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EXPLORING THE WORLD: PPAN ROAD SHOW ENCOURAGES UNHAS STUDENT PARTICIPATION



The International Office (IO) of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), in collaboration with *Purna Caraka Muda Indonesia* (PCMI) South Sulawesi, the International Youth Exchange Alumni Association hosted the Road Show of *Pertukaran Pemuda antar Negara* (PPAN), or the International Youth Exchange Program, on Friday, 9 May 2025, at the UNHAS Research and Community Service (LP2M) Hall. The event began at 2:00 PM and was attended by around 50 UNHAS students. Moderated by Regina Farah Nafilah, S.IP, an alumna of the 2024 Australia-Indonesia Youth Exchange Program (AIYEP), the road show aimed to introduce various exchange programs supported by the Ministry of Youth and Sports (Kemenpora), including AIYEP, SILEP (Singapore-Indonesia Youth Leaders Exchange Program), and SSEAYP (Ship for Southeast Asian Youth Program).

2 Representing the IO, Muhammad Ridwan, M.A., (IO Secretary), opened the event with a welcome remark. He emphasized the IO's commitment to supporting initiatives that promote outbound mobility for UNHAS students and lecturers. Ridwan encouraged students to actively pay attention to the alumni speakers, as the experiences they shared could be a source of inspiration and preparation for future exchange opportunities abroad.

The road show featured compelling testimonials from alumni who have participated in various international youth exchange programs. Alongside Regina, another AIYEP alumna, Satriani, S.I.Kom, who joined the program in 2018, also spoke. She shared that although her experience may differ from Regina's due to the changing times, the core values of cultural immersion, people-to-people connections, and leadership development remained central. AIYEP includes two segments: the Indonesian participants first travel to Australia for cultural performances, courtesy calls, and engagement with local communities, then return with their Australian counterparts to Indonesia to undergo similar activities.

Additionally, two alumni of the Singapore-Indonesia Leadership Exchange Program (SILEP) also shared their insights during the session, adding more dimensions to the students' understanding of international youth exchange. The event concluded with a group photo session, capturing the enthusiasm and aspirations of the participants. For 2025, South Sulawesi will be represented by male participants in AIYEP, continuing the region's strong engagement in global youth exchange initiatives.





INTERNATIONAL EXPOSURE FOR DENTAL RADIOLOGY RESIDENTS: UNHAS COLLABORATES WITH OKAYAMA UNIVERSITY



For the first time, the Specialist Dental Radiology Education Program of the Faculty of Dentistry, Hasanuddin University (FKG UNHAS), has conducted an international sit-in program for final-year residents at the Dental School of Okayama University, Japan, from 7 to 21 May 2025.

This program primarily aims to provide residents with comprehensive skills in radiological interpretation and oral and maxillofacial imaging at the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology. Participants had the opportunity to observe and analyze a wide range of pathological cases using advanced imaging modalities, including CT scans, ultrasound, and MRI with various sequences. This inaugural sit-in was attended by five residents, under the direct supervision of Professor Yoshinobu Yanagi, Head of the Department, along with other faculty members at the Dental School and Hospital.

A notable advantage of this program is the interdisciplinary understanding residents gain in disease diagnosis, as they also engage in discussions and case elaborations with the Department of Pathology to arrive at comprehensive diagnoses.

In addition to clinical learning activities at the dental hospital, the residents were also given the opportunity to visit Morita Company and Asahi Roentgen in Kyoto, where they observed firsthand the manufacturing process of advanced dental radiography equipment, such as CBCT (Cone Beam Computed Tomography) systems.

Currently, the sit-in program is optional for residents who seek international exposure and wish to enhance their radiological skills. However, there is potential for this activity to be incorporated into the core curriculum in the future as part of a quality improvement effort to strengthen the competencies of future dental radiology specialists graduating from FKG UNHAS.



UNHAS AND UNICEF COLLABORATE ON ADDRESSING GLOBAL NUTRITION PRIORITIES: WASTING VS STUNTING



Monday, 5 May 2025, the Department of Nutritional Sciences, Faculty of Public Health (FKM), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) held a guest lecture entitled 'Wasting vs Stunting: Global Nutrition Priorities and Urgency of Public Health Investment'. This guest lecture aimed to discuss the issue of wasting (acute malnutrition) and stunting (chronic malnutrition) as global priorities, while encouraging public health investment as a strategy to deal with it. This activity was organised in hybrid where presenters and participants attended offline in Prof. Nur Nasry Noor Hall while other participants attended online through a video conference platform.

This guest lecture presented the main speaker, Mamadou Ndiaye, Ph.D, Chief of Nutrition - United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) who delivered material focusing on the importance of strategies to prevent and control wasting as an integral part of stunting prevention.

This activity supports the achievement of SDGs number 2; zero hunger (End Hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture) and number 3; Good health and well-being (Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages). The event began with remarks from the Head of ICONS (Indonesia Center of Nutrition Studies), Prof.dr. Veni Hadju, M.Sc., Ph.D followed by remarks from Mr Hengky Wijaya, PhD as Head of UNICEF Sulawesi and Maluku Region Office, and then the activity was officially opened by Prof. Sukri Palutturi, SKM, M.Kes., MSc, PH, Ph.D as Dean of FKM UNHAS.

In his speech, Prof. dr. Veni Hadju, Ph.D expressed his pleasure and appreciation for the implementation of this guest lecture which is a part of the joint commitment of ICONS and UNICEF in addressing nutrition problems in Indonesia. Furthermore, Prof. Sukri Palutturi, Dean of FKM also expressed his appreciation and support for the Department of Nutritional Sciences which is active in various activities in regional, national and international scope.

The guest lecture began at 10.40 CIT where this session was guided by moderator Ulfah Najamuddin, M.Kes., Ph.D, Lecturer of the Department of Nutritional Sciences FKM UNHAS. The speaker explained that the nutrition problems faced in Indonesia are quite severe with the 'Triple Burden Malnutrition' namely Stunting / Wasting, Micronutrient Deficiency and Obesity. He also emphasised the importance of cross-sector collaboration in overcoming nutrition problems in Indonesia. The guest lecture was attended by lecturers and students from the Department of Nutritional Sciences, Faculty of Public Health, UNHAS, and from several universities outside UNHAS who attended online. In addition, the UNICEF Indonesia team, namely Blandina Rosalina Bait as Nutrition Specialist UNICEF Indonesia and Nike Frans as Nutrition Officer UNICEF, also participated in this activity.

After the presentation of the material, the event continued with a question and answer session. Participants actively asked questions both directly in English to the speaker and through the interpreter of the moderator. The lecture was closed with a group photo with the speaker, the UNICEF team, lecturers and students of the Department of Nutrition FKM UNHAS.



STRENGTHENING CROSS-BORDER COLLABORATION: FKG UNHAS AT UKM'S INTERNATIONAL DENTAL FORUM



Two lecturers from the Faculty of Dentistry (FKG), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), drg. Erni Marlina, Ph.D., Sp.PM., Subsp. Inf (K), and drg. Fadhil Ulum A. Rahman, S.RKG., Subsp.Rad-K (K), were invited as speakers and judges at the International Symposium 3.0, held on 6–7 May 2025, at Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM). The event carried the theme “Dental Research in an Evolving World: Safeguarding Rights, Ensuring Integrity” and brought together dental professionals and academics from across the region to discuss integrity in research and advancements in dental science.

In addition to the two main speakers, the delegation from FKG UNHAS included five other lecturers and nine postgraduate students, demonstrating the university's active role in international academic engagement. The FKG delegation participated in various academic sessions and networking events, enhancing collaborative opportunities between institutions.

Their participation was a result of an ongoing collaboration between the Faculty of Dentistry at UNHAS and the Faculty of Dentistry at UKM, Malaysia. This partnership aims to promote research excellence, foster academic exchange, and provide platforms for postgraduate students and faculty members to gain international exposure.

The presence of FKG UNHAS at the symposium reinforced the institution's commitment to advancing global dental education and research, while highlighting its growing contributions to regional academic forums in Southeast Asia.





CULTURAL AND ACADEMIC EXCHANGE: FISIP UNHAS WELCOMES UMS STUDENTS THROUGH INBOUND PROGRAM



The Faculty of Social and Political Sciences at Hasanuddin University (FISIP UNHAS) held an Inbound Student Mobility Program, which this time was attended by students from the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities (FSSK), Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS). The program took place over a week, from 24 April to 1 May 2025 and featured a series of academic and cultural activities involving students from both FISIP UNHAS and FSSK UMS, faculty members from both institutions, and the local community in Enrekang Regency, South Sulawesi.

The program was officially opened at the Sukur Abdullah Hall, FISIP UNHAS, where participants were warmly welcomed by the faculty leadership. In his opening remarks, the Dean of the Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, Prof. Dr.phil. Sukri, M.Si, emphasized that this Inbound Student Mobility Program is part of the ongoing collaboration between FISIP UNHAS and FSSK UMS. He also expressed hope for future initiatives such as joint lectures or credit-earning programs between the two faculties.

The mobility program featured various activities, one of which was a Student Entrepreneurship Sharing Session, where participants exchanged ideas and experiences related to business innovations with potential for development in their respective countries. Students from FSSK UMS presented their creative, locally-based products and business models, along with details of entrepreneurship competitions in Malaysia they had participated in using these innovative products. Cultural immersion was also a major highlight, particularly during the Cultural Performance, where students from four Student Activity Units (UKMs) under FISIP UNHAS showcased traditional South Sulawesi dances and music, as well as martial arts performances such as karate and taekwondo. This cultural exchange provided a warm and meaningful moment that strengthened cross-national friendships.

The final activity involving students from FISIP UNHAS and FSSK UMS was attending the inauguration of a traditional house in Enrekang Regency. Enrekang is known for its rich cultural heritage, officially recognized by the local government. On 30 April 2025, the *Tongkonan Bola Kasalle* traditional house in Buntu Pare, Redak Hamlet, Patongloan Village, Enrekang Regency, was inaugurated in a ceremony attended by local government officials and traditional leaders. During this event, the students had the opportunity to observe firsthand the traditional values of the Enrekang community and to learn about the meaningful architecture and philosophy of the traditional house.



GLOBAL VOICES UNITE AT SIDRAP ENGLISH BOOTCAMP: UNHAS INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS TAKE THE LEAD



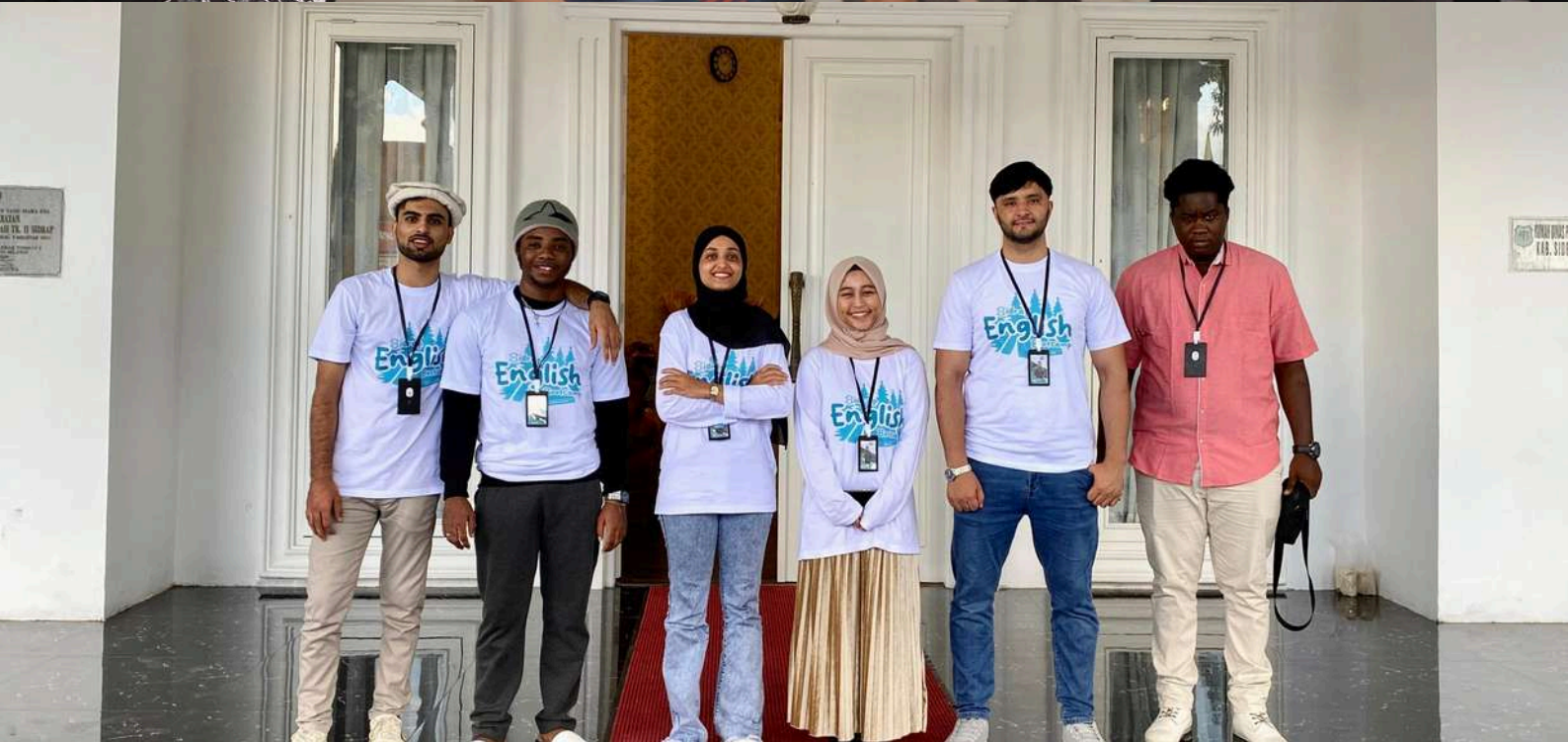
Five international students of Hasanuddin University, through the International Office (IO), were invited as resource persons for the Sidrap English Bootcamp Batch 2, an event initiated by Bola Sumange English Course and supported by the Regency of Sidrap. The bootcamp took place from Saturday to Monday, 10–12 May 2025, at Kebun Porang Bendoro, Sidrap, with the theme: *“Superior English Is Our Light: Turning the Dream into the Sight.”*

The participating international students were Shahabuddin Esmati (Afghanistan), Dua Al Mashraqi (Yemen), Chufo Chisom Godswill (Nigeria), Kanchul Louis Mendy (Gambia), and Tashfeen Amir (Pakistan). They played an active role in interacting with the participants, sharing their experiences, cultures, and practical strategies for improving English communication skills. The bootcamp fostered a dynamic and cross-cultural learning environment.

During their stay in Sidrap, the international students were accommodated at the official residence of the Regent of Sidrap, further highlighting the region's warm hospitality and recognition of international academic collaboration. Their presence offered a unique global exposure for local students in Sidrap, especially those from rural areas, to engage with English in a real-world and multicultural context.

This initiative not only enriched the bootcamp participants' confidence and proficiency in English but also provided meaningful learning experiences for the international students themselves. It marked a memorable moment of cultural exchange and capacity building, contributing to the broader goals of educational internationalization and community engagement.







BIPA LEARNERS DISCOVER ANCIENT TRACES AND SCENIC KARST IN SOUTH SULAWESI



The international students who are awardees of the 2025 *Kemitraan Negara Berkembang* (KNB) or Developing Countries Partnership Scholarship from the Ministry of Research and Technology visited Maros Regency, South Sulawesi, on Saturday, 10 May 2025. These students, who are also participants in the *Bahasa Indonesia untuk Penutur Asing* (BIPA) or Indonesian Language for Foreign Speakers course, took part in a Cultural and Tourist Site Introduction Program organised by the Language Service Unit of Hasanuddin University.

The cultural and tourism introduction activities took place at the Leang-Leang Archaeological Park and Rammang-Rammang. The participants included Tlotlo Semakaleng from Botswana, Kumar Apurvakant Gautam from India, Aseel Mohammed Abdullah Mubarak Flehan and Mohammed Ahmed Mohammed Sulaiman Kann from Yemen, as well as Abdul Qayyom and Amir Hussain from Pakistan.

They were guided closely through the history of human civilisation at Leang-Leang. Accompanied by a local tour guide, the students observed prehistoric handprint paintings on cave walls, gaining valuable archaeological insights into early human life. At Rammang-Rammang, the BIPA course participants also admired the stunning karst formations, which are recognised as part of a World Heritage Site.

The activity was accompanied by the Head of the Language Service Unit, Dr. Herawaty, and the Unit Secretary who also serves as the BIPA Program Coordinator, Dr. Inriati Lewa, along with BIPA instructors Muh. Syafri Badaruddin, Syahwan Alfianto Amir, and Indarwati.





Student Volunteer Chronicle:

Uniting Cultures, One Step at a Time::
Achmad Azan Albar
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My journey with the International Office (IO) began when I stumbled upon their Indonesian International Student Mobility Awards (IISMA) camp for students. This event opened my eyes to the world of global education and cultural exchange. I was immediately captivated by the energy and dedication of the IO team as they guided students through the process of applying for international study opportunities, sharing insights about life abroad and cross-cultural experiences. As someone who has always been curious about the world beyond my hometown, the camp sparked a desire within me to get involved and help others access similar opportunities.

The IO's mission to connect students with global possibilities inspired me to become a volunteer. Through this role, I hoped to expand my own cultural awareness, develop professional skills, and contribute to creating a welcoming environment for both international and local students.

One of the most memorable moments in my journey as a volunteer was during the 2nd International Student Festival (ISF) 2024, held on 15 September 2024 as part of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS)'s 68th anniversary celebration. Themed *"Uniting Global Culture in One Celebration,"* the festival was a colorful and vibrant event. I helped coordinate one of the many cultural booths where students shared traditional dishes and performed cultural dances. Witnessing international and local students connect through food, music, and dance was unforgettable. The event's success, driven by the IO team's hard work, left me proud to be part of such a dynamic celebration of diversity.



As an urban and regional planning student based at UNHAS's Gowa campus, I've had to balance academic responsibilities with volunteering at the IO in Tamalanrea, Makassar—a significant commute. To manage this, I allocate time strategically for classes, study, and volunteer commitments. Volunteering at the IO has become a refreshing counterbalance to the technical nature of my studies. Open communication with the IO team about my availability has helped me contribute meaningfully while maintaining my academic performance.

Through my volunteer role, I've gained valuable global communication skills. I had the opportunity to host an Instagram Live session on student mobility, assist in Bahasa Indonesia classes for international students, and participate in a capacity-building program on public speaking, tourism, and hospitality. The live session boosted my fluency and confidence in digital engagement; teaching Bahasa helped me adapt to diverse learning styles; and the training program enhanced my public speaking abilities and deepened my understanding of hospitality skills I believe are essential for fostering meaningful cultural exchange.

The most rewarding part of being an IO volunteer is the impact we make in helping international students feel at home. Whether it's teaching basic Bahasa or showing them around campus, these simple gestures make a difference. Making friends with students from different countries has broadened my worldview and created bonds that feel like family. Being part of the IO's mission to foster inclusivity and global engagement on campus fills me with pride and purpose.

To aspiring IO volunteers: embrace the opportunity with enthusiasm and an open heart. Don't be intimidated by the responsibilities—each task is a chance to grow. Stay organised, communicate openly, and nurture relationships with both your peers and international students. Challenges may arise, but they often lead to the most meaningful experiences. Most importantly, enjoy the journey.



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