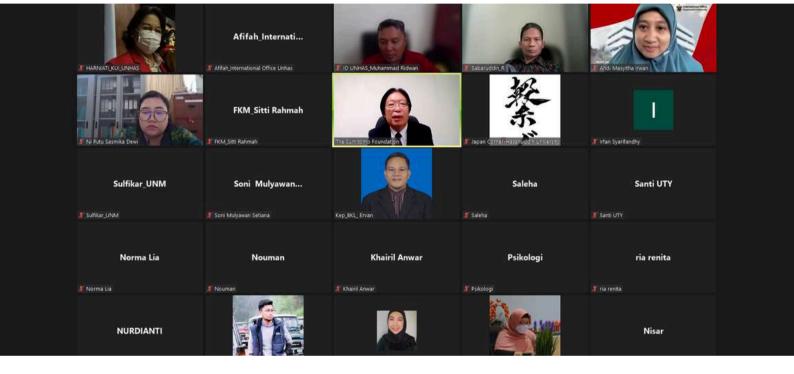




UNLOCKING OPPORTUNITIES: SUMITOMO FOUNDATION GRANT INFO SESSION AT HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY

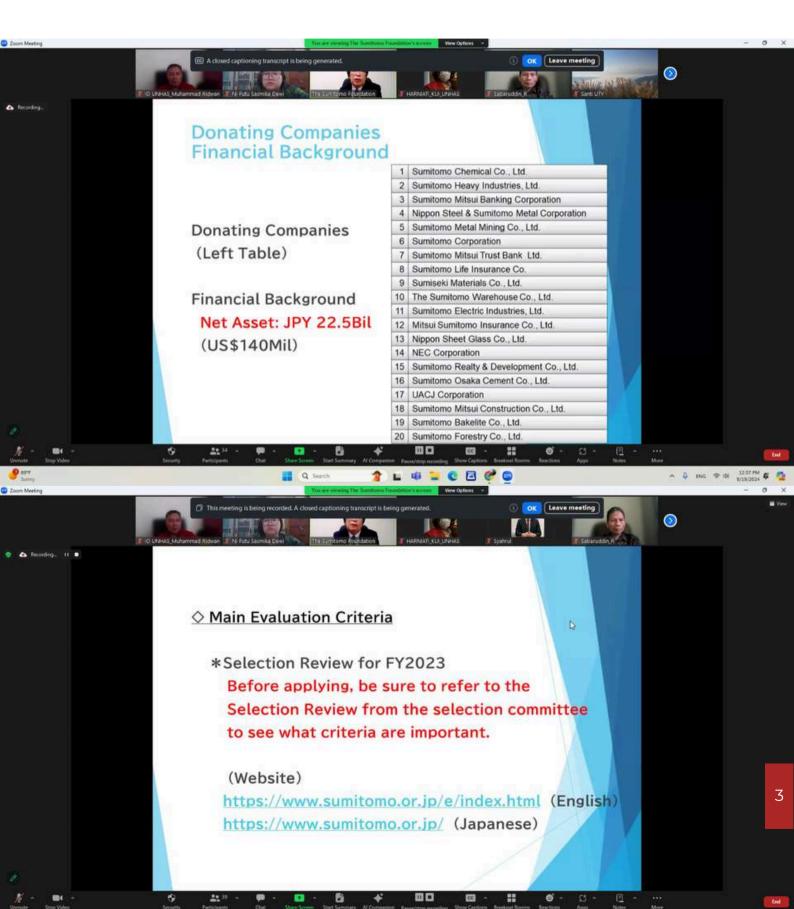


On Thursday, September 19th, 2024, the International Office (IO) of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), in collaboration with Japan Corner, UNHAS, and the Association of Japanese Studies of Indonesia, hosted a webinar featuring an information session on the Sumitomo Foundation (SF) research grant. The session was led by Mr. Kemichi Hamaya, Program Assistant of the Sumitomo Foundation, who provided valuable insights into the research grant opportunities available for Indonesian researchers and non-Japanese researchers in general.

In her opening remarks, Dr. Andi Masyitha Irwan, Head of the IO at UNHAS, expressed her sincere gratitude to Mr. Hamaya for sharing this important information with the audience. She also encouraged participants to engage with enthusiasm and take advantage of the opportunities presented. Meanwhile, Mr. Hamaya began by introducing the Sumitomo Foundation and its mission, before diving into the details of the research grants, explaining the application process, eligibility criteria, and the types of research projects supported.

Moderated by Muhammad Ridwan, M.A., Secretary of the IO, the webinar encouraged active participation from the audience. Mr. Ridwan facilitated a lively Question & Answer (Q&A) session where attendees had the chance to ask questions and clarify their doubts directly with Mr. Hamaya. The event attracted around 100 participants from various regions across Indonesia, demonstrating a strong interest in the grant opportunities and fostering a connection between Indonesian researchers and the Sumitomo Foundation.

In addition to the main presentation, Dr. Meta Puji Sekar Astuti, Managing Coordinator of Japan Corner at UNHAS, shared her inspiring experience of being a two-time recipient of the Sumitomo Foundation research grant. She outlined the best practices that helped her secure the grant, offering valuable tips on preparing a strong proposal, aligning research objectives with the foundation's priorities, and maintaining clear communication with the funders. Dr. Meta's insights deeply resonated with the audience, motivating many to pursue similar opportunities. She also generously offered her time to further discuss the grant application process with members of the UNHAS academic community, providing personalized guidance to those interested in applying.





MID-TERM AUTUMN FESTIVAL: EMBRACING TRADITION IN THE MANDARIN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE STUDY PROGRAM



The *Pusat Bahasa Mandarin* (PBM) or Mandarin Language Center, Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) once again celebrated the Mid-Autumn Festival, commonly known as the Mooncake Festival, on Thursday, September 19th, 2024. The festival, attended by several prominent figures from UNHAS, featured a series of performances, including a Chinese Choir, Taichi, Chinese Dance, a fashion show, and more.

During this year's festival, the Chinese Choir performed two songs, 月亮圆,来团圆 (yuè liàng yuán, lái tuán yuan – "Full Moon Reunion") and 哎哟妈妈 (Āiyō māmā), which captivated the audience's attention. Additionally, the dance performance received enthusiastic cheers and applause from the spectators for its beautiful and mesmerizing presentation. Another performance that caught the audience's interest was Taichi. The Center provided several Taichi outfits for those in the audience who wanted to try this traditional Chinese martial art. Many were eager to wear the costumes and learn more about Taichi.

In addition to these three performances, a fashion show was held, showcasing a variety of traditional Chinese attire, such as qipao, men's hanfu, women's hanfu, and more. The event concluded with a quiz session, featuring questions about the Mooncake Festival and other traditional Chinese festivals, sparking a competitive spirit among the audience. The excitement and joy of the Mooncake Festival were captured in several photos.





LANGUAGE CENTER WELCOMES KNB SCHOLARS WITH BIPA PROGRAM KICKOFF



The *Bahasa Indonesia untuk Penutur Asing* (BIPA), or Indonesian Language Program for Non-Native Speakers, was officially opened on Thursday, September 19th, 2024, at 9am Makassar time, at the Language Center (LC) Auditorium, Hasanuddin University (UNHAS). In her opening remarks, Herawaty Abbas, Ph.D., (Head of the LC), expressed her gratitude to the Vice Rector for Academic and Student Affairs for the continued support of the center. She highlighted the number of *Kemitraan Negara Berkembang* (KNB), or Partnership of Developing Countries scholarship recipients who have already joined the BIPA program, noting that the first batch included three recipients, the second batch had five, and the third batch now welcomes eight recipients.

Vice Rector for Academic and Student Affairs, Prof. drg. Muhammad Ruslin, M.Kes., Ph.D,. Sp.BM(K), spoke about the role of the LC in supporting the university's academic mission, emphasizing that UNHAS is continuously exploring strategic ways to increase the number of international students. He encouraged the scholarship recipients to communicate with the Language Center should any issues arise during their studies, ensuring a supportive learning environment. The opening ceremony was followed by a traditional Makassar welcome dance known as *Paduppa*, performed to greet the new students. The event concluded with a group photo session and refreshments, where participants enjoyed *Coto Makassar*, a signature local dish.





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HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY'S FACULTY OF ENGINEERING ESTABLISHES ACADEMIC COLLABORATION WITH SAGA UNIVERSITY, JAPAN



Hasanuddin University's Faculty of Engineering (FT UNHAS) continues to expand its international network by partnering with Saga University for academic collaboration. This collaboration was formalized through the signing of an Implementation Agreement by both parties on Tuesday, September 17th, 2024, in the Meeting Room on the 3rd floor of the CoT Building, Faculty of Engineering, Gowa.

The Implementation Agreement was signed by the Dean of Faculty of Engineering, Prof. Dr. Eng. Ir. Muhammad Isran Ramli, S.T., M.T., IPM., ASEAN; the Head of the Civil Engineering Department, Prof. Dr. Ir. Muh. Wihardi Tjaronge, S.T., M.Eng.; the Head of the Department of Civil Engineering and Architecture at Saga University, Hino Takenori; and the Dean of the Faculty of Engineering at Saga University, Sato Kazuya. The purpose of this agreement is to implement academic collaboration, particularly student exchange programs between the two institutions. The partnership offers students the opportunity to experience studying abroad, as well as to engage in collaborative research and training activities.

The event was also attended by Dr. MISHIMA Yuichiro (Lecturer, Department of Civil Engineering and Architecture, Faculty of Science and Engineering, Saga University), Prof. OSHIKAWA Hideo (Professor, Department of Civil Engineering and Architecture, Faculty of Science and Engineering, Saga University), the Vice Dean for Partnerships, Research, Innovation, and Alumni of UNHAS, Prof. Dr. Ir. Rustan Tarakka, S.T., M.T., IPM., ASEAN.Eng, the Head and Secretary of UNHAS's Civil Engineering Department, Prof. Dr. Eng. Ir. Tri Harianto, S.T., M.T., IPU as a faculty member, as well as managers, heads of administrative divisions, and academic staff from UNHAS's Faculty of Engineering.



FACULTY OF MEDICINE HOSTS GUEST LECTURE ON DATA ANALYSIS FOR QUALITATIVE AND MIXED-METHOD RESEARCH WITH DR.GERBEN MOERMAN



On Tuesday, September 17th, 2024, the Department of Medical Education (DPK) and the Master's Program in Medical and Health Professions Education (S2 IPKK) of the Faculty of Medicine, Hasanuddin University (FK UNHAS), hosted a guest lecture titled "Data Analysis for Qualitative and Mixed-method Research" in the Faculty Senate Room. The event featured Dr. G.A. (Gerben) Moerman, a Senior Lecturer in Social Research Methodology from the Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences, University of Amsterdam.

The hybrid event was attended by faculty members from FK UNHAS and students from the S2 IPKK program. The lecture was officially opened by the Vice Dean for Publication, Community Service, and International Affairs, Dr. dr. Rina Masadah, M.Phil, DFM, Sp.PA(K). In her opening remarks, Dr. Rina expressed appreciation for Dr. Moerman's participation, stating, "We highly value Dr. Moerman's presence and contribution to this guest lecture. The knowledge and experience shared on qualitative and mixed-method research will be invaluable for developing research methodologies within FK UNHAS, particularly in medical education."

The session was moderated by Dr. Muhammad Irfan Kamaruddin, M.Kes, Sp.M, MHPE, FIACLE. Dr. Moerman delved into the topic of qualitative data analysis and mixed-method research, explaining how merging methods integrates both quantitative and qualitative data in a study. He also discussed how data collection is conducted through various sources such as surveys and interviews. The event aimed to provide participants with new insights into research techniques and data analysis, while broadening the academic community's understanding of research methodologies within FK UNHAS.



GUEST LECTURE ON DENTAL PHOTOGRAPHY FOR RESIDENT SPECIALISTS AT HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY



On Friday, September 20th, 2024, the Faculty of Dentistry (FKG) at Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) hosted a guest lecture on dental photography for resident specialists. This special session was aimed at training dental residents in the effective documentation, archiving, and management of clinical cases. The workshop also focused on utilizing photography for clinical research, highlighting its importance in the broader scope of clinical management. This marks the first time an official dental photography workshop has been held at FKG UNHAS, reflecting the faculty's commitment to enhancing clinical skills.

The workshop took place at the *Aula drg. Hj. Halimah Dg. Sikati* in the UNHAS Dental and Oral Hospital (RSGMP). It featured Dr. Mohd. Zulkifli Bin Kassim from Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) as the guest speaker. Dr. Zulkifli, a renowned expert in dental photography, provided comprehensive training on the technical and practical aspects of using photography in dentistry. He demonstrated how precise documentation can support clinical management and improve the accuracy of case tracking over time.

Throughout the lecture, participants were introduced to advanced techniques in dental photography, from capturing clear images of dental conditions to organizing them efficiently for research and clinical purposes. Dr. Zulkifli emphasized the significance of high-quality photographic documentation, not only for resident specialists' clinical records but also for enhancing research presentations and contributing to the field of dentistry.

The guest lecture proved to be an invaluable opportunity for the resident specialists, equipping them with the skills necessary to manage clinical cases more effectively. As dental photography becomes an integral part of modern dentistry, this workshop paves the way for improved patient care and more robust clinical research.



TURNING WASTE INTO VALUE: HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY AND UNIVERSITI PUTRA MALAYSIA TRAIN HOUSEWIVES TO RECYCLE USED COOKING OIL INTO SOAP



As part of a community service initiative, the Public Health Undergraduate Study Program at the Faculty of Public Health (FKM), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), in collaboration with lecturers from the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM), conducted a training session on converting used cooking oil into soap. The event took place on Wednesday, September 11th, 2024, in RW 06 Kampung Kera-Kera, Tamalanrea Indah Village, Tamalanrea District, and was attended by 20 local housewives.

The primary aim of this initiative was to educate the community on how to recycle waste cooking oil, preventing it from being carelessly discarded and causing environmental harm. Additionally, converting the used oil into soap can serve household purposes, such as washing clothes and dishes, ultimately helping families reduce expenses.

Dr. Saliza, a lecturer from UPM involved in the training, shared that this community empowerment initiative has already been successfully implemented in Malaysia. "In Malaysia, we have empowered communities to produce soap from waste cooking oil, which they then commercialize to generate income. I hope the people of Kampung Kera-Kera can adopt this practice as well or, at the very least, use it to meet their household needs," said Dr. Saliza. She further explained that 200 grams of used cooking oil can be transformed into five to six small bars of soap. This effort is a starting point for empowering the community to turn waste into valuable products.

Dr. Hasnawati Amqam, (Head of the Public Health Undergraduate Study Program) and an Environmental Health lecturer, emphasized the importance of the training for both the environment and public health. "We aim to educate the community on waste management to prevent environmental and health risks. This is also part of our commitment to maintaining sustainable environmental health," Dr. Hasnawati stated.

Furthermore, this initiative aligns with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly SDG 12 (Responsible Consumption and Production) and SDG 1 (No Poverty). By reducing hazardous waste and creating useful household products, the activity promotes environmental awareness and offers economic opportunities to the local community.

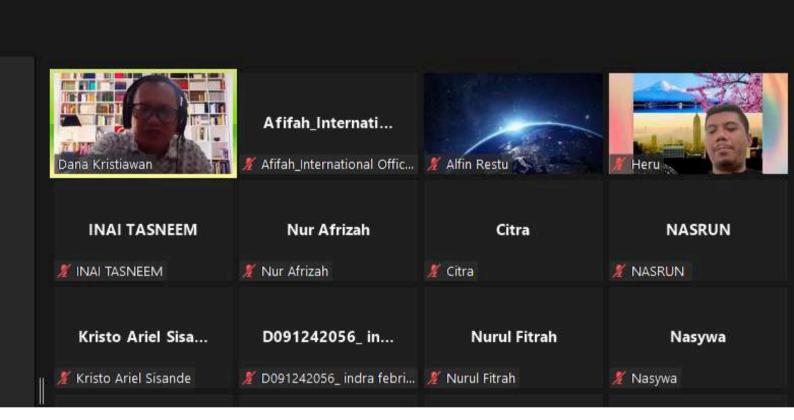
In addition to fostering environmental responsibility, the training offers an opportunity for participants to generate extra income by producing and selling soap made from waste cooking oil. This can help improve the economic well-being of local residents.

Both UNHAS and UPM hope this collaborative initiative will serve as a foundation for creating a community that is both environmentally conscious and economically empowered.





NAVIGATING GLOBAL EDUCATION: INSIGHTS FROM THE FRIDAY OUTBOUND CLINIC



The International Office (IO), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) continued hosting their weekly Friday Outbound Clinic (FOC)hosted on September 20th, 2024, on zoom. This is a virtual event aimed at disseminating vital information about studying and living abroad. Like the previous events, this event attracted a significant number of students and academics from various faculties within the university, demonstrating widespread interest in international education and opportunities.

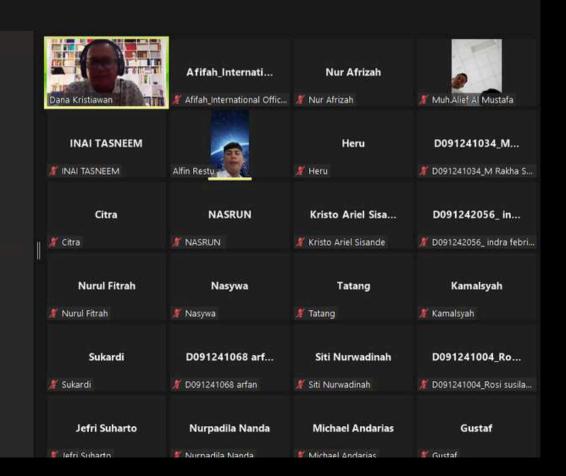
This week's session featured a presentation by Dana Yudha Kristiawan, Ph.D a distinguished scholar with extensive experience in international fellowships. In addition, Khaeruddin, Ph.D (IO Task Force) led this event from the beginning to the end of the session. The meeting provided invaluable insights into Dr. Dana's personal journey through various fellowship programs. He shared his experiences and the numerous opportunities these programs can offer, emphasizing the importance of academic and cultural exchange.

Dr. Dana elaborated on the application processes, criteria for selection, and offered practical tips on how students can enhance their chances of securing similar opportunities. His engaging presentation resonated with attendees, sparking discussions about the benefits of studying abroad and the enriching experiences it brings. Additionally, he also shared his published book on the similar topic to any participants. The FOC not only serves as a platform for information sharing but also fosters a vibrant community of students and faculty eager to expand their horizons through global engagement. The International Office encourages all interested students to participate in future sessions to learn more about traveling and studying abroad.

SECRETS TO SUCCESSFUL FELLOWSHIP APPLICATIONS

- Choosing the Right Fellowship:
 Align with your academic and career goals.

 Consider duration, location, and support provided.
- Crafting a Winning Proposal and CV: Customize to fit the fellowship's objectives.
 Highlight relevant experiences and career plans.
- Case Study: Humor for Peace Fellowship: Focused on using humor to bridge differences.





SMART CONTRACTS AND E-COMMERCE: EXPLORING LEGAL FRAMEWORKS IN INDONESIA AND MALAYSIA



On Friday, September 20th, 2024, at 09:00 WITA, the Faculty of Law (FH), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) held a guest lecture titled "Formation of Smart Contracts: A Special Focus on Online Shopping." The event, attended by 105 participants via Zoom, featured Prof. Dr. Zuhairah Ariff Binti Abd. Ghadas from University Sultan Zainal Abidin, Malaysia, as the guest speaker.

In his opening remarks, the Vice Dean for Academic and Student Affairs of the Faculty of Law, Prof. Dr. Maskun, SH, LLM, emphasized the significance of this event as part of ongoing cooperation efforts. He highlighted its role in contributing to the university's academic and partnership Key Performance Indicators (IKU). The Dean of the Faculty of Law, Prof. Dr. Hamzah Halim, S.H, M.H, M.A.P., officially opened the event. He expressed his appreciation for the collaboration with University Sultan Zainal Abidin and voiced his hopes for future joint activities. Prof. Hamzah also stressed the importance of comparing legal frameworks for smart contracts between Indonesia and Malaysia, particularly in the context of online shopping, which is evolving into a necessity of modern commerce.

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The event was organized by the Department of Civil Law at the Faculty of Law, with Dr. Aulia Rifai, S.H., M.H., Amaliyah, S.H., M.H., and Fadilla Jamilla, S.H., LLM, serving as the coordinators. The session was moderated by Achmad Fachri Faqi, S.H, LLM, a lecturer from the department.

During the lecture, Prof. Zuhairah Ariff provided an overview of contract formation under Malaysian law, the growth of online shopping, and the development of smart contracts. She explored whether smart contracts fulfill the requirements of a valid agreement under Malaysian law. She underscored the four key elements necessary for any contract—including smart contracts—namely proposal, acceptance, consideration, and intention to create legal relations. The discussion was particularly relevant given the increasing role of e-commerce and the need to balance technological advancements with legal compliance.

This guest lecture offered participants, particularly students, valuable insights into the comparative legal aspects of smart contracts between Malaysia and Indonesia. It also reaffirmed the Faculty of Law's commitment to expanding knowledge, fostering academic collaborations, and building international networks.

