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## POST-ARRIVAL ORIENTATION: SUPPORTING FRENCH EXCHANGE STUDENTS AT UNHAS



On Monday, February 17, 2025, the International Office (IO) of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) conducted a post-arrival orientation for three inbound students from *Institut Catholique d'Études Supérieures* (Catholic Institute of Higher Studies), France. The students, namely Zahra Adjaoudi, Jade Lea Lola Prod Homme Grisanti, and Anaëlle Marie Lucienne Gilbert, will spend their semester at the Department of International Relations, Faculty of Social and Political Sciences (FISIP). As part of IO's role in the mobility program, the orientation was designed to help them adjust to their new academic and cultural environment.

The orientation consisted of two sessions covering an introduction to UNHAS and life in Makassar. The sessions were facilitated by Muhammad Ridwan, M.A. (IO Secretary), along with Khairuddin, Ph.D., and Haniek Khoirunnisa, M.Sc. (both IO Task Forces). They warmly welcomed the students and emphasized that the number of sessions could be adjusted based on their needs. Similar to previous orientations held for Chinese students, topics discussed included opening a bank account, finding accommodation, and exploring the city.

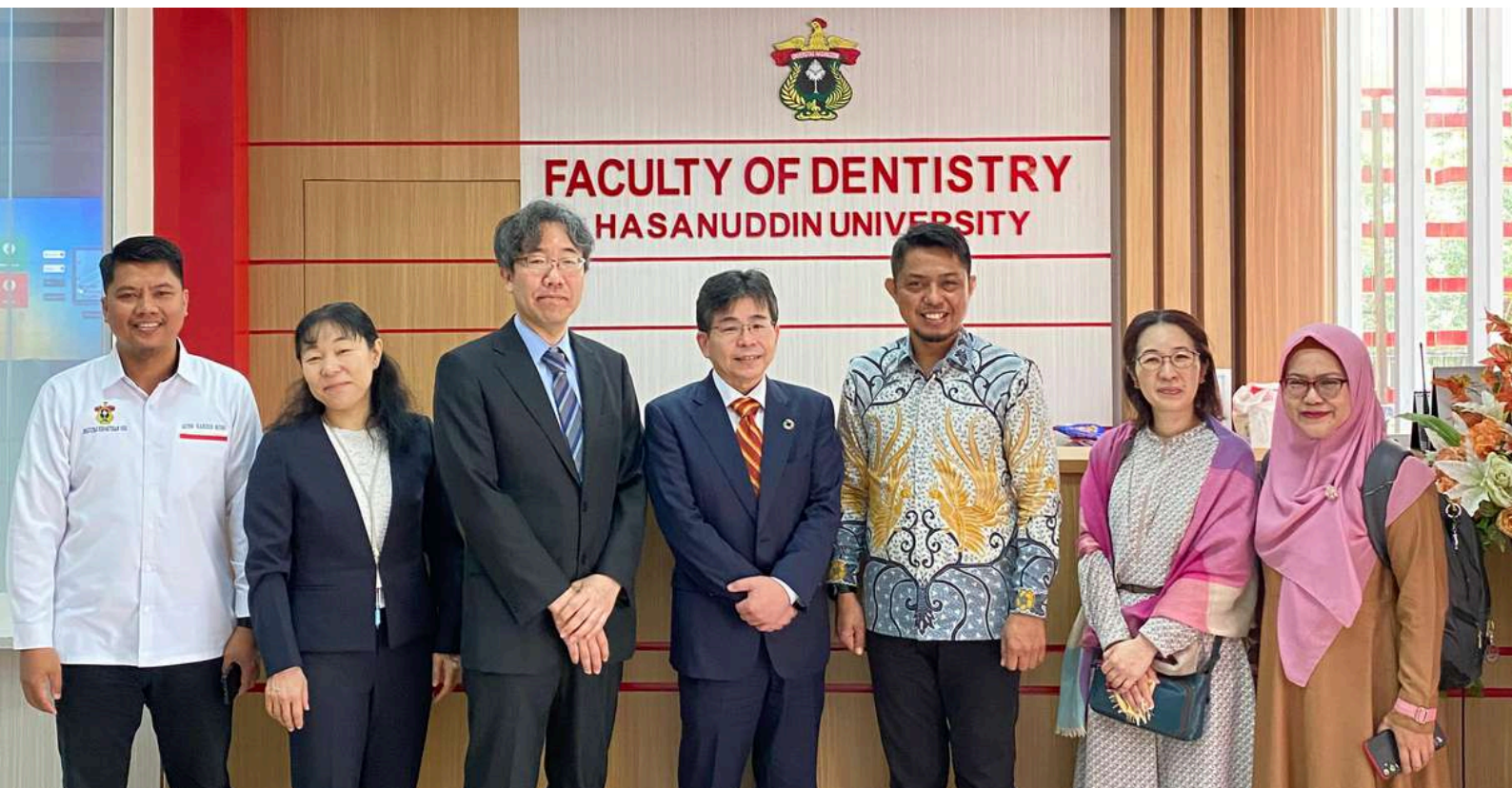
During the session, Mr. Ridwan invited the students to participate in the Geography Series (G-Series), an initiative that allows international students at UNHAS to showcase their home country to the academic community, including both local and international students. The orientation also featured an IO Tour, where the students were introduced to images and highlights of the office's 2024 program activities. This gave them a clearer understanding of IO's role in advancing UNHAS's internationalization efforts.

The orientation concluded with a group photo session, marking the official welcome of the French exchange students to UNHAS. Through this initiative, the IO continues to ensure a smooth transition for inbound students, fostering a supportive and inclusive academic environment at Hasanuddin University.





## **FACULTY OF DENTISTRY AT UNHAS HOSTS DELEGATION FROM OKAYAMA UNIVERSITY**



On Monday, February 17, 2025, the Faculty of Dentistry (FKG) at Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) hosted a delegation from Okayama University, Japan. The delegation was led by Prof. Satoshi Hirohata, the Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences, and accompanied by Prof. Toshihiro Iguchi, a Professor in the Department of Radiology Technology. The guests were warmly welcomed by drg .Irfan Sugianto, M.Med.Ed., Ph.D., the Dean of FKG, alongside Acing Habibie Mude, DDS, Ph.D., the Vice Dean for Academic and Student Affairs, and other staff members.

During the visit, the delegation had the opportunity to learn about the various activities and programs of the Faculty of Dentistry at UNHAS. Discussions focused on potential collaboration, including the availability of Okayama University representatives for guest lectures and the possibility of student exchange programs in 2025. Both parties expressed strong interest in strengthening academic ties and exploring further opportunities for joint initiatives in the field of dentistry and health sciences.

The meeting concluded with a photo session, symbolizing the beginning of a promising partnership between the two universities. Both UNHAS and Okayama University are eager to work together in advancing research and fostering academic exchanges for students and faculty members alike.









## **UNLOCKING STUDY ABROAD OPPORTUNITIES: UNHAS WELCOMES OKAYAMA UNIVERSITY DELEGATION**



The International Office (IO) of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) successfully hosted an information session on Study in Japan 2025 and Academic Seminar from Okayama University on Tuesday, February 18, 2025, at the IPTEKS Building, Tamalanrea Campus. The event attracted nearly 200 participants, including lecturers, students, and alumni, all eager to explore educational opportunities in Japan.

The session was officially opened by Muhammad Ridwan, M.A., (IO Secretary), who expressed his gratitude to the attendees for their enthusiasm. In his opening remarks, he emphasized the crucial role of the IO in promoting study abroad opportunities as part of UNHAS's internationalization efforts. He encouraged participants to stay updated on IO programs by following the official UNHAS IO Instagram.



The first speaker, Kaori Yajima (Indonesian Coordinator of Study in Japan), delivered an insightful presentation on study opportunities in Japan, including various scholarship options available for UNHAS students and faculty. She provided detailed guidance on how to secure admission to Japanese universities. Impressively, she conducted her entire presentation in *Bahasa Indonesia*, ensuring that the audience could fully grasp the information.

Following her presentation, Prof. Toshihiro Iguchi, M.D., Ph.D., from the Faculty of Health Sciences at Okayama University, captivated the audience with an engaging session about life and academic experiences in Japan. Using an interactive approach, he took the participants through a step-by-step journey of what it is like to study and live in Japan. Additionally, the Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences also contributed by sharing his perspective and responding to questions from the participants.

The session, moderated by Haniek Khoirunnissa, M.Sc from the IO Task Force, sparked great interest, leading to a lively Q&A session. Even after the official closing at 11:00 AM, participants remained engaged in discussions with the speakers. The IO expressed its gratitude to all attendees for their participation and once again encouraged them to follow UNHAS IO Instagram to stay informed about future international programs and opportunities.











## **EMPOWERING FUTURE LEADERS: IO UNHAS CONDUCTS STUDENT VOLUNTEER TRAINING**



The International Office (IO) of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) successfully held a Workshop on Student Volunteer Capacity Building on Friday, February 21, 2025, at Meeting Room A, Rectorate Building. The workshop aimed to enhance the IO Student Volunteers' (STUVO) skills and capacities equipping them with essential knowledge and expertise. Andi Masyitha Irwan, Ph.D., Head of IO, officially opened the event via Zoom, emphasizing the importance of this program in strengthening student volunteers' contributions to internationalization efforts.

The workshop featured a series of insightful sessions, starting with Direction and Policy Regarding Student Volunteers by Andi Masyitha Irwan, Ph.D., followed by How to be an Effective Volunteer delivered by Nirma Hasyim, M.A. Participants also gained cultural insights through the session Introduction to South Sulawesi Tourism Objects, broadening their understanding of local attractions relevant to their roles.



To further develop essential soft skills, Dr. Eddyman Ferial, a seasoned public speaking specialist, conducted a session on Public Speaking, offering practical techniques to enhance confidence and communication. The session on Hospitality Management was delivered by Budiarto, General Manager of UNHAS Hotel and Convention, providing valuable insights into professional service standards. Additionally, Irwanto, M.I.Kom., led a session on Basic Journalism, equipping volunteers with fundamental reporting and writing skills to support IO's media initiatives.

The workshop concluded with a closing remark by Muhammad Ridwan, M.A., representing the Head of IO. Throughout the event, all sessions were moderated by Saaduddin, M.Sc. (IO Task Force) and Cahya Aulia Ramdhani, S.I.Kom (IO Staff). The workshop successfully strengthened the competencies of IO Student Volunteers, preparing them to take on their roles with greater confidence and professionalism.













## **FOSTERING GLOBAL RESEARCH NETWORKS: UNHAS ACADEMICS JOIN CAREER DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP**



Two lecturers from the Faculty of Public Health (FKM), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), Dian Sidik Arsyad, Ph.D., and Imam Arundhana, Ph.D., have been selected to participate in the prestigious Southeast Asia Researcher Career Development Workshop. The event took place from February 18 to 20, 2025, at the Eastin Grand Hotel Sathorn, Bangkok, Thailand.

Funded by the Academy of Medical Sciences through Official Development Assistance (ODA) from the UK's Department for Science, Innovation and Technology (DSIT), the workshop supports the professional growth of early- to mid-career researchers in Southeast Asia. Organized in collaboration with Thailand Science Research and Innovation (TSRI), the event brought together experts, scholars, and policymakers to enhance research capacity and foster cross-border collaboration.







## EXPLORING JOINT INITIATIVES: OKAYAMA UNIVERSITY AND UNHAS FACULTY OF NURSING STRENGTHEN TIES



On February 17-18, 2025, a team from the Faculty of Health Sciences, Okayama University, visited the Faculty of Nursing (FKep, Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) to explore possible academic and research partnerships. The group, led by Professor Satoshi Hirohata, included Professor Yoko Aihara (Nursing Department), Professor Toshihiro Iguchi (Radiology Technology Department), and Ms. Kaori Yajima (Coordinator of the Global Network Project to Promote Study in Japan).

The visit started with a warm reception from Professor Ariyanti Saleh, Dean of the Faculty of Nursing at UNHAS, in the Senate Room. Discussions covered opportunities for student and faculty exchanges, collaborative research with the TRG group, and co-authored publications. As part of the agenda, Professor Yoko Aihara, a specialist in Community Health Nursing, gave a lecture on *Community Health Nursing in Japan & How Health Literacy Influences Chronic Disease Management* to undergraduate and master's students focusing on Community Nursing. The session was held at the UNHAS LPPM Building.



On the second day, Professor Aihara visited the Antara Public Health Center (Puskesmas Antara). She met with staff members to discuss digital literacy in healthcare and observed Posyandu (community health post) programs, which included services for infants, young children, and older adults facilitated by volunteers and local residents.

Dr. Takdir Tahir, Vice Dean for Partnership, Research, and Innovation, expressed appreciation for the collaboration, noting that the Faculty of Nursing was chosen as a partner by Okayama University, ranked among Japan's top 20 universities. He highlighted that this initiative would contribute to nursing education and research through international engagement, reinforcing connections between the institutions and creating shared academic and scientific benefits.





## UNHAS SHOWCASES ITS LEGACY TO SUIJI PARTICIPANTS ON A LEARNING JOURNEY



The International Office (IO) of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), represented by Muhammad Ridwan, M.A., Secretary of IO, delivered a session on *Introduction to Hasanuddin University* for students participating in the Six University Indonesia Japan Initiative (SUIJI) program. The session took place during their field trip to the Regency of Polewali Mandar (POLMAN), West Sulawesi. Also joining the session were students from Okayama University, Japan, who are currently undertaking an inbound program in Makassar. SUIJI is a consortium in which UNHAS is an active member, fostering collaboration between Indonesian and Japanese universities.

Mr. Ridwan opened the session with an engaging icebreaker, creating a lively and interactive atmosphere. This approach helped energize the participants and set a positive tone for the presentation. He then introduced the profile of UNHAS, covering its history, achievements, campuses, rankings, and statistical highlights. The session provided the students with valuable insights into UNHAS and its role in international academic collaboration.

Concluding his presentation, Mr. Ridwan expressed his gratitude to the SUIJI team for inviting the IO to be part of this learning journey. He emphasized the significance of such initiatives in strengthening academic and cultural exchange between Indonesia and Japan.

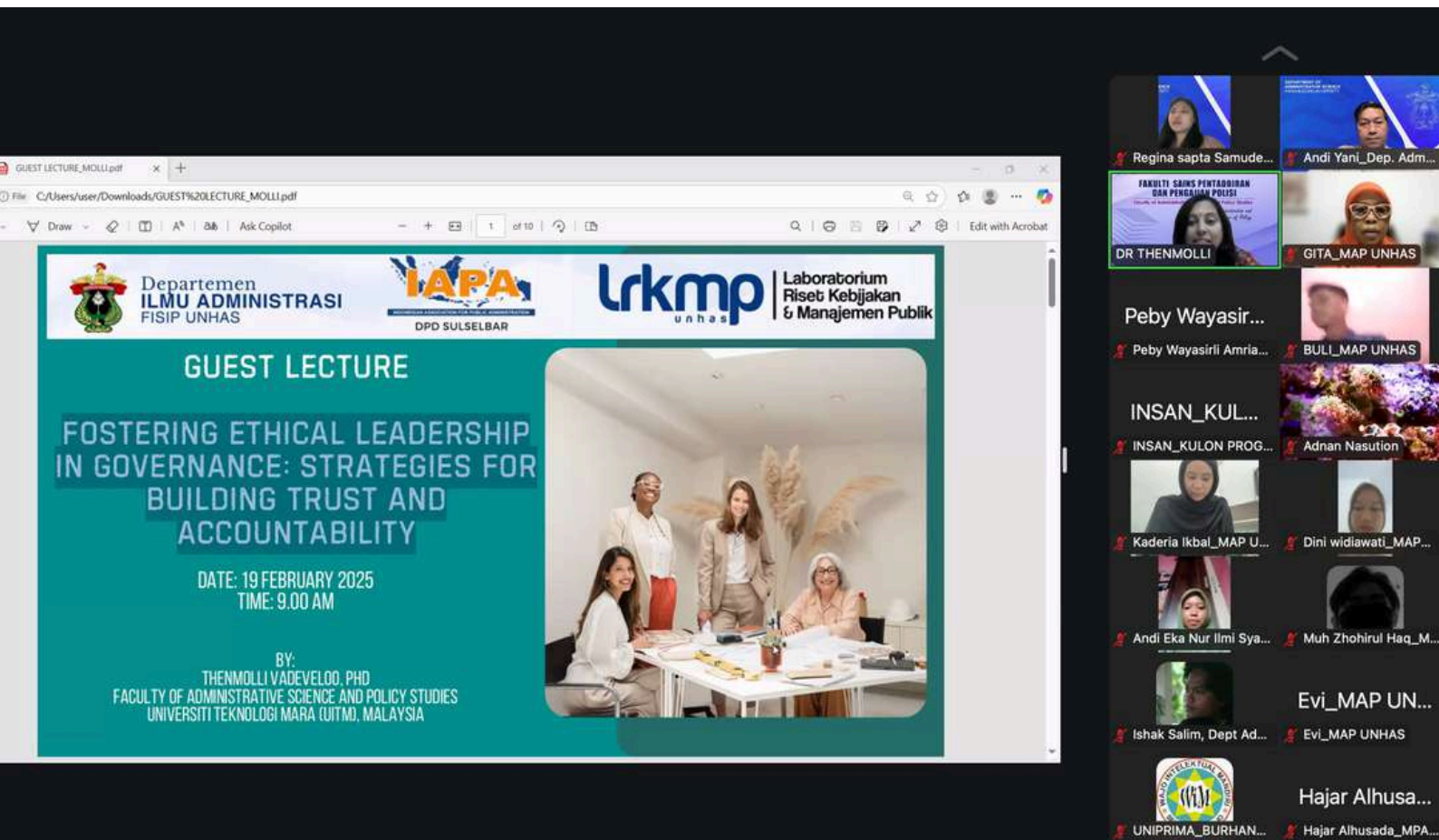








## **FOSTERING TRUST AND ACCOUNTABILITY: UNHAS EXPLORES ETHICAL LEADERSHIP STRATEGIES**



The Department of Administrative Science, Faculty of Social and Political Sciences (FISIP), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), in collaboration with the Indonesian Association for Public Administration (IAPA) South and West Sulawesi (Sulselbar) Chapter, successfully held a guest lecture titled "Fostering Ethical Leadership in Governance: Strategies for Building Trust and Accountability" on Wednesday (February 19, 2025). The online event, conducted via Zoom, featured Dr. Thenmolli Vadaveloo, a senior lecturer from the Faculty of Administrative Science and Policy Studies, Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM), Malaysia, as the keynote speaker. The session was moderated by Regina Samudra, S.AP., M.Si., a young researcher from the Laboratory for Policy and Public Management Research (LRKMP), Department of Administrative Science, UNHAS.

In her presentation, Dr. Thenmolli emphasized the importance of ethical leadership in both public and private sector organizations. She explained that ethical leaders must uphold integrity and serve as role models within their organizations. Based on her research, she highlighted Malaysia's government efforts in strengthening administrative ethics by fostering ethical leadership. Given Malaysia's hierarchical society, the effectiveness of accountability and ethical governance largely depends on its leaders.



Following the presentation, the event continued with an interactive Q&A session. Faculty members and students from UNHAS's Master of Public Administration program engaged in a dynamic discussion, raising various questions on the implementation of ethical leadership in both government and private sectors.

Prof. Alwi, Head of the Department, stated, "Through this guest lecture, we hope students can broaden their understanding of ethical leadership and apply it in public administration practices in Indonesia." Furthermore, Dr. Muhammad Tang Abdullah, the department secretary, added, "This guest lecture is part of our regular program, held every semester, featuring academics and researchers from internationally recognized partner universities. In previous years, speakers have been invited from Universiti Sains Malaysia and Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand."

Dr. Gita Susanti, Head of the Master of Public Administration Program at UNHAS, emphasized that this event is part of the program's commitment to international academic standards, having received international accreditation from FIBAA and certification from AUN-QA. "By consistently organizing international-level events and inviting scholars from foreign universities, we provide students with valuable learning opportunities to compare the application of theories and practices between Indonesia and other countries," she explained.

The event was attended by undergraduate and postgraduate students from the Department of Administrative Science at UNHAS, as well as faculty members and researchers from various universities affiliated with IAPA Sulselbar.



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## GUEST LECTURE

# FOSTERING ETHICAL LEADERSHIP IN GOVERNANCE: STRATEGIES FOR BUILDING TRUST AND ACCOUNTABILITY

DATE: 19 FEBRUARY 2025  
TIME: 9.00 AM

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# Student Volunteer Chronicle:

More Than Just Volunteering, The Impact  
of Being a Stuvo IO – Wada'a Gaizhani



I still remember the day I visited Kudapan and met some IO student volunteers (Stuvos) and staff. Their passion and friendliness left a lasting impression on me, especially one staff member who was incredibly kind. That encounter sparked my curiosity, leading me to research more about the International Office (IO) and its Stuvo program. Inspired, I added joining Stuvo IO to my university wish list, determined to make it a reality. Fast forward to today, I am proud to be part of Stuvo IO Batch 3. It has been an incredible journey—one filled with growth, learning, and the opportunity to contribute to a supportive and inspiring community.

Being a student volunteer has given me countless memorable moments. One of the highlights was being selected as a participant for ICP 2024, an experience that helped me enhance my social skills and gain invaluable insights. More importantly, I met amazing friends like Ain, Fatini, Fernando, Ali, Andri, Muzammil, and many others who made the journey even more special. Another unforgettable experience was teaching a Bahasa Indonesia class. As a language student, it was incredibly fulfilling to apply my academic knowledge in a real-world setting, making the experience both rewarding and meaningful.

Despite my commitment to IO, I always prioritize my academic responsibilities. After finishing my classes, I usually head straight to the IO to fulfill my duties. Balancing both commitments has taught me the importance of time management and discipline, allowing me to grow both academically and personally. This routine has strengthened my ability to stay focused while actively contributing to a community I am passionate about.





Being part of Stuvo IO has given me the chance to apply and refine my social and language skills in a practical environment. From communication and teamwork to adaptability, I have developed essential soft skills that have boosted my confidence and prepared me for future challenges. IO also provides Stuvos with valuable opportunities such as small classes and hands-on projects that enhance our skills and knowledge. Through these activities, we gain practical experience while contributing meaningfully to the community.

The most rewarding part of being an IO volunteer is the sense of belonging to a supportive and dynamic network. Surrounded by passionate, like-minded individuals, I have found encouragement and motivation to grow both personally and professionally. The friendships and connections I have built have not only enriched my university life but also opened doors to new opportunities and collaborations.

For those considering joining IO, my advice is simple: be yourself, be helpful, and don't hesitate to engage with international communities. Authenticity helps build genuine relationships, while a willingness to contribute allows you to grow in unexpected ways. Stepping out of your comfort zone to connect with people from diverse backgrounds will broaden your perspective and enrich your experience. Embrace every opportunity, and you will find yourself growing in ways you never imagined.



## INTERNATIONAL OFFICE SUPER TEAM

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