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THE RECTOR MESSAGE

Dear Global Partners and Academic Community,

April marks another remarkable chapter in Hasanuddin University's journey toward international excellence. From groundbreaking student achievements to expanding global partnerships, we continue to strengthen our commitment to inclusive education and impactful collaboration.

Highlights this month—including our joint initiatives with Guangdong Ocean University, Kanazawa University, and Chiba University—demonstrate our growing role in addressing global challenges through education, research, and innovation. Programs in medical exchanges, marine sustainability, and vocational partnerships further reflect our vision of becoming a world-class, socially responsible university.

To all our international students, partners, and volunteers: thank you for contributing to our diverse, dynamic academic community. Let us move forward with shared purpose, curiosity, and a spirit of collaboration.

Warm regards

RECTOR OF HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY

JAMALUDDIN JOMPA





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 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 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, on 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 science and fisheries.







EXPANDING GLOBAL REACH: STUDENT EXCHANGE BETWEEN HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY AND CHIBA UNIVERSITY CONTINUES



The Faculty of Medicine (FK), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) continues to strengthen 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 them 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 but also at several affiliated hospitals and public health centers (Puskesmas) around Makassar. Her program is specifically designed to enhance her understanding of the infectious diseases and tropical diseases which are prominent in the region.

Throughout the exchange, Yui will be 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 being 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 will allow 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 running consistently 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 the FK's visibility in the global academic community.

Through this initiative, the FK is actively contributing to UNHAS's efforts to enhance their international reputation. By welcoming international students and facilitating cross-cultural academic exchanges, the 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 in the Prof. Nur Nasry Noor, M.PH. Hall 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.

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 regarding the visit of Qujing Medical College, and he informed the audience that there are 9 study programmes at the FKM UNHAS, 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.

The Qujing Medical College delegates were the 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; staff of the International Exchange Office; and an interpreter, Kong Manjuan.

In her speech, Vice 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.





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 the Director 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



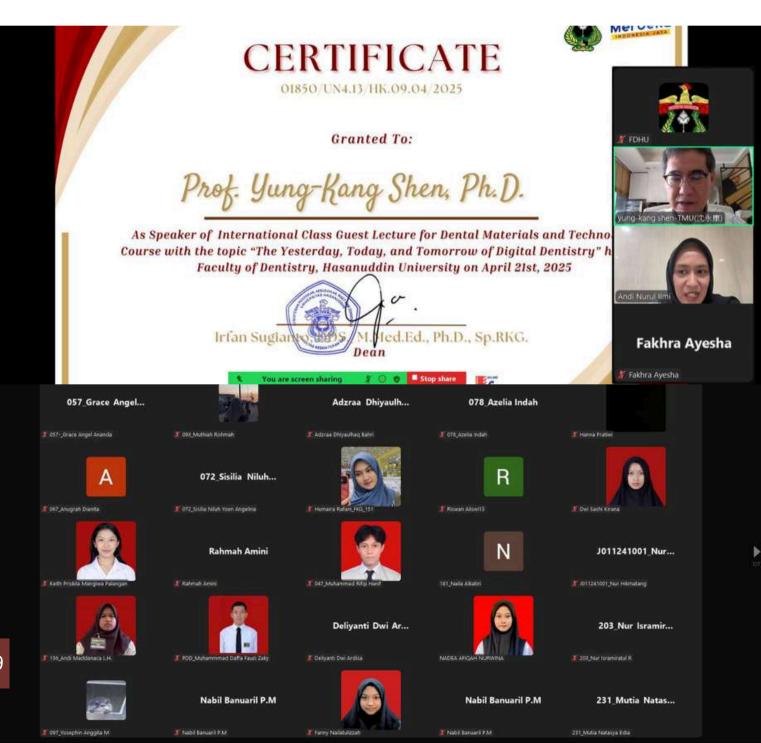
The Faculty of Dentistry (FKG), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) proudly hosted an International Class Guest Lecture featuring Prof. Yung-Kang Shen, Ph.D., from Taipei Medical University, Taiwan, on 21 April 2025. With the theme "The Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow of Digital Dentistry," Prof. Shen shared 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.

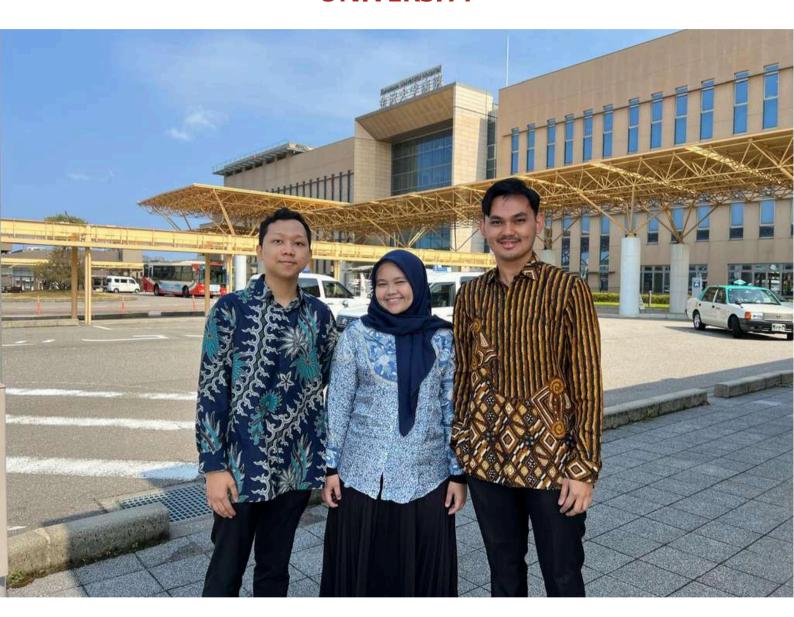
Looking ahead, the future of digital dentistry promises even greater transformations with the incorporation of artificial intelligence (Al). Al is expected to revolutionize key aspects of dental care, from diagnosis and treatment planning to the automated fabrication of dental prostheses. With machine 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.





CLINICAL CLERKSHIPS FOR UNHAS MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL STUDENTS AT KANAZAWA UNIVERSITY



Three professional program (clinical stage) students from the Faculty of Medicine (FK) Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), undertook clinical clerkships at Kanazawa University Hospital from 7 April to 3 May 2025. The three students were Andi Muhammad Fayyadhrafi, S.Ked, Muhammad Rangga Hidayat, S.Ked, and Naila Nursyifa Ruslin, S.Ked. They are under the direct supervision of specialist doctors at Kanazawa University Hospital and were 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 took 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 was a result of the ongoing collaboration with Kanazawa University. It significantly contributes to enhancing the international reputation of UNHAS, particularly with respect to subjects in the field of medicine, while also enriching students' knowledge and clinical skills. This program was part of a student exchange initiative between the two faculties. As a reciprocal activity, Kanazawa University would also send its medical professional students to UNHAS in May 2025 to learn about tropical diseases, which was one of the flagship programs of the UNHAS Faculty of Medicine.





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



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

In his remarks, the Head of the Postgraduate Study Program in Public Health, Prof Dr Ridwan Amiruddin, SKM. M. Kes, MSc. PH, said that dynamic modelling is one strategic approach for planning and evaluating evidence-based public health interventions. During the two-day workshop, under the supervision of their lecturers Prof. Dr. drg. A. Arsunan Arsin, M. Kes., CWM and Prof. dr. Hasanuddin Ishak, M. Sc., PhD students from UNHAS 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 the 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 was accompanying 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 were scheduled to 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."

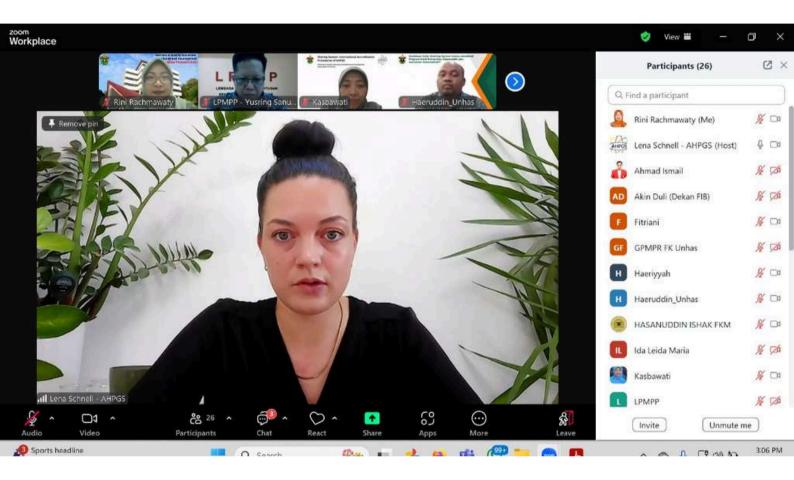
Prof. Ida Leida Maria encouraged the students to embrace this international experience: "This is a journey of learning, discovery, and transformation. Take the challenge with confidence and be proud ambassadors of UNHAS." Meanwhile, Dr. Agustina Abdullah reminded the students of the importance of maintaining 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 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.





UNHAS ADVANCES TOWARD INTERNATIONAL ACCREDITATION WITH AHPGS INFO SESSION



The Institute of Quality Assurance and Educational Development (LPMPP) of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) recently organized an online meeting on Zoom to discuss the procedures of international accreditation with the Accreditation Agency in Health and Social Sciences (AHPGS). The session was held on Monday, 28 April 2025, and was moderated by Dr. Rini Rachmawaty, Secretary of LPMPP. The meeting was attended by faculty and study program leaders as well as the Task Force team at UNHAS that are preparing for international accreditation through AHPGS for 2025 and 2026. The key speaker was Ms. Lena Schnell, B.A., the AHPGS Consultant for International Accreditation, who provided a comprehensive overview of the agency's accreditation procedures, criteria, and expectations for higher education institutions.

Following her presentation, the session continued with an interactive Question and Answer (Q&A) segment, allowing participants to seek clarification on specific accreditation processes and requirements. This dialogue offered valuable insights for the study programs undergoing preparation. The meeting concluded with closing remarks by the moderator, who expressed appreciation for the active participation of all attendees and reaffirmed LPMPP's commitment to supporting the university's efforts toward international accreditation and academic quality enhancement.

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Procedural steps in international accreditation

- The AHPGS Accreditation Commission nominates the expert group to proceed with the external evaluation and the on-site visit.
- AHPGS organizes the documents submitted by the institution and forwards them together with the summary to the expert group.

Lena Schnell - AHPGS's screen

The site visit of the expert group takes place at the HEI.

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7. The expert group evaluates the fulfillment of the criteria based on the results of the visit and the documents submitted by the HEI within an Assessment Report. AHPGS forwards this report to the institution for approval.

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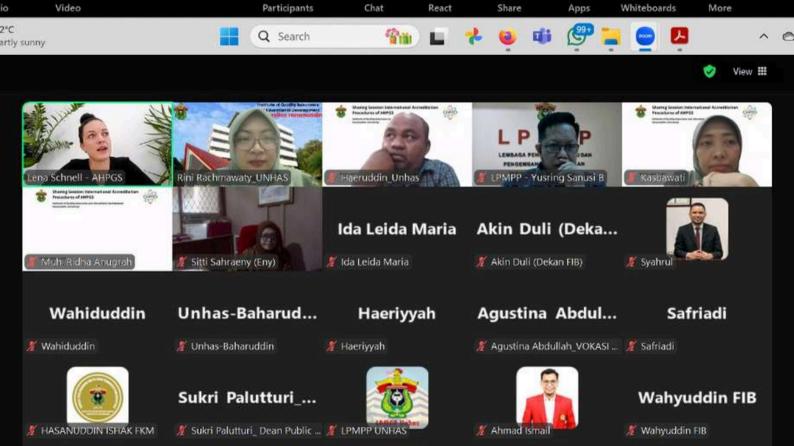
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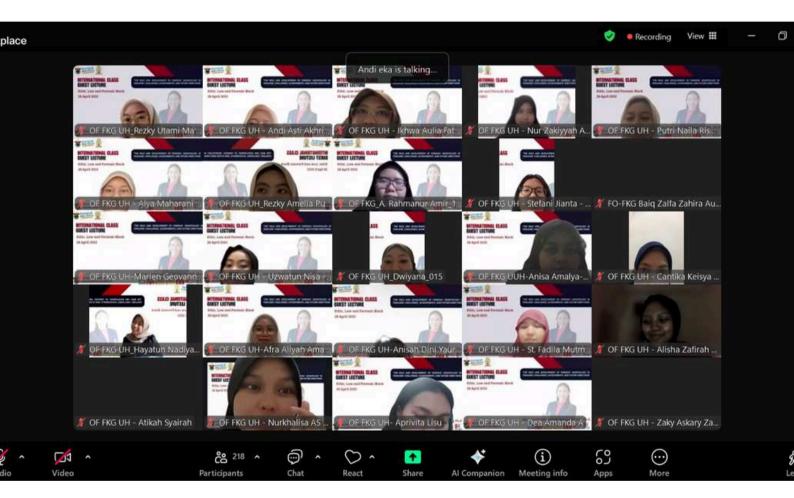
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FORENSIC ODONTOLOGY IN THAILAND: ACHIEVEMENTS, CHALLENGES, AND THE ROAD AHEAD



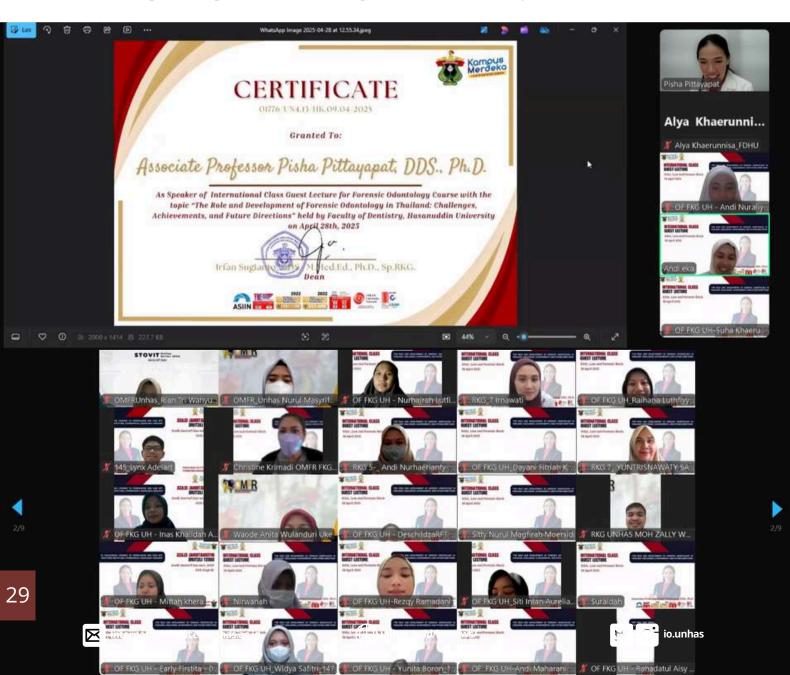
The Faculty of Dentistry (FKG) Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), in collaboration with its International Affairs Office, successfully held an International Class Guest Lecture on April 28, 2025, featuring Associate Professor Pisha Pittayapat, DDS., Ph.D. from Chulalongkorn University, Thailand. As part of the Forensic Odontology Course, Prof. Pittayapat delivered a lecture titled "The Role and Development of Forensic Odontology in Thailand: Challenges, Achievements, and Future Directions". The session, conducted virtually via Zoom, provided students with valuable insights into Thailand's advancements in forensic odontology and promoted cross-border academic exchange in the field of dentistry.

Forensic odontology in Thailand has recorded several notable achievements despite facing complex challenges. One of its most remarkable successes was its vital contribution to the identification of victims in the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami. Led by Professor Pisha Pittayapat, the application of dental radiography identified over 800 bodies, including numerous foreign nationals, with accuracy comparable to DNA analysis. This milestone demonstrated the essential role of dental forensics in mass disaster response and laid the groundwork for further innovation.

Progress in the field has since advanced with the adoption of technologies like Cone Beam CT and intraoral cavity analysis, especially in high-profile forensic cases. However, Thailand still grapples with foundational issues. There are currently only 24 certified forensic odontologists nationwide, and the absence of a formal domestic education program further limits human resource development. Moreover, the lack of an integrated national dental record database—primarily due to limited funding—poses a significant obstacle. The condition of bodies in mass fatality incidents often complicates post-mortem radiographic analysis, further challenging identification efforts.

To overcome these issues, Thailand has initiated a long-term strategy to modernize its forensic odontology capabilities. A key focus is on integrating digital technologies such as 3D superimposition and dental DNA analysis to accelerate and enhance identification accuracy. Nonetheless, these efforts require sustained budgetary support and structural backing to be effectively implemented.

Looking ahead, international collaboration is expected to play a critical role. Partnerships with global organizations like Interpol are anticipated to facilitate the standardization of identification protocols and promote knowledge exchange—particularly in disaster victim identification. These combined efforts reflect Thailand's commitment to elevating its forensic odontology system and preparing for future challenges through innovation, training, and international cooperation.





FIB UNHAS STRENGTHENS ACADEMIC COLLABORATION WITH UKM AND UNIVERSITI MALAYA THROUGH OFFICIAL VISITS AND SIT-IN PROGRAMS



In a series of strategic academic visits, the Faculty of Cultural Sciences (FIB) at Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) reinforced its international partnerships with two prominent Malaysian institutions: Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) and the Universiti Malaya (UM). These initiatives reflect FIB UNHAS' strong commitment to internationalization, curriculum enrichment, and collaborative research.

On Friday, 25 April 2025, a team from FIB UNHAS consisting of Dr. Hj. Ery Iswary, M.Hum. (Head of the Master's Program in Linguistics) and fellow Vice Deans conducted an academic visit to the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities (FSSK) at Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM). The visit aimed to strengthen the implementation of the Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) signed between the two institutions. As part of this visit, five students from FIB UNHAS' Master's Program in Linguistics participated in a sit-in program, marking a significant step in the internationalization of the curriculum.

The FIB team also conducted curriculum benchmarking with the Center for Malay Language, Literature, and Culture Studies, FSSK UKM, to explore academic best practices and enhance program development. Additionally, Dr. Hj. Ery Iswary, M.Hum., Head of the Master's Program in Linguistics at FIB UNHAS, delivered a public lecture to postgraduate students, further enriching academic exchange and fostering closer ties between faculty and students from both institutions. The visit was warmly received by UKM academics, including Prof. Dr. Rahim Aman and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Syahidi.

Continuing its regional engagement, on Monday, April 28, 2025, the FIB UNHAS delegation paid an official visit to the Academy of Malay Studies, UM, to reaffirm the commitment under the existing Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between UNHAS and the UM. The delegation was welcomed by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sabsali Misa Khan, Dean of the Academy, alongside Dr. Norhana Binti Muhamad, Assistant Registrar of Postgraduate, Research, and Innovation, and Dr. Mohm. Fakhrulrazi Ibrahim, Academic Manager.

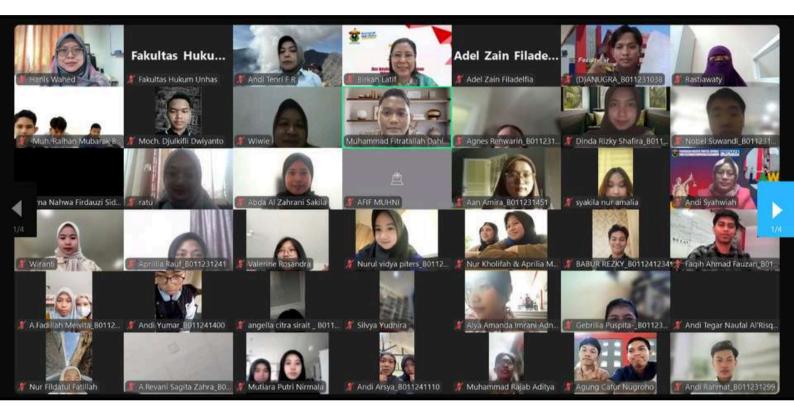
During the meeting, both parties outlined concrete plans to activate the MoU, including the organization of an international conference in October 2025, student and faculty exchange programs, sit-in and joint degree initiatives for undergraduate, master's, and doctoral levels, and collaborative research in the fields of language, literature, and cultural studies.

The discussions were held in a warm and enthusiastic atmosphere, resulting in a number of mutually agreed action plans that are expected to be realized soon. These collaborative efforts not only serve to enhance academic and cultural development but also affirm FIB UNHAS' role in advancing international cooperation within the humanities.





GUEST LECTURE ON MALAYSIAN MEDICAL NEGLIGENCE LAW MARKS FH UNHAS 73RD ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



Makassar, 30 April 2025 – As part of the 73rd Anniversary of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), the Faculty of Law (FH) hosted an international online Guest Lecture featuring Dr. Hanis Wahed, Senior Lecturer at the School of Law, College of Law, Government and International Studies (COLGIS), Universiti Utara Malaysia (UTM).

The event was initiated by Dr. Andi Tenri Famauri Rifai, SH, MH, Head of the Department of Law, Society, and Development, as part of ongoing efforts to strengthen internationalization and academic networking across borders, particularly in the field of law. The session was moderated by academic and Secretary of the Department, Rastiawaty, SH, MH.

The lecture, titled "Medical Negligence Law in Malaysia", explored key principles of medical malpractice within Malaysia's tort law framework. Dr. Hanis explained that negligence refers to acts causing harm or injury to others that are not based on breaches of contract. Tort law provides a legal pathway for individuals to seek compensation for such losses. The session was met with enthusiasm by faculty members and students of FH UNHAS.

The Faculty of Law, UNHAS remains committed to being a leading legal education and research institution—open to the development of global legal discourse and active in fostering international collaboration. This guest lecture not only broadened perspectives on legal practices in other countries but also strengthened institutional ties between FH UNHAS and UTM.























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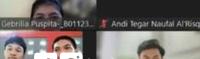




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BREAKING BARRIERS: FIRST PALESTINIAN GRADUATE OF HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY'S MEDICAL PROGRAM EARNS TOP HONORS



The Faculty of Medicine (FK) at Hasanuddin University (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. The Dean of FK UNHAS, Prof. Haerani Rasyid, expressed her appreciation of 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.

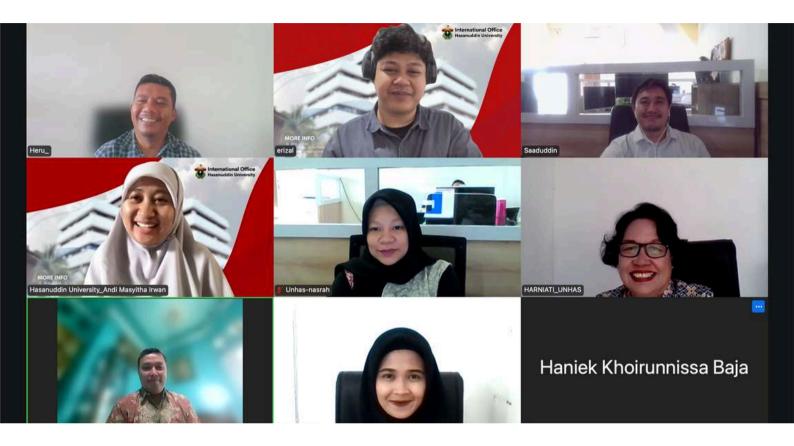
In her speech, dr. Hanadi expressed deep gratitude to the academic community of FK UNHAS. "I am very thankful to my lecturers, my teachers, and everyone working at UNHAS who never stopped helping and supporting me," said dr. Hanadi. She also shared her aspiration to pursue further studies in a medical 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.





IO UNHAS GEARS UP FOR APRIL PROGRAMS AFTER EID BREAK

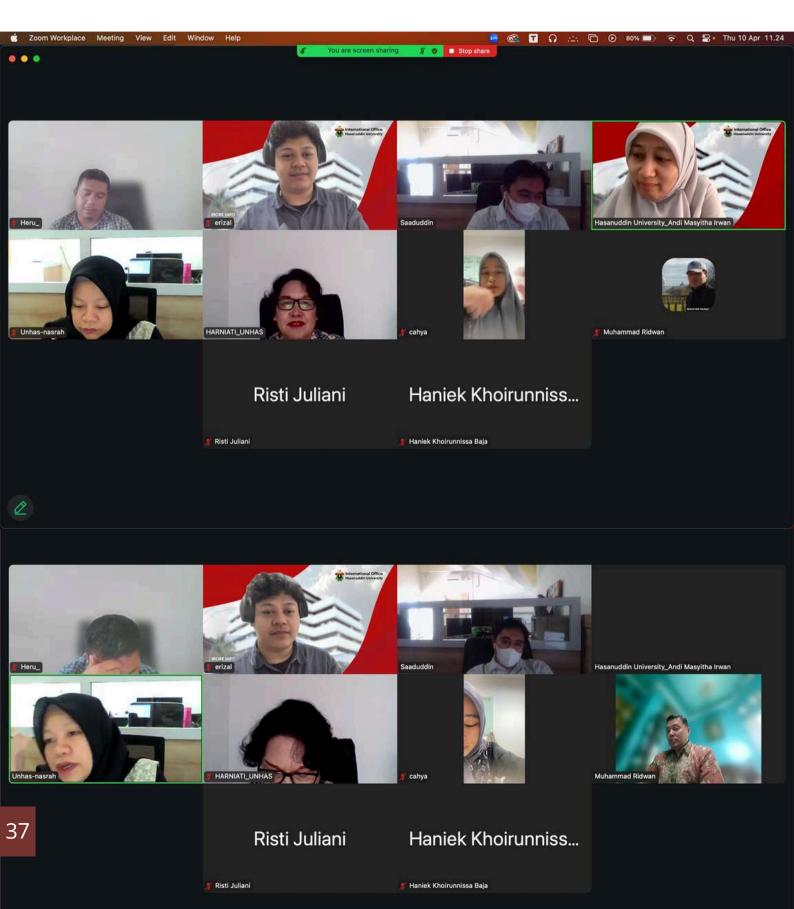


After a long break in celebration of Eid Fitr, the International Office (IO) of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) held its first coordination meeting to resume its programs and internal activities. The meeting was held on Thursday, 10 April 2025, and was led by the Head of IO, Andi Masyitha Irwan, Ph.D. 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 highlight the 8th International Cultural Program (ICP).

Another key agenda was the planned outbound activity 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 squads, and IO Student Volunteers, fostering mutual respect and deeper connection within the international student community.

The meeting also addressed concerns over the decline in 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 for and collaboration in 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.





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, in the IO Meeting Room. This routine was aimed at collecting and verifying data on the mobility of students, lecturers, professors, and researchers involved in international academic exchanges. The updated information was 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 were 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.





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



The International Office (IO) of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) recently organized a full-day International Students Outbound event at the Bengo-Bengo Educational Forest in Maros Regency. Held on Saturday, 19 April 2025, the outbound session 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 the 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 Bengo-Bengo 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.

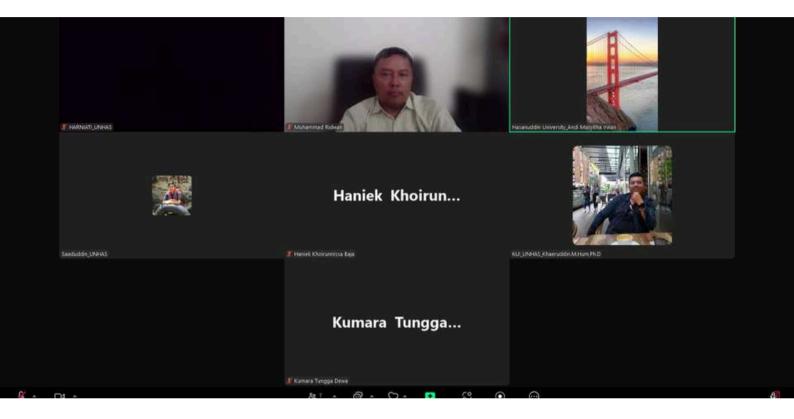








STRENGTHENING INTERNATIONAL TIES: IO'S MAY AGENDA FOCUSES ON COLLABORATION AND STUDENT EMPOWERMENT

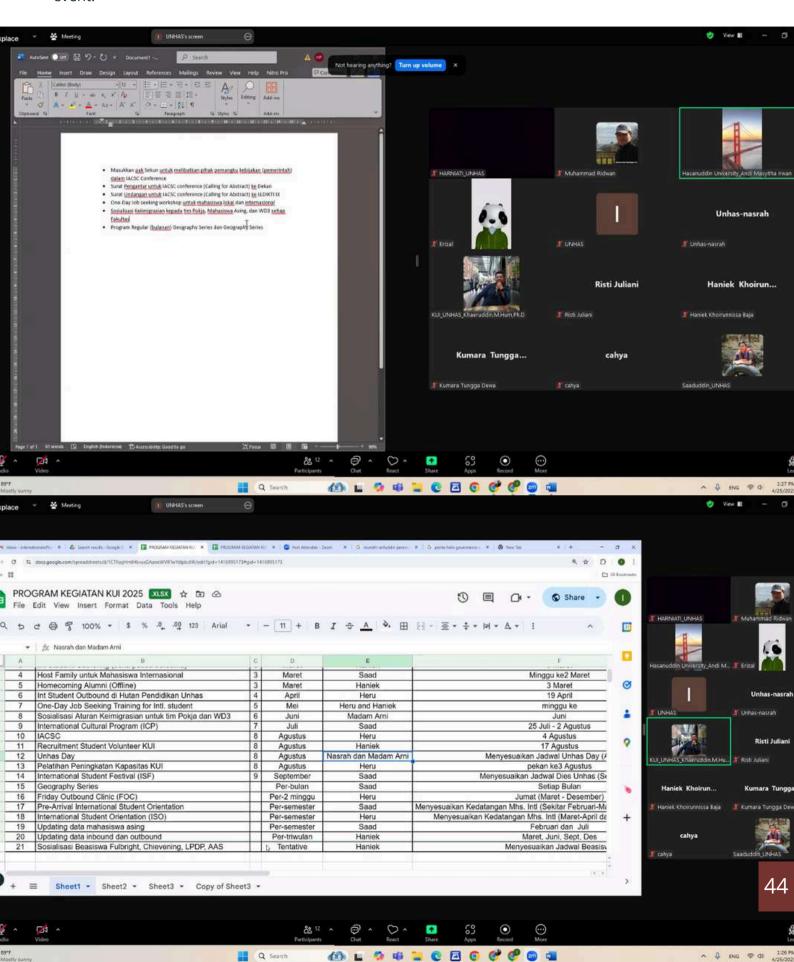


As May approached, the International Office (IO) of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) held their routine coordination meeting on Friday, 25 April 2025, to plan for upcoming programs and activities. The meeting was led by Andi Masyitha Irwan, Ph.D., Head of the IO, who is affectionately known as Mrs. Citha. 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.





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.

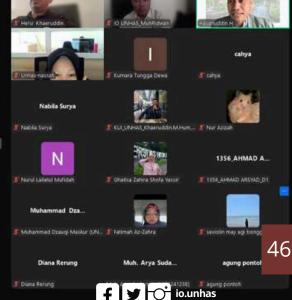
The FOC attracted around 50 participants, including university students and lecturers, all eager to gain insights into the European higher education landscape. Mr. Hasanuddin began his presentation by introducing the European education system and then provided an overview of Vrije Universiteit and Leiden 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 FOCs.



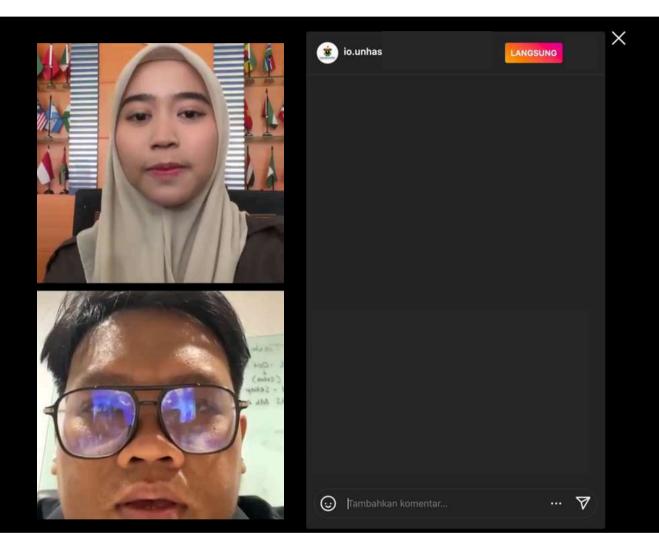








HELLO IO INSTAGRAM LIVE: 1001 ICP 2025 – A COMPREHENSIVE OVERVIEW OF THE REGISTRATION PROCESS



The International Office (IO) Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) held a live Instagram session titled "1001 ICP 2025: A Comprehensive Overview of the Registration Process" on Thursday, 30 April 2025 at 2:00 PM CIT, via its official account @io.unhas. The session was part of the HELLO IO series, aimed at engaging with students and promoting international programs offered by the university. The session was moderated by Wada'a Gaizhani and was facilitated by Kumara Tungga Dewa, S.S.

This session focused on guiding local UNHAS students through the registration process for the 8th International Cultural Program (ICP) 2025, an annual summer program hosted by UNHAS that brings together international and Indonesian students to explore South Sulawesi's maritime culture. The discussion included practical tips on writing the required essay, preparing for the interview, understanding eligibility criteria, and maximizing the benefits of participation.

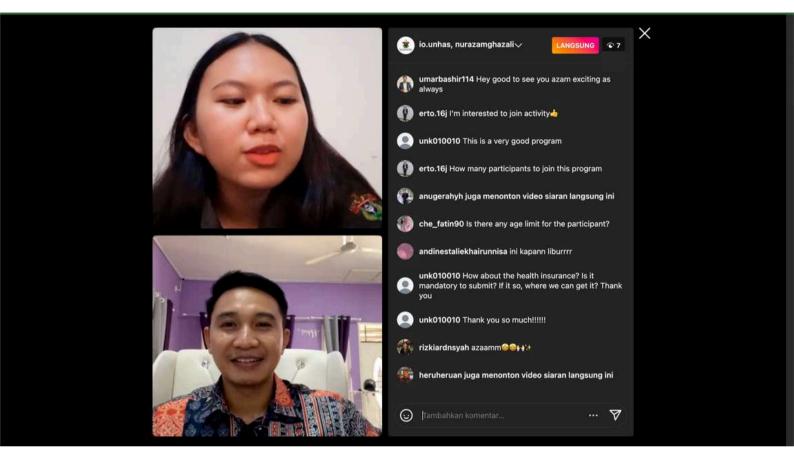
ICP 2025 will take place from July 25 to August 2, 2025, at the UNHAS Tamalanrea Campus in Makassar and the PPLH Puntondo site in Takalar. Participants will experience a blend of academic and cultural activities, including lectures, cultural exchanges, and field visits. The program has gained recognition for its high level of international participation last year's edition welcomed 66 students from 33 countries.

The live session drew strong interest from students, with many asking questions in real-time and expressing their enthusiasm for applying. The IO hopes this early outreach will encourage broader local participation in the globally recognized program and inspire students to embrace international opportunities that enrich their academic and cultural horizons.





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



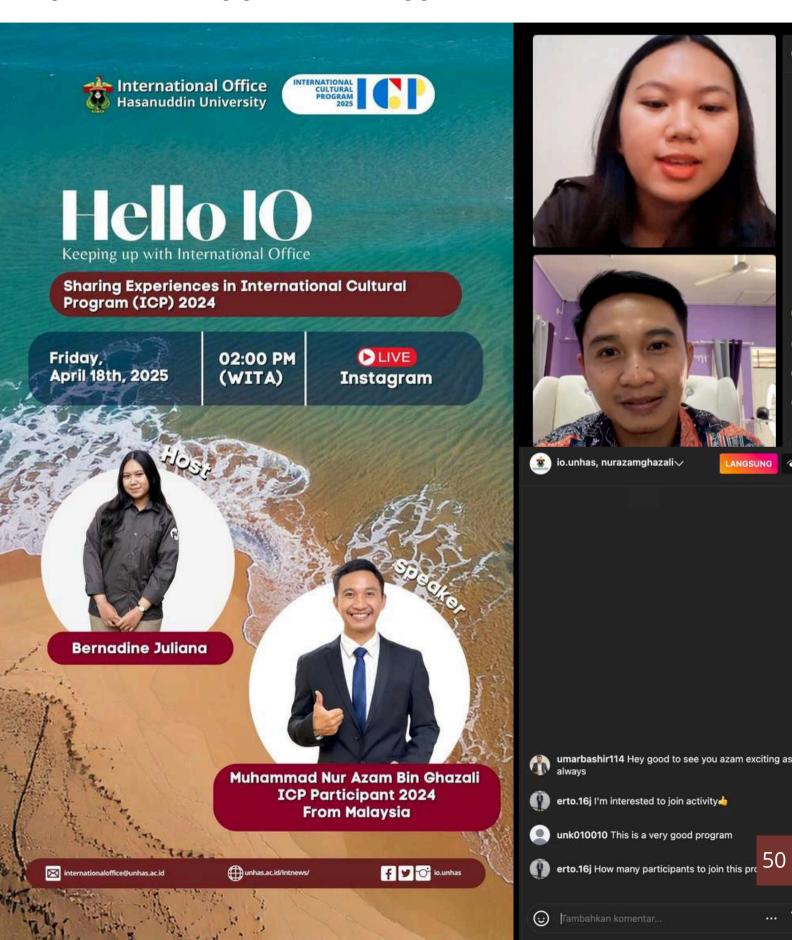
During the HELLO IO Live Instagram session hosted by the International Office (IO) of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) on Thursday, 17 April 2025, Nur Azam Ghazali, a student from Universiti Teknologi Malaysia and a participant of the 7th International Cultural Program (ICP), shared his memorable experience.

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 made 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.





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.

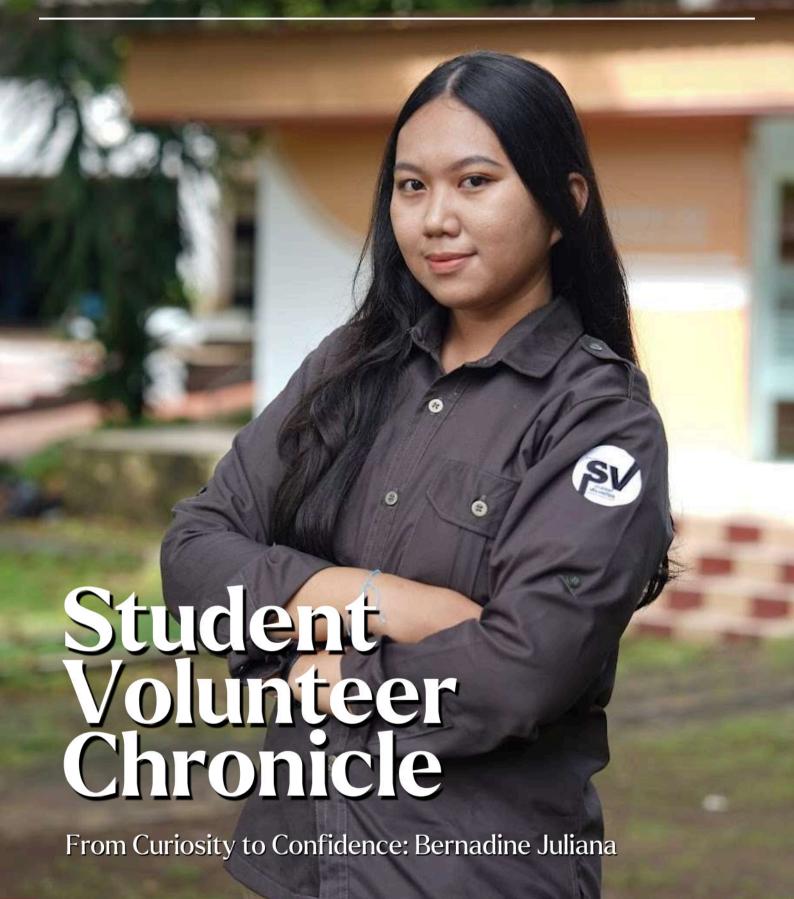
Representing the IO, Muhammad Ridwan, M.A. delivered the welcoming remarks, accompanied by IO Task Force members Khaeruddin, Ph.D. and Saaduddin, M.Sc., as well as Dra. Harniati, Head of the Foreign Affairs Division. IO staff and student volunteers were also in attendance. In his address, Mr. Ridwan 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.







In a recent reflection on her journey as a Student Volunteer (STUVO) at the International Office (IO), Bernadine Juliana, better 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.







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.



