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TRACKING MOBILITY FOR PROGRESS: IO STRENGTHENS INTERNATIONALIZATION EFFORTS



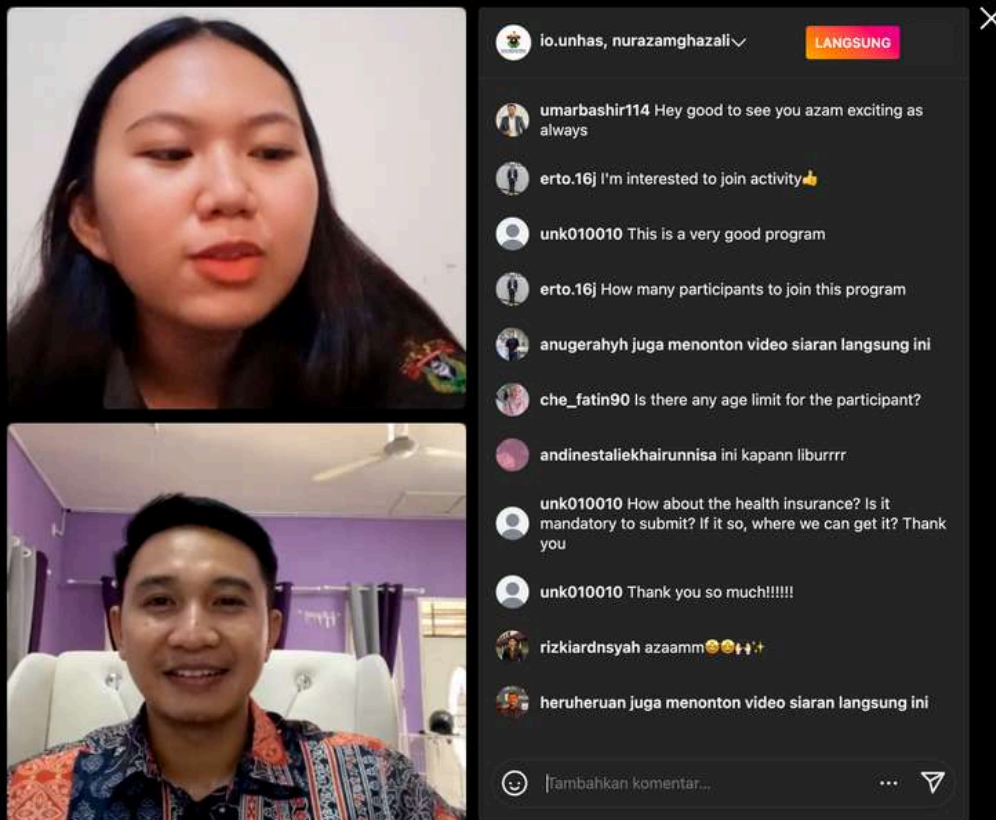
The International Office (IO) of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) held its regular Inbound and Outbound Updating session on Monday, 14 April 2025, at the IO Meeting Room. This routine is aimed at collecting and verifying data on the mobility of students, lecturers, professors, and researchers involved in international academic exchanges. The updated information is crucial for structuring accurate records to support UNHAS's world university rankings. These figures reflect the university's performance in internationalization and global engagement, which are important indicators in various ranking systems.

The session was coordinated by Haniek Khoirunnissa, M.Sc., a member of the IO Task Force. She was assisted by IO staff members, along with several IO Student Volunteers. Together, they worked to ensure that all inbound and outbound mobility data was meticulously reviewed and recorded. This updating session highlights the IO's commitment to transparent data management and continuous support for the university's global strategy through reliable and up-to-date mobility statistics.





HELLO IO GOES LIVE: MALAYSIAN STUDENT TALKS CULTURE, TIPS, AND THE POWER OF BEING YOURSELF



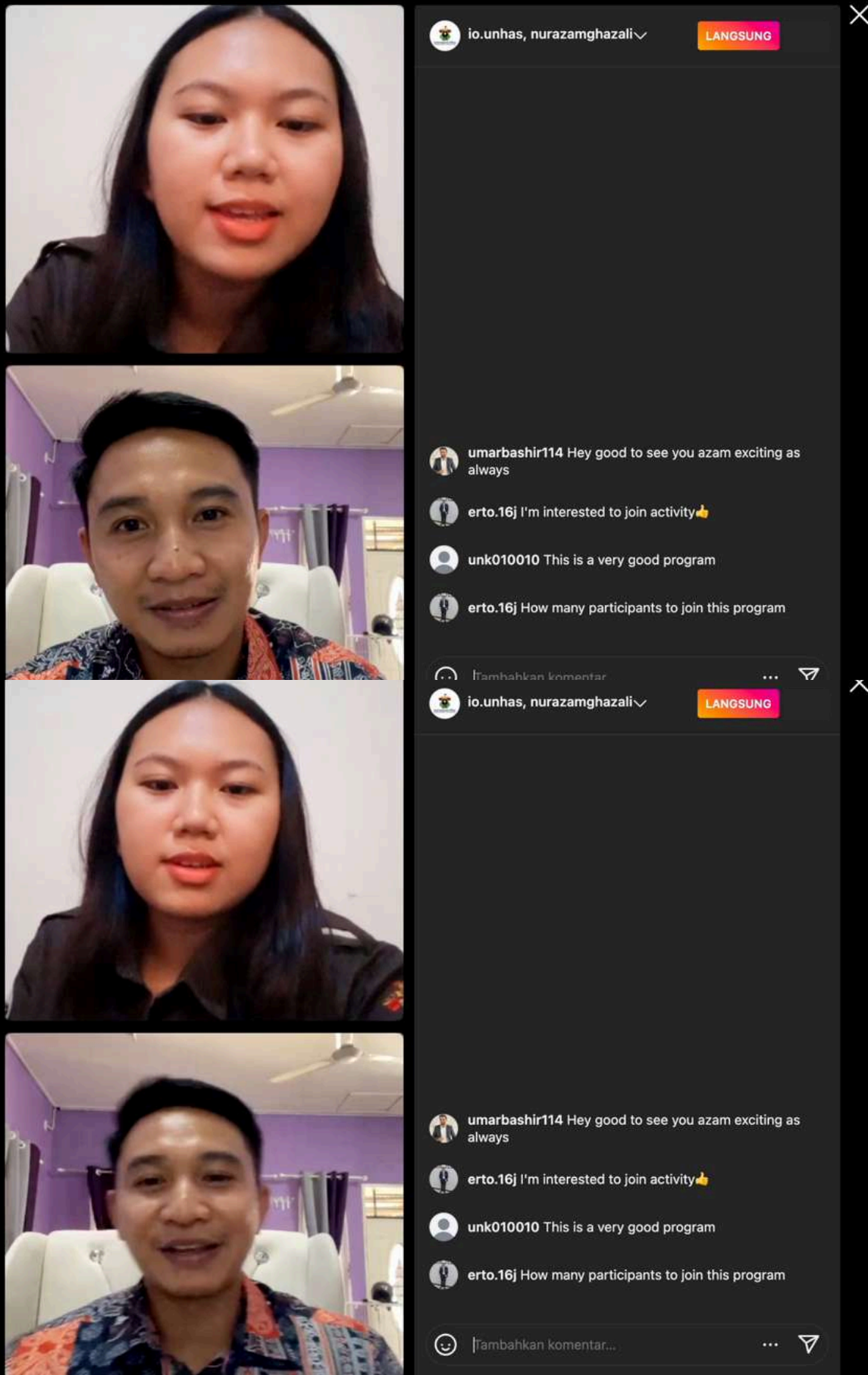
During the HELLO IO Live Instagram session hosted by the International Office (IO) of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) on Thursday, 17 April 2025, Nur Azam Ghazali, a student from Universiti Teknologi Malaysia and a participant of the 7th International Cultural Program (ICP), shared his memorable experience.

HELLO IO is a regular outreach event designed to inform audiences about the programs and activities organized by the IO. It is conducted via Instagram Live as an alternative to the more formal Zoom webinars, aiming to connect with a broader audience in a more casual and interactive format. This particular session was moderated by Bernadine Juliana, an IO Student Volunteer, and attracted around 50 participants.

Azam explained that through the ICP, he gained valuable insights, particularly about the local culture in Makassar, and learned extensively about the marine ecosystem in Makassar waters. Beyond academic exposure, Azam highlighted the friendships he built with participants from various countries, which allowed him to learn about different cultures. He also shared practical tips for future ICP participants, such as crafting a strong personal statement and making an effective introduction video when applying for partial financial assistance.

As advice, he emphasized the importance of being yourself to make friends more easily and encouraged participants to respect individual differences and personalities. Azam's experience reflected how the ICP not only broadens participants' cultural knowledge but also helps build an international network of friends and nurtures personal development.

HELLO IO is expected to continue spreading information about IO activities and opportunities to a global audience, encouraging more international engagement and collaboration.



The image shows a Zoom meeting interface. On the left, there are four video thumbnails arranged vertically. The top and third thumbnails show a woman with long dark hair, wearing a dark jacket. The second and fourth thumbnails show a man with short dark hair, wearing a patterned batik shirt. On the right, there is a chat window with a dark background. At the top of the chat window, it says "io.unhas, nurazamghazali" with a dropdown arrow and a red "LANGSUNG" button. Below this, there are four chat messages from different users: "umarbashir114 Hey good to see you azam exciting as always", "erto.16j I'm interested to join activity", "unk010010 This is a very good program", and "erto.16j How many participants to join this program". At the bottom of the chat window, there is a text input field that says "Tambahkan komentar..." and a red "LANGSUNG" button. A red box with the number "5" is located in the bottom right corner of the image.

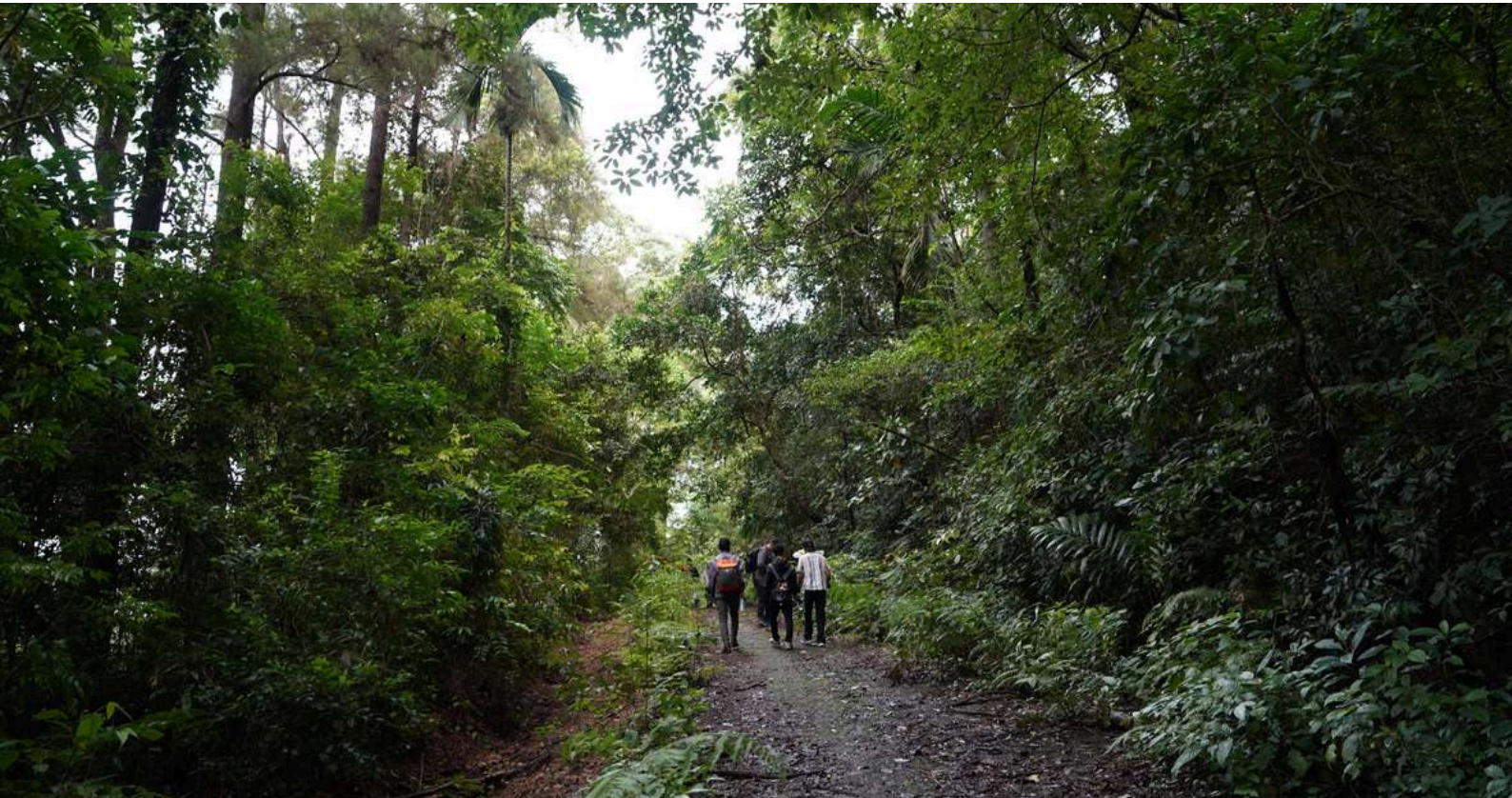
HIKING, HONEY, AND HARMONY: A DAY AT BENGGO-BENGGO FOREST WITH INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



The International Office (IO) of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) recently organized a full-day International Students Outbound event at the Benggo-Benggo Educational Forest in Maros Regency. Held on Saturday, 19 April 2025, the outbound was attended by around 20 international students, IO staff, IO Student Volunteers (Stuvo), and Siaga Ners from the Medical Assistance Team of the Faculty of Nursing (FKep). The activity aimed to strengthen friendship among participants while providing a chance to enjoy and explore nature together.

The day began with a welcoming briefing by Ms. Linda, a representative from the Benggo-Benggo Forest Management. She explained the essential dos and don'ts during the visit and introduced the various facilities available at the forest, such as villas, bungalows, and meeting halls, which are open for use by both the UNHAS academic community and the general public. While listening to the briefing, participants were served coffee, tea, and traditional snacks and fried treats typical of Maros.

Following the briefing, the group embarked on a scenic hike to the top of a hill within the forest and were guided by Mr. Jacky and Husain. Along the way, participants had the opportunity to observe the forest's honey production area and explore some of the available bungalows. Although the trek was quite hilly, everyone successfully made it to the top, where they took photos and enjoyed the breathtaking views. After spending some time at the summit, the group returned to the hall for a shared lunch before concluding the outbound activity. All participants then traveled back to Makassar on two UNHAS buses, bringing back memorable experiences and closer connections.





CO-CREATING THE FUTURE: STRENGTHENING GLOBAL VOCATIONAL EDUCATION THROUGH INTERNATIONAL GUEST LECTURES AND PARTNERSHIPS



In an effort to support the achievement of Key Performance Indicators (IKU) and strengthen global networks, the Faculty of Vocational Studies at Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) held an international guest lecture themed “Co-Creating the Future: From Industry Partnerships to Scholarly Collaboration” on Wednesday, 16 April 2025. The event took place in the Meeting Room of the Faculty of Vocational Studies and was conducted in a hybrid format.

This event featured two guest speakers from prestigious European institutions: Otto Miettinen from the University of Helsinki, Finland, and Tine Grebenc from the Slovenian Forestry Institute, Slovenia. From the Faculty of Vocational Studies at UNHAS, the event was attended by the Dean, Prof. Dr. Ir. Muh. Restu, MP, and the Vice Dean for Academic and Student Affairs who also acts as the Vice Dean for Cooperation Prof. Dr. Ida Leida M., SKM., MKM., M.Sc.PH, as well as Prof. Dr. Ir. Siti Halimah Larekeng S.P., M.P, representing the Thematic Research Group (TRG) of the faculty, along with the entire academic staff.

In his welcoming remarks, the Dean expressed appreciation for the presence of the two speakers and emphasized the importance of building a globally connected vocational education ecosystem. “Through this activity, we not only introduce global insights to our students, but also strengthen institutional relations with international partners by co-creating a future of vocational education that is more relevant, sustainable, and globally engaged,” said Prof. Restu.

During the lecture, Otto Miettinen highlighted the Finnish vocational education model, which places industry partnerships at the core of the learning process. Meanwhile, Tine Grebenc presented the strategic role of forestry research institutions in human resource development, and the importance of linking applied research with vocational education in Slovenia.

The event was attended by members of the academic community at UNHAS, and the enthusiasm was evident during the discussion session, which explored opportunities for international collaboration, student exchange programs, and the integration of research into the vocational curriculum.

As the closing highlight, a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) was signed between the Faculty of Vocational Studies at UNHAS and the two partner institutions from Finland and Slovenia, signaling a strong commitment to ongoing collaboration. The event concluded with a group photo session, marking the spirit of togetherness and international cooperation that had been fostered.

Prof. Ida Leida affirmed that through this guest lecture, the Faculty of Vocational Studies at UNHAS reinforces its position as a leading vocational education institution actively building global connectivity and consistently supporting the achievement of IKU, particularly in enhancing the quality of education and international collaboration.



WILDLIFE ETHNOGRAPHY AND HISTORICAL VIOLENCE: INTERNATIONAL GUEST LECTURES AT THE DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY



The Department of History, Faculty of Cultural Sciences (FIB), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), organized two consecutive international guest lectures on 14 and 17 April 2025. Both events featured speakers from Europe and addressed significant topics in the fields of history, anthropology, and public health, all of which hold direct relevance to the local context of Sulawesi.

The first lecture, held on Monday, 14 April 2025, featured Nicolas Baran, a researcher in anthropology and history from the Université Catholique de Louvain, Belgium. Taking place at the FIB Senate Room, the lecture was titled *"Biodiversity, Local Knowledge, and Zoonoses in Sulawesi: Ethnography of Bats and Related Interspecific Communities."* In his presentation, Baran explored the complex relationships between humans and bats within the framework of biodiversity, local knowledge, and zoonotic disease risks. His research was based on ethnographic studies conducted in North Sulawesi, particularly in the extreme animal market in Tomohon, where bats, snakes, rats, dogs, and cats are sold for consumption. The lecture was attended by around 75 participants, including students and lecturers from the History Department as well as other academic disciplines.

The second lecture, held on Thursday, 17 April 2025, featured Maarten Hidskes, a Dutch researcher, television editor, and author of the book *"In the Netherlands, No One Believed Me: Victims of the Westerling Method in South Sulawesi, 1946-1947."* The event was held in collaboration between the History Department and Obor Publishing House, Jakarta. Also taking place in the FIB Senate Room, Hidskes' lecture presented the findings of his in-depth research on the systematic violence carried out by Captain Raymond Westerling and the Dutch Special Forces (Depot Speciale Troepen/DST) in South Sulawesi following Indonesia's Proclamation of Independence. Through interviews with survivors, victims' families, and extensive analysis of local sources, Hidskes revealed a historical narrative that has long been overlooked in the official Dutch discourse.

Hidskes' lecture offered not only an academic perspective but also a personal reflection, given his background as the son of a former Dutch soldier who once served in Indonesia. He emphasized the importance of historical recognition, moral responsibility, and memory justice concerning the dark episodes of colonial history. This event attracted around 80 participants, including students from the History Department, lecturers from various departments, researchers from the National Research and Innovation Agency (BRIN), faculty members from Universitas Islam Negeri or Islamic State University of Makassar, as well as families of the victims of the 40,000 Lives Tragedy. As part of the knowledge dissemination and collective memory-building efforts, all participants received a free copy of Hidskes' book.

Through the organization of these two guest lectures, the History Department of FIB UNHAS reaffirms its commitment to fostering global perspectives while remaining rooted in local contexts. These events also served as interdisciplinary discussion spaces that opened up opportunities for research collaboration and broadened the academic community's understanding of the interconnections between history, culture, and public health.







STRENGTHENING PUBLIC HEALTH STRATEGIES: UNHAS STUDENTS ATTEND DYNAMIC MODELLING WORKSHOP IN THAILAND



The Faculty of Public Health (FKM), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) attended a Dynamic Modelling Workshop from 17-18 April 2025 in Bangkok, Thailand. The source person in this workshop was a leading international in tropical medicine, Prof. Kraichat Tantrakarnapa from the Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University, Thailand. This workshop is part of an effort to strengthen the academic and research capacity of masteral students in understanding and applying dynamic modelling methods to complex and systemically changing public health problems.

In his remarks, the Head Postgraduate Study Program in Public Health, Prof Dr Ridwan Amiruddin, SKM. M. Kes, MSc. PH, said that dynamic modelling is one of the strategic approaches in planning and evaluating the evidence-based public health interventions. During the two-day workshop, students from UNHAS under the supervision of their lecturers namely: Prof. Dr. drg. A. Arsunan Arsin, M. Kes., CWM and Prof. dr. Hasanuddin Ishak, M. Sc., PhD received basic to advanced material on system dynamics modeling, modeling software applications, as well as hands-on practice designing models on actual health issues such as infectious diseases, behaviour change, and the impact of health and environmental policies. Prof. Kraichat, who has more than two decades of experience in epidemiology and tropical modelling, emphasised the importance of cross-sector collaboration and the use of dynamic models in scenario-based policy simulations.

This activity was expected to increase students' analytical capacity in looking at the health system holistically, as well as open up opportunities for further cooperation between UNHAS and Mahidol University in the fields of research and academic development.



STRENGTHENING GLOBAL COMPETENCE: UNHAS VOCATIONAL FACULTY DISPATCHES METALLURGY STUDENTS TO CHINA



On Thursday, 17 April 2025, the Vocational Faculty of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) held a ceremonial send-off for four students from the Applied Metallurgical Extraction Technology Study Program, who will participate in an outbound student exchange program at Shaanxi Polytechnic Institute, China. The event was led by Prof. Dr. Ir. Muh. Restu, MP, Dean of the Vocational Faculty, and attended by Prof. Dr. Ida Leida Maria, M.Si., Vice Dean for Academic and Student Affairs; Dr. Agustina Abdullah, Head of Education Quality Assurance of the Vocational Faculty; Humam Eddy Prabowo, S.T., M.T., Head of the Metallurgy Study Program; and Dr. Rahmania Rahman, A.Md., S.T., M.T., who will accompany the students as a supervising lecturer.

The four fourth-semester students Marwan Anugrah, Edgar Fernanda Tandigau, Moh. Rafly Rusdi, and Daniel Andrel Yoenai Tasusane Mangeka will depart on 26 April 2025, and return on 28 June 2025, as part of a student mobility program designed to broaden academic knowledge and global perspectives in metallurgical technology. In his speech, Dean Prof. Restu emphasized the significance of global exposure for vocational students: "Use this opportunity to grow not only academically, but personally. Bring back knowledge, experience, and inspiration that will contribute to your future and to our faculty."

Prof. Ida Leida Maria encouraged the students to embrace this international experience: "This is a journey of learning, discovery, and transformation. Take the challenge with confidence and be proud ambassadors of Hasanuddin University." Meanwhile, Dr. Agustina Abdullah, reminded the students of the importance of maintaining academic integrity and professionalism abroad: "You carry the name of our institution. Uphold excellence in both behavior and performance, and this journey will open doors far beyond your expectations." To symbolize the support of the faculty, each student received a commemorative tumbler.

The event concluded with a heartfelt group photo, marking the beginning of an exciting academic adventure. This outbound program highlights the Vocational Faculty's ongoing commitment to internationalizing vocational education and fostering globally competitive graduates through cross-border academic collaboration. We wish these four students the best of luck in their international journey and look forward to the knowledge and inspiration they will bring back to share with the university community.



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