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UNVEILING GLOBAL OPPORTUNITIES: INFO SESSION ON SCHOLARSHIP AND STUDY IN AUSTRALIA AT UNHAS



The International Office (IO) of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) hosted an *Info Session: Scholarship and Study in Australia* on Monday, 26 May 2025, at the Arsjad Lecture Theater. The session featured two distinguished speakers: Haniek Khoirunnissa, M.Sc. (IO Task Force on Database and Scholarship), and Al Adi Fitrah, M.Pd., M.A. App.Ling., M.A. TESOL, representing the Australian Consulate General Office in Makassar. The event was officially opened by Prof. Sumbangan Baja, M.Phil., Ph.D., (UNHAS Secretary), who shared his own journey of securing multiple scholarships and ultimately pursuing graduate studies at the University of Sydney, Australia. Prof. Sumbangan also warmly offered to provide recommendation letters to aspiring applicants from UNHAS.

Accompanying the opening session were Andi Masyitha Irwan, Ph.D. (Head of IO), Muhammad Ridwan, M.A. (IO Secretary), Dra. Harniaty (Head of Foreign Affairs Division), Saaduddin, M.Sc. (IO Task Force for International Students and Immigration Affairs), and staff members, along with members of the UNHAS academic community. The session was moderated by Khairuddin, Ph.D. (IO Task Force for Students Mobility), with Cahya Ramadhani, S.I.Kom. (IO Staff) serving as the Master of Ceremony. The first presentation by Ms. Haniek provided a comprehensive overview of global scholarship opportunities, spanning Asia, North America, and Europe. She also shared essential tips and strategies for preparing a winning scholarship application.

The second speaker, Mr. Adi, offered an in-depth look at scholarships in Australia, focusing particularly on the prestigious Australian Awards Scholarship (AAS). As a scholarship recipient himself, Mr. Adi detailed his academic journey, which includes three Master's degrees. He emphasized how applicants can strengthen their essays by not just listing achievements but explaining the broader social impact of their experiences. His talk also encouraged participants to engage in volunteering and social activities to enrich their personal stories and scholarship applications.

The session concluded with a lively Q&A segment, where participants asked questions about essay writing, preparation timelines, and other scholarship-related topics. Before wrapping up, three winners were announced for the best Instagram stories about the event, receiving exclusive merchandise from the Australian Consulate Office. As a moderator, Mr. Heru expressed his gratitude to the speakers and participants and reminded the audience to stay engaged with upcoming IO events, including the 8th International Cultural Program (ICP), open to UNHAS students until 30 May 2025.





UNHAS IO HOLDS SOCIALIZATION ON IMMIGRATION AND RESEARCH PERMIT



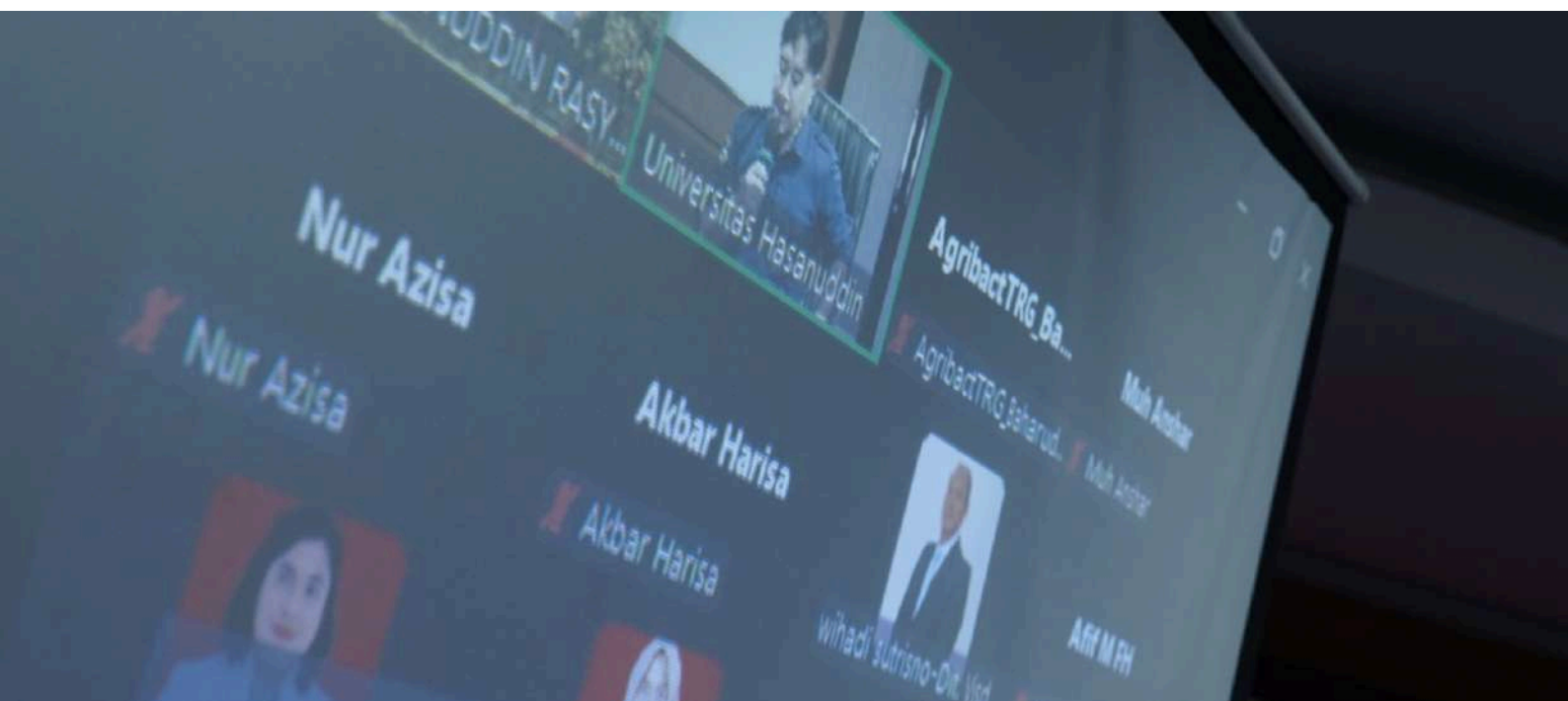
The International Office (IO) of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) successfully organized a Socialization on Immigration Regulation and Research Permit on Tuesday, 27 May 2025. Held from 08:00 AM at the LPMPP Ballroom, the event ran in a hybrid format, both onsite and online via Zoom. It brought together Vice Deans, the administrative staff from various faculties who are responsible for immigration-related matters, and Thematic Research Group (TRG) leaders. Accompanied by Andi Masyitha Irwan, Ph.D. (Head of IO), and was officially opened by Prof. Sumbangan Baja, M.Phil., Ph.D., (UNHAS Secretary). In his opening remarks, Prof. Baja emphasized the importance of socialization, especially as he also serves as a TRG leader. He urged participants to pay close attention to the presentations.

The sessions were moderated by Saaduddin, M.Sc., from the IO Task Force for International Students and Immigration Affairs. The first speaker was the Director of Visa and Travel Documents from the Directorate General of Immigration in Jakarta, Mr. Wihadi Sutrisno, who presented online. He explained current regulations on foreign visas, which prompted many questions from the audience. Topics raised included whether a visa on arrival is necessary for students or faculty members visiting Indonesia or Makassar for a short term, as well as the complexity of the visa payment system. The speaker provided clear and comprehensive responses to all inquiries.

The second session was led by Mr. Oky Derajat Rizki Mubarak, S.H., M.H., Head of the Travel Documents and Stay Permits Division, Immigration Office Class 1 Makassar. His presentation focused on the Limited Stay Permit or ITAS. Although there was some overlap with the previous presentation, his session offered a more localized and practical angle, highlighting implementation at the regional level. His insights provided clarity for university staff dealing directly with foreign visitors and students.

The final session featured Prof. Dr. Ir. Rohani Ambo Rappe, M.Si., Director of UNHAS Reputation Enhancement and TRG Leader for Seagrass Restoration and Ecosystem Services. She shared her hands-on experiences in managing research permits for foreign academic collaborators. Her experiential account offered valuable guidance for participants, especially those involved in supporting similar research arrangements in their respective faculties.

At the end of the event, the Head of IO presented a token of appreciation to the speakers attending in person and expressed gratitude to all participants, both online and offline. The session concluded with a group photo, marking the end of a fruitful day of knowledge-sharing and collaboration.





ADVANCING AGED CARE THROUGH INTERNATIONAL INSIGHT: JAMNA EXPERTS VISIT UNHAS



The Faculty of Nursing (FKep), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), in collaboration with the Japan Asia Medical Nurse Association (JAMNA), successfully held an International Nursing Seminar on Monday, 26 May 2025 The Institute for Research and Community Services (LPPM) Auditorium, UNHAS. The event featured two distinguished speakers from JAMNA: Mr. Moriyama Yoshifumi and Mr. Kumazawa Kazuhide. In attendance were the Vice Dean for Academic and Student Affairs Affairs of FKep, UNHAS, the Head of the International Office of UNHAS, the Secretary of JAMNA, as well as faculty members from FKep, UNHAS.

In his opening remarks, Syahrul, S.Kep., Ns., M.Kes., Ph.D., emphasized that the seminar was a part of the university's ongoing collaboration with Kaikoukai Healthcare Corporation and JAMNA. He highlighted the importance of this event in enhancing academic exchange and clinical insights. The primary goal, he stated, was to deliver valuable knowledge not only to students but also to nurse practitioners in both public health centers and hospitals.

The seminar attracted over 150 participants, reflecting a strong interest in the topic: "The Front Line of Aged Care: Fall Prevention and Approaches to Dementia Care." The session was moderated by Rijal, S.FT., Physio., M.Kes.,M.Sc, Ph.D., Mr. Moriyama Yoshifumi delivered a session focused on Exercise Therapy to Prevent Falls and Fractures in the Elderly, while Mr. Kumazawa Kazuhide presented approaches to Effective Communication Techniques in the Care of Dementia Patients. The event concluded with a dynamic Q&A session, sparking meaningful discussions and knowledge exchange among the participants.



UNHAS AND SHANGHAI OCEAN UNIVERSITY FORGE DEEPER TIES IN MARINE SCIENCE



Makassar, 28 May 2025 – Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) and Shanghai Ocean University (SHOU) have taken significant steps to deepen their long standing partnership, focusing on marine resource management, scientific research, and academic development.

The meeting at UNHAS's rectorate office underscored a shared commitment to sustainable oceans and community benefits. Leading the SHOU delegation was university president Prof. Wan Rong, accompanied by senior academics Prof. Zhang Shuo, Prof. Zou Leilei, and Prof. Lei Jihai. The group was welcomed by UNHAS Rector Prof. Jamaluddin Jompa, Vice-Rector IV Prof. Adi Maulana, and other key leaders including the directors of partnership and community engagement, alongside top researchers from UNHAS's Faculty of Marine Science and Fisheries (FIKP).

Discussions opened with a focus on sustainable use of marine resources. Also, improving fish handling and processing methods. Both universities acknowledged the failures that have occurred in ensuring fish products remain fresh and retain their value. Collaborative projects will now look at training, technology, and management strategies to prevent these issues and secure better incomes for coastal fishing communities.

Another topic on the table was the development of functional foods derived from seafood. SHOU and UNHAS see this as a way to tap into growing demand for health-promoting products. The initiative would use marine-based ingredients, unlocking new value streams for local economies and enhancing human health. The potential of deep-sea microorganisms to deliver breakthroughs in medicine was also highlighted. Both institutions plan joint research into these organisms, which thrive in extreme conditions and could yield treatments for diseases that currently lack effective therapies. Researchers expressed strong interest in sharing data and laboratory access to accelerate progress.

A key element of the discussion was expanding opportunities for young researchers. SHOU invited UNHAS to send early-career scientists to participate in its Antarctic research program. This collaboration promises hands-on experience in some of the world's most remote and ecologically important areas, helping to build capacity and networks for Indonesian marine scientists. For the past five years, UNHAS and SHOU have been working together on artificial reef and marine ranching projects. These efforts have not only aimed to restore marine habitats and boost biodiversity but also provided practical training for UNHAS students. This long-term cooperation was cited as a strong foundation for future joint initiatives.

In a major boost for UNHAS, SHOU announced a new scholarship program for young lecturers from the university to pursue PhD programs in marine science. Covering tuition and living costs, the scheme is expected to help UNHAS build a cadre of experts who can lead cutting-edge research and shape sustainable policies for Indonesia's vast marine resources. Prof. Jamaluddin Jompa praised the move as a powerful example of international cooperation delivering real benefits. "This partnership goes beyond research – it's about creating opportunities for our young academics and developing science that serves our communities and ecosystems," he said. Prof. Wan Rong echoed these sentiments, expressing his university's strong commitment to the partnership. "Our collaboration has already delivered impact, especially through artificial reefs and marine ranching," he said. "We are excited to deepen this relationship with new research, student exchanges, and scholarships."

The meeting concluded with both sides agreeing to develop detailed plans for expanding joint projects, from sustainable fisheries management to advanced ecological research. This renewed commitment reflects a shared belief that international partnerships are essential to solving today's most urgent marine challenges. Please provide the best title including its optional ones





UNHAS POLITICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT BRINGS IAN WILSON TO SPOTLIGHT THE DARK SIDE OF REFORM-ERA POLITICS



The Department of Political Science, Faculty of Social and Political Sciences (FISIP), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), held a guest lecture featuring researcher and author of *"The Politics of Thugs"*, Ian Douglas Wilson. The discussion took place on Wednesday, 28 May 2025, starting at 2:00 PM Western Indonesia Time

This event was a collaboration between the Department and Marjin Kiri Publishing. The discussion was also part of Marjin Kiri's 20th-anniversary celebration, marking two decades of publishing critical books in the fields of social sciences, economics, politics, literature, and history.

Ian Douglas Wilson is a Senior Lecturer in the Politics Department at Murdoch University, Perth, Australia. He is also a Researcher at the Asia Research Centre and holds the Academic Chair for the Politics and Security Program. Wilson has studied contemporary Indonesian politics and society for over two decades, with a particular focus on the political economy of mass organizations, urban social movements, political violence, and the impacts of inequality and poverty in urban areas. His research has been published in numerous academic journals. Wilson is the author of *The Politics of Thugs* (Marjin Kiri, 2018) and *The Politics of Inner Power* (Pustaka Obor, 2020).

During the lecture at UNHAS, Wilson delved into the contents of his book, which explores the connection between mass organizations, thuggery, and political power in post-reform Indonesia. According to Wilson, thugs and mass organizations are not merely criminal actors, but part of an informal political system. They maintain mutually beneficial relationships with politicians, law enforcement, and business figures. "In this context, I don't see thugs as actors outside the state, but as part of the state itself," Wilson stated.

He analyzed power relations in which the state is not viewed as a fixed institution but as an element within networks of power. The violence carried out by thug-based organizations, he argues, is part of the "normal" political practices in Indonesia. This demonstrates how Indonesian democracy continues to operate through informal logic and patronage rather than solely through formal institutions. Wilson also highlighted how democratization has not eliminated political violence. Instead, under decentralization and electoral politics, thug forces are used for mass mobilization, political intimidation, and securing business projects.

The hybrid-format guest lecture drew strong interest from students and faculty across various disciplines. Through this discussion, participants were invited to explore an alternative view of Indonesian politics and to understand the dynamics of power through the lens of informal relations. Ian Wilson's presence not only enriched academic insight but also encouraged critical reflection on the practice of democracy and political power in Indonesia.



RETHINKING CLIMATE CRISIS: INEQUALITY, HEALTH, AND SOCIAL VULNERABILITY IN FOCUS AT UNHAS FORUM



The global climate crisis is far more than a matter of rising temperatures it is deeply intertwined with inequality, public health challenges, and social conflict. These interconnected issues were at the heart of a hybrid discussion titled *"Climate Crisis from Multiple Perspectives"*, held on Wednesday 28 May 2025 by *Lembaga Penelitian dan Pengabdian Masyarakat* (LPPM) or Institute for Research and Community Service of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) in collaboration with the Center for Peace, Conflict and Democracy (CPCD) and the Thematic Research Group (TRG) on Climate Change & Health.

Held in Meeting Room A of LPPM UNHAS, the forum featured two internationally respected scholars from different disciplines: Dr. Ian D. Wilson, senior academic from Murdoch University in Perth, Australia, and Dr. Sudirman Nasir, senior lecturer at the Faculty of Public Health at UNHAS and Chair of the TRG Climate Change & Health. The session was moderated by Nurjannah Abdullah, lecturer in International Relations and researcher at CPCD. The event opened with welcoming remarks from Prof. Dr. Nasrum Nasri, Head of LPPM UNHAS, who emphasized the importance of fostering critical dialogue to encourage more productive multidisciplinary research in the future.

Attended by researchers, academics, journalists, and NGO activists from diverse sectors, the discussion explored the climate crisis from political-economic, public health, and social vulnerability angles. Dr. Ian Wilson addressed the issue through the lens of political economy, underscoring how structurally marginalized communities are bearing the brunt of climate impacts. According to Wilson, groups that have historically had limited access to basic services and social protection now face compounded risks as the climate crisis deepens. He argued that climate justice must serve as the foundation for designing both adaptation and mitigation strategies.

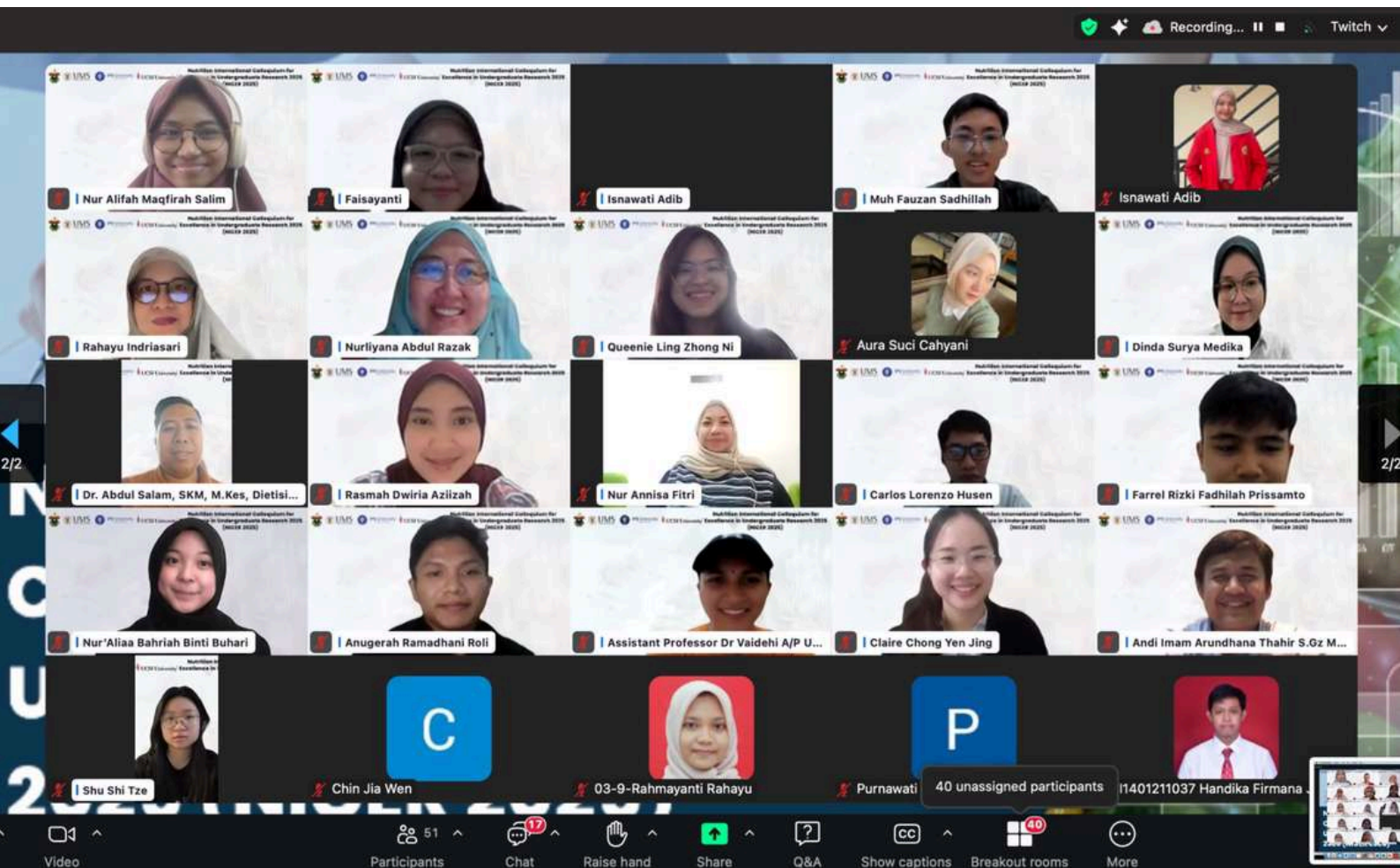
Echoing the concern for vulnerable populations, Dr. Sudirman Nasir highlighted how climate change is driving a health crisis, both physical and mental, particularly among communities with limited resources. He drew attention to environmental degradation and worsening water scarcity, which are triggering forced migration and increasing the risk of social conflict. Sudirman criticized the failure of many climate policies to address health equity, local context, and the diversity of social vulnerabilities. Bringing the spotlight to Wallacea, a biologically and culturally rich region in Indonesia—he warned that excessive economic activity and climate stress are rapidly degrading this unique ecosystem. He emphasized the urgency of strengthening community resilience by leveraging local social capital and promoting community-based approaches.

Throughout the discussion, participants were reminded of the importance of bridging disciplines and sectors to confront the climate crisis more effectively. Moderator Nurjannah Abdullah concluded by reaffirming the event's goal of fostering collaboration among academics, policymakers, and civil society to develop inclusive and just strategies for climate adaptation.





NICER 2025: NUTRITION UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS TAKE THE SPOTLIGHT IN 2025'S FIRST INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH COLLABORATION



Makassar, 24 May 2025, ten undergraduate students from the Department of Nutrition, Faculty of Public Health (FKM), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) proudly represented their institution at the Nutrition International Colloquium for Excellence in Undergraduate Research (NICER) 2025. This prestigious event, held virtually on 24 May 2025, brought together undergraduate nutrition students from four leading universities in Southeast Asia in an international research exchange forum. NICER 2025 was collaboratively organized by Faculty of Food Science and Nutrition, Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS), Department of Community Nutrition, Faculty of Human Ecology, IPB University (IPB), Department of Nutrition, FKM UNHAS, dan Faculty of Applied Sciences, UCSI University, Malaysia.

Designed as a mini-conference, NICER 2025 provided a platform for undergraduate students to present their research findings, exchange scientific ideas, and engage in academic dialogue with peers and experts across institutions. Students from each university showcased their thesis research before an international panel of judges.

In his opening remarks, Dean of FKM, Prof. Sukri Palutturi, SKM., M.Kes., Ph.D, expressed his strong support for the initiative, emphasizing its significance as the first international academic collaboration at the undergraduate level for FKM UNHAS in 2025. "NICER 2025 is a strategic milestone in our internationalization efforts. It builds our students' research capacity, encourages academic confidence, and fosters a global academic culture. We fully support this kind of initiative and look forward to more student-centered collaborations in the future," said Prof. Sukri.

In addition to student participation, three faculty members from the Department of Nutrition, FKM UNHAS, were selected as judges, joining six other judges from partner institutions. The judging panel assessed student presentations based on originality, scientific contribution, and clarity of delivery. One of the highlights of the event was the keynote session, which featured two distinguished speakers from Indonesia, Dr. Healthy Hidayanty, SKM., M.Kes., Dietitian, Head of the Department of Nutrition, FKM UNHAS and Prof. Dr. Ir. Drajat Martianto, M.Si from IPB University.

Dr. Healthy delivered a keynote presentation titled "Study of Nutrition Problems among Adolescent Girls in the Island Based of South Sulawesi, Indonesia". Her presentation drew from field research conducted in coastal regions of South Sulawesi, revealing the dual burden of malnutrition among adolescents undernutrition on one side and rising rates of overweight and obesity on the other. She discussed contributing factors such as food accessibility, parental education, cultural influences, and increased exposure to ultra-processed foods. Dr. Healthy emphasized the need for community-based and evidence-informed interventions targeting vulnerable adolescent populations.

"Coastal adolescents face a double burden limited access to nutritious food and increasing exposure to unhealthy, modern diets. Without tailored interventions, we risk losing an entire generation's potential," she noted.

The event concluded with a proud moment for the FKM UNHAS, as three of its student delegates were named Best Presenters, standing out among dozens of participants from partner universities. This achievement demonstrates not only the academic rigor of UNHAS students but also their ability to communicate scientific work effectively at an international level.

NICER 2025 exemplifies FKM UNHAS commitment to strengthening international collaboration, enhancing research visibility, and supporting student participation in global academic platforms. The Department of Nutrition will continue to pursue opportunities that develop student excellence through meaningful and strategic international engagement.

Keynote Session 1

Study of Nutritional Problems among Adolescent Girls in the Island Based of South Sulawesi, Indonesia

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FDCU SYMPOSIUM 2025: UNHAS STRENGTHENED GLOBAL DENTAL NETWORKS



The *FDCU International Symposium 2025* was an esteemed international academic forum organized by the Faculty of Dentistry, Chulalongkorn University (FDCU). It aimed to promote the development of human resources in dental science by engaging students and professionals in academic and scientific activities that support the *Tri Dharma of Higher Education*: education, research, and community service.

With the theme “*Shaping the Future of Dentistry: Innovation, Collaboration, and Impact*,” the symposium welcomed experts, clinicians, and researchers from around the globe to discuss the latest trends and innovations in dentistry. Participants included representatives from countries such as the United States, Australia, China, Korea, Japan, and Southeast Asia. The event featured a *Poster Competition and Presentation*, providing participants the opportunity to share their research findings and engage with international peers. These presentations facilitated meaningful exchanges of ideas and supported early-career researchers in refining their work.

Students from UNHAS joined the symposium to broaden their understanding of global dental science, enhance their academic performance, and develop international networks with other dental institutions. This initiative aligned with the university's broader goals for academic development and international collaboration.

The university was represented by three students: Erika Khoirunnisa Sabari, Kayla Shafira, and Andi Regina Putri, each mentored by senior faculty members. Their participation highlighted UNHAS's commitment to fostering globally competent graduates. The symposium took place on 23 May 2025, at the *Somdej Prayannasungworn Auditorium*, located within the Faculty of Dentistry, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand.



TOP-RANKED ZURICH UNIVERSITY AND FK UNHAS ESTABLISHED EDUCATIONAL AND RESEARCH COOPERATION



As part of efforts to strengthen international cooperation, on Monday, 26 May 2025, the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine (FK), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), Prof. Dr. dr. Haerani Rasyid, M.Kes, Sp.PD-KGH, Sp.GK, FINASIM, signed a Letter of Intent (LoI) with the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, Zurich University, Prof. Frank Ruehli, at the Zurich University campus in Switzerland. During the meeting, both parties discussed plans for collaboration in education and research in the fields of oncology, precision medicine, and medical education.

The FK UNHAS delegation consisted of the Dean, Prof. Dr. dr. Haerani Rasyid, M.Kes, Sp.PD-KGH, Sp.GK, FINASIM; Vice Dean for Planning and Resources, Dr. Firdaus Hamid, Ph.D, Sp.MK(K); Vice Dean for Partnership, Research, Innovation, and Alumni, Dr. dr. Andi Alfian Zainuddin, M.KM; Head of the Center for Publications, Community Service, and International Affairs, Prof. Dr. dr. Rina Masadah, Sp.A(K), M.Phil, DFM; Head of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Prof. Dr. dr. Syahrul Rauf, Sp.OG(K); Head of the Department of Surgery, Prof. Dr. dr. Prihantono, Sp.B, K.Onk; and Secretary of the Department of Surgery, Dr. dr. Muh. Nasser Mustari, Sp.OT(K).

Dean Haerani stated that this activity was part of FK UNHAS' ongoing efforts to enhance collaboration in education and research. For context, the Faculty of Medicine, Zurich University is ranked among the Top 100 universities worldwide in the subject of medicine.





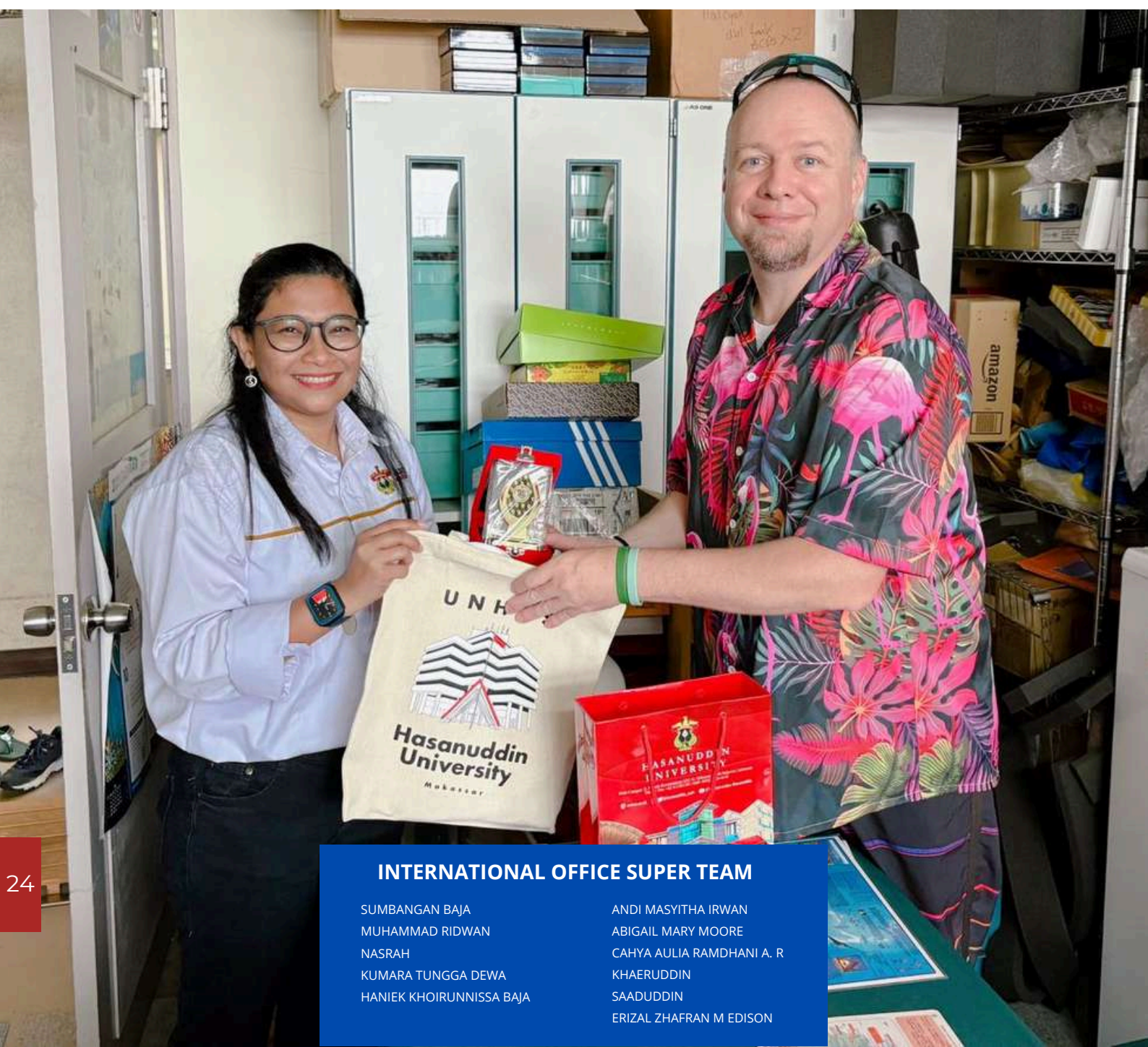
INDONESIA-JAPAN PARTNERSHIP STRENGTHENED THROUGH UNHAS AND RYUKYUS UNIVERSITY AGREEMENT



Okinawa, 29 May 2025 – A significant academic milestone was achieved with the signing of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Graduate School of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), Makassar, Indonesia, and the Faculty of Science, Department of Biology, University of the Ryukyus, Okinawa, Japan. This agreement marks the beginning of a long-term academic and research collaboration between the two institutions. The MOA was signed by Prof. dr. Budu, Ph.D., Sp.M(K), M.MedEd, Dean of the Graduate School of UNHAS, and Prof. James D. Reimer, Ph.D, Head of the Department of Biology at the University of the Ryukyus. The signing ceremony took place at the University of the Ryukyus in Okinawa, Japan. This agreement aims to promote various collaborative activities, including student and faculty exchanges, joint research projects, co-authored publications, curriculum development, and the organization of joint seminars and conferences. The collaboration is also expected to strengthen scientific capacity in both countries, particularly in the areas of marine biology, biodiversity, climate resilience, and sustainable development.

In his remarks, Prof. James emphasized the strategic importance of this partnership, especially in supporting high-impact research in the Wallacea region. “This agreement reflects our shared commitment to scientific excellence and international collaboration. Together, we aim to generate impactful knowledge to address environmental challenges at both regional and global levels,” he said. Prof. Reimer also expressed his enthusiasm for expanding collaboration in the field of tropical marine sciences, highlighting the natural richness of Eastern Indonesia as an ideal research site. He noted the great potential for securing joint research funding and enhancing graduate-level education across borders.

Following the signing ceremony, both parties engaged in an in-depth scientific discussion focused on future collaboration strategies. Topics included coral reef genetic adaptation and climate change research. The discussion concluded with a mutual commitment to begin implementing joint activities in the upcoming academic year. This agreement symbolizes a visionary partnership between Indonesia and Japan and paves the way for deeper engagement in academic research and innovation throughout the Asia-Pacific region.



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