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EXPANDING GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT: UNHAS IO'S 2025 PROGRAM REVIEW AND STAFF EXCHANGE PLANS



The International Office (IO) of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) held the 2025 IO Annual Program Overview and Preparation Meeting for the Staff Exchange Program to Japan and Korea on Tuesday, January 21, 2025. The meeting took place from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM Makassar time at the IO Meeting Room and was led by Andi Masyitha Irwan, Ph.D., (Head of the IO). The session provided a comprehensive review of the IO's planned activities and initiatives from January to December 2025. All IO staff members participated in the meeting, contributing to discussions on key internationalization programs and strategies for the upcoming year.

Following the program overview, the meeting shifted focus to the preparation for the staff exchange program. This session was co-led by Yusran, a Professional Travel Advisor, and Dr. Andi Masyitha Irwan. The discussion centered on the logistics and activities for the upcoming international visit, which will involve all IO staff members. The staff exchange program aims to explore internationalization practices at four prestigious universities: Yokohama City University (YCU) and Kanazawa University (KU) in Japan, as well as Incheon National University (INU) and Korea University (KU) in Seoul, South Korea.

One of the key topics addressed during the meeting was the preparation for the implementation of the International Academic Consortium for Sustainable Cities (IACSC). As UNHAS is set to host the annual assembly of the consortium, extensive planning and coordination efforts were discussed to ensure the event's success. The meeting highlighted the strategic importance of the consortium and the opportunity it presents for UNHAS to strengthen its global academic partnerships and sustainability initiatives.



ADVANCING PUBLIC HEALTH: PROF. SUKRI AND DIAN SIDIK ARSYAD'S CONTRIBUTIONS SHINE IN UTRECHT



Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) celebrated a significant milestone in academic excellence as Dian Sidik Arsyad, a faculty member in the Department of Epidemiology, Faculty of Public Health (FKM), successfully defended his dissertation titled “Cardiovascular Disease Prevention in Indonesia: Epidemiology, Risk Factors, Organization of Care, and Prevention” at Utrecht University on January 14, 2025.

This remarkable event highlighted the growing recognition of UNHAS’s academic contributions on the global stage, with Prof. Sukri Palutturi, SKM, M.Kes., MSc.PH, Ph.D., Dean of FKM, serving as an esteemed examiner and opponent. Invited by Promotor Prof. Doevendans, Prof. Sukri’s participation underscored his pivotal role in advancing public health research and education, particularly in cardiovascular health.



Dian Sidik Arsyad's dissertation showcased groundbreaking insights into cardiovascular disease prevention in Indonesia, addressing epidemiology, modifiable risk factors, and the readiness of community health systems. His research, spanning five years and four months, produced eight Scopus-indexed publications, including studies in BMC Public Health, Frontiers in Nutrition, and Nutrients, cementing his reputation as a leading academic in the field.

During the defense, Dian impressed the panel with his mastery of the subject and his ability to translate findings into practical implications. Prof. Sukri commended his work, stating, "Dian's research bridges critical gaps in public health policy and practice, particularly in the fight against cardiovascular diseases in Indonesia." He challenged Dian to further explore the broader impacts of his findings on national health strategies, particularly at community health centers and hospitals.

The examination panel, which included distinguished professors from Utrecht University, praised Dian's dedication and the mentorship provided by Prof. Sukri. A fellow examiner noted, "Prof. Sukri's contributions are invaluable, bridging research and actionable strategies to address pressing health challenges."

The event was graced by the presence of Mariska Dwianti Dhanutirto, Deputy Chief of Mission at the Indonesian Embassy in the Netherlands, further underlining the significance of this academic achievement for Indonesia.

The defense concluded with a laudation from the Co-Promotor, celebrating Dian's academic journey and his commitment to improving public health. A post-defense reception provided an opportunity for dignitaries, faculty, and attendees to engage in meaningful discussions, fostering international collaboration.

This event also spotlighted Prof. Sukri's unwavering dedication to global academic engagement. His leadership has propelled FKM UNHAS to the forefront of public health education and research, inspiring future health professionals to embrace international collaboration in tackling global health challenges.

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PhD DEFENSE & RECEPTION

FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Thursday, 14
January 2025
at 16:15



Academiegebouw,
Universiteit Utrecht
Domplein 29, Utrecht

DIAN SIDIK ARSYAD

**“Cardiovascular Disease Prevention in Indonesia:
Epidemiology, Risk Factors, Organization of Care,
and Prevention”**

Paranymphs: Muchlisin & Ali Abdillah



HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY'S FACULTY OF DENTISTRY VISITS MALAYSIAN UNIVERSITIES TO ENHANCE LABORATORY MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS



The Faculty of Dentistry at Hasanuddin University (FKG UNHAS) conducted a visit to three prominent Malaysian universities; Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, MAHSA University, and University Malaya—from January 22 to 23, 2025. The visit aimed to study Laboratory Information Management Systems (LIMS) focusing on resource planning, material storage, student flow, and centralized management of supplies and equipment repair. This initiative sought to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of laboratory operations at FKG UNHAS.

The delegation included Dr. Juni Jekti Nugroho, drg., Sp.KG., Subsp., KE(K), (Vice Dean for Planning and Resources); Erni Marlina, drg., Ph.D., Sp.PM.Subsp., Inf(K), (Vice Dean for Partnerships, Research, Innovation, and Alumni); Rika Damayanti Syarif, drg., M.Kes, (Coordinator of the Integrated Laboratory); Afniati Rachmuddin, drg., Sp.KG., (Head of the Preparation Laboratory); and Haryati, SE., MT., (Head of Planning and Resources.) Each member contributed their expertise to comprehensively evaluate the laboratory management systems at the visited universities.

The three universities showcased unique and systematic approaches to laboratory management. They demonstrated meticulous arrangements for tracking student usage of instruments, controlling material distribution, and maintaining centralized systems for supplies and repairs. These processes not only enhance resource utilization but also streamline workflows, ensuring greater operational efficiency in the laboratories.

Returning with a wealth of knowledge, the FKG UNHAS team has gained valuable insights on implementing a centralized management system in their laboratories. This initiative is expected to improve resource allocation, optimize student workflows, and elevate the overall quality of laboratory management at Hasanuddin University.





Student Volunteer

**Student Volunteer Chronicle; Fostering Global
Connections: A Volunteer's Journey at
Hasanuddin University's International Office**

In this issue, please meet Muhammad Adam, a passionate and dedicated student volunteer at Hasanuddin University (UNHAS)'s International Office (IO). Motivated by the desire for international exposure and inspired by the impactful events organized by the office, Mr. Adam eagerly joined the team to connect with international students and engage with diverse global stakeholders. With a natural curiosity for different cultures and a drive to make meaningful contributions, Mr. Adam has embraced the role wholeheartedly, gaining invaluable experiences and skills that are shaping their personal and professional growth. Please see his detail in the following.

My main motivation was the opportunity for international exposure. I was excited about the chance to interact with international students and engage with various international stakeholders. Additionally, I was inspired by the incredible events organized by the International Office, and I thought it would be an amazing experience to be part of such impactful events.

One of my most memorable moments was during the International Student Festival (ISF), where I had the privilege of serving as a liaison officer for international students. I helped them prepare their booths for the event. This was my first experience being involved in a university-level event, and it was both challenging and rewarding.

One thing I truly appreciate about being part of the IO is the flexibility it offers. The team understands that we have academic responsibilities, and the events are thoughtfully scheduled so they don't interfere with our studies. Moreover, this role has helped me develop better time management skills, as I've learned how to prioritize tasks effectively.

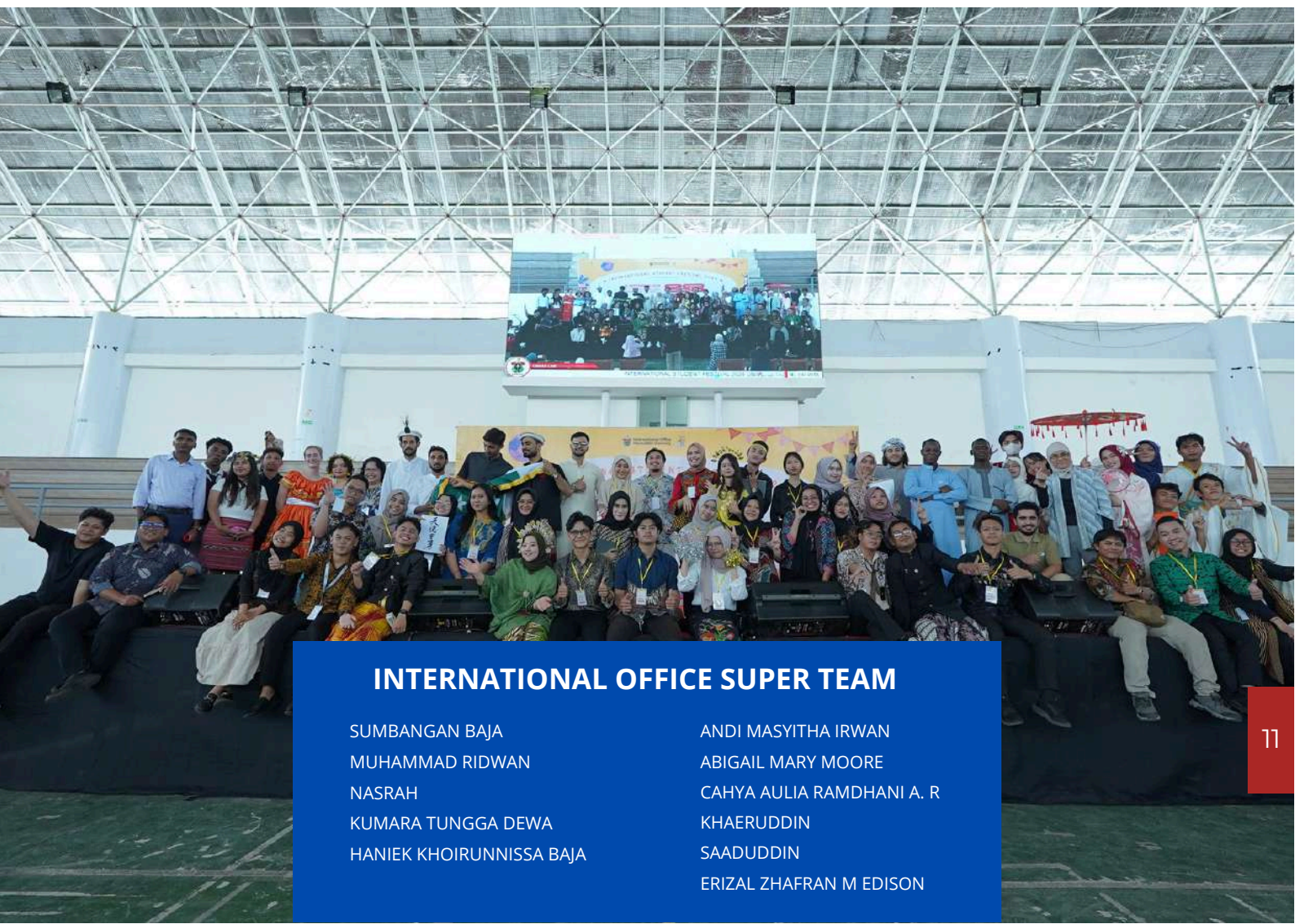


I've significantly improved my public speaking and English communication skills, particularly through interactions with international students, such as during Bahasa classes. Beyond that, my overall communication abilities have grown, as the role requires collaborating with various stakeholders and adapting to diverse cultural contexts.

Being part of the IO has greatly enhanced my personal and professional growth. It has provided opportunities to develop critical skills like communication, cultural adaptability, and teamwork. Additionally, it's given me hands-on experience in organizing events and managing diverse groups of people, which I believe will benefit my future career.

The most rewarding aspect is the opportunity to interact with people from diverse backgrounds and cultures around the world. This experience has broadened my perspective, enhanced my cross-cultural understanding, and strengthened my global awareness. Being part of an inclusive and dynamic space like this is truly fulfilling, and it also contributes to both my personal and professional development.

If you're looking for an inclusive environment where you can interact with people from different countries and broaden your horizons, the IO is the perfect place. To those aspiring to join, I recommend preparing yourself by improving your communication skills and participating in IO events to experience the atmosphere firsthand. It's an opportunity you won't regret!



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