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#### GEOGRAPHY SERIES BRINGS SWISS CULTURE TO UNHAS CAMPUS



As part of the ongoing commitment to fostering intercultural understanding, the International Office (IO) of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) held another edition of its *Geography Series* (G-Series) on Thursday, 24 April 2025, from 2:00 to 4:00 PM (Makassar time). This special session featured Leon Krinn, an inbound student from the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich, who is currently undertaking an internship at the Department of Electrical Engineering, Faculty of Engineering.

Representing the IO, Muhammad Ridwan, M.A., delivered the welcoming remarks, accompanied by IO Task Force members Khaeruddin, Ph.D., and Saaduddin, M.Sc., as well as Dra. Harniati, Head of the Foreign Affairs Division. IO staff and student volunteers were also in attendance. In his address, Mr. Ridwan emphasized that the G-Series serves as a platform for international students to share insights about their home countries while allowing local students to practice foreign language skills creating a valuable space for intercultural communication.

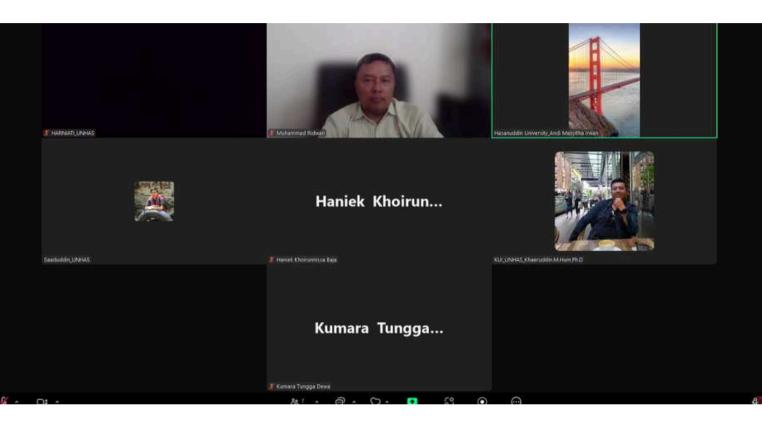
In his presentation, Mr. Krinn introduced the geography of Switzerland, highlighting its cantons (states) and the country's multilingual nature. From there, he delved into the cultural richness of Switzerland, sharing stories of iconic public figures, culinary traditions particularly the nation's renowned cheese varieties and elements of Swiss fashion. His engaging storytelling provided the audience with a vivid picture of life in Switzerland.

The session concluded with an open Q&A, during which participants had the opportunity to engage with Mr. Krinn and deepen their understanding of Swiss culture. As a token of appreciation, the IO presented a souvenir to Mr. Krinn, followed by a group photo session with all attendees. The event not only broadened cultural horizons but also reinforced UNHAS's vision of creating a globally connected campus community.





#### STRENGTHENING INTERNATIONAL TIES: IO'S MAY AGENDA FOCUSES ON COLLABORATION AND STUDENT EMPOWERMENT

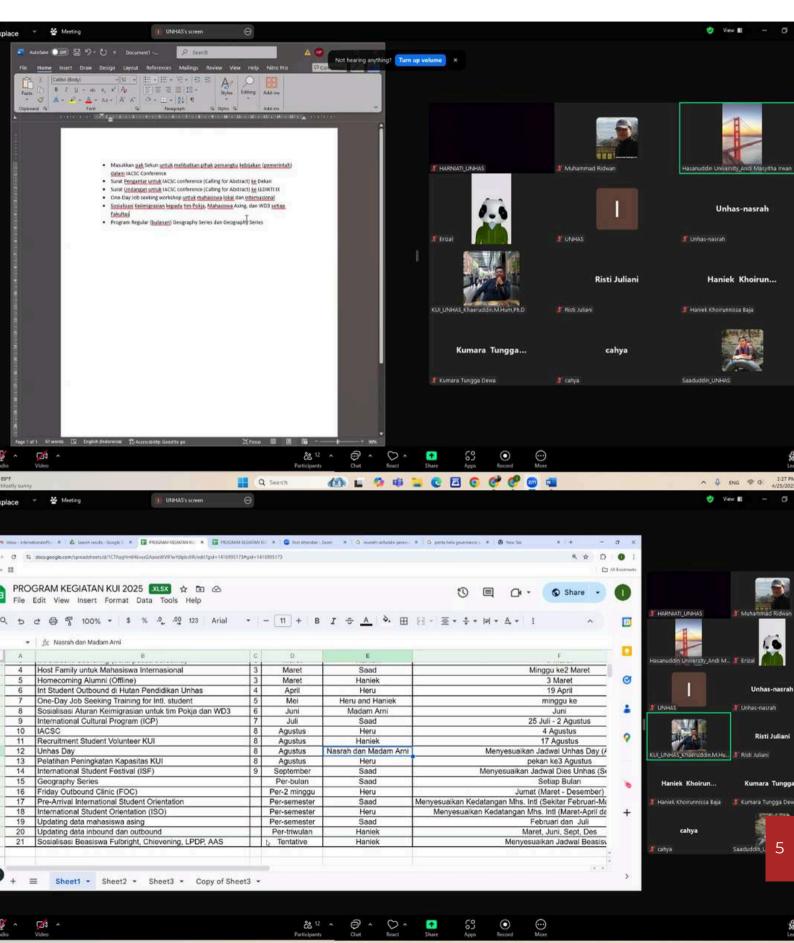


As May approaches, the International Office (IO) of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) held their routine coordination meeting on Friday, 25 April 2025, to plan for upcoming programs and activities. The meeting was led by Andi Masyitha Irwan, Ph.D., Head of the IO, who is affectionately known as Mrs. Citha. The session began with a review of the scheduled activities for May, emphasizing key programs to be carried out by the office.

A major point of discussion was the preparation for the International Academic Consortium for Sustainable Cities (IACSC) Conference, which UNHAS is set to host. Ms. Citha raised the idea of making a courtesy call to the Mayor of Makassar to discuss the city's development plans. This suggestion, originally proposed during a prior coordination meeting with the UNHAS Secretary, included the possibility of inviting the Mayor to serve as one of the speakers for the conference. The team agreed that involving local leadership would add value to the event.

The meeting also explored extending the conference's academic reach by inviting IO partner universities under the Higher Education Service Institute Branch IX (LLDIKTI IX) network. It was suggested that lecturers and researchers from these institutions be encouraged to submit abstracts for the conference, thereby opening the platform to a broader academic community beyond just internal UNHAS participants.

In addition, the IO discussed organizing a One-Day Job-Seeking Skills Training for international students nearing the end of their undergraduate studies. Recognizing the lack of such training so far, the program would aim to equip students with essential career development tools and insights, led by an expert in the field. To implement this, the IO plans to coordinate closely with the Directorate of Student Affairs. The meeting concluded as participants transitioned to the next scheduled office event.



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### STRENGTHENING TIES FOR SUSTAINABLE SEAS: UNHAS AND GUANGDONG OCEAN UNIVERSITY DEEPEN COLLABORATION IN MARINE AND FISHERIES RESEARCH



Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), through its Faculty of Marine Science and Fisheries (FIKP), has recently reinforced its research collaboration with Guangdong Ocean University (GDOU), China. This strategic partnership focuses on the marine and fisheries sector, aiming to enhance global food security and support the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The visit of the GDOU delegation on 22nd of April 2025, began with a joint field trip organized by FIKP UNHAS. The FIKP team, led by Dean Prof. Safruddin, Ph.D., Vice Dean for Partnership, Research and Innovation, Prof. Ahmad Faizal, Dr. Syafiuddin, Dr. Syafyudin, and Dr. Jamaluddin Fitrah Alam, accompanied the GDOU delegation consisting of Prof. Yang Zhou, Prof. Chen Jinjun, Prof. Zheng Dianfeng, and Prof. Wang Xuefeng. The group conducted a site visit to Barrang Lompo Island, part of the Spermonde Archipelago, utilizing the UNHAS Explorer marine research vessel. During the visit, the delegation observed coral reef conditions deemed highly suitable for the development of marine ranching programs, reflecting both universities' shared commitment to sustainable marine resource management.

Following the field activities, the delegation was formally welcomed by the Rector of UNHAS, Prof. Dr. Ir. Jamaluddin Jompa, M.Sc., at the Rectorate Building. In his remarks, Prof. Jompa reaffirmed UNHAS's commitment to expanding productive international collaborations and recognized GDOU as a strategic partner in advancing marine science, fisheries, and food security. He emphasized that university-to-university relationships are an effective form of diplomacy that can create real impact for society and sustainable development. Prof. Jompa also highlighted UNHAS's leading role in Eastern Indonesia, particularly in the field of marine science and fisheries, and underlined the importance of strengthening research and innovation synergies with international partners to address global food security challenges.

After the meeting with the Rector, the delegation proceeded to FIKP. At the FIKP Senate Room, both institutions engaged in detailed discussions to expand the framework of collaboration. The discussions resulted in agreements to develop short-term student exchange programs, joint degree initiatives, staff exchange programs for teaching and research, joint supervision of postgraduate students, and the preparation of joint scientific publications. GDOU also expressed interest in collaborating with the Faculty of Agriculture at UNHAS to explore coastal agriculture initiatives in high-salinity environments.

Prof. Yang Zhou expressed appreciation for the warm hospitality extended by UNHAS and emphasized the importance of strengthening institutional partnerships to support global sustainable development goals. He also conveyed an official invitation to UNHAS leaders to participate in the 90th Anniversary celebration of GDOU scheduled for 22 November 2025, in China.

The discussions concluded with a shared commitment to undertake concrete future initiatives, including technical preparations for joint research projects, structured academic exchange programs, and the development of joint study programs designed to strengthen the marine and fisheries sectors. This reinforced collaboration between FIKP UNHAS and GDOU stands as a strong example of how international academic partnerships can produce innovative solutions and contribute meaningfully to addressing global challenges in marine sciences and fisheries.







### **EXPANDING GLOBAL REACH: STUDENT EXCHANGE BETWEEN FKUH AND CHIBA UNIVERSITY CONTINUES**



The Faculty of Medicine (FK), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) continues to strengthen their international partnerships through various academic collaboration programs. One of the key initiatives is the student exchange program with the Faculty of Medicine, Chiba University, Japan. As part of this ongoing collaboration, FK is currently hosting Yui Sakai, a fifth-year medical student from Chiba University, for an inbound exchange program.

Yui Sakai began her activities at FK on 14 April 2025, and will continue for a duration of one month. During her stay, she is actively engaged in a series of academic and clinical activities, not only within the Faculty of Medicine but also at several affiliated hospitals and public health centers (Puskesmas) around Makassar. Her program is specifically designed to enhance her understanding of infectious diseases and tropical diseases, which are prominent in the region. Throughout the exchange, Yui is undertaking rotations in several key departments, including Internal Medicine, Pediatrics, and Dermatovenereology. These rotations provide her with valuable exposure to the diagnosis, treatment, and management of tropical and infectious diseases, areas that are less common in Japan. Additionally, she is given the opportunity to observe first-hand the healthcare services delivered at the primary care level through site visits to community health centers. This experience allows her to gain insights into public health strategies and the challenges faced in delivering healthcare services in tropical regions.

Prof. Dr. dr. Rina Masadah, M.Phil., SpPA(K), DFM, Vice Dean for Publication, Community Service, and International Collaboration, emphasized that the inbound student exchange program has been consistently running over the past few years. According to her, the program not only enhances the academic experience of participating students but also plays an important role in fostering institutional partnerships and advancing FK's visibility in the global academic community.

Through this initiative, FK is actively contributing to UNHAS's efforts to enhance their international reputation. By welcoming international students and facilitating cross-cultural academic exchanges, FK demonstrates its commitment to academic excellence, global collaboration, and internationalization strategies that align with the university's vision of becoming a world-class institution.





### EXPLORING COOPERATION OPPORTUNITIES, QUJING MEDICAL COLLEGE VISITED FACULTY OF PUBLIC HEALTH UNHAS



A delegation from Qujing Medical College visited the Faculty of Public Health (FKM), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) on Tuesday, 22 April 2025. The delegation was led directly by the Vice President of Qujing Medical College, Yong Yimin. The delegation was welcomed by the Dean of FKM, Prof. Sukri Palutturi, SKM, M.Kes, MSc.PH, Ph.D together with the Vice Dean for Partnership, Research and Innovation Prof. Anwar Mallongi, SKM., MSc., Ph.D. along with several lecturers and employees of FKM UNHAS in the hall of Prof. Nur Nasry Noor, M.PH.

During the meeting, the two institutions discussed various opportunities for cooperation in education, research and community service in the field of Public Health.

In his remarks, the Dean of FKM UNHAS, Prof. Sukri, expressed his pleasure with the visit of Qujing Medical College and he informed that in FKM UNHAS there are 9 study programmes, consisting of 2 undergraduate level study programmes; Bachelor of Public Health and Bachelor of Nutritional Science, 6 master level study programmes; Master of Public Health, Master of Hospital Administration, Master of Occupational Health and Safety, Master of Health Administration and Policy, Master of Nutrition Science and Master of Environmental Health; and 1 doctoral study programme, namely the Doctor of Public Health Science Study Programme. He also confirmed that the cooperation between FKM UNHAS and Qujing Medical College can take the form of student exchange programmes, short courses, visiting professors, international conferences, etc.

Qujing Medical College delegates were Dean of the School of Public Health and Health Management, Li Xufeng; Director of the admission, employment and international exchange Office, Kong Qing; Dean of the School of Traditional Chinese Medicine, Wei Xianglin; Deputy Dean of the school of Pharmacy, Su Lina; and Staff of the International Exchange Office as well as an interpreter, Kong Manjuan.

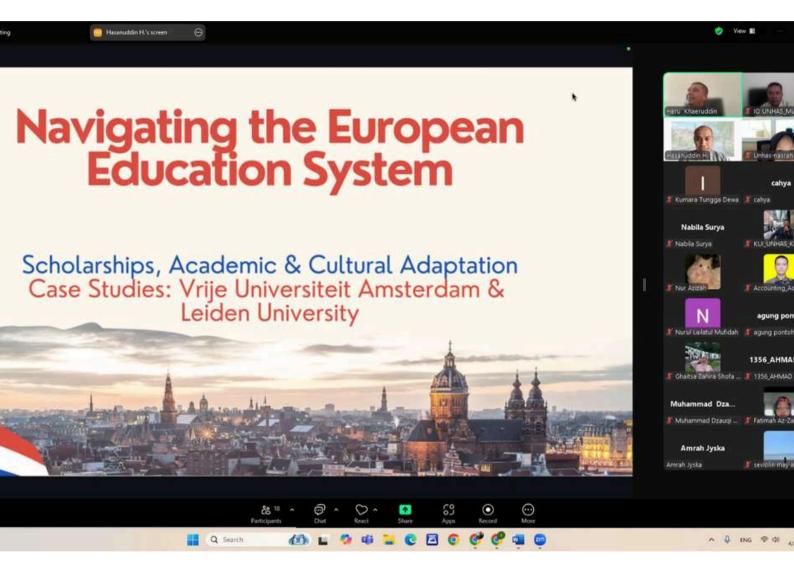
In her speech, Vise President of Qujing Medical College, Yong Yimin, stated: "We really appreciate the welcome and hospitality given by FKM UNHAS. It is a great honour to be able to visit FKM UNHAS, get a deeper insight into the outstanding teaching and research system in the field of Public Health ". She also added that she has high hopes for potential collaboration opportunities with FKM UNHAS. She admired the diverse academic programmes and international academic exchange models. She is looking forward to future collaboration in areas such as student exchange, lecturer visits, joint research and curriculum development, working together to advance Public Health Education. 'Thank you once again, for the careful organisation of the visit and we are looking forward to the follow-up of this collaboration' She concluded her remarks.





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### EXPLORING STUDY OPPORTUNITIES IN EUROPE: FRIDAY OUTBOUND CLINIC WITH LEIDEN DOCTORAL CANDIDATE



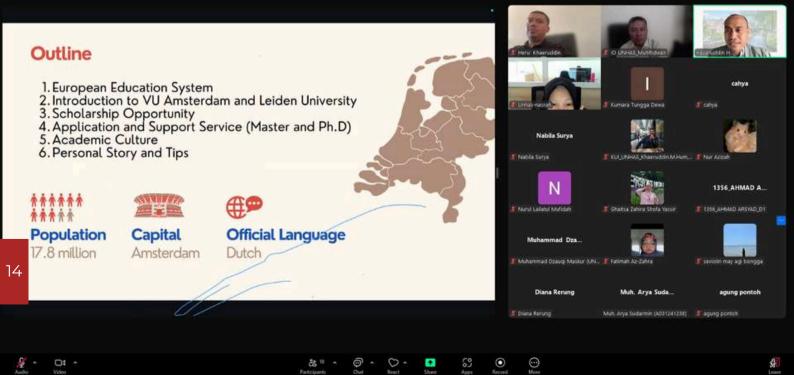
As part of its ongoing efforts to increase awareness and preparedness for studying abroad, the International Office (IO) of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) held another session of the Friday Outbound Clinic (FOC) on Friday, 25 April 2025. The event was conducted via Zoom and featured Mr. Hasanuddin, a Doctoral Candidate at Leiden University in the Netherlands, as the main speaker. The session was moderated by Khaeruddin, Ph.D., a member of the IO Task Force for Student Mobility.

The FOC attracted around 50 participants, including university students and lecturers, all eager to gain insights into the European higher education landscape. Mr. Hasanuddin began his presentation by introducing the European education system and then provided an overview of Vrije Universiteit and Leiden University. He offered valuable information on the academic environment, expectations, and structure of both Master's and Ph.D. programs.

A significant part of the session was dedicated to scholarship opportunities. Mr. Hasanuddin discussed various funding options and provided references and strategies that participants could explore for their future scholarship applications. He also touched on the application process, available support services, and the academic culture in European universities, helping participants understand the broader context of studying abroad.

Before closing the session, Mr. Hasanuddin shared his personal journey, offering practical tips and motivation to aspiring international students. The moderator then opened the floor for a Q&A session, allowing participants to ask further questions and clarify their concerns. The session ended with a reminder from the moderator to stay tuned for upcoming FOC.







#### UNHAS AND PT WAYPOINT SOLUTIONS TRADING COLLABORATE TO DEVELOP SEAWEED-BASED BIOPLASTICS



Researchers from the Faculty of Marine Science and Fisheries (FIKP), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) recently held a strategic meeting with PT Waypoint Solutions Trading (Indonesia) to explore opportunities for seaweed-based product development aimed at the plastics industry.

The meeting took place on 28 April 2025, at the office of the Directorate of Innovation, located on the 6th floor of the Rectorate Building at the UNHAS Tamalanrea campus. The industry delegation was led by Peter Goyen, representing PT Waypoint Solutions Trading, who is currently developing a new product for market. Mr. Goyen expressed his interest in collaborating with UNHAS to prepare sample pellets and powders derived from Gracilaria seaweed, which will be tested for use in biodegradable plastics. He emphasized that this initiative is a commercial project, although research and development activities are expected to follow once initial production begins.

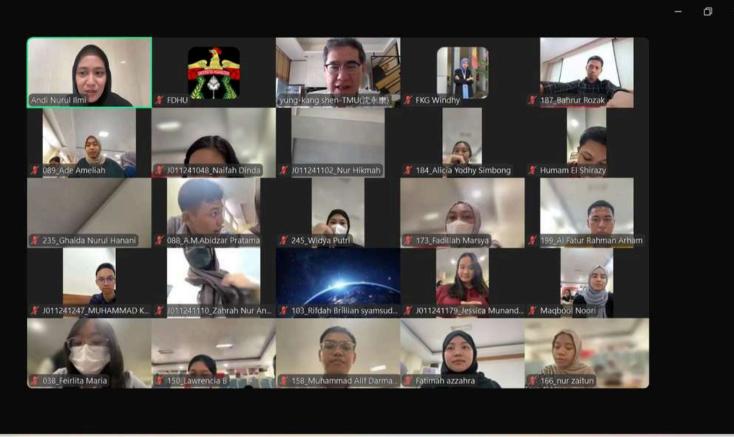
On the academic side, the FIKP UNHAS team was represented by Dr. Asmi Citra Malina, also Vice Head of the Seaweed Center and Head of the Directorate of Innovation, alongside several researchers specializing in seaweed bioplastic development. The discussion centered on how UNHAS researchers could support the preparation of initial product samples, leveraging the proximity of South Sulawesi's Gracilaria seaweed production areas to facilitate efficient sourcing and processing. This meeting reflects UNHAS's growing commitment to fostering innovation and supporting industry collaborations that harness marine resources for sustainable industrial solutions. Both parties expressed enthusiasm about the potential to develop seaweed-derived products that could contribute to more environmentally friendly plastic alternatives, while simultaneously enhancing the value of Indonesia's seaweed resources.

The collaboration is expected to proceed with the preparation of product samples in the coming weeks, marking an important step toward building stronger links between academic research, innovation, and commercial application in the marine sector.





### THE RISE OF DIGITAL DENTISTRY: INNOVATIONS SHAPING THE FUTURE OF ORAL HEALTHCARE



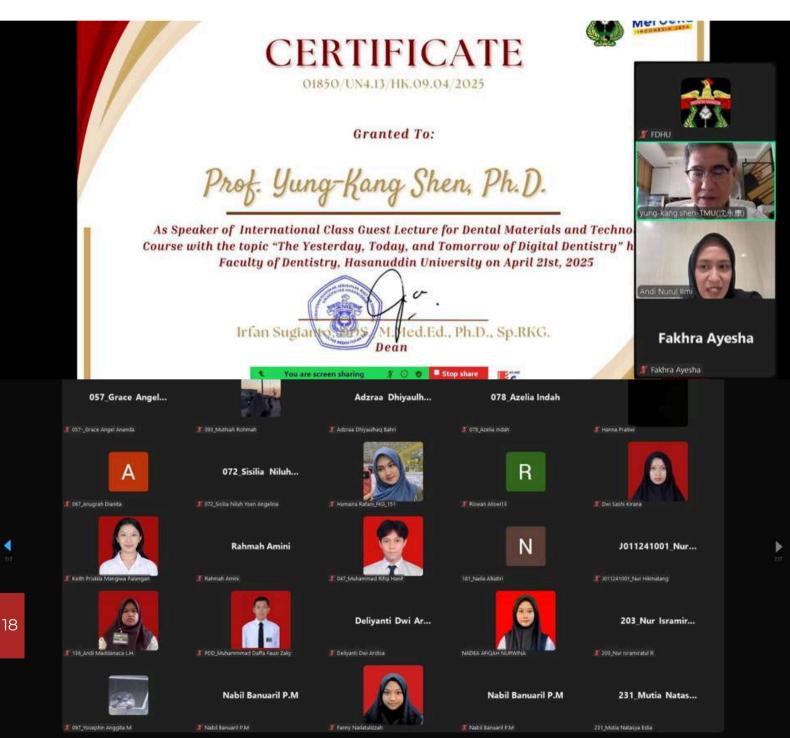
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The Faculty of Dentistry (FKG), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) proudly hosted an International Class Guest Lecture featuring Prof. Yung-Kang Shen, Ph.D., from Taipei Medical University, Taiwan, on 21 April 2025. With the theme "The Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow of Digital Dentistry," Prof. Shen shared cutting-edge insights into how the digitalization is transforming dental practices. This lecture, part of the "Dental Materials and Technology Course," provided students and faculty members a valuable opportunity to explore the latest technological trends and the promising future of digital dentistry.

The rapid advancement of technology has ushered dentistry into a new era of digitalization. Innovations such as CAD/CAM design software, 3D printing including Selective Laser Sintering (SLS) and Selective Laser Melting (SLM) technologies and intraoral scanners have significantly enhanced the efficiency and precision of dental treatments. SLS, with its ability to sinter polymer powders, and SLM, capable of processing metal materials, have enabled the production of dental components with highly complex geometries and exceptional density. These technologies have established digital dentistry as an integral component of modern clinical practice, providing faster, more comfortable, and personalized care for patients. 3D printing technologies like SLS and SLM have particularly revolutionized dental manufacturing. SLS allows for the creation of lightweight yet durable polymer dental components, while SLM enables the production of strong, detailed metal frameworks for prostheses and implants. These advancements have not only improved the quality of dental restorations but also shortened production times and enhanced patient-specific customization.

Looking ahead, the future of digital dentistry promises even greater transformations with the incorporation of artificial intelligence (AI). All is expected to revolutionize key aspects of dental care, from diagnosis and treatment planning to the automated fabrication of dental prostheses. With machine learning algorithms analyzing vast amounts of clinical data, dentists will be empowered to deliver highly accurate, predictive, and personalized treatment strategies.

In this evolving landscape, dentistry is steadily moving toward an era where care becomes more precise, predictive, and minimally invasive. These innovations aim to enhance patient experiences, optimize clinical outcomes, and redefine traditional practices, solidifying digital dentistry's role at the forefront of modern healthcare.





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# Student Volunteer Chronicle:

the World: Campus From to Muhammad Aflahal Mukmin

Becoming a student volunteer (Stuvo) at the International Office (IO) has been one of the most enriching experiences of my academic journey. What inspired me to take this path was not just the range of opportunities it offered, but also the vibrant and supportive community I found within it. From the early days of observing Batch 1 and 2 Stuvo members to working closely with the IO staff, I was drawn into a network of passionate individuals. Many of them have even had the chance to represent the university abroad something that has been my dream for as long as I can remember.

One of the most unforgettable moments in this journey was when I had the chance to go to Malaysia, fully funded by the IO, to participate in the ASEAN Youth Volunteer Program. That experience marked a turning point for me not only did it fulfill my long-held dream of international travel, but it also opened doors to invaluable relationships. Some of those connections continue to play an important role in my academic life to this day. It was a golden opportunity that gave me more than just a trip abroad; it gave me lifelong memories, meaningful engagement, and a deeper understanding of what it means to be part of something greater.

Balancing my responsibilities as a student and a volunteer has certainly been a learning curve, but it has helped me grow immensely. Effective time management has been crucial. I've learned to assess priorities, manage deadlines, and stay focused on what needs to be completed. Open communication has also played a key role. Whenever I needed to take time off for academic reasons or personal matters, the IO staff have always been understanding and accommodating, which made juggling multiple roles so much more manageable.



Throughout my time as a Stuvo, I've gained practical skills that are vital for personal and professional development. Interacting with international students has improved my communication abilities and broadened my cultural awareness. I've also honed my public speaking skills, especially in formal settings an experience that has undoubtedly increased my confidence and presence.

Being part of the IO team has always felt like a privilege. It offers more than just volunteer experience it serves as a gateway to new relationships, career-enhancing insights, and opportunities for direct international exposure. These experiences have not only contributed to my personal growth, but they have also pushed me to explore my full potential. For me, being a Stuvo has never been just about giving my time or energy; it's been a transformative journey that has shaped who I am and who I aspire to be.

One of the most rewarding aspects of this role has been the freedom and support to explore my interests. The IO team never imposes overly high standards or rigid expectations. Instead, they encourage us to grow, to try new things, and to find our own path while supporting us along the way. That sense of trust and empowerment is something I truly cherish.

If there's one thing I wish to highlight for anyone considering joining the IO as a Stuvo, it would be this: the opportunities are real and rare. You'll discover experiences that are hard to come by elsewhere. But ultimately, it's up to you to seize them and make the most out of what is offered. I've felt it. I've lived it. And I can say with complete confidence it's more than worth it. Trust me.

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