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## HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY REPRESENTS INDONESIA AT SEIREI INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH CONFERENCE 2025



On 3-4 March 2025, Seirei Christopher University (SCU) conducted their annual conference called Seirei International Research Conference (SIRC). This international conference involved SCU university partners from Sri Lanka, Philippines, Thailand, India, Singapura, China, and Indonesia. Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) became the only representative from Indonesia. In this 2-day conference, there were 11 oral presenters from UNHAS students (undergraduate, master and doctoral). In addition, Head of UNHAS International Office, Dr. Andi Masyitha Irwan took part as one of the chairperson.

The SIRC was held in a hybrid format (Zoom meeting) and UNHAS participated in virtual mode and covered any topics related to health care, medical care, social welfare and education. This conference was not only an opportunity for students to share their research ideas and findings, but also enable them to build networks among students across the world.

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# Effect Of Early Breastfeeding Initiation On Nucleotide-binding Oligomerization Domain-containing Protein 2 (NOD2) Gene Expression In Diarrheic Infants: A Cross-sectional Study



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## HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS SHINE AT MSSS 2025 IN MALAYSIA



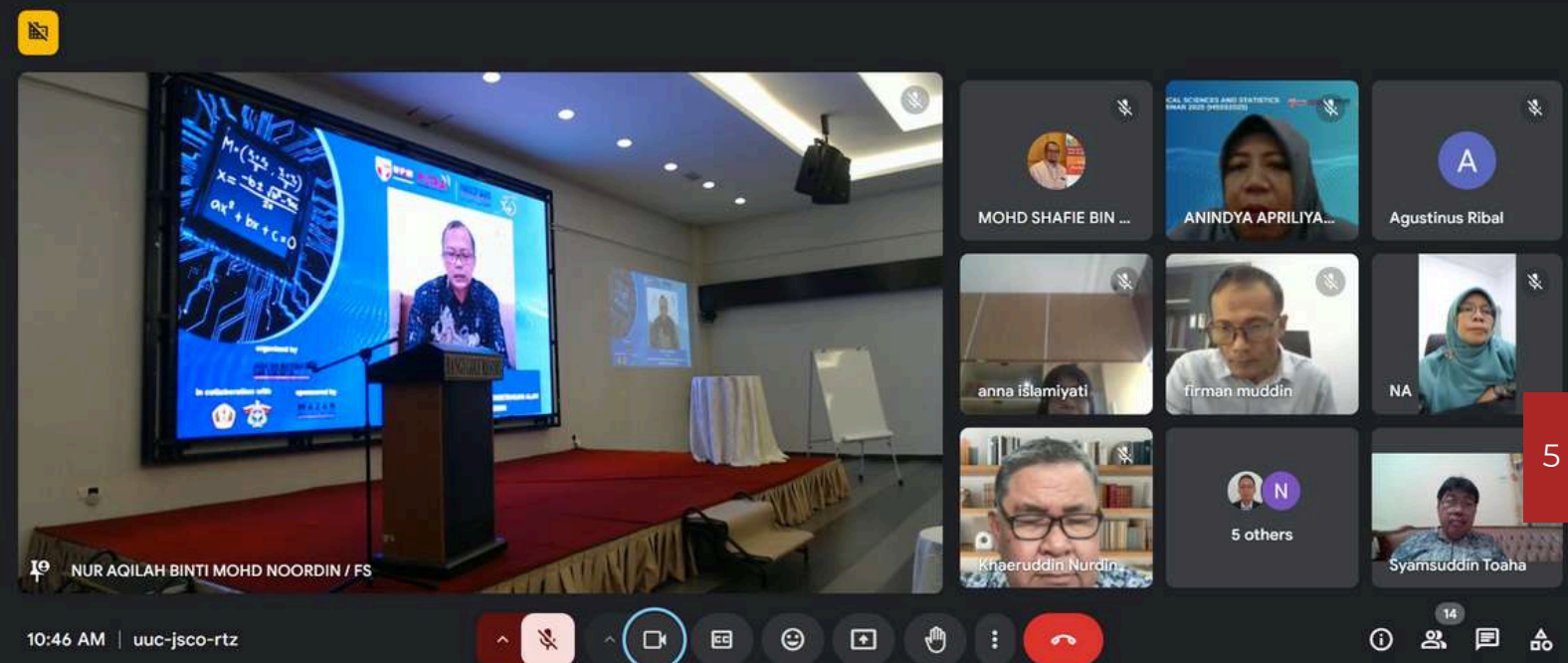
A group of 20 final-year undergraduate students from Faculty of Mathematics and Science, Universitas Hasanuddin (UNHAS) successfully participated in the 3rd Mathematical Sciences and Statistics Seminar (MSSS 2025), held at Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) from 24 to 25 February 2025. The event, themed “Driving the Future: The Role of Mathematics and Statistics in Digital and AI-Enabled Technologies,” was conducted in a hybrid format, with UNHAS participants joining via an online platform.

The UNHAS delegation consisted of 13 students from the Department of Mathematics and 7 students from the Department of Statistics. They joined participants from UPM and Universitas Padjadjaran (UNPAD) to present their final-year research findings in various areas of mathematical and statistical sciences. In this event, one of the UNHAS mathematics students was awarded as the Best Presenter.

The event was a result of collaborative efforts between UPM, UNHAS, and UNPAD, strengthening academic ties and promoting knowledge exchange among students and faculty members. The Dean of FMIPA UNHAS, Dr. Eng. Amiruddin, M.Si., also delivered a welcoming speech during the seminar, emphasizing the importance of mathematics and statistics in the era of digital transformation and artificial intelligence.

MSSS 2025, which featured both physical and virtual presentations, aimed to foster innovation, critical thinking, and interdisciplinary collaboration among young researchers. Participants engaged in keynote lectures, parallel presentation sessions, and discussions on how mathematics and statistics drive advancements in AI, machine learning, and other digital technologies.

The successful participation of UNHAS students in MSSS 2025 marks a significant step in encouraging future collaborations between the three universities and enhancing the role of mathematics and statistics in shaping the future of technology.





## **INBOUND PROGRAM FROM NIIGATA UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH AND WELFARE TO THE FACULTY OF NURSING, UNHAS**



The Faculty of Nursing (FKep) Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) recently hosted an inbound program in collaboration with Niigata University of Health and Welfare (NUHW) from 23 February to 4 March 2025. The program welcomed two faculty members, Associate Professor Fusayo Kobayashi, PhD, and Assistant Professor Kanako Shimbo, along with eight inbound students from NUHW.

The event commenced with an opening ceremony, marking the official start of the program. Dr. Ariyanti Saleh, S.Kp., M.Si., (Dean of the FKep), delivered the opening remarks. "It is a great pleasure to host the NUHW delegation at UNHAS as part of our ongoing partnership. We hope this exchange provides valuable learning experiences and knowledge for the students involved," stated Dr. Ariyanti Saleh.

Following the ceremony, the group visited the Rappokalling Public Health Center, where they gained insights into public health activities in Makassar, including the Posyandu (Integrated Health Post) program.

On the following day, NUHW students participated in two nursing classes—pediatric and maternity nursing—engaging in discussions with UNHAS students. Additionally, two students attended an emergency care session to learn practical emergency skills.



The program continued with a general lecture delivered by Dr. Kobayashi, Dr. Shimbo, and Dr. Erfina Malik. The topics included "Lifestyle-Related Diseases in Japan: Specific Health Examination and Specific Health Guidance" by Dr. Kobayashi, "Maternal and Child Health and Midwifery Education in Japan" by Dr. Shimbo, and "Adolescent Mother Care: Experiences in Indonesia" by Dr. Erfina. These sessions further enriched the students' understanding of global healthcare perspectives.

The participants also visited the Griya Afiat Health Clinic, where they observed wound care practices explained by Dr. Saldy Yusuf, PhD, a leading expert in wound care in South Sulawesi.

Beyond academic enrichment, the program provided opportunities for cultural exchange. Participants were introduced to traditional South Sulawesi dances, which became one of the highlights of the program. Dr. Kobayashi remarked, "This year's program has been particularly memorable. We are excited to learn about South Sulawesi's rich culture, fostering cross-cultural understanding."

The program concluded with a presentation session, where both NUHW and UNHAS nursing students shared their experiences and key takeaways. The closing ceremony was led by Dr. Erfina Malik, Vice Dean for Planning, Human Resources, and Alumni at the FKep, UNHAS, who delivered the closing remarks and celebrated the success of the event.

This international collaboration highlights the significance of global exchange in nursing education, providing students with opportunities to broaden their academic knowledge while embracing cultural diversity. The program also strengthened the partnership between NUHW and UNHAS, fostering potential future collaborations and educational initiatives.









## **OPTIMIZING UNHAS'S REPUTATION: KEY DISCUSSIONS ON THE WCU PROGRAM**



The Secretary of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), Prof. Ir. Sumbangan Baja, M.Phil., Ph.D., led a strategic meeting on the World Class University (WCU) Program at UNHAS. The meeting, held on Thursday, 27 February 2025, at Meeting Room A, 4th Floor of the Rectorate Building, brought together key university stakeholders. Prof. Rohani Ambo Rappe, (Director of UNHAS Enhancement Reputation), joined Prof. Sumbangan, alongside representatives from the UNHAS International Office (IO) and the Quality Assurance and Enhancement Reputation (GPM-PR) teams from all faculties.

In his opening remarks, Prof. Sumbangan highlighted that UNHAS's Strategic Plans are nearing completion. He emphasized the critical role of the GPM-PR team in supporting the university's internationalization efforts. To enhance coordination, he proposed organizing a meeting between the GPM-PR team and the Task Force for Internationalization from each faculty or school, facilitated by the IO. This initiative aims to streamline efforts in improving UNHAS's global reputation and rankings.

A significant discussion point was the organizational structure of the GPM-PR team at the faculty level. It was noted that the current structure lacks a direct coordination line with other Vice Deans, limiting their ability to access crucial data for supporting the WCU program, particularly in providing ranking-related data. Prof. Rohani further addressed the ongoing challenges in collecting and submitting faculty data for various ranking organizations, stressing the need for a more efficient system.



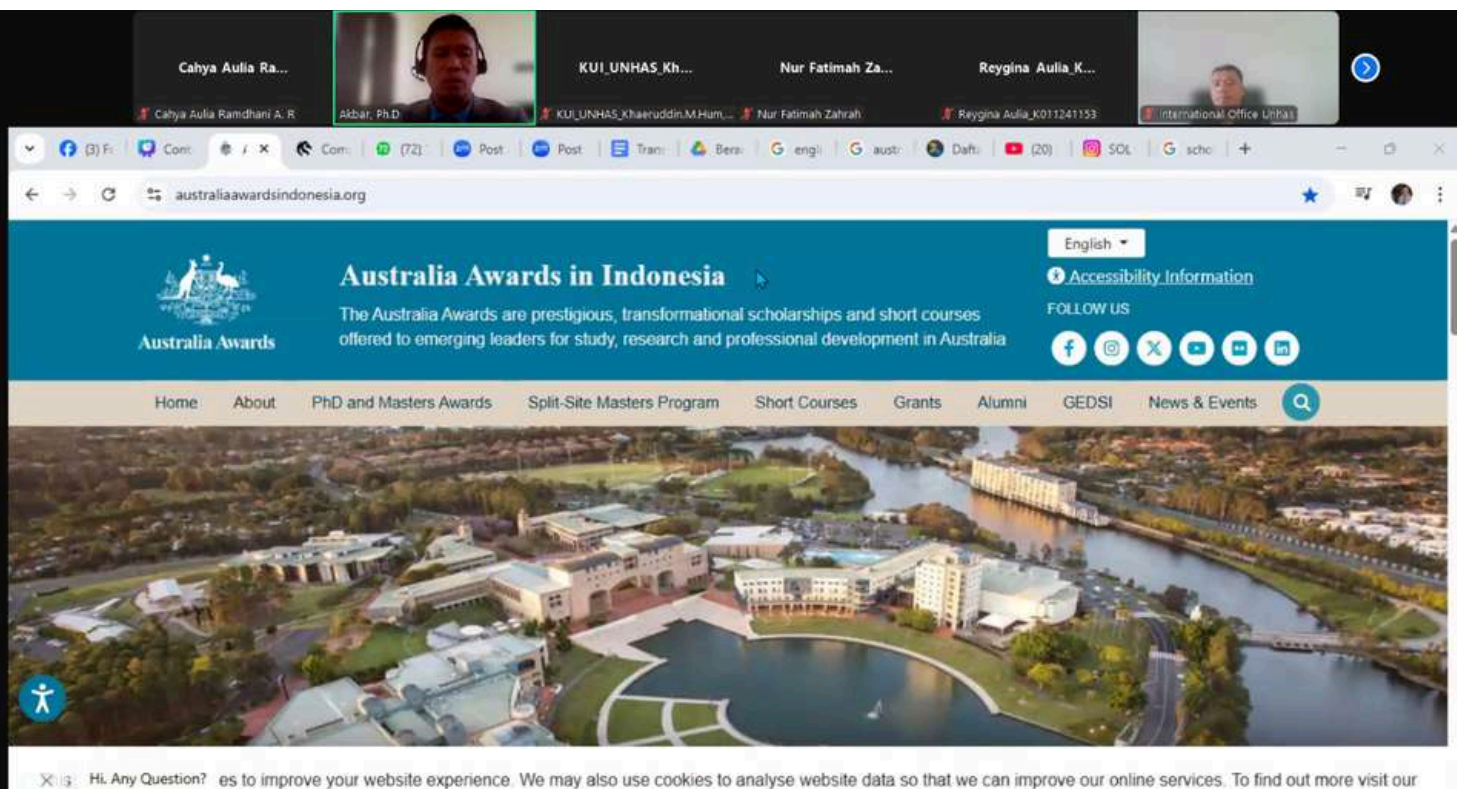
Representing the IO, Muhammad Ridwan, M.A. (IO Secretary), and Saaduddin, Ph.D. (IO Task Force), presented an overview of the upcoming International Academic Consortium for Sustainable Cities (IACSC) annual conference. UNHAS, through the IO, is set to host the event in July 2025, marking a significant milestone in its international engagement efforts.

Before concluding the meeting, Prof. Sumbangan underscored the necessity of establishing a centralized data system managed by the UNHAS Secretariat. This system would enable seamless data access for all relevant parties, ensuring better coordination and efficiency. He also called for a review of the university's organizational structure to optimize the placement of the GPM-PR team and improve their operational effectiveness in supporting UNHAS's internationalization agenda.





## FRIDAY OUTBOUND CLINIC RESUMES WITH EXPERT INSIGHTS ON STUDYING IN AUSTRALIA



The International Office (IO) of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) has officially resumed its Friday Outbound Clinic (FOC), providing students and alumni with valuable guidance on studying abroad. The first session took place on Friday, 7 March 2025, via Zoom, featuring Akbar, Ph.D., an academic and recipient of the Australia Awards Scholarship.

Mr. Akbar led an engaging session on "Studying in Australia, Learning from Alumni: Visa, Scholarship, and Student Life." He shared firsthand experiences and essential information on the application process, scholarship opportunities, and student life in Australia. Participants also had the opportunity to ask questions, receiving direct insights based on his academic journey.

The event was moderated by Khaeruddin, Ph.D., a member of IO UNHAS. Around 20 participants, including students, staff, and alumni, actively engaged in discussions, gaining a deeper understanding of international study opportunities.

The Friday Outbound Clinic is a biweekly initiative by the IO aimed at preparing students for international education by connecting them with alumni and experts. Future sessions will feature guest speakers with global experience, covering key topics essential for outbound students.

Stay tuned for the next session and take the next step toward your international academic journey!





# Student Volunteer Chronicle:

From Volunteer to Global Citizen – Lessons  
from the International Office: Muh. Naufal



I first learned about the International Office (IO) when they were recruiting student volunteers. Intrigued, I explored its role and was amazed that the front line of internationalization at Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) had been so close to my faculty. The chance to engage in international activities excited me, especially given my background as a debater and my English proficiency—both of which I take great pride in.

One of my most memorable moments as a student volunteer was during the International Student Festival (ISF), where I assisted international students in setting up booths to showcase their cultures. Though things didn't go as smoothly as I had hoped, the experience deepened my understanding of the challenges international students face and broadened my perspective on cultural diversity. This role has also helped me develop essential skills in hospitality, patience, and adaptability.

Balancing my academic responsibilities with volunteering requires careful prioritization. While the IO offers many exciting activities, my primary focus remains my studies, as they lay the foundation for my future. However, I also see my role as a volunteer as an opportunity to grow, contribute, and gain experiences beyond the classroom—something I approach with dedication and integrity.





Through this role, I have improved my graphic design skills, as documentation and content creation are frequently needed. I also participated in a capacity-building program covering public speaking, tourism, and hospitality services at UNHAS Hotel. These lessons have been incredibly enriching and have shaped how I approach other organizations I am involved in, reinforcing my habits of strategic planning and structured task management.

One of the most rewarding aspects of being an IO volunteer is early exposure to internationalization activities, which has broadened my understanding of global engagement. Events like international seminars, networking sessions, and the Scholarship Clinic have provided insights into the steps needed to pursue studies abroad. This early awareness helps me prepare for future opportunities, ensuring I am ready when the right moment comes.

Joining the IO has been one of my best decisions. The experience, knowledge, and connections I have gained are invaluable. My fellow volunteers inspire me, the staff members possess remarkable skills, and the friendships I've built with international students make this journey extraordinary. Every UNHAS student should experience the IO at least once—it truly broadens your perspective in ways you never imagined.



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