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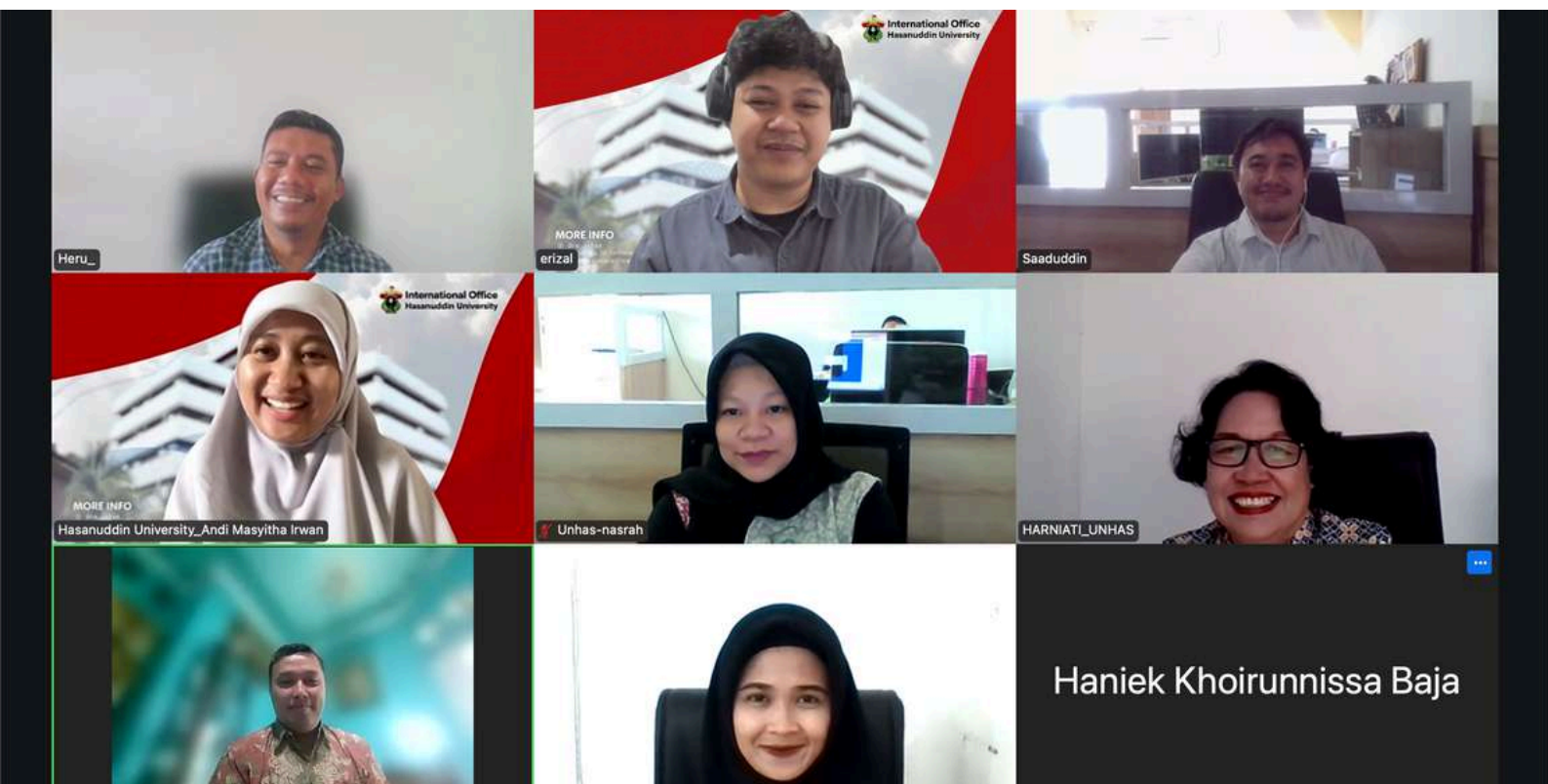
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## IO UNHAS GEARS UP FOR APRIL PROGRAMS AFTER EID BREAK

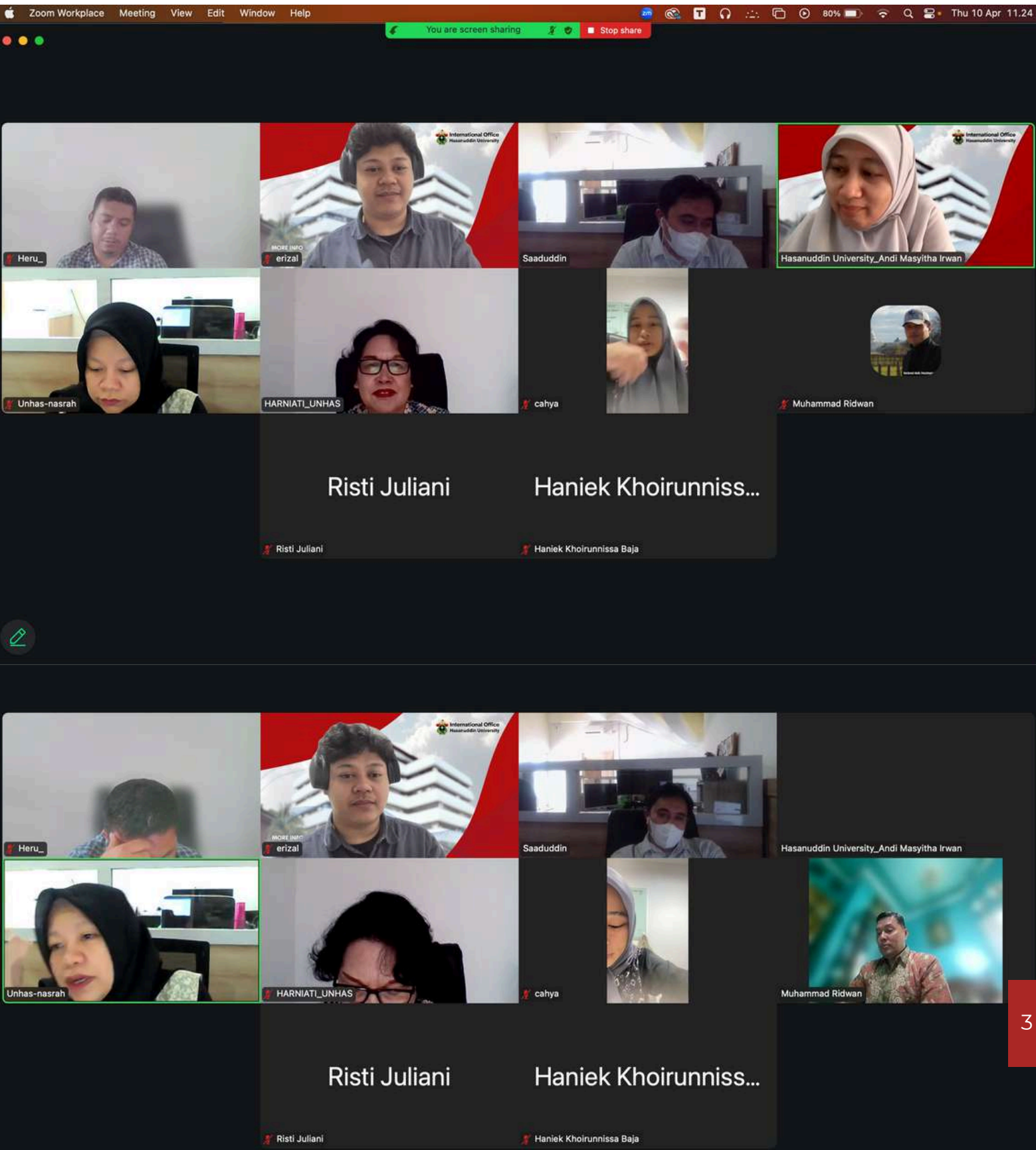


After a long break in celebration of Eid Fitr, the International Office (IO) of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) held its first coordination meeting to resume its programs and internal activities. The meeting was held on Thursday, 10 April 2025, and was led by the Head of IO, Andi Masyitha Irwan, Ph.D. It was attended by all Task Officer (TO) squads. The session opened with a discussion on upcoming April programs, starting with the continuation of HELLO IO, which will spotlight the 8th International Cultural Program (ICP).

Another key agenda was the outbound activity plan to the Bengo-Bengo Educational Forest. This outing is aimed at gathering UNHAS international students for a moment of refreshment as they begin the new semester after the Eid break. Beyond recreation, the outbound program is designed to strengthen relationships between the students, IO squad, and IO Student Volunteers, fostering mutual respect and deeper connection within the international student community.

The meeting also addressed concerns over the declining participation in the Geography Series (G-Series), a monthly event where international students present their countries. Various ideas were proposed to revitalize the event, including transforming the format from indoor PowerPoint presentations to outdoor, more interactive sessions. While this would require significant logistical effort, it was also suggested that maintaining the existing format could be effective if backed by strong promotional strategies—such as displaying large banners around campus to attract more local student engagement.

The coordination meeting also discussed updates on the implementation of the 8th International Cultural Program (ICP), particularly inquiries from UNHAS's partner universities, including Kanazawa University, Japan, regarding the number of students they are allowed to register. Additionally, the team discussed plans for courtesy visits to the Regent of Maros and the Mayor of Makassar to explore potential support and collaboration for the ICP. These partnerships are expected to enhance the cultural richness and logistical success of the upcoming event. The meeting concluded with a shared optimism and commitment toward delivering impactful internationalization programs in the months ahead.





## BREAKING BARRIERS: FIRST PALESTINIAN GRADUATE OF HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY'S MEDICAL PROGRAM EARNS TOP HONORS



The Faculty of Medicine at Hasanuddin University (FK UNHAS) has once again achieved a proud milestone during its graduation ceremony held on Wednesday, 9 April 2025. A Palestinian student, dr. Hanadi Y. M. Shaheen, was awarded the Best Graduate of the Medical Professional Program, earning a cumulative GPA of 3.89 and graduating with *cum laude* honors. dr. Hanadi is the first student from Palestine to complete both the undergraduate medical degree (S1) and the professional doctor program at FK UNHAS.

Throughout her two-year professional training, she consistently demonstrated high dedication, strong learning motivation, and an unwavering commitment to academic excellence. During the solemn graduation ceremony, dr. Hanadi was officially awarded her medical degree alongside other graduates from various levels, including specialist doctors, general practitioners, veterinarians, and bachelor graduates of medicine and psychology.

This event marked the official recognition of graduates who had successfully completed all academic and professional education requirements in their respective fields. Dean of FK UNHAS, Prof. Haerani Rasyid, expressed her appreciation and pride in dr. Hanadi's achievement. "We are extremely proud of dr. Hanadi's success. Her accomplishment reflects UNHAS' commitment to being an inclusive educational institution, open to anyone who wishes to learn and contribute to the field of health, including international students," said Prof. Haerani.

In her speech, dr. Hanadi expressed deep gratitude to the academic community of FK UNHAS. "I am very thankful to my lecturers, my teachers, and everyone working at UNHAS who never stopped helping and supporting me," said dr. Hanadi. She also shared her aspiration to pursue further studies in a medical specialty so that she can make a greater impact, especially for communities in her homeland.

dr. Hanadi's achievement stands as a testament to the power of learning spirit and dedication, proving that success knows no borders or backgrounds. FK UNHAS remains committed to supporting and nurturing outstanding medical professionals capable of making contributions at the global level.







## **CLINICAL CLERKSHIPS FOR UNHAS MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL STUDENTS AT KANAZAWA UNIVERSITY**



Three professional program (clinical stage) students from the Faculty of Medicine, Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), are undertaking clinical clerkships at Kanazawa University Hospital from April 7 to May 3, 2025. The three students are Andi Muhammad Fayyadhrafi, S.Ked, Muhammad Rangga Hidayat, S.Ked, and Naila Nursyifa Ruslin, S.Ked. They are directly supervised by specialist doctors at Kanazawa University Hospital and are involved in various activities, including attending scientific meetings, participating in case discussions, observing patient care, and receiving guidance to enhance their diagnostic and patient management skills. Their clerkship takes place across several departments, including integrative cancer therapy, urology, orthopedic surgery, endocrinology, neurosurgery, and pulmonology.



Prof. Dr. dr. Rina Masadah, MPhil, SpPA(K), DFM, Vice Dean for Publication, Community Services, and International Affairs, stated that this program is a result of the ongoing collaboration with Kanazawa University. It significantly contributes to enhancing the international reputation of UNHAS, particularly in the field of medicine by subject, while also enriching students' knowledge and clinical skills. This program is part of a student exchange initiative between the two faculties. As a reciprocal activity, Kanazawa University will also send its medical professional students to UNHAS in May 2025 to learn about tropical diseases, which is one of the flagship programs of the UNHAS Faculty of Medicine.





# THE 8TH INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL PROGRAM



The International Cultural Program (ICP) invites talented young individuals worldwide to a 9-day cultural experience in Makassar, Indonesia. Participants will explore South Sulawesi's rich cultures and maritime, through field trips, workshop and learning about the traditional values, dances and culinary. This program offers international students a chance to enhance their summer break with cultural and historical experiences in Indonesia.

**REGISTRATION OPEN UNTIL  
22 APRIL 2025**

**25 July - 2 August 2025**

## Applicants Requirements

- **NOT an Indonesian citizen**
- Be at least 18 years old or no more than 35
- Enrolled in a Degree / Non-Degree Program of a university
- Be able to write and speak in English

**Program Fee USD 650**

*\*Included : Registration Fee, Course and Accommodation during the program*

*\*Exclude : Flight, Health Insurance and Visa Fee*

## Required Documents

- Photograph (formal);
- CV/Resume
- Motivation Letter (500 words)
- Video Cover Letter (3-5 minutes) - Upload to Instagram

*Video cover letter should contain personal information, personal statement, achievements and experiences, what makes you qualified, and what will you do during the program and after the program. Instagram account shall be in Public - please tag our IG account (@io.unhas and @hasanuddin univ).*

- Recommendation Letter from Home University
- Health Insurance

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# INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS OUTBOUND

For UNHAS International Students

Fun Games - Nature - Culture



Saturday, 19 April 2025



Starting at 06AM - End



UNHAS Educational Forest,  
Bengo-Bengo

Register Here



Admission  
Rp.50.000,-



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# Student Volunteer Chronicle

From Curiosity to Confidence: Bernadine Juliana



In a recent reflection on her journey as a Student Volunteer (STUVO) at the International Office (IO), Bernadine Juliana, well known as Nadine, shared her inspiring experiences by answering seven thoughtful questions. These questions explored her motivations, memorable moments, ability to balance academics with volunteering, skills gained, and personal growth throughout her time with the IO. Through her honest and insightful responses, Bernadine offered a glimpse into the rewarding world of international engagement and the impact that being a part of the IO community has had on her development.

Before entering college, Nadine explored her campus's official Instagram account and eventually came across the IO's social media. While following their account, she learned about the presence of STUVO. Seeing their activities sparked her interest, and she became increasingly intrigued by the idea of working closely with international affairs. The role of a Stuvo stood out as it offered a chance to collaborate on various international matters. So, when the announcement for Stuvo Batch 3 recruitment was posted, she immediately prepared the necessary documents—even while juggling an internship.

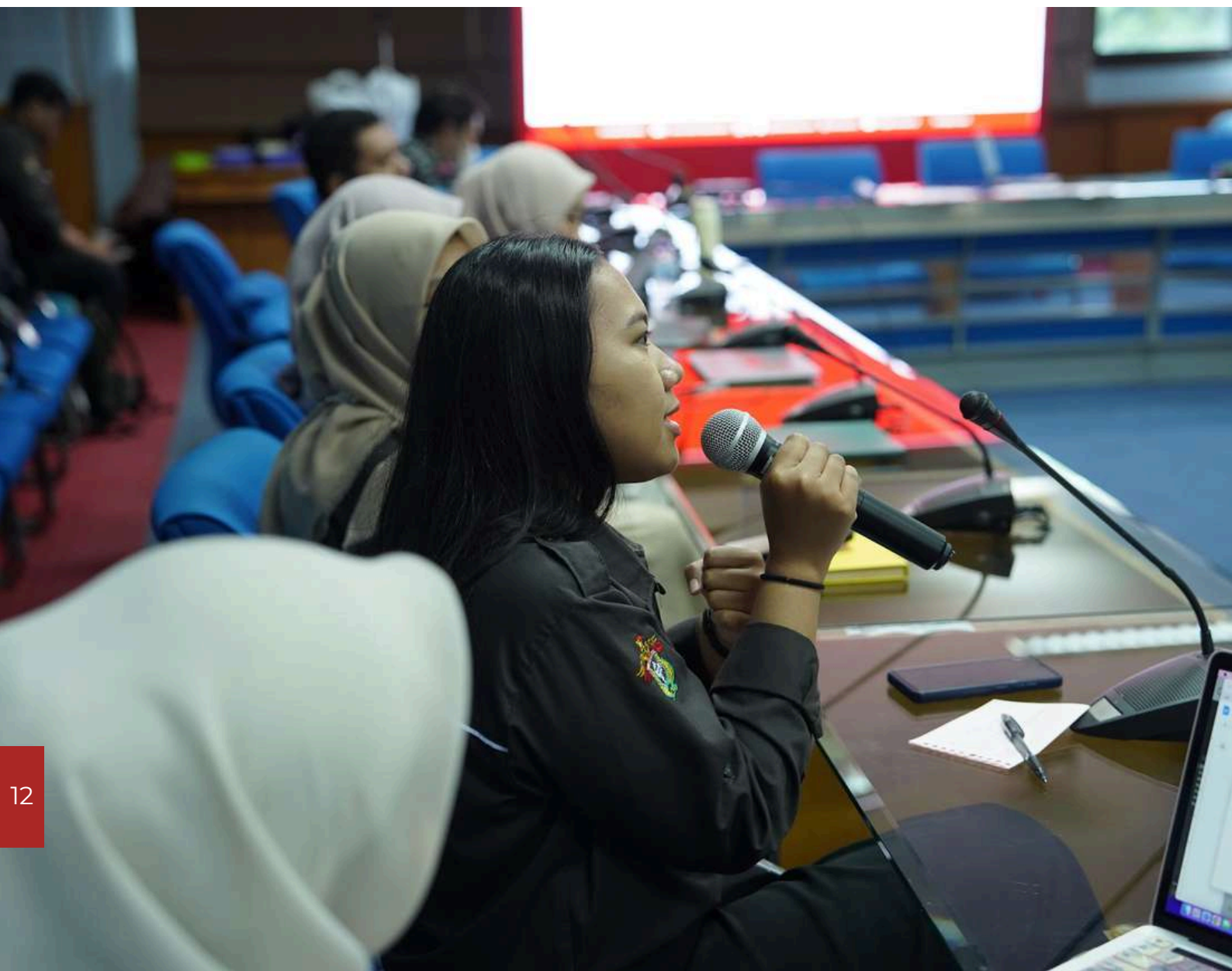




During her time as a STUVO, Nadine took part in many enjoyable activities. One of the most memorable was her first role as a timekeeper at an international student festival. This experience taught her the value of time and how to coordinate with performers during a live event. She also cherished the opportunity to connect with friends from different countries and exchange experiences about studying in Indonesia. Another unforgettable moment was when she accompanied an international student to open an ATM account. This task boosted her confidence in communicating directly with international students and taught her to give clear and patient explanations.

Balancing academic responsibilities with volunteering at the IO was manageable, thanks to the supportive environment. The IO always prioritized education and only expected students to volunteer when they had spare time. This approach allowed Bernadine to focus on her studies while still contributing meaningfully to the IO. With good time management and scheduling, she ensured that neither her academic nor volunteer duties were neglected.

Since joining the IO, Nadine gained valuable skills, especially in her confidence when speaking English. While vocabulary challenges still arise, she now feels more comfortable using the language. Additionally, her teamwork, problem-solving, and cross-cultural communication skills have significantly improved. She also developed strong relationships with both the IO staff and fellow students from various backgrounds, further enriching her experience.





Being part of the IO not only helped Nadine grow professionally—through communication and organizational skills—but also personally. It shaped her into a more open-minded and adaptable individual. Balancing volunteer work with her studies required careful planning, which in turn helped her develop better time-management skills. The experience made her more capable and well-rounded, and she now feels better prepared to face future challenges.

The most rewarding aspect of being a volunteer, according to Nadine, was the opportunity to help international students overcome challenges. She fondly remembers joining language classes and teaching everyday Indonesian phrases, watching students improve week by week. Knowing that she played a role in their progress brought her great satisfaction.

For those considering joining the IO, Nadine's advice is simple: go for it! She encourages others to embrace the experience, even if it feels outside their comfort zone. The supportive and friendly environment makes it easy to grow, learn, and enjoy the process. She believes Stuvo is a space where students can make mistakes, learn from them, and thrive together—making it a truly worthwhile journey.



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