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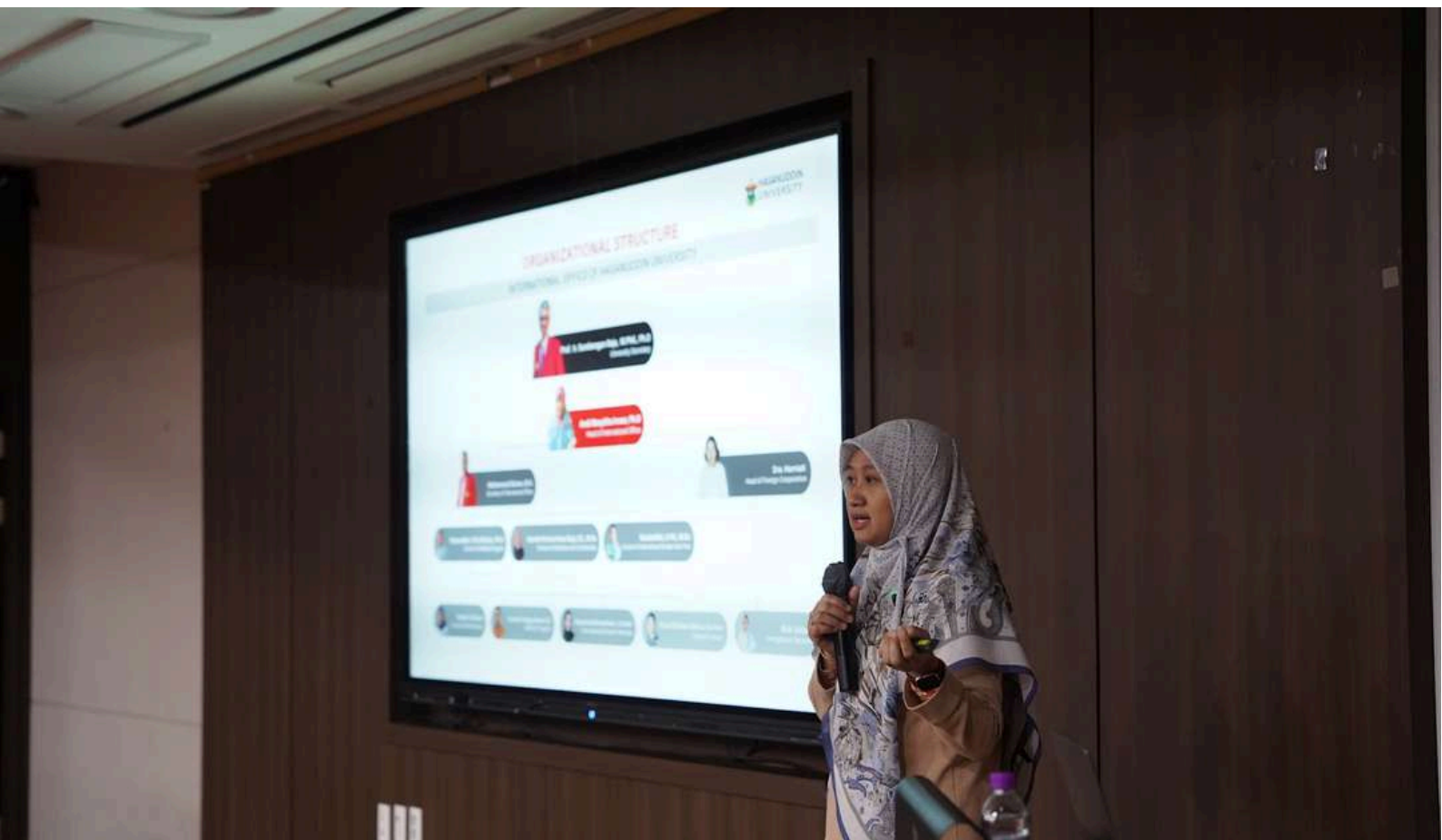


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FROM MAKASSAR TO INCHEON: UNHAS EXPANDS GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT



As part of its Staff Exchange Program, the International Office (IO) of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) visited Incheon National University (INU), South Korea, on February 12, 2025, from 9:00 to 11:00 AM Incheon time. Despite a snowstorm hitting Incheon, the visit proceeded as planned and was warmly welcomed by Dr. Park Sang-Byong (Director of the Office of International Affairs), along with Min Suk Shim (Dean of International Affairs), and other INU staff. The welcome ceremony, held at the INU Lecture Theater, began with an opening remark by Dr. Park, followed by an information session on INU's student mobility and graduate programs. The session also included a Q&A discussion, allowing both universities to exchange insights before UNHAS presented its institutional profile.

The UNHAS presentation delivered by Andi Masyitha Irwan, Ph.D. (Head of IO) introduced UNHAS and its internationalization programs. Popularly known as Ms. Citha, she highlighted various initiatives undertaken by the IO, including the 8th International Cultural Program (ICP). A short video of the ICP was showcased, with the hope of encouraging INU students to participate in future editions. The presentation provided INU faculty and staff with a deeper understanding of UNHAS's global engagement and student opportunities.

Following the session, the UNHAS delegation had the opportunity to explore the INU campus, particularly its state-of-the-art library. Equipped with modern technology and a special entrance card system, the library operates 24/7, which greatly impressed the UNHAS team. Making this visit an eye-opening experience in terms of accessibility and student support facilities.

The visit concluded with a courtesy gesture from INU, which provided transportation for the UNHAS team. This act of hospitality left a lasting impression, reinforcing the strong academic partnership between the two institutions. UNHAS extends its gratitude to Incheon National University for the warm welcome and fruitful discussions, looking forward to future collaborations.





BRIDGING CULTURES: UNHAS STRENGTHENS TIES WITH KOREA UNIVERSITY



The last part of the International Office (IO) of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) Staff Exchange Program was a visit to Korea University (KU) in Seoul, South Korea, on February 12, 2025, at 2:30 PM Seoul time. The UNHAS team was warmly welcomed by Dr. Jeff DongHyun Jang (Director of International Office Affairs), and was accompanied by Dr. William Stewart (Associate Director, International Cooperation), Ms. Heejin Hong (Manager of the Exchange Program for Asia and Oceania; Outbound), and Ms. Heeyeon Jo (Manager of the Exchange Program for Asia and Oceania; Inbound) . The welcome ceremony started with an introduction to Korea University by Dr. William, followed by a Q&A session where both parties shared insights on their internationalization efforts.

A unique and exciting event presented by Dr. Jeff was Korea University's "Pizza Party with President" (PPP), a popular occasion that attracts many international students and faculty members. The event's success inspired the UNHAS team to consider implementing a similar initiative in Makassar. Although UNHAS may not replicate the pizza idea, they are considering offering a traditional sweet from Makassar as a way to bring together international students and faculty in a fun, engaging manner.

During the visit, the UNHAS delegation had the opportunity to present the 7th International Cultural Program (ICP) video, highlighting the exchange of cultures and experiences. Andi Masyitha Irwan, Ph.D., (Head of UNHAS IO), expressed her gratitude to KU for hosting the team and emphasized that for the 8th ICP, UNHAS hopes to welcome KU students to participate. This would mark the first time Korean students would take part in the program, and UNHAS extended an invitation for KU students to join a 10-day excursion to Makassar, South Sulawesi, Indonesia. The aim is to enrich the cultural diversity and exchange between the institutions.

The visit concluded with a photo session and the exchange of tokens, symbolizing the growing partnership between UNHAS and KU. This moment marked another step toward strengthening the collaboration between the two universities, fostering closer ties for future academic and cultural exchanges.







STRENGTHENING ACADEMIC TIES: UNHAS FACULTY OF NURSING DELEGATION VISITS YOKOHAMA CITY UNIVERSITY



A delegation from the Faculty of Nursing, Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), visited Yokohama City University, Japan, on Tuesday (February 4, 2025). The delegation included the Vice Dean for Academic and Student Affairs, Syahrul, S.Kep., Ns., M.Kes., Ph.D., accompanied by faculty member Andi Masyitha Irwan, S.Kep., Ns., MAN., Ph.D.

The visit aimed to evaluate the ongoing collaboration between the UNHAS Faculty of Nursing and the School of Nursing at Yokohama City University, which was initiated in 2024, particularly in the areas of research and publication. The UNHAS delegation was warmly received by Tomoko Akase, Ph.D., R.N., R.Ph., Dean of the School of Nursing, Yokohama City University, along with Nao Tamai, R.N., PHN., Ph.D., Professor in the Department of Nursing, and Yayoi Shoji, R.N., MHS.

Vice Dean Syahrul emphasized the continuation of existing collaborations, stating, "The joint initiatives in research and publication, as well as visiting lectures and student exchange programs—both online and offline—will be extended into 2025 and 2026." The agreed-upon collaborative activities set for 2025 are expected to provide significant benefits for both faculty members and students by enhancing their international exposure and academic perspectives.

Additionally, the meeting also discussed a published research article resulting from this collaborative effort. The publication entitled “ **The Impact of eHealth Literacy on Health Behaviors for Non-communicable Disease Prevention Among University Students in Japan and Indonesia**” was co-authored by Andi Masyitha Irwan, S.Kep., Ns., MAN., Ph.D., Syahrul, S.Kep., Ns., M.Kes., Ph.D., Prof. Dr. Ariyanti Saleh, S.Kp., M.Si., Dr. Erfina, S.Kep., Ns., M.Kep., and Andi Muhammad Fiqri, MN., RN., from UNHAS side and Yayoi Shoji, R.N., MHS., Prof. Ryota Ochiai, PhD., RN., Eriko Shinohar, PhD., RN., Shoko Takeuchi PhD., RN., Mariko Iida, PhD., RN., Fusae Moriguchi PhD., RN., Sachiyo Nakamura PhD., RN., and Yuka Kanoya, PhD., RN from YCU side.





UNHAS FISIP'S ADMINISTRATIVE SCIENCE DEPARTMENT STRENGTHENS INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS



The Department of Administrative Science, Faculty of Social and Political Sciences (FISIP), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), remains committed to strengthening its international academic network with top universities worldwide, particularly in Southeast Asia through a Zoom meeting held on Thursday, February 13, 2025

Over the past three years, the Department of Administrative Science at FISIP UNHAS has established academic collaborations with Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM), Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM), and Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) in Malaysia. These collaborations include academic visits and knowledge-sharing sessions on research conducted by postgraduate students and faculty members.

Expanding its international cooperation further, in 2025, the Department of Administrative Science at FISIP UNHAS will continue its academic collaboration with the College of Public Affairs and Development (CPAfD), University of the Philippines.



UNHAS AND KANAZAWA UNIVERSITY EXPAND COOPERATION IN NURSING EDUCATION AND RESEARCH



The Faculty of Nursing (FKep), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), conducted another collaborative meeting at the School of Nursing at Kanazawa University, Japan, on Friday (February 7, 2025). The visit was led by the Vice Dean for Academic and Student Affairs, Syahrul, S.Kep., Ns., M.Kes., Ph.D., focusing on the continuation of the existing partnership and the planning of future joint activities. Mr. Syahrul stated, "Our collaboration will continue, particularly in areas such as Visiting Lectures, Research, and Student Exchange. We hope these initiatives will bring significant benefits to both faculty members and students of the Faculty of Nursing."

This visit reinforces UNHAS Faculty of Nursing's commitment to strengthening international collaboration in education, research, and publication, fostering greater academic and professional opportunities for its faculty and students.





Student Volunteer Chronicle:

Bridging Cultures and Building
Communities – Shahabudin Esmati

Growing up in Afghanistan, I witnessed firsthand how education and cross-cultural connections have the power to transform lives. As an international student at UNHAS, I saw the International Office (IO) as more than just an administrative body—it was a bridge that helped students from diverse backgrounds feel at home. Joining as a volunteer was my way of giving back, ensuring that others felt as welcomed and supported as I did. My studies in Public Administration also reinforce my passion for bridging institutions and communities, and this role allows me to put that ethos into action every day.

One unforgettable moment was assisting a group of exchange students during their first week. They arrived feeling anxious and overwhelmed, uncertain about how they would adapt to this new environment. But after guiding them through orientation, showing them around campus, and sharing stories about our experiences, I saw their nervousness fade into excitement. One student later told me, “You made this feel like home.” That single sentence reminded me why I do this—because sometimes, the smallest gestures can have the biggest impact on someone’s journey.

For me, it’s about creating synergy rather than separation. My Master’s coursework often aligns with my volunteer work—whether it’s organizing events, fostering inclusivity, or understanding institutional frameworks—so I treat both as complementary learning experiences. Time management is key; I use techniques like time-blocking to structure my tasks efficiently. But above all, passion fuels productivity. The energy I gain from volunteering often reinvigorates my academic work, giving me fresh perspectives and real-world applications of what I learn in class.

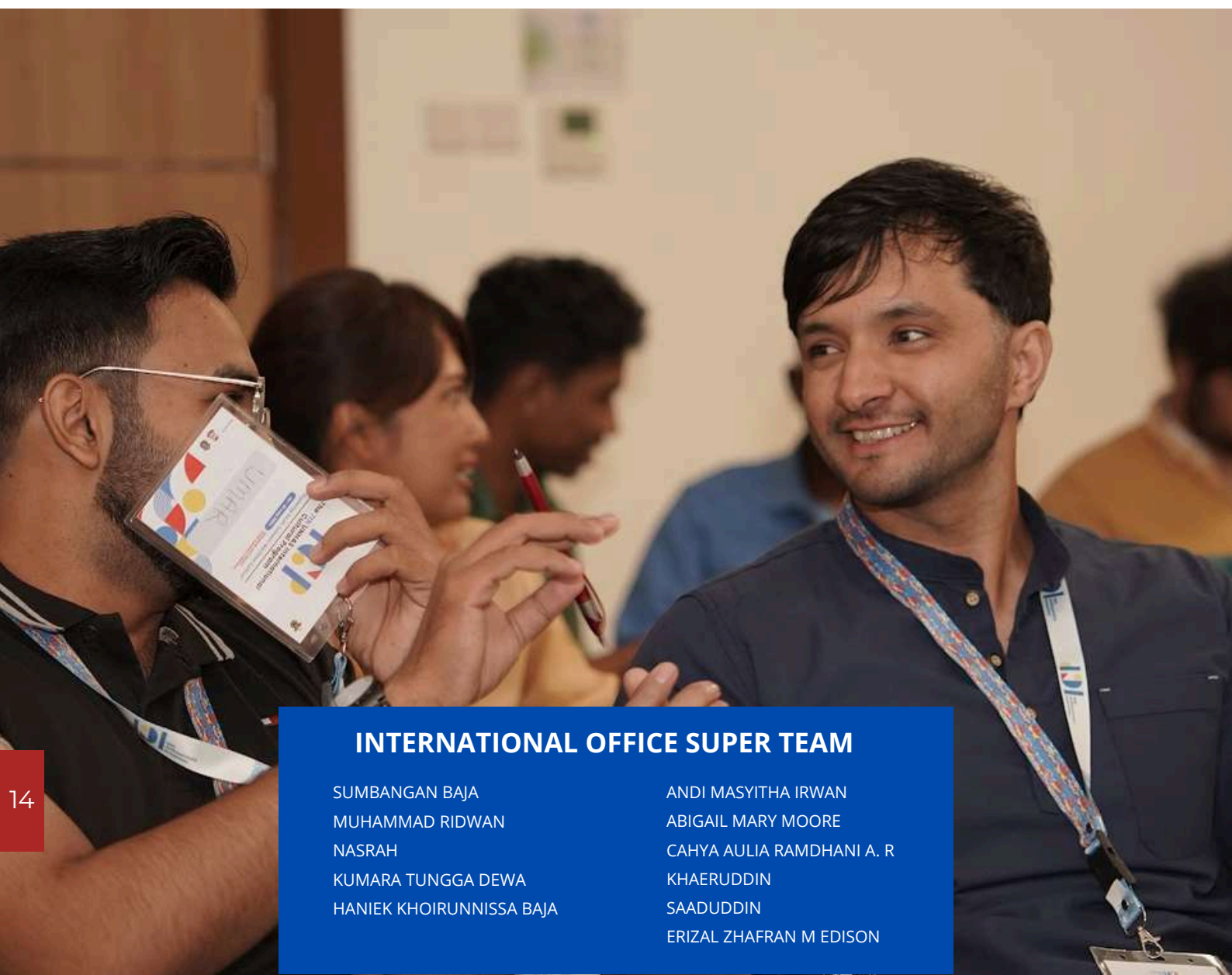
This role has sharpened my ability to communicate across cultures, solve problems with empathy, and navigate diverse perspectives with cultural agility. Event coordination has enhanced my project management skills, while assisting students with their concerns has strengthened my conflict-resolution abilities. These experiences are invaluable as I pursue a career in public service—where bringing people together, understanding different needs, and fostering collaboration are essential skills.



On a personal level, it has broadened my worldview. Every conversation with a student from a different background is a learning experience that deepens my empathy and adaptability. Professionally, the IO has been a training ground for leadership. Whether collaborating on initiatives, problem-solving in high-pressure situations, or representing the university, I've developed skills that will serve me well in my future career. This experience aligns perfectly with my long-term goal: to advocate for inclusive policies in Afghanistan and beyond.

Without a doubt, the most rewarding part of this role is the human connections. Every smile from a student who feels seen, every "thank you" from someone whose problem was solved—these moments remind me that we're doing more than just organizing events or answering questions. We're building a community, fostering trust, and shaping experiences that stay with people long after they leave UNHAS. Knowing that I play even a small role in someone's success story is incredibly fulfilling.

To anyone considering joining the IO as a volunteer: jump in with curiosity and an open heart! Every interaction—whether with a fellow volunteer, a student in need, or a challenging situation—is an opportunity to learn and grow. Stay proactive; even the smallest contributions can create lasting ripples. And most importantly, embrace the diversity of this team. Coming from Afghanistan, I've seen how my unique background adds to the richness of this community, just as yours will. Together, we're not just supporting students—we're shaping global citizens and future leaders.



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