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PREPARING UNHAS NURSING STUDENTS FOR THE SAKURA SCIENCE PROGRAM: INSIGHTS FROM PRE-DEPARTURE TRAINING



The International Office (IO) of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) facilitated two insightful sessions at the Pre-Departure Training (PDT) for nursing students participating in the Sakura Science Program (SSP). Held by the Faculty of Nursing (FKep) on Friday, January 10, 2024, the PDT was officially opened by Prof. drg. Muhammad Ruslin, Ph.D., (Vice Rector for Academic and Student Affairs), accompanied by Muh. Syahrul, Ph.D., (Vice Dean for Academic and Student Affairs), and other officials from the Rectorate and Dean's office. The training supports the preparation of seven selected students—six from the Nursing and Physiotherapy undergraduate programs and one from the Nursing master's program—who will spend a week at Yokohama City University (YCU), Japan. Due to illness, one student was unable to attend the PDT.

The two sessions delivered by the IO aimed to equip students with essential knowledge for their outbound experience. Andi Masyitha Irwan, Ph.D., (Head of the IO), presented "Outbound Students and Teachers as UNHAS Ambassadors," emphasizing the role of students as cultural representatives of the university. Muhammad Ridwan, M.A., (IO Secretary) conducted a session titled "Cross-Cultural Understanding: Going Abroad, What Should I Do?" where he discussed strategies for adapting to new cultures, maintaining respect, and making the most of their academic journey abroad. These sessions ensured that students are well-prepared not only academically but also culturally for their visit to YCU.

The Sakura Science Program offers students an opportunity to engage in academic activities, including classroom discussions and presentations, at YCU. The IO's involvement in such training highlights its commitment to supporting outbound students at both university and faculty levels. By providing comprehensive pre-departure guidance, the IO ensures that students uphold UNHAS's values and maintain exemplary behavior as ambassadors during their international journey.



UNHAS OFFICIALLY LAUNCHES INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM TO MALAYSIA



Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) officially sent off its International Community Service Program (KKN) participants in collaboration with the Indonesian Embassy (KBRI) in Malaysia on Thursday, January 9, 2025. The send-off ceremony, held at the Rectorate Lounge, was led by Prof. drg. Muhammad Ruslin, M.Kes., Ph.D., Sp.BM(K), (Vice Rector for Academic and Student Affairs), who emphasized the importance of creating community-based programs and teamwork among the 28 student participants. He encouraged students to use their academic knowledge to provide practical solutions and highlighted the potential for *Kuliah Kerja Nyata* (KKN) or Community-Based Education to generate policy briefs on immigrant issues.

Accompanying the event were Sahrianti Saad, S.Hut., M.Sc., Ph.D., (Director of Education Transformation and Learning Innovation/TRANSDIVA), well known as Dr Ari and Dr. Ir. Syarifuddin Mabe Parenreng, S.T., M.T., IPU., CSRS., CRMP., (Head of the Sub-Directorate of KKN.) Faculty supervisors Jamaluddin Fitrah, Ph.D., and Nosakros Arya, M.I.Kom., also provided final guidance to the students. Dr. Ari highlighted UNHAS's efforts to expand international KKN programs, citing the success of a similar program in Japan in 2024.

The KKN program, coordinated by the Education Attaché at KBRI Malaysia, will run for 29 days starting January 11, 2025. Students will teach Indonesian migrant workers' children at several *Sekolah Indonesia Kuala Lumpur* (SIKL) or Indonesian Schools of Kuala Lumpur. Dr. Syarifuddin described the program as an opportunity for students to make a meaningful contribution to education while enhancing UNHAS's reputation on an international scale.

Aula Zuhda Asy-Syaefi, a student from the International Relations study program at UNHAS, expressed excitement and hope for the program. This initiative reflects UNHAS's commitment to community service and international collaboration, providing students with valuable global experiences while supporting education for Indonesian children abroad.



2025 BEGINS WITH STRENGTHENED TIES: UNHAS AND SOUTH KOREA'S HISTORICAL RESEARCH CONSORTIUM



On January 8, 2025, the Department of History at Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) hosted a seminar on “The History of Things in Eurasia.” This seminar is part of a consortium research project involving multiple South Korean universities. The project, spanning Asia and Europe, represents a long-term, interdisciplinary exploration of cultural and historical dynamics, and UNHAS is proud to play an active role in this significant collaboration.

Earlier, in late 2024, a representative from UNHAS was invited to a seminar hosted by the HK+ Plus Team of Dongguk University in Seoul. This seminar, themed “Looking Through Civilization and Cultural History in Terms of Colors,” offered a fascinating glimpse into the cultural interpretations of colors across societies. During this event, a paper titled “*Changing Colors in South Sulawesi: From Ritual to Class and Political Markers*” was presented, examining how the Bugis, Makassar, and Toraja peoples of South Sulawesi have historically used colors in rituals, as markers of social class, and as tools for political expression, especially during post-colonial times.

At the seminar held at the Faculty of Cultural Sciences (FIB) UNHAS, distinguished academics from South Korea, including Prof. In-Beom SEO, Ph.D. (Team Leader, Dongguk University), Prof. Hyung-Jun KIM, Ph.D. (Kangwon National University), and Prof. Jongkuk NAM, Ph.D. (Ewha Womans University), delivered insightful contributions. Prof. SEO, as the project coordinator, praised UNHAS as a strategic partner in their research and expressed optimism about expanding this collaboration. The event attracted attendees from various faculties at UNHAS, including staff and students from the Departments of History and Law, as well as members of the internationalization task force team at FIB.

A major topic of discussion was Indonesia's historical connection to global trade through the spice trade. Two UNHAS historians, Dr. Muslimin AR Effendy and Dr. Ida Liana Tanjung, served as keynote speakers. Dr. Muslimin presented a broader perspective on spices, emphasizing the intersections of colonialism, cultural exchanges, and the strategic role of rivers as trade routes. Meanwhile, Dr. Ida shed light on Makassar's enduring importance as a port city during the Age of Commerce, highlighting its pivotal role in the regional and global spice trade.

The seminar was followed by a field visit to historical spice trade sites in North Maluku, including Ternate, where the Korean research team sought to document collective memories and historical narratives of the spice trade's influence on the region. This journey reinforced the shared historical significance of the spice trade in connecting Indonesia with the world.



To solidify this partnership, an Implementation Arrangement (IA) was signed between UNHAS and its South Korean counterparts. The IA outlines collaborative research projects, academic material and personnel exchanges, and joint academic events such as seminars and workshops. Additionally, the South Korean institutions expressed their willingness to support the establishment of a Korean Studies Program at UNHAS, which could further strengthen cultural and academic ties.

This seminar and the subsequent agreements mark a promising start to 2025 for UNHAS, underscoring its growing role in global academic collaborations and its commitment to enriching historical research and cultural exchange.



FORGING CONNECTIONS: U.S. CONSULATE AND AMERICAN CORNER VISIT HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY



The International Office (IO) of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), represented by Muhammad Ridwan, M.A. (IO Secretary), and Saaduddin (IO Task Force for Immigration and International Students Affairs), recently welcomed Ryzkian Ariandi Pratama from the United States (U.S.) Consulate General Office of Surabaya who is also the Coordinator of American Corner for Eastern Indonesia and Abdul Hakim, M.A., Director of American Corner (Amcor) Makassar. The visit aimed to share updates on the upcoming official launch of a transformed American Corner, scheduled for January 21–22, 2025, at Nipah Mall, Makassar. This innovative relocation marks a shift from the traditional campus-based setup to a public-focused format, designed to reach a wider audience, including students, lecturers, and the general public seeking U.S.-related resources.

Additionally, the visit highlighted plans for a representative of the U.S. Consulate to meet with Prof. Jamaluddin Jompa, Ph.D., (Rector). The meeting will explore opportunities for collaboration and initiatives to enhance scientific and academic engagement between the two institutions. This development underlines a shared commitment to fostering international partnerships and knowledge exchange.

The visit concluded with a photo session, reflecting the warm and productive rapport between the International Office and the U.S. representatives. Both parties expressed optimism about future collaborations and the expanded impact of the American Corner in Makassar.





Student Volunteer

Embracing Growth and Global Connections:
Farell Bryan Ursipuny as an International Office
Volunteer

Volunteering at the International Office (IO) is more than just an opportunity—it's a transformative journey that shapes both personal and professional growth. For those passionate about global engagement, the IO serves as a dynamic platform to connect with people from diverse backgrounds, develop crucial skills, and contribute to meaningful internationalization efforts. As a proud member of the IO Student Volunteer program, my experiences have been nothing short of life-changing, offering a blend of challenges and rewards that have enriched my university life.

Joining the IO as a Student Volunteer was a decision that stemmed from a friend's recommendation. Before applying, I thoroughly researched the program, ensuring I understood the opportunities and expectations. What drew me most was the chance to interact with people from different cultures and enhance my English communication skills. The experience has surpassed my expectations, offering not only personal growth but also invaluable character development.

Reflecting on this journey, one of the most meaningful phases was the probationary period. This first three months was instrumental in fostering strong bonds among my fellow volunteers in batch three. Working together during this initial stage allowed us to share our experiences and develop a sense of camaraderie that continues to enrich our collaboration. It's been an honor to be part of such an incredible team working on impactful projects over the past year.

Balancing academic responsibilities with volunteer duties is crucial, and I've been able to maintain this balance effectively. While the IO assigns a range of tasks—some of which were entirely new to me—these responsibilities have been thoughtfully managed to ensure they do not interfere with my studies. Each assignment is designed to be achievable for all volunteers, reinforcing my ability to excel in both areas simultaneously.

Through this role, I've gained a wealth of skills and experiences that will serve me in various aspects of life. One of the most significant skills I've developed is management, which has been critical in ensuring the smooth execution of IO events. For example, I took responsibility for guest pick-up during the World Class University Symposium at Universitas Hasanuddin. This experience highlighted the importance of organization and precision in a professional setting.



Being part of the IO has greatly contributed to both my personal and professional growth. Initially, I was nervous about integrating into a new environment, but this role has significantly enhanced my communication skills and confidence in meeting new people. On a professional level, the responsibilities entrusted to me have helped me develop into a reliable and adaptable team member. This journey has been transformative, broadening my perspectives and reinforcing my belief in the power of collaboration. The IO has truly become a second family for me.

What makes this experience even more rewarding is the sense of inclusivity within the IO. The structure allows for seamless interaction between staff and volunteers, creating a supportive and collaborative environment. This inclusivity has been particularly valuable in helping me understand international matters, which align with my passion for pursuing study exchange programs and other global opportunities. However, the most fulfilling aspect of my role has been the unique combination of being treated like family while working professionally alongside a dedicated team.

To those aspiring to join the IO team, my advice is simple yet vital. Take the initiative to learn as much as possible about the Student Volunteer program by participating in IO events. This will provide a clearer understanding of the program's scope and benefits. Cultivate values such as loyalty and integrity, as these traits not only enhance your chances of selection but also prepare you for the journey ahead. And once you've secured a spot, dedicate yourself fully, especially during the probationary period, as it sets the foundation for an enriching experience.



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