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## STRENGTHENING ENGLISH PROFICIENCY: IO UNHAS CONDUCTS 7TH DUOLINGO CLASS



The International Office (IO) of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) held the 7th Preparation Class for the Duolingo English Test (DET). This event aimed at supporting applicants for the Indonesian International Students Mobility Awards (IISMA). The session took place on Saturday, November 23, 2024, from 9 AM to 12 PM at the IPTEKS Building, Tamalanrea Campus. Facilitated by Saaduddin, M.Sc. (IO task Force) and Kumara Tungga Dewa, S.S. (IO Mobility staff) led the participants through a series of Duolingo test exercises to enhance their readiness for the program.

Moreover, around three ongoing IISMA awardees shared their experiences related to the DET and attracted approximately 80 participants who joined this session. This number reflected a slight decline in attendance compared to previous meetings. Despite this, the session successfully maintained its focus on equipping participants with essential skills for the DET, highlighting the IO's dedication to supporting student mobility opportunities.







## **STRATEGIC PLANNING AND REFLECTIONS: IO PREPARES FOR 2025 MOBILITY INITIATIVES**



The International Office (IO) of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) held a Focus Group Discussion (FGD) on Monday, November 18, 2024, to plan the university's mobility programs for 2025. The session, held from 9 AM to 12 PM in the IO Meeting Room, aimed to finalize the Terms of References (ToRs) for several key initiatives, including the International Cultural Program (ICP), UNHAS International Students Mobility Award (UISMA), UNHAS International Non-Degree Program, and UNHAS International Summer Program. Dr. Andi Masyitha Irwan, Ph.D., (Head of IO), led the discussion, which involved all IO staff presenting and reviewing the ToRs for refinement before submission to the Rectorate.

During the FGD, each team member shared updates on their respective ToRs, which had been previously distributed. Constructive feedback was provided to ensure the proposals were of the highest quality, reflecting the university's commitment to internationalization. This collaborative approach underscored IO's dedication to strengthening its mobility programs, enhancing opportunities for both inbound and outbound participants.

The session also addressed the 100th milestone of the Weekly News, a publication highlighting IO's internationalization efforts. The IO team identified key figures to be interviewed, including the Rector, directors involved in international programs, deans from contributing faculties, as well as local and international students. The interviews aim to evaluate the impact of internationalization programs on capacity-building and to capture diverse perspectives on the achievements of IO's initiatives.

The FGD concluded with finalized ToRs for the 2025 mobility programs and a detailed list of targeted interviewees for the Weekly News milestone. This productive session demonstrated IO's strategic focus on refining its programs and celebrating its progress in fostering global engagement.







## **STRENGTHENING BONDS: STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM BETWEEN HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY AND UKM**



From November 6 to 8, 2024, the Faculty of Nursing (FKep) Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) successfully organized a Student Exchange Program in collaboration with Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM). This enriching program was attended by three students representing different fields: Bachelor of Nursing, Master of Nursing, and Bachelor of Physiotherapy.

The exchange program offered a dynamic combination of classroom and clinical activities. In the classroom, UNHAS students engaged with UKM students and lecturers, fostering academic discussions and cultural exchange. In the clinical setting, they gained hands-on experience by interacting with patients, thereby enhancing their practical skills and broadening their understanding of healthcare in a different context.



The partnership between UNHAS and UKM has been a strong and productive collaboration over the years. In the past two years, the Faculty of Nursing has actively worked with UKM on various initiatives, including student exchange programs, joint research projects, and visiting lecturer activities. These efforts underscore the mutual commitment of both institutions to academic excellence and cross-cultural understanding.

As part of this ongoing partnership, from November 11 to 15, 2024, UKM faculty members and students were scheduled to visit UNHAS. During their stay, they participated in academic and cultural activities with students and lecturers from the Faculty of Nursing.

Through these meaningful engagements, the Faculty of Nursing aims to strengthen and expand its collaboration with UKM. By working together in education, research, and community service, the partnership not only enhances the academic experience of students and staff but also contributes to the advancement of nursing and healthcare practices in both countries.



## **FOSTERING GLOBAL CONNECTIONS: UNHAS AND LPU STRENGTHEN TIES**



On Monday, November 25, 2024, the Directorate of Partnership at Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), represented by Dr. Zulkifli Tahir (Head of Foreign Partnership Affairs), facilitated a productive Google Meet meeting with Lovely Professional University (LPU) from India. Representing LPU was Ms. Kusum (International Relations Team), while the UNHAS International Office (IO) was represented by Dr. Khaeruddin, (IO Task Force for Mobility Programs) and Kumara Tungga Dewa, S.S. (IO Mobility Staff). The meeting commenced at 2 PM Makassar time and focused on fostering collaboration between the two institutions.

The primary agenda centered on the international summer program, which integrates summer programs from both universities, offering students a unique opportunity to engage in cultural exchanges and academic experiences. Additionally, discussions explored broader possibilities for building long-term collaboration between UNHAS and LPU, emphasizing shared goals in internationalization and mutual academic growth.

This meeting signifies a promising step towards strengthening ties between UNHAS and Lovely Professional University, laying the groundwork for innovative partnerships in education, research, and cultural programs. Both institutions expressed enthusiasm for future collaboration and reaffirmed their commitment to expanding opportunities for their academic communities.



## CHEP-SEA 2024: BUILDING BRIDGES IN HEALTH SCIENCES ACROSS SOUTHEAST ASIA



The Faculty of Nursing (FKep), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) successfully hosted the Collaborative Health Sciences Exchange Program for Southeast Asia (CHEP-SEA) from November 11 to 15, 2024. This program provided a platform for knowledge sharing and collaboration among health science students and professionals from four Southeast Asian universities: UNHAS (Indonesia), Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, Christian University of Thailand, and Hai Duong Medical Technical University (Vietnam). CHEP-SEA served as a vital medium to develop cross-cultural competencies and strengthen international networks in the health sciences field.

The program was officially opened on November 11, 2024, by the Rector of UNHAS, Prof. Dr. Ir. Jamaluddin Jompa, M.Sc. In his opening remarks, Prof. Jamaluddin Jompa praised FKep Unhas' initiative and highlighted the significance of such programs in fostering interprofessional collaboration and advancing international partnerships. "We commend the Faculty of Nursing for hosting this exchange program, which aligns with UNHAS's goals of enhancing the quality of global collaborations. This program serves as a gateway to building strong networks across various health professions and establishing more effective interprofessional collaborations," he stated.

Additionally, the Dean of the FKep, Prof. Dr. Ariyanti Saleh, S.Kp., M.Si., emphasized that the program reflects FKep UNHAS's commitment to supporting UNHAS's vision of becoming a World-Class University (WCU). "This program is not only a platform for sharing knowledge and experiences but also strengthens our international presence. Participants will engage in meaningful discussions, exchange insights, and experience cultural learning, all of which are crucial for global health advancement," she remarked.

The program was attended by 27 participants, including 15 students from UNHAS, representing the Faculty of Nursing (FKep), the Faculty of Public Health (FKM), the Faculty of Dentistry (FKG), and the Faculty of Pharmacy (Farmasi). Among them were several international students. The remaining 12 participants came from partner universities: 3 from Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, 6 from Hai Duong Medical Technical University, and 3 from Christian University of Thailand.

Over the five-day program, participants engaged in various enriching activities, including expert-led lectures, field visits to UNHAS's campus, public health centers, and UNHAS Hospital, as well as group discussions. Cultural exchange was also a significant component of the program, providing international participants with opportunities to experience and learn about Indonesian culture.

CHEP-SEA 2024 concluded on November 15, 2024, with a formal closing ceremony, during which participants and contributors were presented with certificates and souvenirs. The program is expected to have a lasting impact by broadening participants' knowledge in health sciences and fostering stronger cross-cultural relationships, paving the way for sustainable collaboration in the future.









## **ADVANCING EXCELLENCE: UNHAS HOSTS FGD ON WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKING STRATEGIES**



The Directorate of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) Reputation Enhancement successfully hosted a Focus Group Discussion (FGD) on strategies to elevate the university's standing in the World University Rankings. The event, held over two days from November 22 to 23, 2024, aimed to identify and develop actionable strategies to strengthen UNHAS's global reputation.

The first day of the FGD took place at the UNHAS Tamalanrea Campus, led by Prof. Rohani Ambo Rappe, (Director of UNHAS Reputation Enhancement). The session commenced with an official opening by Prof. Sumbangan Baja, M.Phil, (UNHAS Secretary), who emphasized the importance of aligning the university's initiatives with global ranking metrics. Participants engaged in insightful discussions focusing on analyzing current performance and setting measurable targets to enhance UNHAS's academic, research, and institutional reputation.

The second day, hosted at the Aston Hotel Makassar, was dedicated to formulating strategic approaches to achieve these objectives. The session featured the participation of Prof. Jamaluddin Jompa, (Rector of UNHAS), along with the university's Vice Rectors. Publication Management Center (PMC), Directorate of Alumni Affairs and International Office (IO). Together, they explored practical solutions to address key ranking indicators such as research output, international collaboration, academic reputation, and graduate employability. The discussions underscored the significance of a cohesive effort from all academic and administrative units.



The FGD concluded with optimism as the participants consolidated their recommendations into a comprehensive action plan. Prof. Jamaluddin Jompa expressed hope that the strategic steps formulated during the discussion would significantly impact UNHAS's position in the World University Rankings, further establishing its reputation as a leading institution in Indonesia and globally.



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