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UNHAS IO AND YCU DISCUSS INTERNATIONALIZATION STRATEGIES AND FUTURE PROGRAMS



The International Office (IO) of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) participated in a Staff Exchange Program by visiting Yokohama City University (YCU), Japan. The visit took place on February 4, 2025, at YCU's Office of International Affairs. The UNHAS IO team was warmly welcomed by Mr. Yves Gendron, Manager of International Cooperation and Partnership, along with two other YCU staff members.

During the meeting, both parties engaged in a fruitful discussion about the roles and activities of their respective international offices. This exchange provided valuable insights to enhance the programs and collaborations between the two institutions. Additionally, a Zoom meeting was conducted to involve all consortium members led by YCU. The virtual discussion aimed to coordinate the implementation of the International Academic Consortium for Sustainable Cities (IACSC) Conference, that will be hosted by UNHAS this year.

Led by Andi Masyitha Irwan, Ph.D. (Head of UNHAS IO), the UNHAS team—Khaeruddin, Ph.D., and Saaduddin, Ph.D.—presented the draft plan for the IACSC Conference. The draft also integrated the 8th International Cultural Program (ICP) as part of the event, aiming to encourage student participation from all consortium members. The final decision on member participation will be further discussed in a webinar meeting of Consortium Leaders.

The visit to YCU concluded with a photo session and the exchange of tokens of appreciation, marking a strong step forward in the ongoing collaboration between UNHAS and YCU.







FROM ALUMNI TO PARTNERS: UNHAS AND KANAZAWA UNIVERSITY DEEPEN TIES



Following their visit to Yokohama City University (YCU), the International Office (IO) of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) continued its Staff Exchange Program by visiting Kanazawa University (KU) on February 7, 2025. The delegation was officially welcomed by Dr. Noriko Hasebe (Vice President), accompanied by several KU leaders, including Hideki Yamamoto (Director of the International Students Exchange Division), Mammadova Aida (Advisor to the President on International Affairs), and two faculty members.

During the discussions, a key highlight was that Andi Masyitha Irwan, Ph.D. (Head of UNHAS IO), popularly known as Ms. Citha, and Syahrul, Ph.D. (Vice Dean for Academic and Student Affairs, Faculty of Nursing, UNHAS), are both alumni of Kanazawa University. Another major topic was the 8th International Cultural Program (ICP), where UNHAS expressed its hope for KU students to participate in future editions of the program. Additionally, UNHAS IO shared its best practices in Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly Life Below Water, where UNHAS ranked second in Indonesia in both 2022 and 2023. This achievement drew special interest from Ms. Aida, who oversees SDGs initiatives at KU.

Before concluding the visit, Ms. Citha presented the UNHAS IO Newsletter, which featured a recent Kanazawa faculty member's visit to UNHAS' Faculty of Engineering. She emphasized that all UNHAS international guests are highlighted in the IO Weekly News and later compiled into the Monthly Newsletter.

The visit ended with a photo session and a token exchange. As the UNHAS delegation departed, they took time to enjoy a tour around the snow-covered Kanazawa University campus, experiencing the aftermath of a heavy snowstorm that had hit the city just a day before their arrival.



STRENGTHENING INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION: UITM PPDS STUDENTS BEGIN ONE-MONTH PROGRAM AT UNHAS



The Faculty of Medicine at Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) welcomed students from the Specialist Medical Training Program (PPDS) in Rehabilitation Medicine from the University of Technology Mara (UiTM), Shah Alam, Malaysia, on February 4, 2025. The PPDS students were warmly received by Prof. Dr. dr. Rina Masadah, M.Phil., Sp.PA(K), DFM, Vice Dean for Publication, Community Engagement, and International Affairs, along with Dr. dr. Husnul Mubarak, Sp.KFR., N.M(K), FEMG, Head of the Department of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine (IKFR), and Dr. dr. Nuralam Sam, Sp.KFR., M.S(K), FEMG., AIFO-K, Secretary of the IKFR Study Program, at the Dean's Office of the Faculty of Medicine, Hasanuddin University.

The three PPDS students from UiTM are Dr. Muhammad Mus'ab Bin Ilyasak, Dr. Najihah Binti Abdul Rahman, and Dr. Nadhirah Binti Haniffah. Prof. Rina extended a warm welcome to the students, expressing her hopes that they would gain valuable experience and learn from the diverse medical cases encountered during their stay in Makassar.

This inbound program is a continuation of the academic collaboration between the two Rehabilitation Medicine programs, strengthening educational and research partnerships. The arrival of specialist-level students from UiTM also underscores UNHAS's growing international reputation as a destination for advanced medical training.

The UiTM PPDS students will undertake a one-month study program in Makassar, where they are expected to acquire not only high-quality medical knowledge but also gain a broader understanding of Indonesian culture.



UNHAS TO SHOWCASE ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AT ASEAN UNIVERSITY FORUM 2025



Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), through its International Office (IO) represented by Muhammad Ridwan, M.A. (IO Secretary) and Kumara Tungga Dewa, S.S. (IO Staff), participated in a Zoom meeting for the ASEAN University Exhibition and Forum (AEF) on February 6, 2025, at 3:00 PM Kuala Lumpur time. The meeting was initiated by the Indonesian Embassy in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, to coordinate with representatives from Indonesian universities ahead of their participation in AEF, which will take place on February 24-25, 2025, at Sunway Resort Hotel, Kuala Lumpur.

During the meeting, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Firdaus, S.P., M.Si., the Education and Culture Attaché of the Indonesian Embassy, expressed his gratitude for the presence of university representatives. He highlighted that AEF in Malaysia differs from other exhibitions in ASEAN countries, such as Thailand, as Malaysia hosts a diverse international student population. He emphasized that this event presents a valuable opportunity for Indonesian universities to attract prospective students from various countries.

To facilitate smooth participation, the Indonesian Embassy will issue official invitation letters to all participating Indonesian universities. This letter will serve as a supporting document for customs clearance at Kuala Lumpur International Airport, ensuring that universities can transport their exhibition materials without any issues.

The meeting concluded with an invitation for participants to join a follow-up discussion with the AEF organizing committee and other ASEAN universities involved in the event.





Student Volunteer Chronicle:

A Transformative Journey – Ariqah Fathin

I joined the International Office (IO) as a student volunteer because of my passion for cultural exchange, personal growth, and community service. I've always been intrigued by the diverse perspectives that international students bring to a university environment. Volunteering at the IO gave me the chance to immerse myself in a global network while contributing to a welcoming and inclusive atmosphere. It was an opportunity to develop skills in communication, leadership, and problem-solving, all while helping international students adjust to life at the university.

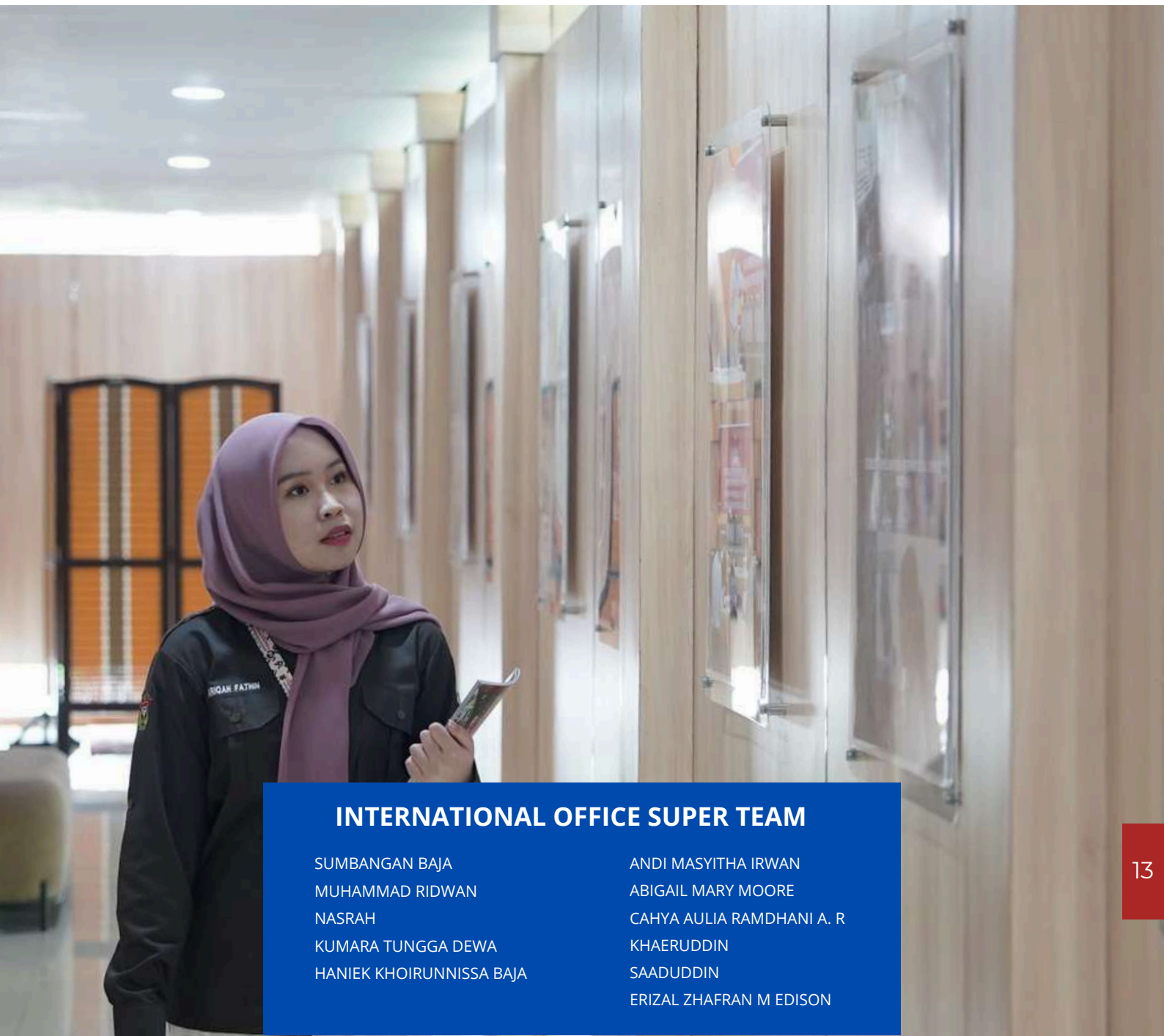
One of the most memorable experiences I had as a volunteer was helping an international student navigate daily life in Indonesia. The student was feeling overwhelmed by the language barrier and unsure about where to find basic necessities like groceries and SIM cards. I spent the afternoon showing them around local markets, helping them set up their phone service, and offering tips on getting around the city. By the end of the day, the student felt more confident and less stressed, which was incredibly fulfilling for me as I saw the positive impact of my support on their transition.

Another experience that stood out was teaching a *Bahasa Indonesia* class to a group of international students. Many of them were eager to learn the language to make their time in Indonesia more manageable. I enjoyed seeing their enthusiasm and was especially proud of one student who, despite initial hesitation, grew more confident in speaking the language over time. Watching their progress was deeply rewarding, and it helped me develop my ability to explain concepts clearly, be patient, and adapt my teaching style to meet different needs.



Balancing my academic responsibilities with volunteering was a smooth process, thanks to the flexibility offered by the IO. The staff were always understanding and supportive when I needed to adjust my volunteer hours around my class schedule. This flexibility allowed me to prioritize my studies while still gaining valuable volunteer experience. I typically planned my academic workload in advance and looked for available time to volunteer, ensuring that my academic commitments came first during more demanding periods.

Volunteering at the IO has been a transformative experience that has enhanced both my personal and professional growth. It has sharpened my communication, problem-solving, and leadership skills, which have translated into stronger performance in my coursework and group projects. Additionally, working with students from diverse backgrounds has taught me how to communicate effectively across cultural boundaries and develop emotional intelligence. My advice to new volunteers is to approach the role with an open mind, be proactive, and communicate clearly while being patient and understanding. This experience will help you grow in ways that will benefit both your academic journey and future career.



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