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HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY KARATE TEAM SHINES AT THE INTERNATIONAL KARATE RECTOR CUP II 2024



Hasanuddin University (Unhas) Karate Team achieved an outstanding success at the International Karate Rector Cup (IKRC) II 2024, at Graha Unesa, Surabaya, from December 26-29, 2024. The prestigious competition, hosted by Universitas Negeri Surabaya (Unesa), attracted participants from seven countries, showcasing the top karate athletes across various categories.

Unhas secured an impressive total of seven medals: four gold, two silver, and one bronze. Additionally, two athletes, Mulki JP Asnawi from the Faculty of Social and Political Sciences (FISIP) and Ananditha Mutia Azzahra, also from FISIP, were awarded the prestigious Best of the Best titles in the Kata Men's and Women's categories, respectively. Their exceptional performances underscored the team's dominance and excellence in the competition.

The presence of Unhas Vice Rector for Academic and Student Affairs, Prof. Drg. Muhammad Ruslin, MKes, PhD, SpBM(K), and the Director of Student Affairs, Dr. Abdullah Sanusi, SE, MBA, PhD, provided significant motivation for the team. Prof. Ruslin expressed immense pride in the team's achievements, emphasizing their importance not only for the karate athletes but also for Hasanuddin University as a whole. He highlighted the university's commitment to fostering student talent, stating, "The Best of the Best awards won by our students are concrete evidence of the excellence of Unhas athletes. We will continue to support their development to achieve even greater success in the future."

The breakdown of Unhas' medal achievements includes gold medals in Men's Team Kata, Women's Team Kata, Men's Individual Kata, and Women's Individual Kata. Silver medals were won in Men's and Women's Individual Kata, while a bronze medal was earned in the -55kg Men's Kumite category. This success is expected to inspire other Unhas students to excel both nationally and internationally. Prof. Ruslin reiterated the university's unwavering support for student development in various fields, ensuring that their potential can flourish to achieve remarkable accomplishments.



GERMAN STUDENTS EMBARK ON CULTURAL AND ACADEMIC JOURNEY AT UNHAS



The International Office (IO) of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) warmly welcomed two inbound students from the Universität der Bundeswehr München, Germany, on Monday, January 6, 2025. The students, Lieutenant Riccardo Sawaschinski and Lieutenant Max Werner, were accompanied by Dr. Birkah Latif and Dr. Kadaruddin from the Faculty of Law (FH). Muhammad Ridwan, M.A., the IO Secretary, led the welcoming ceremony, joined by Saaduddin, M.Sc. (IO Task Force) and other IO staff.

During the visit, Mr. Ridwan provided an overview of the IO's signature programs, designed to enhance international students' cultural and academic experiences at UNHAS. He highlighted the Geography Series (G-Series), where international students showcase their countries to both local and international academic communities. He also elaborated on the International Student Festival (ISF) and the International Cultural Program (ICP), among other initiatives that foster intercultural exchange and global understanding.

The students also enjoyed a tour of the IO facilities, where Mr. Ridwan shared insights about the many photos and displays that document the IO's vibrant history and activities. The engaging walkthrough offered the students a glimpse into the dynamic role of the IO in promoting internationalization at UNHAS.

The visit concluded with a group photo session and the presentation of UNHAS-themed merchandise to both students. This moment symbolized the beginning of their academic and cultural journey at UNHAS, reflecting the university's commitment to strengthening international partnerships and providing a welcoming environment for students worldwide.



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT; FROM TANZANIA TO MAKASSAR: AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT'S EXPERIENCE



In this edition, we are excited to reintroduce Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) international students, starting with Said Sadallah, a Master's student in Chemistry from Tanzania. The International Office (IO) had the opportunity to interview him during his semester break, delving into various aspects of his journey. Said shared insights about his path to Makassar, his most memorable cultural experiences, his adaptation to a new lifestyle, advice for future students, and his thoughts on the IO's role and support. Here is the full story of his inspiring journey:

A Journey from Tanzania to Makassar

My name is Said Sadallah. I come from Tanzania, Africa, and I am pursuing a Master's degree in Chemistry at UNHAS, Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences (FMIPA). Said's path to UNHAS began with his visits from the Indonesian Embassy in Tanzania, where he first learned about the university's programs and the prestigious KNB (*Kemitraan Negara Berkembang*) Scholarship or usually called Developing Countries Partnership Scholarship.

"I first heard about Hasanuddin University during a workshop, and later I applied for the KNB Scholarship, which was highly competitive. I was fortunate to be selected, and that opportunity brought me here," he explained.

A Memorable Experience in a New Culture

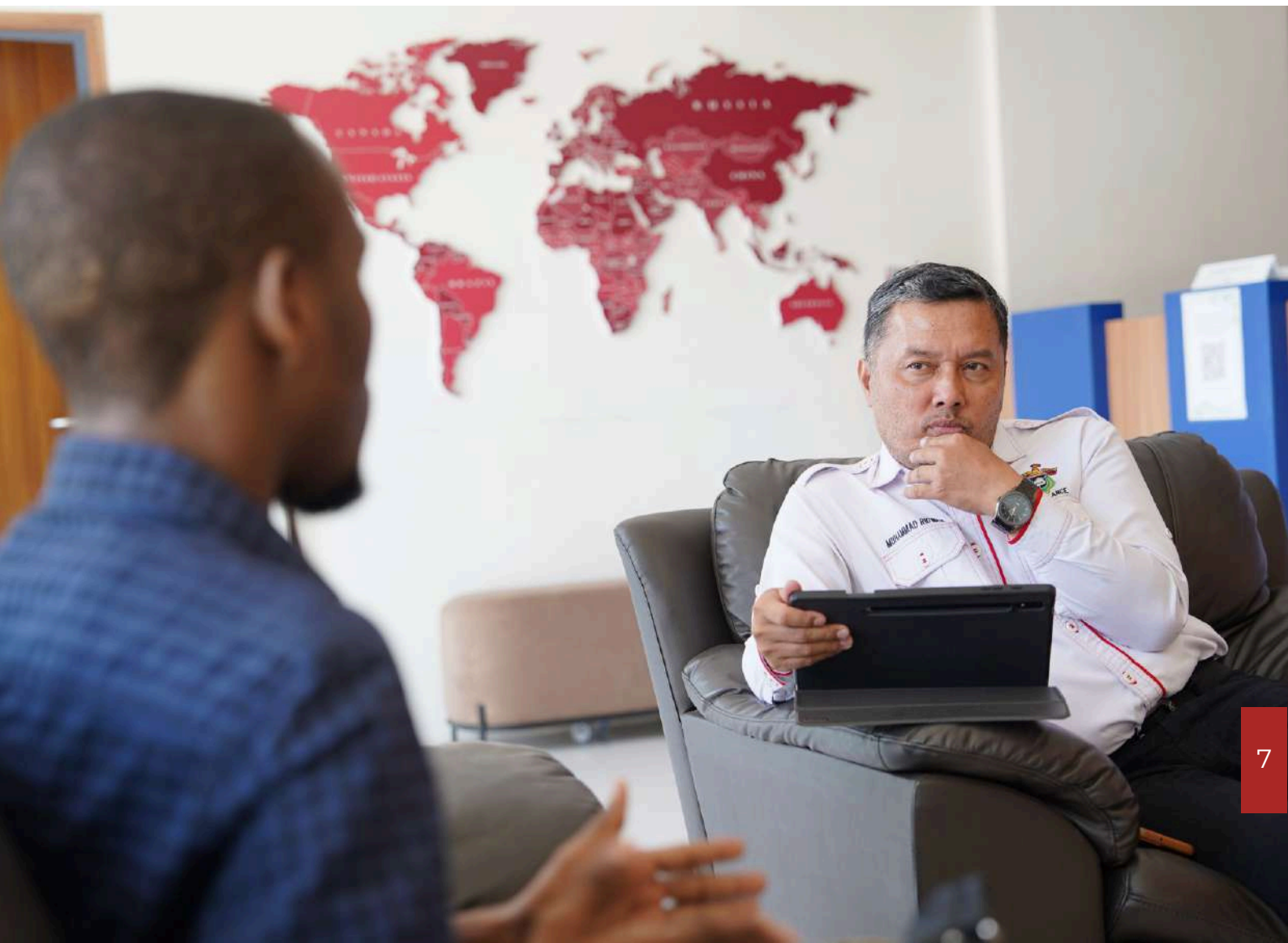
Said's arrival in Indonesia marked the beginning of a life-changing journey. He shared some of his most surprising and memorable experiences since coming to Makassar. "The cultural pride here is impressive. Indonesians are deeply connected to their language and traditions, which is very different from my country, where English dominates. I've also been amazed at how welcoming and helpful the local students and lecturers are—they go out of their way to support me whenever I face challenges."

He further highlighted how his perspective on education has evolved. "Back home, education focuses heavily on passing tests. Here, I've learned to value critical thinking and self-confidence. These skills have helped me grow as both a student and a person."

Adapting to a New Lifestyle

Adjusting to a new environment always comes with challenges, and for Said, food was an area of cultural adaptation. "In Tanzania, rice is usually cooked with salt and oil, but here, the preparation is different. At first, it was difficult, but I've adjusted by exploring local restaurants and trying to cook on my own. The people here have been very supportive, which made it easier to adapt."

Said also shared his thoughts on engaging with local culture to enhance his experience. "Interacting with people has been key to understanding the language and culture better. I enjoy learning by talking to locals and getting involved in different activities. This has made my time here more fulfilling."



An Inspiring Message for Future Students

As an international student, Said believes UNHAS provides an excellent opportunity for learning and personal development. "UNHAS offers a welcoming environment, affordable living costs, and a vibrant cultural experience. The local students are supportive, and the lecturers are approachable. For future international students, I recommend embracing the culture, connecting with people, and enjoying the journey. It's an experience that will shape you for the better.

The Role of the International Office

Said also expressed gratitude for the assistance provided by the IO at UNHAS. "From the moment I arrived, the IO has been a reliable source of support, helping me navigate challenges like language barriers and cultural differences. Their efforts have made my transition smoother and more enjoyable."

Building Bridges Across Borders

Said Sadallah's story is a testament to the enriching experiences that international education can offer. His journey from Tanzania to Indonesia reflects the spirit of global collaboration and learning that UNHAS champions. Through programs like the KNB Scholarship, the university continues to attract and support talented students from around the world, fostering cross-cultural understanding and academic excellence.

The IO extends their gratitude to Said Sadallah for sharing his inspiring story. We hope his experiences encourage more international students to join UNHAS and embark on a journey of discovery, learning, and personal growth.





Student Volunteer



Empowering Internationalization:
Husna's Role as an IO Volunteer

Hi guys, it's me, Husna!

Joining the International Office (IO) as a student volunteer (Stuvo) at Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) has been one of the best decisions of my life. My main motivation was to broaden my international perspective and contribute to creating an inclusive environment for international students. I hope that someday, when I become an international student, I will be treated kindly there. It's also a golden opportunity to hone my communication skills, enhance my language skills, and expand my global network.

One of the most memorable moments as a Stuvo was when my batch 3 team organized a language class (Kelas Bahasa) for international students. Seeing their enthusiasm in learning Bahasa Indonesia was truly heartwarming. It wasn't just about sharing knowledge—it was also about understanding the challenges they face. This experience taught me that helping others can be one of the most rewarding experiences ever.

At first, I was worried about balancing my academic responsibilities with my role at IO. But surprisingly, IO offers incredible flexibility, allowing us to focus on our studies while fulfilling our duties as volunteers. With a strong teamwork ethic, we were able to share responsibilities without compromising our academic priorities.

As a Stuvo, I gained many valuable skills. I learned to manage my time effectively, communicate with people from diverse backgrounds, and adapt to a multicultural environment. One unforgettable experience was being part of the organizing team for the 2024 International Student Festival. Hosting hundreds of guests gave me insight into how to manage a large-scale event successfully.



Being part of IO has had a huge impact on my personal and professional growth. Personally, I've become more confident in interacting with new people, especially in English. Professionally, I've gained invaluable insights into working in multicultural teams, which will undoubtedly be beneficial for my future career.

The most rewarding part of this journey has been the opportunity to meet and learn from people with unique backgrounds. Each interaction offered fresh perspectives and enriched my view of the world. One of my best experiences was participating in the International Cultural Program (ICP), where I shared stories and experiences with friends from various countries.

For those aspiring to become a student volunteer, here's my advice: don't be afraid to step out of your comfort zone! Every challenge is an opportunity to grow. Being a volunteer isn't just about giving—it's also about receiving extraordinary experiences. So, join us and create your own beautiful story! See you at IO!



STRENGTHENING TIES: UNHAS STUDENTS AND LECTURERS EXPLORE ACADEMIC AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE AT OKAYAMA UNIVERSITY



Students and lecturers from the Faculty of Dentistry (FKG) and Faculty of Public Health (FKM) at Universitas Hasanuddin (UNHAS) participated in a student exchange program with Okayama University on December 18, 2024. This visit marked the continuation of the ongoing collaboration between Okayama University's Faculty of Health Sciences and UNHAS's Faculties of Dentistry, Public Health, Nursing, and Medicine.

The program aimed to enhance relationships between the two universities by exploring their education systems and the advanced technologies applied in learning, particularly in dentistry. During the visit, participants toured various facilities, including laboratories dedicated to oral surgery, orthodontics, and prosthodontics, showcasing cutting-edge technology that supports both research and clinical practice.

In addition to academic activities, the program introduced UNHAS participants to the social and cultural aspects of life at Okayama University. As part of this experience, they visited Korakuen Garden, one of Japan's most renowned traditional gardens. Here, they learned about the harmony-focused philosophy of Japanese garden design and its cultural significance.

This exchange program highlights the importance of fostering collaboration beyond academics, incorporating cultural and social elements to create a well-rounded partnership. It is hoped that this initiative will further strengthen ties between the universities, benefiting both parties in areas of academic excellence, research innovation, and cultural exchange. Such experiences provide a valuable platform to expand perspectives and elevate the quality of education in the future.



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