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GEOGRAPHY SERIES HIGHLIGHTS BOTSWANA: A CULTURAL JOURNEY WITH KNB STUDENT



On Thursday, October 10, 2024, from 2pm onwards, the International Office (IO) hosted the monthly Geography Series (G-Series), a platform for international students to introduce their countries of origin. This month, the spotlight was on Botswana, presented by Tlotlo Semakaleng, a new student and recipient of the *Kemitraan Negara Berkembang* (KNB) or the Partnership of Developing Countries Scholarship. Tlotlo, also known as Danish, is currently enhancing his *Bahasa Indonesia* skills as required by the KNB program.

Danish began his presentation by inviting participants to stand for Botswana's national anthem, creating a strong cultural connection. He followed with an engaging introduction to his homeland, touching on the country's geography, landscapes, and rich wildlife. The wildlife section, in particular, captivated the audience, sparking great interest and curiosity. The event took place at the Vocational Study Hall, formerly known as the Scientific Meeting Room (*Gedung Pertemuan Ilmiah*), and was attended by around 50 students.

Muhammad Ridwan, M.A. the Secretary of the IO, highlighted the importance of such events, emphasizing the cultural exchange opportunities and the benefits local students gain from interacting with their international peers. Danish's presentation effectively drew participants into the heart of Botswana, allowing them to explore its natural beauty and cultural richness.

The event concluded with a lively Q&A session, where participants had the opportunity to ask Danish questions about his country. A group photo session followed, capturing the collaborative spirit of the day. The International Office expressed its gratitude to everyone who attended and contributed to fostering cross-cultural understanding.



JAPANESE FORENSIC EXPERTS SHARE CUTTING-EDGE ISOTOPE TECHNIQUES AT UNHAS DENTAL SEMINAR



The Faculty of Dentistry (FKG) at Universitas Hasanuddin (UNHAS) recently welcomed two esteemed forensic odontologists from Japan, Prof. Hashimoto and Dr. Someda, for a captivating seminar on the innovative use of isotopes in determining the regional origin of individuals. This event attracted a diverse audience of students, faculty, and professionals keen to explore cutting-edge techniques in forensic science.

The session began with an introduction by the Dean of FKG UNHAS, who highlighted the significance of integrating advanced scientific methods into forensic investigations. Dr. Someda took the stage first, delivering an insightful presentation on how isotopic analysis of dental enamel can reveal vital information about a person's geographical background. He explained that the isotopic composition of teeth reflects the diet and environmental factors of the area where a person grew up.

Prof. Hashimoto followed with a detailed discussion on the methodologies involved in isotope analysis. He shared case studies demonstrating how this technique has been successfully used in criminal investigations to establish connections between suspects and crime scenes. The audience was particularly intrigued by the potential implications for identifying missing persons and understanding migration patterns.

Throughout the seminar, attendees engaged in an interactive Q&A session, asking questions about the technical aspects of isotopic analysis and its applications in forensic cases. Participants expressed their appreciation for the practical insights shared by the experts, recognizing the potential of this approach to enhance forensic practices in Indonesia.

The visit not only enriched the academic landscape at FKG UNHAS but also fostered stronger ties between Indonesian and Japanese forensic communities. As forensic odontology continues to advance, the knowledge shared during this event will undoubtedly inspire future researchers and practitioners in the field.



BRIDGING CULTURES: DR. LIU DAN DAN'S REFLECTIONS ON INDONESIA AND CHINA'S CULTURAL DIFFERENCES



Language and cultural differences are not barriers to exploring other countries; instead, they present challenges that allow us to learn the unique aspects of foreign cultures. Dr. Liu Dan Dan, an educator from China, often referred to as the "Land of the Red Dragon," has returned to Makassar—a place she considers her second home after China. She was invited by the Mandarin Language and Chinese Culture Study Program of the Faculty of Cultural Sciences (FIB), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), as part of the International Class Digital Learning Development Program. Dr. Liu was invited as a foreign lecturer/practitioner to assist in teaching, particularly for two registered courses in this program: Reading and Writing Mandarin Characters 1 and Cross-Cultural Communication.

On Thursday, October 3, 2024, a Guest Lecture titled "*Cross-Cultural Communication: Indonesia and China*" was held, featuring Dr. Liu Dan Dan as the speaker. She shared her insights on the key differences between Indonesian and Chinese cultures. The Dean of the Faculty of Cultural Sciences, Prof. Dr. Akin Duli, M.A opened the program and it was attended by students and lecturers from the Mandarin Language and Chinese Culture Study Program of UNHAS, as well as students and lecturers from the Mandarin Language Education Program of Makassar State University (UNM), as well as alumni of the Mandarin Language Center who had studied in China.

Dr. Liu Dan Dan is an alumnus of UNHAS's Master of Indonesian Language program and lived in Makassar for seven years before returning to China. She now teaches at Nanchang Normal University, China. During the lecture, she highlighted eight major topics related to cross-cultural communication: language barriers, differing eating habits, varying customs of treating others to meals, contrasting concepts of time, different life paces, tipping practices, bathroom customs, and religious beliefs.



UNHAS DELEGATION HIGHLIGHTS INDONESIA'S ROLE IN GLOBAL FISHERIES SCIENCE AT KYOTO CONFERENCE



Kyoto, Japan – Five lecturers from the Faculty of Marine Science and Fisheries (FIKP) at Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) participated in "The 2024 Autumn Meeting of the Japanese Society of Fisheries Science," held from September 24 to 27, 2024, at Yoshida North Campus, Kyoto University, Japan. This annual scientific meeting brought together academics and researchers from various countries, focusing on the latest research in fisheries science. The UNHAS delegation included lecturers from three study programs within the Faculty of Marine Science and Fisheries: Prof. Khusnul Yaqin (Aquatic Resources Management), Dr. Nadiarti Nurdin (Aquatic Resources Management), Dr. Sri Wahyuni Rahim (Aquatic Resources Management), Jamaluddin Fitrah Alam, Ph.D. (Marine Science), and Dr. Rachmat Hidayat (Fisheries Resources Utilization).

The UNHAS lecturers presented a range of research topics based on studies they had conducted, including water pollution, the impact of human activities on seagrass ecosystems, the use of satellite imagery for fish capture, and the development of market networks that support international seaweed industry collaboration. These topics align with the global challenges faced by the fisheries industry, both in scientific and industrial aspects. The contribution of UNHAS in this forum demonstrates Indonesia's active involvement in global fisheries discussions and opens up opportunities for international collaboration.

The Autumn Meeting is part of the regular scientific gatherings organized by the Japanese Society of Fisheries Science, held twice a year during the Spring and Autumn seasons. This event serves as a crucial platform for researchers to share their latest findings and discuss innovations in sustainable fisheries, as well as to strengthen international relationships in fisheries research and resource management.

The UNHAS delegation's participation highlights the importance of Indonesian contributions in addressing pressing environmental and fisheries issues. Through their research, they bring valuable insights to global discussions on sustainable resource management and the role of science in supporting resilient ecosystems. This event also paves the way for future collaborations with international institutions, fostering innovation and knowledge exchange in marine and fisheries science.



INTERNATIONAL OFFICE HOSTS ENGAGING SESSION ON STUDYING IN IRELAND



On Friday, October 11, 2024, the International Office (IO) of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) held its weekly event, the Friday Outbound Clinic (FoC), via Zoom. Around 50 participants, including students, staff, and lecturers, joined the session, which featured Sukmawaty Yasim, a Ph.D. candidate currently studying in Ireland. Sukmawaty shared her personal experiences of navigating life and studies abroad, offering valuable insights into overcoming the challenges of living in a new country.

Her stories resonated deeply with the audience, inspiring many with her determination and adaptability. One participant was so impressed by her presentation that they invited her to speak at their institution, to which she graciously agreed, scheduling a future event. The engaging interaction demonstrated the positive impact of such platforms in connecting the UNHAS community with those living abroad.

Moderated by Khaeruddin, Ph.D., the session was skillfully managed, allowing for seamless discussions and active participation. The FoC is a signature platform created by the International Office, aimed at connecting UNHAS alumni or students studying abroad with the academic community. Through this initiative, participants can share life-changing experiences and gain inspiration for their own educational journeys abroad.



My Research life

- ✓ Supervisory meeting (once a month)
- ✓ Desk and a PC
- ✓ The Glucksman Library



My PhD Journey at the University of Limerick,
Ireland
PhD in Modern Language and Applied Linguistics

Experiences and Learnings

Sukmawati Yasim, S.Pd., M.Hum.



Why Choose Ireland for a PhD?

- Ireland's reputation for high-quality education
- Academic strengths and reputation of the University of Limerick
- Supportive cultural and academic environment
- Opportunities for international collaboration and networking
- One of the safest countries in the world (The Global Peace Index 2024 from the Institute for Economics and Peace)

INTERDISCIPLINARY APPROACH TO CLIMATE CHANGE: INSIGHTS FROM THE MAKASSAR COHORT STUDY



The Center of Epidemiology and Population Health Studies (CEPHS) from the Department of Epidemiology, Faculty of Public Health (FKM), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), organized a Guest Lecture with the theme *"Interdisciplinary Approach for Climate Change Research: A Perspective from the Makassar Cohort Study."* This event was held at 10:00 CIT in Room K-225 Prof. Nur Nasry Noor, 2nd Floor, FKM UNHAS.

The main speaker, Kavita Dave Coombe, MPH, from the School of Medicine, Stanford University, USA, delivered a lecture that discussed the importance of an interdisciplinary approach in climate change research, specifically through the lens of the Makassar Cohort Study. The session was moderated by Eri Wijaya Hafied and attended by around 50 participants, including students, lecturers, and researchers. During the lecture, Kavita Dave Coombe emphasized how public health data from cohort studies can play a crucial role in understanding the impact of climate change on the health of local communities. In the interactive discussion that followed, the audience enthusiastically engaged with Kavita, eager to learn more and discuss the topic.

This guest lecture is part of a regular academic series at FKM UNHAS, designed to broaden the perspectives of students and faculty members on the global challenges facing public health in the context of climate change.

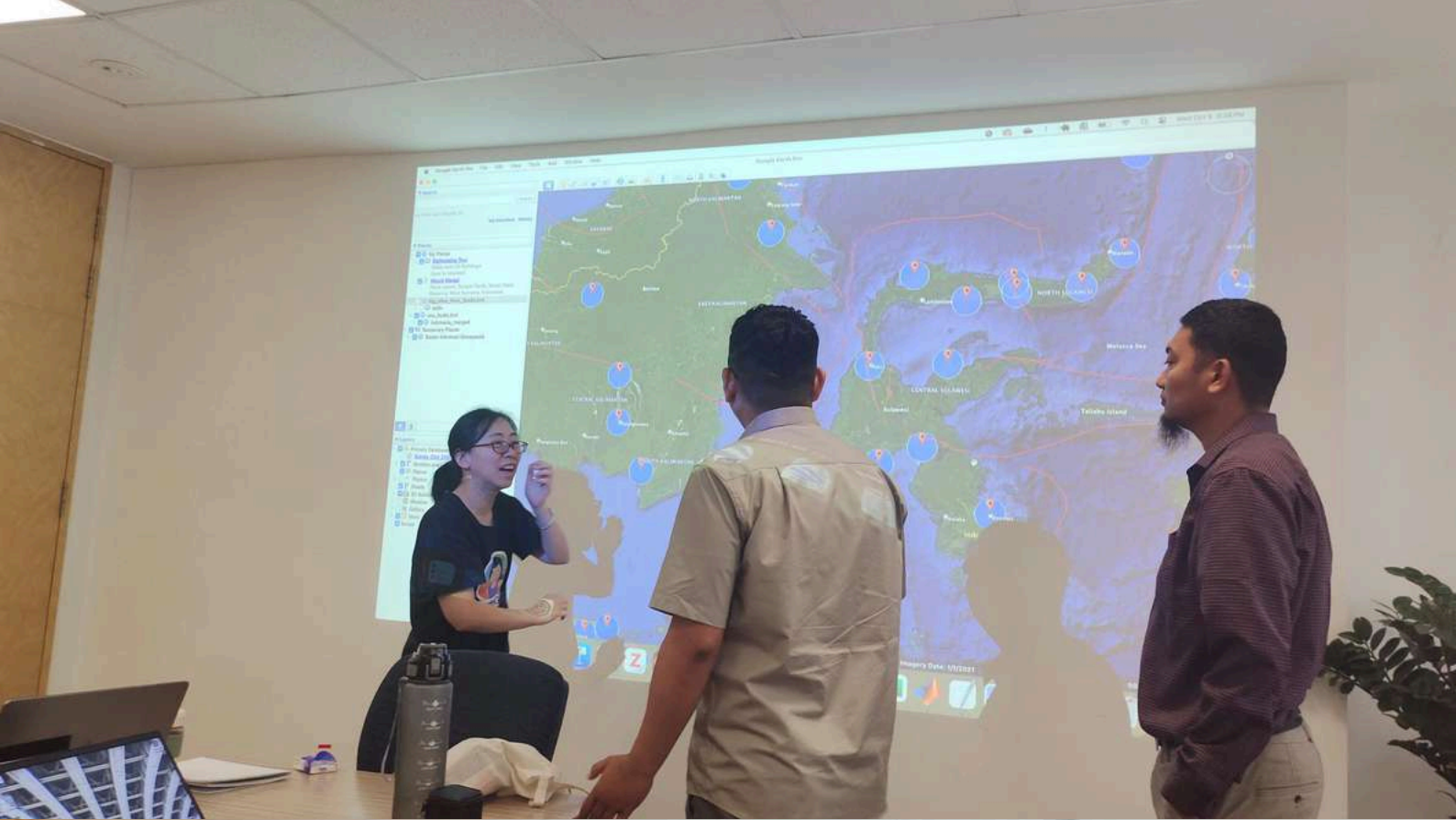
HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY TEAM PARTICIPATES IN SHORT COURSE ON TECTONIC DEFORMATION AT NTU, SINGAPORE



On October 10, 2024 – A team comprising two lecturers and an undergraduate student from the Department of Geophysics at the Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences (MIPA), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), recently participated in a short-term course titled “Tectonic Deformation and Coupling Modeling” at the Asian School of the Environment, Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Singapore. The course, held from October 8-9, 2024, was designed to enhance participants' understanding of tectonic research and earthquake modeling. The team included Dr. Muhammad Taufiq Rafie, S.Si., M.T., Andi Muhammad Pramatadie, S.T., M.Eng., PhD., and Ms. Dewi Pratiwi.

The event began with an introduction to the Earth Observatory of Singapore (EOS) and its tectonic research activities. Dr. Taufiq Rafie represented UNHAS by presenting research findings, fostering international collaboration in the field of geophysics. The first day featured a workshop focusing on earthquake modeling theory from a geodetic perspective.

On the second day, participants engaged in practical sessions using the GTdef program, which is a tool for modeling earthquake sources based on the slip distribution of fault planes, enhancing their understanding of crustal deformation mechanisms. The course concluded with a productive discussion on potential long-term research collaborations between UNHAS and NTU. Dr. Lujia Feng, assistant professor and principal investigator at the Earth Observatory of Singapore, emphasized the importance of such collaborations in advancing geophysical research and expanding academic networks. This opportunity underscores UNHAS's commitment to equipping its faculty and students with cutting-edge knowledge and skills in geophysics.



HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY CONCLUDES HYBRID SUMMER COURSE AND INBOUND PROGRAM ON GLOBAL ANIMAL SCIENCE



The Faculty of Animal Science, Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), recently concluded a successful 7-day hybrid Summer Course and Inbound Program, which took place from October 7 to 14, 2024. The event, combining both online and offline formats, attracted around 100 students from various universities to participate in a range of academic and practical activities. The Summer Course portion, held from October 7 to 11, 2024, featured lectures from 10 distinguished professors from several universities across the globe. Topics covered in the course included cutting-edge subjects in animal science, such as Animal Reproduction, presented by Prof. Muhammad Yusuf, S.Pt., Ph.D., IPU, and Ts. Dr. Muhammad Faizal Ghazali; Animal Nutrition, delivered by Dr. Noor Dini Binti Rusli; Milk Product (Dangke), discussed by Prof. Dr. drh. Ratmawati Malaka, M.Sc.; Grassland Science, taught by Prof. Yasuyuki Ishii; and Forage Crop, presented by Kannika Umpuch, M.Sc., Ph.D.

In addition, lectures on Animal Breeding were led by Prof. Madya Dr. Khairiyah Binti Mat, while Molecular Genetics was discussed by Prof. Han Jianlin, and Livestock Genetics was covered by Dr. Mamat Hamidi Kamaluddin. The topic of Ruminant Production was explained by Dr. Noor Syaheera Ibrahim. These expert-led sessions provided students with comprehensive insights into key areas of animal husbandry, blending both theoretical knowledge and practical applications, which enriched the learning experience for all participants.

Following the Summer Course, an Inbound Program was held from October 12 to 14, 2024, where students from Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM), Universiti Malaysia Kelantan (UMK), and Universiti Sultan Zainal Abidin (UniSZA) participated in a series of field and campus activities. These students visited local farms in South Sulawesi to observe and engage with the region's traditional livestock farming practices. Additionally, they toured the UNHAS campus and participated in laboratory training sessions at the Faculty of Animal Husbandry, where they gained hands-on experience and learned about innovative techniques in animal science research and education.

The program also included field visits to research sites and development partners working with Bali Polled cattle in Barru Regency, as well as to the Artificial Insemination Unit (UPT) and Bali Cattle Breeding Unit (UPT), managed by the Provincial Livestock and Animal Health Service of South Sulawesi.

This 7-day event served not only as a platform for academic enrichment but also as an opportunity for international collaboration, fostering cross-cultural exchanges between students and lecturers. It underscored UNHAS commitment to advancing global education and research, particularly in the field of animal husbandry. The Summer Course and Inbound Program successfully created a space for learning, networking, and exploring sustainable solutions for the challenges faced by the global livestock industry.



MARITIME LAW AND TERRITORIAL CONFLICTS: INSIGHTS FROM A GUEST LECTURE ON THE SOUTH CHINA SEA



The Faculty of Law (FH), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) held a Guest Lecture featuring Dr. Nurul Hidayat Ab Rahman from the Faculty of Law (FUU) at Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM). The lecture took place at the Dr. Harifin A. Tumpa, S.H., M.H. Moot Court Room and focused on the topic of "Maritime Law." The event was officially opened by the Dean of FH UNHAS, Prof. Dr. Hamzah Halim, S.H., M.H., M.A.P., and was attended by other distinguished guests including Prof. Dr. Maskun, S.H., LL.M. (Vice Dean for Academic and Student Affairs), Dr. Ratnawati, S.H., M.H. (Vice Dean for Partnerships, Research, Innovation, and Alumni), Dr. Muh. Ilham Arisaputra, S.H., M.Kn (Head of the Undergraduate Law Program), Mutiah Wenda Juniar, S.H., LL.M. (Secretary of the International Class Program), and Abdul Munif Ashri, S.H., M.H., who served as the Moderator. This guest lecture took place over two days, from October 8 to 9, 2024.

The lecture aimed to delve deeper into the importance of maritime law in the context of the complex territorial disputes in the South China Sea, while also identifying challenges and opportunities for conflict resolution in the region. The South China Sea is not only a strategic body of water connecting various countries, but it is also rich in natural resources such as oil, gas, and fisheries. This area has become a key intersection for international trade routes, prompting many nations to assert rights over its resources, turning it into a competitive battleground for territorial claims. Historical claims and disputes involve countries such as China, Vietnam, the Philippines, Malaysia, Brunei, and Taiwan. Each nation has differing historical claims that often conflict with one another. China's claim, known as the "Nine-Dash Line," has been a particular source of tension, with China asserting rights over almost the entire South China Sea based on historical maps.

A key focus of the lecture was the militarization of the region, which not only involves the increasing military presence of China but also the responses of other nations feeling threatened. This situation has the potential to escalate into a larger-scale conflict if not managed properly. Despite the tensions, diplomatic efforts to resolve the disputes continue. International organizations and regional forums such as ASEAN have attempted to facilitate dialogue between the disputing countries. In addition, legal challenges through international courts have become an option, although the outcomes are often not accepted by all parties involved.

The lecture also emphasized the significance of maritime law as the legal framework governing the geographical jurisdiction of coastal states. The United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) serves as the primary reference in determining the rights and obligations of countries in the use and conservation of marine environments. Understanding UNCLOS is crucial for assessing the territorial claims made by various nations and for formulating fair and sustainable solutions. Peaceful and legally grounded resolutions must be a priority, given the far-reaching impacts of these conflicts on not only the involved nations but also the global community.

On the second day, the lecture shifted its focus to understanding the main components of UNCLOS, as well as the implications and challenges faced in its implementation. UNCLOS provides mechanisms for the peaceful settlement of disputes related to the interpretation and application of its provisions, which is crucial for avoiding conflicts over maritime boundaries and resources. These mechanisms help disputing countries negotiate peacefully, reducing the potential for military confrontation. During this session, the use of arbitration and mediation procedures to resolve maritime boundary disputes was discussed, promoting constructive dialogue.

One of the main challenges in implementing UNCLOS is the rise of disputes due to overlapping claims over continental shelf areas. Countries often claim the same regions, sparking geopolitical conflicts. It is essential to formulate clear boundary maps and recognize the rights of each country to reduce tensions. UNCLOS grants coastal states the right to explore and exploit natural resources within their Exclusive Economic Zones (EEZ) and continental shelves. However, sustainable management challenges remain. International collaboration is needed to ensure that resource exploitation is conducted in a way that does not harm the marine environment while considering the interests of other nations.

The discussion concluded with a focus on the importance of understanding UNCLOS in the context of international law and how existing mechanisms can be used to promote peaceful conflict resolution. Emphasizing sustainable resource management and recognizing the rights of other nations is key to maintaining stability in this highly contested region.



ENGAGING *BAHASA INDONESIA* CLASS AT UNHAS DORMITORY LED BY STUDENT VOLUNTEERS



The International Office (IO) of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) continued its second week of *Bahasa Indonesia* classes on Friday, October 11, 2024. Organized by IO Student Volunteers (StuVo), the session took place at the UNHAS Student Dormitory Hall, running from 7pm to 9pm Makassar time. This initiative is part of the IO's ongoing efforts to support international students in integrating into the local culture and improving their language skills.

Nine international students from countries including India, Pakistan, Yemen, and China participated in the class. The topic for this week focused on "Self-introduction," where participants learned how to introduce themselves in both formal and informal settings in Indonesian. They practiced stating their names, countries of origin, hobbies, and their reasons for studying in Indonesia.

The session was met with enthusiasm as the students actively engaged in conversations, practicing their newly acquired language skills. With the guidance of the student volunteers, the participants were able to share their experiences and apply basic conversational techniques, enhancing their confidence in using *Bahasa Indonesia*. The volunteers played a key role in providing support and fostering a lively learning environment throughout the evening.



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