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THE RECTOR MESSAGE

Dear Colleagues, Students, and Partners,

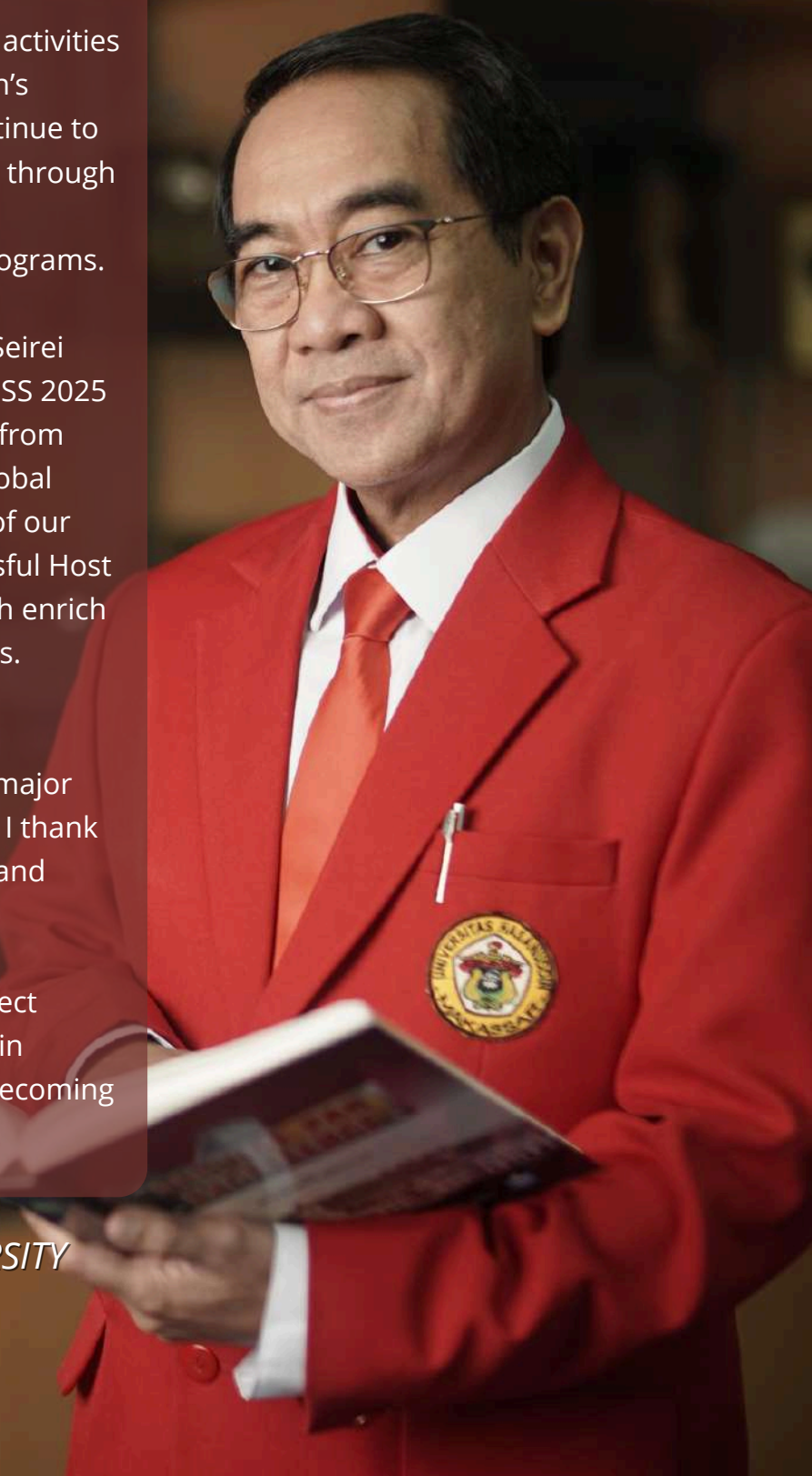
I am pleased to see the many inspiring activities and achievements shared in this month's newsletter. Our students and staff continue to represent UNHAS with pride—whether through international conferences, research collaborations, or cultural exchange programs.

Highlights like our participation in the Seirei International Research Conference, MSSS 2025 in Malaysia, and the inbound program from Niigata University show our growing global presence. I also appreciate the return of our Friday Outbound Clinic and the successful Host Family Program during Ramadan, which enrich both academic and cultural experiences.

Internally, we are strengthening our internationalization and preparing for major events like the IACSC and ICP this year. I thank everyone involved for your dedication and teamwork.

Let us continue to move forward, connect globally, and grow together. Hasanuddin University is on a strong path toward becoming a world-class institution.

RECTOR OF HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY
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STRENGTHENING INDONESIA-JAPAN ACADEMIC COLLABORATION: UNHAS DELEGATION AT OKAYAMA UNIVERSITY'S STRATEGIC MEETING



From 2024 to 2029, Indonesia has been designated as a priority by Japan's Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science, and Technology (MEXT) for increasing the enrollment of international students from ASEAN. This initiative is supported through government scholarships, non-government funding, and university-specific programs, with Okayama University (OU) playing a key role in this effort.

As part of this initiative, the ASEAN Regional Office visited Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) in February to conduct a study-in-Japan outreach program, which attracted hundreds of UNHAS students. Based on the evaluation of this event, the ASEAN Regional Office recognized UNHAS as a strategic partner with significant potential for future impact.

UNHAS and OU have maintained a long-standing partnership, particularly in health sciences faculties. In light of this collaboration, the ASEAN Regional Office extended an invitation to UNHAS to participate in the *Strategic Collaboration Meeting of the Global Network Project to Promote Study in Japan*, held at OU from 17 to 19 March 2025. The event was fully funded by the ASEAN Regional Office, the project's coordinating body for ASEAN.

The UNHAS delegation included Vice Rector for Academic and Student Affairs, Prof. Ruslin; Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, Prof. Haerani; Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry, Dr. Irfan Sugianto; Dean of the Faculty of Public Health, Prof. Sukri; and Dean of the Faculty of Nursing, Prof. Ariyanti Saleh. During the visit, the UNHAS delegation met with OU President, Prof. Yasutomo Nasu, and Vice President for International Affairs and Alumni, Prof. Takayoshi Suzuki. The discussions, facilitated by Indonesia Area Coordinator of the ASEAN Regional Office, Kaori Yajima, focused on expanding collaboration, particularly through the *Exchange Program Okayama (EPOK)* and opportunities for UNHAS staff to pursue further studies at OU.



HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS SHINE AT MSSS 2025 IN MALAYSIA



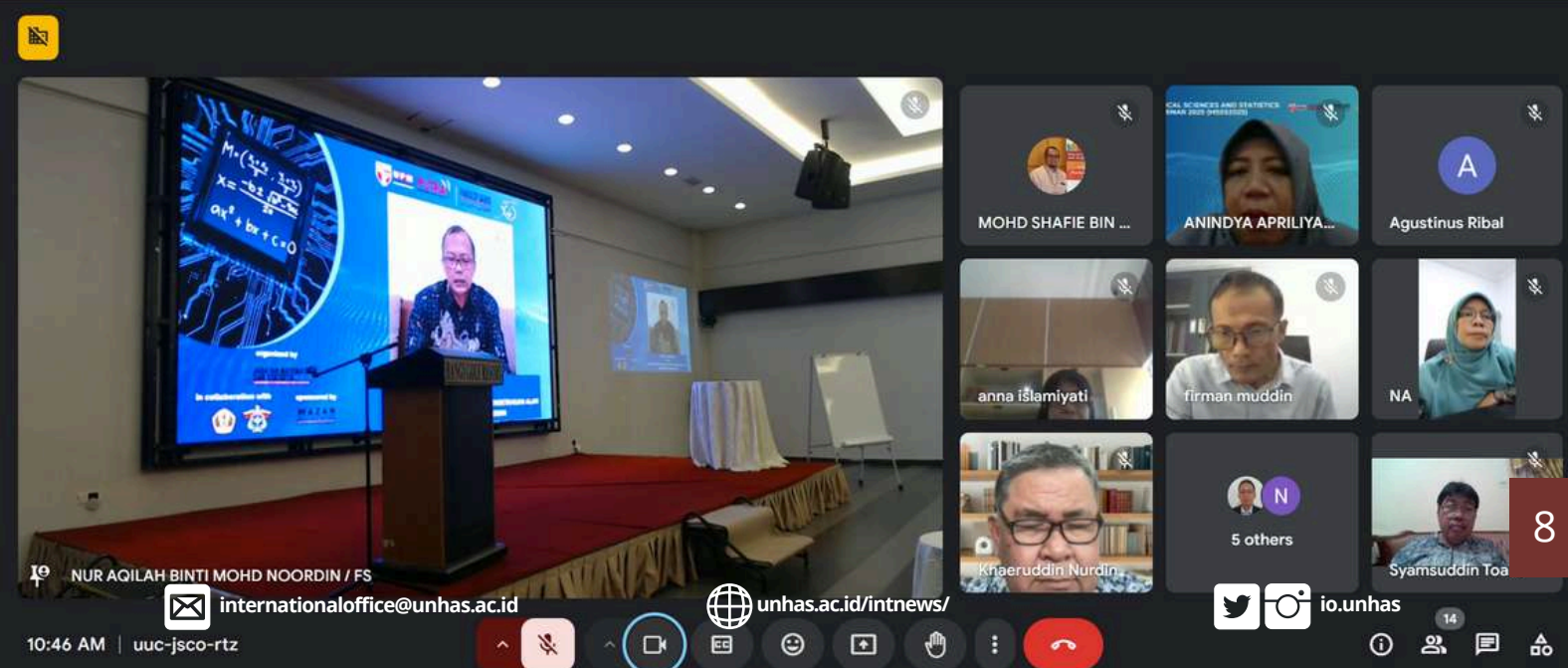
A group of 20 final-year undergraduate students from Faculty of Mathematics and Science (FMIPA), Universitas Hasanuddin (UNHAS) successfully participated in the 3rd Mathematical Sciences and Statistics Seminar (MSSS 2025), held at Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) from 24 to 25 February 2025. The event, themed “Driving the Future: The Role of Mathematics and Statistics in Digital and AI-Enabled Technologies,” was conducted in a hybrid format, with UNHAS participants joining via an online platform.

The UNHAS delegation consisted of 13 students from the Department of Mathematics and 7 students from the Department of Statistics. They joined participants from UPM and Universitas Padjadjaran (UNPAD) to present their final-year research findings in various areas of mathematical and statistical sciences. In this event, one of the UNHAS mathematics students was awarded as the Best Presenter.

The event was a result of collaborative efforts between UPM, UNHAS, and UNPAD, strengthening academic ties and promoting knowledge exchange among students and faculty members. The Dean of FMIPA UNHAS, Dr. Eng. Amiruddin, M.Si., also delivered a welcoming speech during the seminar, emphasizing the importance of mathematics and statistics in the era of digital transformation and artificial intelligence.

MSSS 2025, which featured both physical and virtual presentations, aimed to foster innovation, critical thinking, and interdisciplinary collaboration among young researchers. Participants engaged in keynote lectures, parallel presentation sessions, and discussions on how mathematics and statistics drive advancements in AI, machine learning, and other digital technologies.

The successful participation of UNHAS students in MSSS 2025 marks a significant step in encouraging future collaborations between the three universities and enhancing the role of mathematics and statistics in shaping the future of technology.





INBOUND PROGRAM FROM NIIGATA UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH AND WELFARE TO THE FACULTY OF NURSING, UNHAS



The Faculty of Nursing (FKep) Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) recently hosted an inbound program in collaboration with Niigata University of Health and Welfare (NUHW) from 23 February to 4 March 2025. The program welcomed two faculty members, Associate Professor Fusayo Kobayashi, PhD, and Assistant Professor Kanako Shimbo, along with eight inbound students from NUHW.

The event commenced with an opening ceremony, marking the official start of the program. Dr. Ariyanti Saleh, S.Kp., M.Si., (Dean of FKep), delivered the opening remarks. "It is a great pleasure to host the NUHW delegation at UNHAS as part of our ongoing partnership. We hope this exchange provides valuable learning experiences and knowledge for the students involved," stated Dr. Ariyanti Saleh.

Following the ceremony, the group visited the Rappokalling Public Health Center, where they gained insights into public health activities in Makassar, including the Posyandu (Integrated Health Post) program.

On the following day, NUHW students participated in two nursing classes—pediatric and maternity nursing—engaging in discussions with UNHAS students. Additionally, two students attended an emergency care session to learn practical emergency skills.

The program continued with a general lecture delivered by Dr. Kobayashi, Dr. Shimbo, and Dr. Erfina Malik. The topics included "Lifestyle-Related Diseases in Japan: Specific Health Examination and Specific Health Guidance" by Dr. Kobayashi, "Maternal and Child Health and Midwifery Education in Japan" by Dr. Shimbo, and "Adolescent Mother Care: Experiences in Indonesia" by Dr. Erfina. These sessions further enriched the students' understanding of global healthcare perspectives.

The participants also visited the Griya Afiat Health Clinic, where they observed wound care practices explained by Dr. Saldy Yusuf, a leading expert in wound care in South Sulawesi.

Beyond academic enrichment, the program provided opportunities for cultural exchange. Participants were introduced to traditional South Sulawesi dances, which became one of the highlights of the program. Dr. Kobayashi remarked, "This year's program has been particularly memorable. We are excited to learn about South Sulawesi's rich culture, fostering cross-cultural understanding."

The program concluded with a presentation session, where both NUHW and UNHAS nursing students shared their experiences and key takeaways. The closing ceremony was led by Dr. Erfina Malik, Vice Dean for Planning, Human Resources, and Alumni at FKep, UNHAS, who delivered the closing remarks and celebrated the success of the event.

This international collaboration highlights the significance of global exchange in nursing education, providing students with opportunities to broaden their academic knowledge while embracing cultural diversity. The program also strengthened the partnership between NUHW and UNHAS, fostering potential future collaborations and educational initiatives.





OPTIMIZING UNHAS'S REPUTATION: KEY DISCUSSIONS ON THE WCU PROGRAM



The Secretary of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), Prof. Ir. Sumbangan Baja, M.Phil., Ph.D., led a strategic meeting on the World Class University (WCU) Program at UNHAS. The meeting, held on Thursday, 27 February 2025, at Meeting Room A, 4th Floor of the Rectorate Building, brought together key university stakeholders. Prof. Rohani Ambo Rappe, (Director of UNHAS Enhancement Reputation), joined Prof. Sumbangan, alongside representatives from the UNHAS International Office (IO) and the Quality Assurance and Enhancement Reputation (GPM-PR) teams from all faculties.

In his opening remarks, Prof. Sumbangan highlighted that UNHAS's Strategic Plans are nearing completion. He emphasized the critical role of the GPM-PR team in supporting the university's internationalization efforts. To enhance coordination, he proposed organizing a meeting between the GPM-PR team and the Task Force for Internationalization from each faculty or school, facilitated by the IO. This initiative aims to streamline efforts in improving UNHAS's global reputation and rankings.

A significant discussion point was the organizational structure of the GPM-PR team at the faculty level. It was noted that the current structure lacks a direct coordination line with other Vice Deans, limiting their ability to access crucial data for supporting the WCU program, particularly in providing ranking-related data. Prof. Rohani further addressed the ongoing challenges in collecting and submitting faculty data for various ranking organizations, stressing the need for a more efficient system.

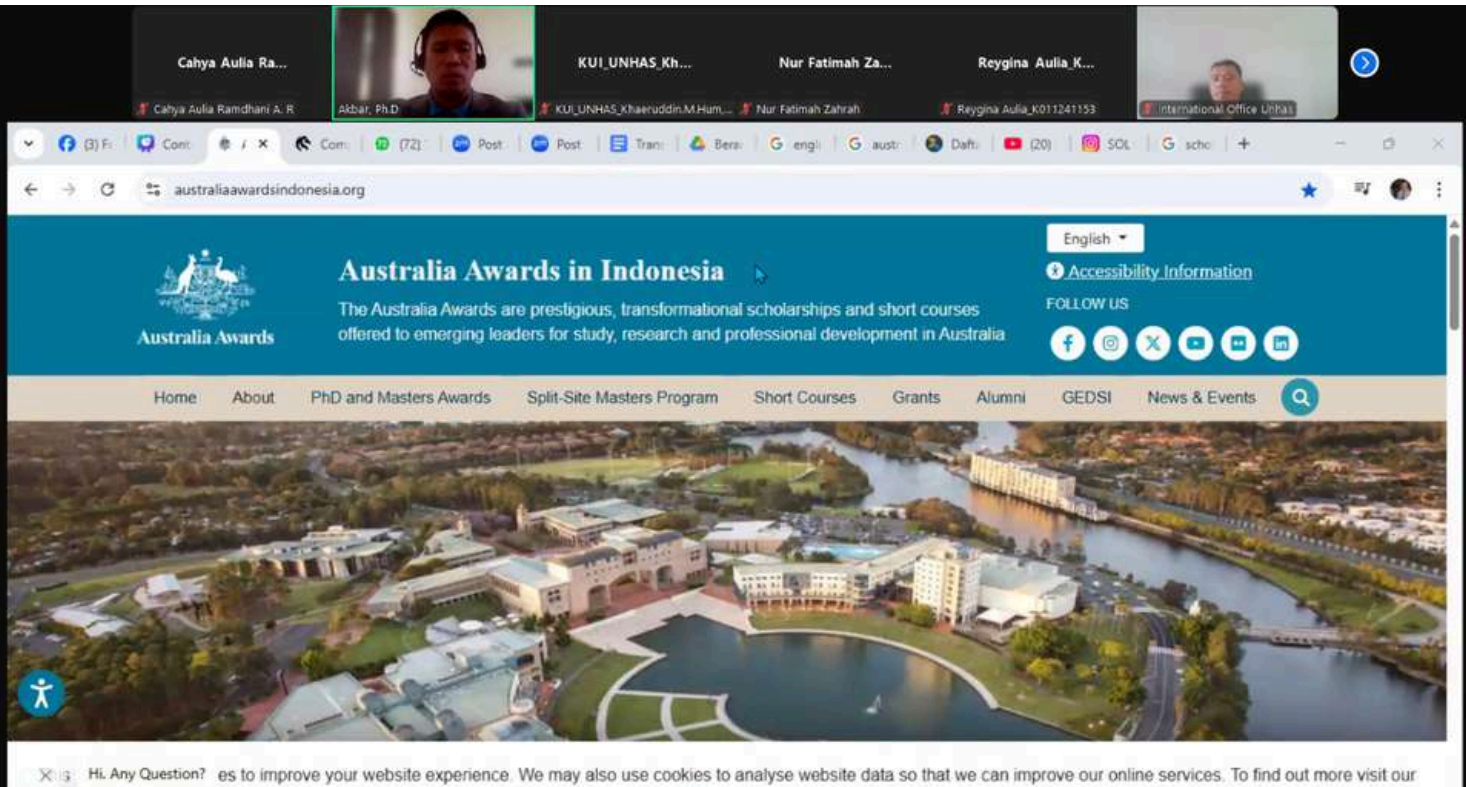
Representing the IO, Muhammad Ridwan, M.A. (IO Secretary), and Saaduddin, Ph.D. (IO Task Force), presented an overview of the upcoming International Academic Consortium for Sustainable Cities (IACSC) annual conference. UNHAS, through the IO, is set to host the event in July 2025, marking a significant milestone in its international engagement efforts.

Before concluding the meeting, Prof. Sumbangan underscored the necessity of establishing a centralized data system managed by the UNHAS Secretariat. This system would enable seamless data access for all relevant parties, ensuring better coordination and efficiency. He also called for a review of the university's organizational structure to optimize the placement of the GPM-PR team and improve their operational effectiveness in supporting UNHAS's internationalization agenda.





FRIDAY OUTBOUND CLINIC RESUMES WITH EXPERT INSIGHTS ON STUDYING IN AUSTRALIA



The International Office (IO) of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) has officially resumed its Friday Outbound Clinic (FOC), providing students and alumni with valuable guidance on studying abroad. The first session took place on Friday, 7 March 2025, via Zoom, featuring Akbar, Ph.D., an academic and recipient of the Australia Awards Scholarship.

Mr. Akbar led an engaging session on "Studying in Australia, Learning from Alumni: Visa, Scholarship, and Student Life." He shared firsthand experiences and essential information on the application process, scholarship opportunities, and student life in Australia. Participants also had the opportunity to ask questions, receiving direct insights based on his academic journey.

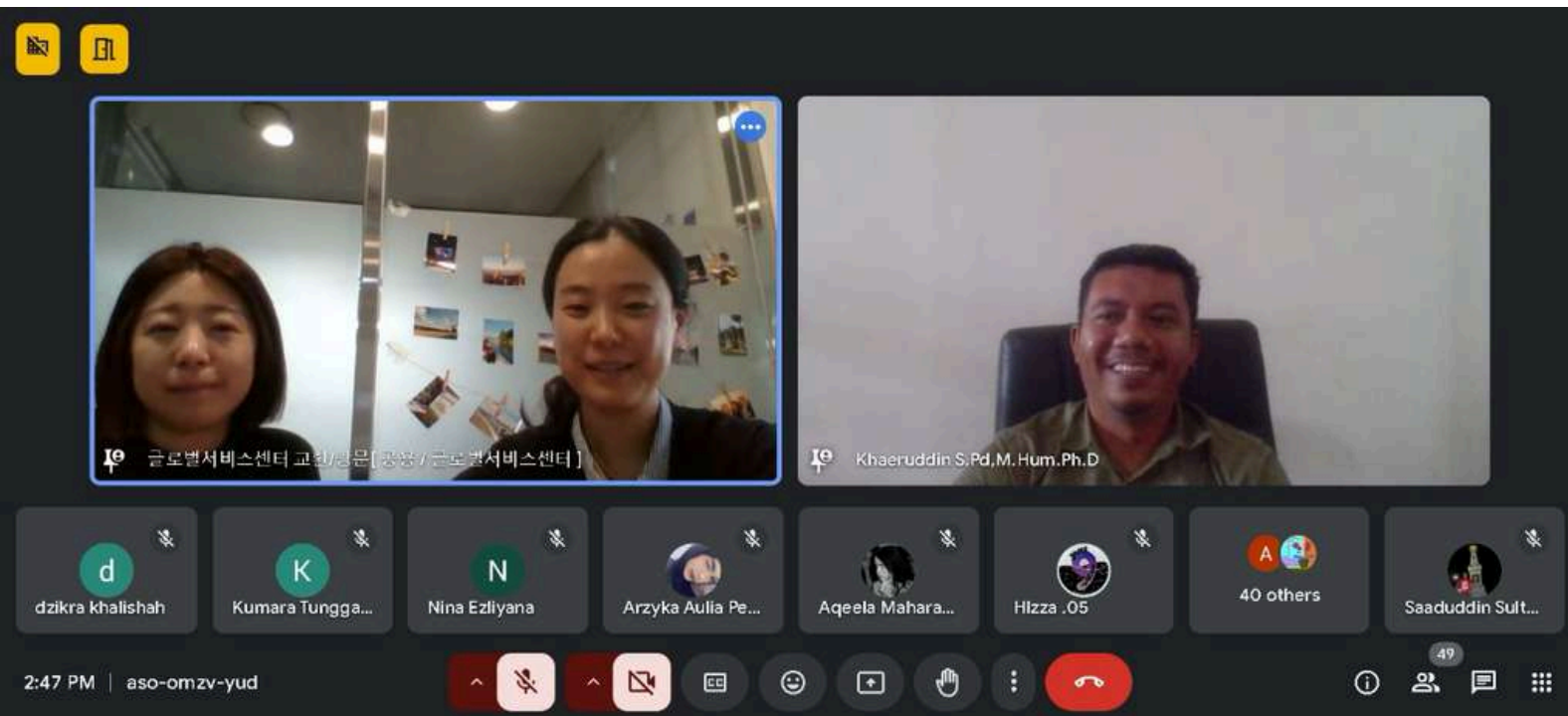
The event was moderated by Khaeruddin, Ph.D., a member of IO UNHAS. Around 20 participants, including students, staff, and alumni, actively engaged in discussions, gaining a deeper understanding of international study opportunities.

The Friday Outbound Clinic is a biweekly initiative by the IO aimed at preparing students for international education by connecting them with alumni and experts. Future sessions will feature guest speakers with global experience, covering key topics essential for outbound students.

Stay tuned for the next session and take the next step toward your international academic journey!



FRIDAY OUTBOUND CLINIC: INSIGHTS INTO KOREA UNIVERSITY'S SCHOLARSHIPS AND STUDENT EXPERIENCE



The Friday Outbound Clinic on 21 March 2025 offered an enriching session titled *Learn from Korea University: Scholarships, Student Life, and Outbound Opportunities*. The event featured two representatives from Korea University (KU). They are Ms. Gawoon Yoon and Ms. Heeyeon Jo, both KU Global service centre staff. They shared valuable insights into the academic landscape, scholarship opportunities, and the dynamic student experience at one of South Korea's top institutions. More than 50 participants, including students and faculty members, joined the session, eager to explore international study pathways.

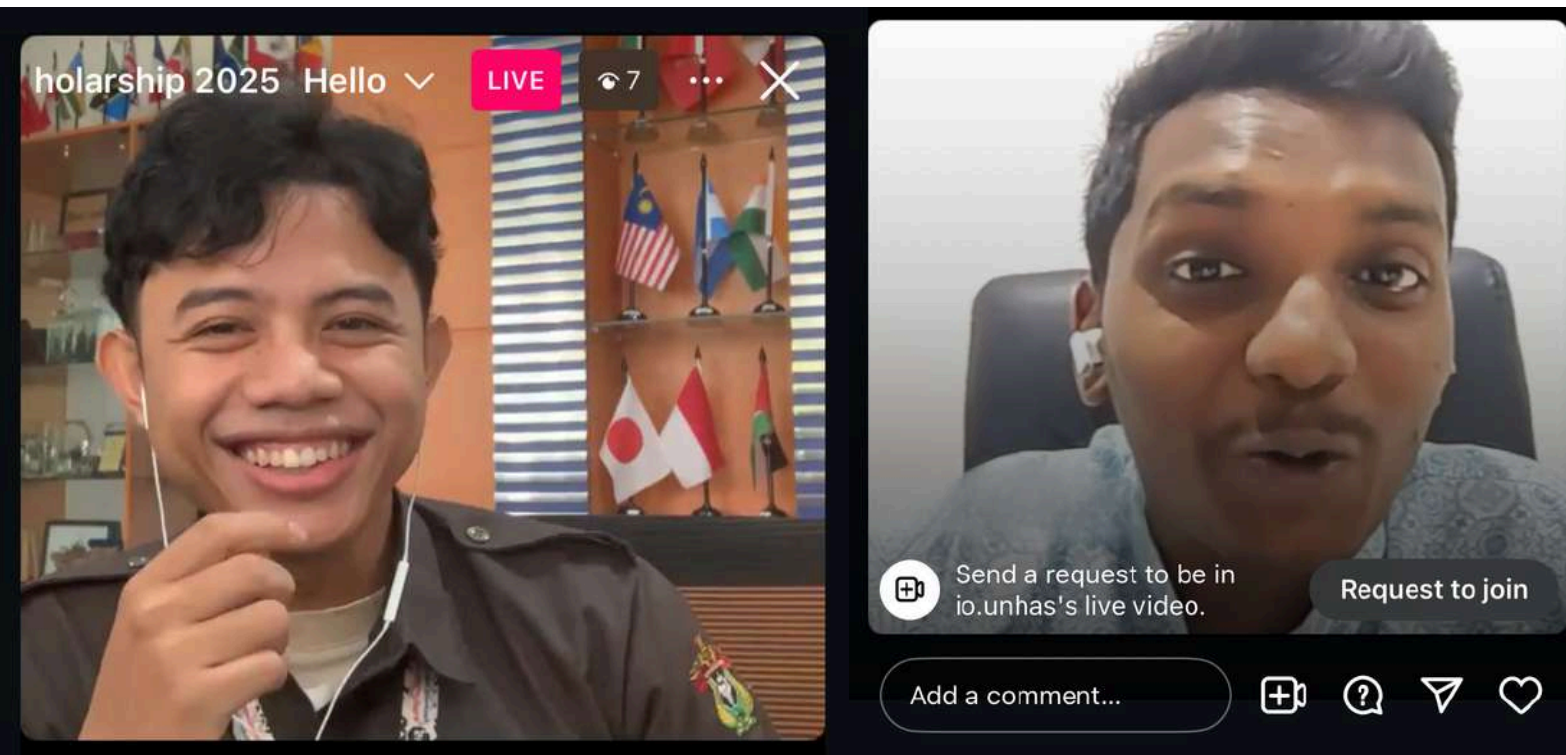
The session was led by Khaeruddin, Ph.D., a key member of the International Office task force, alongside other International Office staff. Their presence ensured a well-organized and engaging discussion. The speakers provided detailed explanations of available scholarships, application processes, and campus life at KU, offering participants a comprehensive understanding of what to expect when studying abroad.

Beyond the presentation, the event fostered an interactive environment through a lively Q&A session, where attendees eagerly asked about admission criteria, cultural adaptation, and networking opportunities in South Korea. The discussion was both insightful and inspiring, encouraging participants to consider KU as a potential destination for their academic and professional growth. The session successfully provided valuable information and motivation, reinforcing the Friday Outbound Clinic's role as a platform for international exposure and learning.





HELLO IO: FROM INDIA TO INDONESIA – A KNB SCHOLAR'S EXPERIENCE AT UNHAS



The International Office (IO) of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) hosted a HELLO IO live Instagram session featuring Kumar Apurvakant Gautam, a recipient of the *Kemitraan Negara Berkembang* (KNB) Scholarship from India, currently studying at the Faculty of Public Health.

During the session, Kumar shared how the scholarship provided him with an incredible opportunity to expand his knowledge, both academic and cultural. He expressed gratitude for the unexpected chance to study in Indonesia, highlighting how his experience in Makassar has been enriching and transformative. Beyond academics, he emphasized the importance of adapting to new cultural environments, which has played a significant role in his personal growth.

Kumar also spoke about the meaningful connections he has built at UNHAS, including friendships with fellow students, relationships with faculty members, and interactions with the local community. He acknowledged that studying abroad has given him invaluable insights and perspectives, broadening his worldview in ways he never anticipated.

As advice for students aspiring to pursue similar opportunities, Kumar stressed the importance of leadership, adaptability, and a strong willingness to learn. He encouraged them to step out of their comfort zones, embrace challenges, and cultivate these essential qualities to thrive in an international academic environment.





GEOGRAPHY SERIES TANZANIA: EXPLORING CULTURE AND GEOGRAPHY WITH SAID SADALLAH SAID



On Thursday, 13 March 2025, the Geography Series event featuring Tanzania was successfully held at the Ballroom Science Building, Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences (MIPA). The event, which took place from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM, aimed to introduce various aspects of geography, culture, and life from a particular country, with Said Sadallah Said, a graduate student in Chemistry from Tanzania, as the main speaker.

Geography Series is an initiative designed to provide participants with in-depth insights into specific countries, presented by students who are natives of those countries. In this session, Said Sadallah Said shared knowledge about the geography, culture, and challenges faced by Tanzania, and how these aspects are interconnected with the country's social and economic development.

The event was moderated by Muh. Naufal, who skillfully guided the discussion, creating an interactive atmosphere that allowed participants to better understand the various topics presented. In his opening remarks, Mr. Saaduddin, M.Sc., emphasized the importance of studying geography as a way to better understand the diversity of cultures and environments around the world.

Over the course of two hours, Said Sadallah Said took the participants on a journey through the cultural and geographical richness of Tanzania. Despite his background in Chemistry, Said was able to provide an in-depth explanation of Tanzania's geography, society, and culture, as well as offer a unique perspective on environmental challenges such as climate change and natural resource management in Tanzania.

The event saw a high level of enthusiasm from the participants, with numerous questions and discussions emerging throughout the session. Attendees not only gained insights into the geography of Tanzania but also learned how geography plays a crucial role in shaping social and economic life in any country.

With the success of this event, Geography Series hopes to continue introducing the world's diversity through the perspectives of students from those countries, further promoting a deeper understanding of the connections between geography, culture, and global challenges.





ENSURING HEALTH & COMMUNITY: IO HOSTS HEALTH INSURANCE INFO SESSION AND IFTAR GATHERING



The International Office (IO) of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) held an informative session on Health Insurance for International Students on Friday, 14 March 2025, at the Ballroom Science Building, Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences (MIPA). The session featured Mr. Jaidin Abdullah, S.Ag, a representative from *Asuransi Syariah Keluarga Indonesia* (ASYKI) Health Insurance, who explained the benefits and coverage provided to international students. In her remarks, Andi Masyitha Irwan, Ph.D., Head of IO, emphasized the importance of having health insurance, stating that while no one wishes to fall ill, being insured ensures access to proper medical treatment when needed. She urged students to seek medical care as soon as they experience symptoms rather than waiting until their condition worsens, which could complicate emergency responses.

Moderated by Muhammad Ridwan, M.A., the IO Secretary, the session saw full participation from UNHAS international students. The discussion covered key aspects of health coverage, addressing students' concerns and clarifying procedures for medical assistance. The event also highlighted UNHAS's commitment to student welfare, ensuring that international students feel supported during their stay.

Following the session, in the spirit of Ramadan, the IO hosted an iftar gathering for international students. Several esteemed guests, including representatives from the Directorate of Asset Utilization, the Directorate of Academic and Student Affairs, Task Force for Internalization members, Indonesian International Student Mobility Awards (IISMA) alumni, and IO Student Volunteers, also joined the event. The gathering fostered a sense of community among students and officials, concluding with a group photo session to commemorate the occasion.





RETURN PROGRAM HELPS IISMA AWARDEES TRANSITION BACK TO UNHAS



The International Office (IO) of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) recently hosted the Re-Entry Education and Resources Transitioning (RETURN) Program for the 2024 Indonesian International Student Mobility Award (IISMA) Awardees. Held on Saturday, March 15, 2025, at Meeting Room A, 4th Floor, Rectorate Building, the program aimed to facilitate the smooth reintegration of students after their semester abroad. The RETURN Program provided a structured platform for awardees to reflect on their experiences, adjust back to campus life, and set new academic and professional goals.

The event featured three key sessions designed to support the students' transition. The Awardees' Self-Reflection session, led by Muhammad Ridwan, M.A., and Saaduddin, Ph.D., encouraged students to process their international experiences and identify personal growth. The How to Adapt Smoothly session, facilitated by Khaeruddin, Ph.D., and Haniek Khoirunnissa Baja, M.Sc., provided practical guidance on readjusting to academic and social life at UNHAS. Finally, Elvita Bellani, M.Sc., led the Short- and Long-Term Goals session, helping students strategize their next steps based on their global learning experiences.

Representing the Head of IO, Muhammad Ridwan, M.A., emphasized the significance of the RETURN Program in helping students reconnect with their home university. He highlighted that beyond academic reintegration, the program fosters a renewed sense of belonging to UNHAS, ensuring that awardees continue to contribute positively to their campus community. The event concluded with a group photo session, marking the students' official re-entry into their academic journey at UNHAS.





PROF. HIRAISHI NORIKO'S THIRD VISIT TO UNHAS: A PUBLIC LECTURE ON JAPANESE ONOMATOPOEIA



The Department of Japanese Literature at Faculty of Cultural Sciences (FIB) Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) once again hosted a public lecture featuring Prof. Hiraishi Noriko from the University of Tsukuba, Japan on Tuesday, 11 March 2025 at Mattulada Hall, FIB . She is a lecturer and researcher specializing in Comparative Literature. Currently, she is conducting research on comics and the consumption of Japanese culture among young people in Asia.

On this occasion, the lecture focused on onomatopoeia in comics worldwide. The session, themed "Japanese Onomatopoeia and Global Manga," explored Japanese onomatopoeia in literature and language, its translation, and the challenges of adapting it in comics across different cultures. The lecture was met with great enthusiasm from students who filled the Mattulada Hall at the Faculty of Cultural Sciences. Students actively engaged in the discussion, asking various questions in both Japanese and English.

This marks Prof. Hiraishi's third visit to UNHAS, following her previous visits in 2016 and 2017. She is also scheduled to return later this year as a speaker at the 7th International Conference on Japanese Studies and Language Education (ICJSLE), where the Department of Japanese Literature at UNHAS, in collaboration with the Association of Japanese Language Education Studies (ASPBII) for South and West Sulawesi, serves as the organizing committee.

The Department of Japanese Literature at UNHAS remains committed to organizing public lectures and webinars featuring international speakers, particularly from Japan. These initiatives not only provide valuable learning opportunities for students but also contribute to the university's efforts in enhancing its Key Performance Indicators (IKU) for inbound foreign lecturers.



ADVANCING NATURAL PHARMACEUTICALS: FACULTY OF PHARMACY HOSTS AMINO UP GUEST LECTURE



The Faculty of Pharmacy at Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) hosted a guest lecture on "Innovations in Natural Product-Based Pharmaceuticals: Challenges and Opportunities" on Monday, 10 March 2025, from 09:00 to 11:00 WITA. The lecture featured Ms. Koto Sekino, Director of the Business Development Division at Amino Up Co., Ltd., as the keynote speaker.

Ms. Koto Sekino introduced various groundbreaking innovations from Amino Up, a Sapporo-based company specializing in the development of standardized natural ingredient-based pharmaceuticals. She highlighted the company's approach to integrating preclinical and clinical trials to ensure the efficacy and safety of its products. Additionally, she shared research findings that support the effectiveness of Amino Up's nutraceutical and natural product formulations.

One of the key innovations discussed was Oligonol, an extract from lychee fruit recognized for its exceptionally high polyphenol content and powerful antioxidant properties. Supported by numerous scientific studies, Oligonol has emerged as a leading nutraceutical innovation.

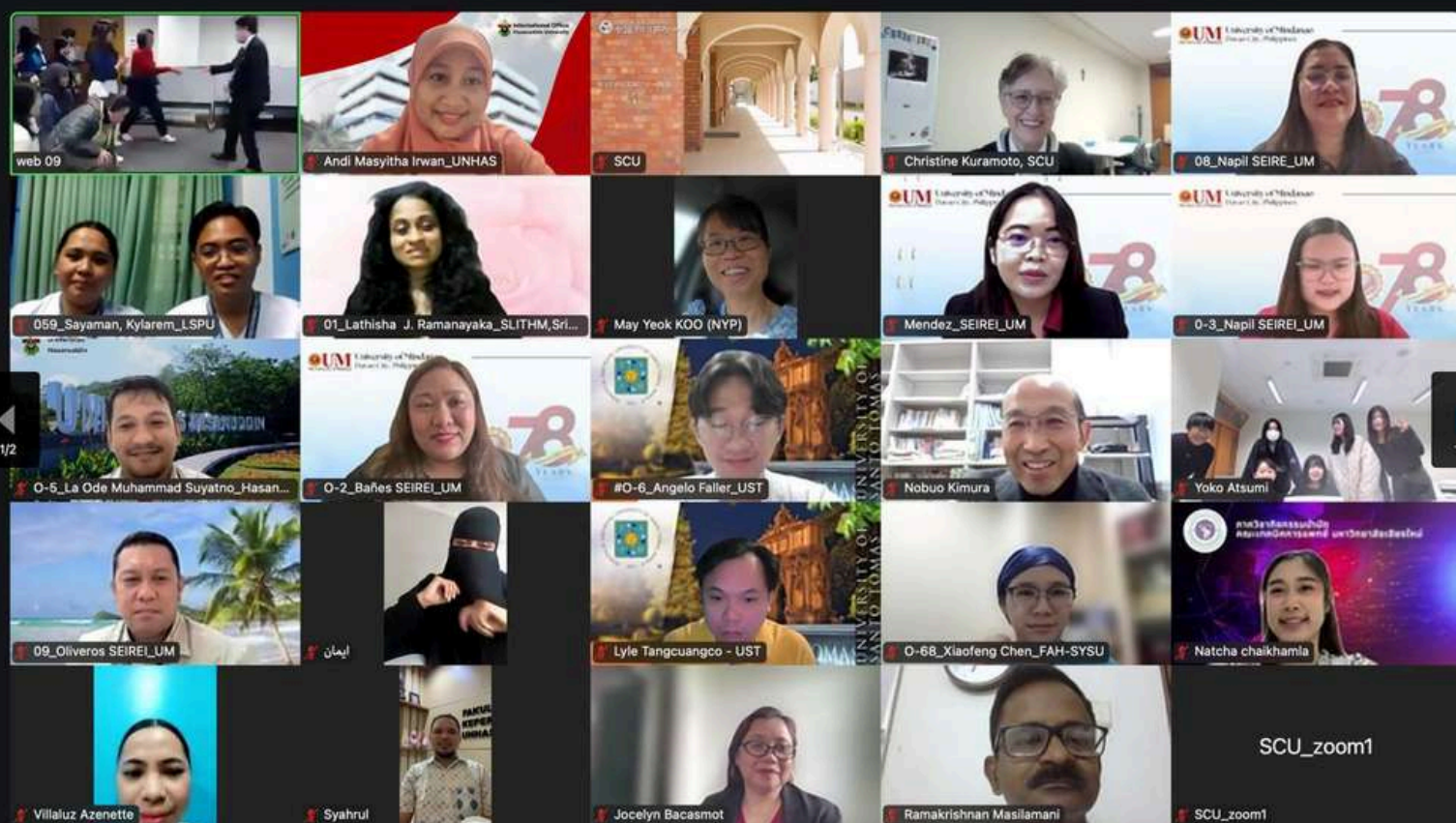
Beyond introducing superior products, Ms. Koto Sekino also addressed the challenges in developing natural ingredient-based pharmaceuticals, including issues related to standardization, efficacy, and regulatory compliance. She emphasized the vast potential for research and collaboration between academia and the pharmaceutical industry to develop natural-based medications with minimal side effects.

UNHAS has established a partnership with Amino Up Co., Ltd., making this guest lecture a significant opportunity for researchers and students to expand their knowledge and explore potential collaborations in natural pharmaceutical development.

The event received an enthusiastic response from participants, particularly lecturers and students interested in natural pharmaceutical research. It is hoped that this initiative will lead to further innovations and strengthen partnerships between UNHAS and global pharmaceutical companies like Amino Up.



HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY REPRESENTS INDONESIA AT SEIREI INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH CONFERENCE 2025



On 3-4 March 2025, Seirei Christopher University (SCU) conducted their annual conference called Seirei International Research Conference (SIRC). This international conference involved SCU university partners from Sri Lanka, Philippines, Thailand, India, Singapura, China, and Indonesia. Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) became the only representative from Indonesia. In this 2-day conference, there were 11 oral presenters from UNHAS students (undergraduate, master and doctoral). In addition, Head of UNHAS International Office, Dr. Andi Masyitha Irwan took part as one of the chairperson.

The SIRC was held in a hybrid format (Zoom meeting) and UNHAS participated in virtual mode and covered any topics related to health care, medical care, social welfare and education. This conference was not only an opportunity for students to share their research ideas and findings, but also enable them to build networks among students across the world.

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INTERNATIONAL OFFICE LAUNCHES "HOST FAMILY: EXPERIENCING RAMADHAN LIKE HOME" PROGRAM



The International Office (IO) of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) has successfully launched the Host Family Program: Experiencing Ramadhan Like Home, providing international students with an immersive cultural experience during the holy month of Ramadhan. Held from 21 - 23 March 2025, the program allowed participants to stay with local families in Bantimurung and Tompobulu, Maros Regency, offering them a firsthand experience of Ramadhan traditions in South Sulawesi.

To ensure a well-organized and enriching experience, IO held a preparatory meeting via Zoom on 18 March 2025, led by Andi Masyitha Irwan, Ph.D. (Head of IO), and attended by Muhammad Ridwan, M.A. (IO Secretary), Saaduddin, M.Sc. (Task Force & Project Manager), and IO staff members. The meeting covered key logistical aspects, including transportation arrangements utilizing UNHAS services and pairing international students with local student volunteers from IO UNHAS.

The selection of Bantimurung and Tompobulu as host locations followed an official audience with the Regent of Maros, Dr. H. Andi Syafril Chaidir Syam, S.IP, M.H., on 10 March 2025. The Regent welcomed the initiative, recognizing its potential to foster cultural exchange and promote Maros as a destination for international engagement.

The program followed a structured timeline, beginning with participant registration from 10 to 17 March, followed by the selection process on 18 March. The official announcement was made through IO UNHAS Instagram on 19 March, and a pre-departure briefing took place on 20 March to introduce students to local customs and their host families. On 21 March, the participants departed for Maros, where they spent three days immersing themselves in the local culture before returning to UNHAS on 23 March with valuable experiences and insights.

This inaugural Host Family program featured four international students: Kumar Apurvakant Gautam from India (Faculty of Public Health), Muhammad Furqan from Pakistan (Faculty of Dentistry), Tashfeen Amir from Pakistan (Faculty of Medicine), and Said Sadallah Said from Tanzania (Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences). They were paired with local IO student volunteers, Muh. Naufal Fahri Salim and Muh. Adam Rezky, who helped them adapt to their new surroundings and facilitated cultural exchanges.



The participants shared memorable experiences and reflections on the program. Said Sadallah Said expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to learn about palm sugar production and explore the natural beauty of Bonto Somba village. He emphasized that the hospitality of his host family and the warmth of the local community made his stay truly special.

Muhammad Furqan suggested that future programs include more cultural workshops, such as traditional cooking, weaving, or palm sugar making, to enhance participants' engagement with the local community.



Tashfeen Amir recalled his favorite moment of the program, which was attending a Musabaqah Tilawatil Quran (MTQ) event. He was unexpectedly invited on stage to speak in front of 300 people, making it an unforgettable experience. He also enjoyed watching a kids' fashion show and Quran recitation competitions.

Kumar Apurvakant Gautam discussed the challenges of adjusting to the Ramadhan routine, particularly waking up early for Suhoor. However, sharing these moments with his friends and host family made it much easier and more enjoyable. He also highlighted how simple Bahasa Indonesia and non-verbal communication helped him overcome language barriers.



The Host Family Program successfully fostered cross-cultural understanding and provided international students with an authentic Ramadhan experience. With overwhelmingly positive feedback from both participants and host families, IO UNHAS hopes to continue and expand this initiative in the future, strengthening the university's commitment to internationalization and cultural exchange.



INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS SHINE AT UNHAS QUR'ANIC RECITATION COMPETITION



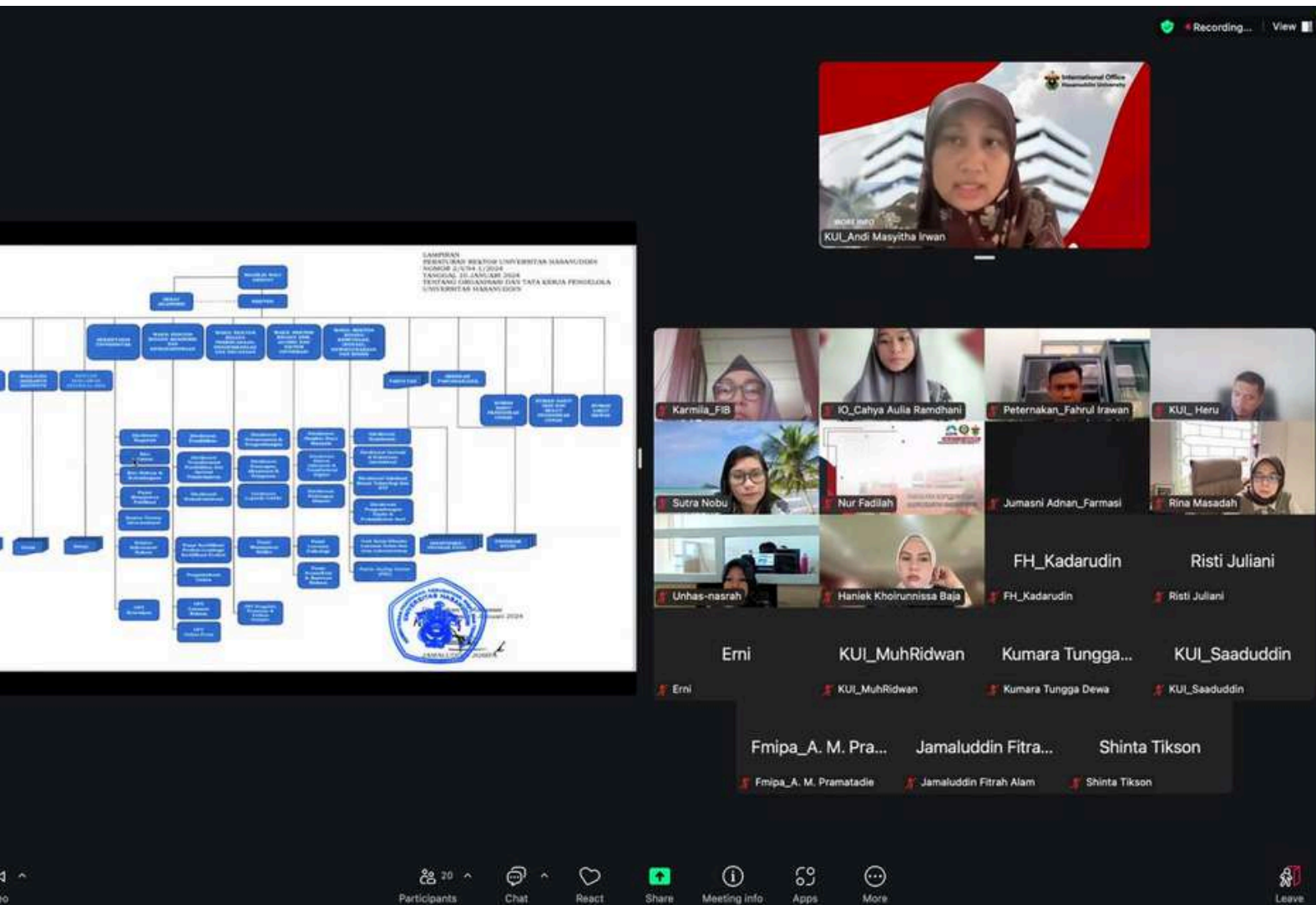
The Directorate of Student Affairs at Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) recently organized the *Musabaqah Tilawatil Qur'an* (MTQ), a Qur'anic Recitation Competition, to celebrate the spirit of Ramadan. The event commenced on Wednesday–Friday, 13-14 March 2025, at the UNHAS Tamalanrea Campus. The competition featured major categories such as *Tilawah* (Recitation), *Tartil* (Slow and melodious recitation with proper pronunciation and articulation), *Tahfidz* (Memorization), and *Khattil Qur'an*, showcasing students' skills in reciting, memorizing, and calligraphy of the Qur'an.

This year's MTQ introduced an exciting addition to its lineup of competitions by including a cooking competition, blending Arab and Indonesian archipelago cuisine. The event aimed to foster cultural appreciation and creativity among participants. Given UNHAS's diverse student community, the International Office (IO) invited international students to take part, further enhancing the spirit of inclusivity and global engagement.

The IO proudly congratulates their international student participants for their outstanding achievements. Mustafa Naeem Mustafa Alaswad (student at the Faculty of Medicine from Jordan) secured second place in the 10-chapter Quranic memorization category, while Zarah Muneer Abdo Othman Munassar (student at the Faculty of Dentistry from Yaman) won the first place in the cooking competition. Their success highlights the university's commitment to fostering academic, cultural, and spiritual excellence among students from diverse backgrounds.



IO UNHAS GEARS UP FOR 2025 WITH TASK FORCE COORDINATION MEETING



The International Office (IO) of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) held a coordination meeting with the Task Force for Internationalization members on Wednesday, 12 March 2025, via Zoom. The meeting aimed to strengthen collaboration and foster a shared understanding between the IO and its Task Force members. As the university enters 2025, new members have joined the Task Force, making this meeting essential to ensure a smooth transition and alignment with IO's internationalization goals.

Moderated by Muhammad Ridwan, M.A., the IO secretary, the meeting was led by Andi Masyitha Irwan, Ph.D., Head of IO, popularly known as Mrs. Citha. In her opening remarks, Mrs. Citha expressed her gratitude to all attendees for taking the time to join despite their busy schedules. She provided an overview of the IO's organizational structure and key flagship programs, including the International Cultural Program (ICP), International Students Festival (ISF), Geography Series, and others.

A highlight of the session was the introduction of IO's newest initiative, Host Family - Experiencing Ramadan Like Home for International Students, designed to create a warm and inclusive environment for international students during the holy month.

Following the presentation, the floor was opened for a question-and-answer session. Participants raised key concerns, including immigration issues and the roles and responsibilities of Task Force members at the faculty level. The meeting concluded with a collective hope for an in-person gathering in the future to further enhance collaboration.

This meeting marks an important step in ensuring effective coordination and support for the internationalization efforts of UNHAS in 2025.

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STRENGTHENING GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT: UNHAS PREPARES FOR ICP 2025




Hasanuddin University's International Office (IO) held a coordination meeting on Wednesday, 19 March 2025, to discuss preparations for the 8th International Cultural Program (ICP), scheduled for late July to early August 2025. The meeting focused on key aspects, including the event timeline, participating countries, and the field trip to Puntondo.

A significant highlight of the discussion was the integration of ICP with the 2025 International Academic Consortium for Sustainable Cities (IACSC), which UNHAS will host. As part of this integration, certain topics from IACSC will be incorporated into the ICP program. The meeting was led by Andi Masyitha Irwan, Ph.D. (Head of IO) and facilitated by Saaduddin, M.Sc. (ICP Project Manager). In his presentation, Mr. Saad elaborated on crucial implementation details, covering the timeline, participants, participating countries, and logistical concerns.


Several key IO staff members attended the meeting, including Dra. Harniati (Head of Foreign Affairs), Muhammad Ridwan, M.A. (IO Secretary), Khaeruddin, Ph.D., and Haniek Khoirunnissa, M.Sc. (both serving as IO Task Forces). Also present were Nasrah, M.Hum., Kumara Tungga Dewa, S.S., Cahya Ramadhani, S.I.Kom., and Erizal Zhafran Muyazzar Edison, S.I.Kom. The meeting concluded with a shared commitment to ensuring a well-organized ICP 2025, with plans for follow-up coordination meetings in the coming months.

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PREDICTING MOSQUITO-BORNE DISEASES THROUGH CLIMATE PATTERNS: A GUEST LECTURE BY PROF. NOBORU MINAKAWA



Makassar, 18 March 2025 – The Department of Parasitology and the Doctoral Program of the Faculty of Medicine (FK), in collaboration with the Master's Program in Biomedical Sciences at the Graduate School, organized a guest lecture featuring Prof. Noboru Minakawa from the Department of Vector Ecology and Environment, Institute of Tropical Medicine, Nagasaki University, Japan. The lecture was titled *"Predicting Mosquito-Borne Diseases Based on Climate."*

The session was moderated by Dr. Isra Wahid, Ph.D., and was attended by distinguished professors, including Prof. Dr. Syafruddin, Ph.D., and Prof. Dr. Irfan Idris, M.Kes, as well as master's students from the Graduate School's Biomedical Sciences Program and doctoral students from FK at Hasanuddin University (UNHAS).

During his lecture, Prof. Minakawa elaborated on mosquito-borne diseases such as dengue fever, malaria, and the Zika virus, which remain a growing global health threat. He emphasized the crucial role of environmental factors, particularly climate change, in influencing the transmission patterns of these diseases. Temperature, humidity, and rainfall directly affect mosquito populations and the life cycles of the pathogens they carry.

Prof. Minakawa, who has conducted extensive research on mosquito-borne diseases in various countries, including Africa, explained how environmental factors and climate change impact mosquito populations and disease transmission patterns. Through data-driven analysis and scientific approaches, he demonstrated that climate variations can serve as indicators for predicting vector-borne disease outbreaks.

The lecture provided in-depth insights into how climate-based predictions can enhance disease prevention and control strategies. It is hoped that this session has enriched participants' understanding of vector ecology, climate change, and mitigation efforts in addressing global public health challenges.



STRENGTHENING ACADEMIC COLLABORATION: A VISIT TO FKM UNHAS



A delegation consisting of Mr. Xie Xuan, Mr. Niu Haiqiang, Mr. Chen Zhonghe, Mr. Huang Zitao, and Ms. Vika Melisa Lubis was warmly welcomed in the dean's room by Prof. Anwar Mallongi, SKM., MSc., Ph.D. (Vice Dean for Partnership, Research, and Innovation) and Prof. Dr. Atjo Wahyu, SKM., M.Kes. (Vice Dean for Planning, Resources, and Alumni). Several lecturers from the Faculty of Public Health (FKM) at Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) also participated in the welcoming session.

During their visit, the delegation had the opportunity to explore various state-of-the-art facilities at FKM Unhas, including research laboratories, biophysical chemistry laboratories, audiovisual aids (AVA) laboratories, and culinary laboratories. These facilities play a crucial role in supporting research, teaching, and practical learning experiences for students.

This visit was expected to strengthen cooperative relations between the institutions and foster potential collaborations in education and research. By engaging in such academic exchanges, both parties can explore new opportunities for joint research projects, faculty exchanges, and knowledge-sharing initiatives that contribute to mutual academic growth.



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SEIREI CHRISTOPHER UNIVERSITY AND UNHAS FOSTER ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH PARTNERSHIPS IN HEALTHCARE



From 18 to 20 March 2025, the Faculty of Nursing (FKep) at Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) had the honor of welcoming a distinguished delegation from Seirei Christopher University (SCU). The visit, led by Prof. Kazuhiro Kimpara and Dr. Hiroki Yabe, RPT., aimed to discuss and further develop future collaborative programs between the two institutions.

The visit began with a welcoming event for the delegation, which was officially opened by the Vice Dean for Academics and Students Affairs, Syahrul Said, S.Kep., Ns., M.Kes., Ph.D. The event then continued with the discussions, held on 18 March 2025, focused on three key initiatives designed to enhance academic and cultural exchange. The first initiative was an inbound student exchange program, where students from SCU will have the opportunity to visit UNHAS to gain hands-on experience in the Physiotherapy Study Program and attend relevant classes. This program aims to provide SCU students with valuable practical experience and broaden their understanding of international healthcare practices. Secondly, in October 2025, UNHAS will host two visiting lecturers from SCU. These lectures will deliver general lectures for students in the Physiotherapy Study Program at UNHAS. The third program discussed was an event organized as part of the 20th anniversary celebration of SCU. UNHAS faculty members will participate in the event, delivering topics around nursing education and partnership.

On 19 March 2025, the delegation from SCU, along with a lecturer from UNHAS, presented a general lecture session for students and faculty. The lecture featured two distinguished speakers: Prof. Kazuhiro Kimpara and Dr. Rijal, S.Ft. Physio, M.Kes., M.MSc., Ph.D. Prof. Kimpara delivered a lecture titled "Understanding the Basics of Pain and Pathophysiology of Chronic Pain," which offered valuable insights into the complexities of pain management, particularly in the context of chronic pain. Dr. Rijal presented his research on "The Impact of Stabilization on Deep Scapular Muscle Morphologies and Scapular Position in Individuals with Rounded Shoulder Posture," The general lecture sparked stimulating discussions and providing significant insights into physiotherapy and musculoskeletal health.

On 20 March 2025, the delegation from SCU visited a physiotherapy clinic in Makassar, owned by faculty members of the Physiotherapy Study Program at FKep UNHAS. The clinics visited were Physio Center Clinic and Physio Sakti Clinic. Prof. Kimpara had the opportunity to observe physiotherapy services firsthand and share knowledge with the physiotherapists at these clinics through a simple practice simulation. Following this, the delegation proceeded to the faculty for the closing event. Prof. Kimpara and Dr. Hiroki Yabe, expressed their positive impressions and deep gratitude for their visit to the Physiotherapy Study Program which will be beneficial for the upcoming collaboration between SCU and UNHAS. Before departing, Prof. Kimpara took the time to conduct a manual therapy practice simulation with the physiotherapy faculty members of UNHAS.

The visit marked another important milestone in the ongoing collaboration between SCU and UNHAS, with the hope that both institutions continue to work together to advance healthcare education and research.





FKM UNHAS HOSTS GUEST LECTURE ON ANTIBODY RESEARCH AND GLOBAL HEALTH



The Faculty of Public Health (FKM) at Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) held a guest lecture titled "Antibody Characterization Methods for Investigating Infectious Disease Transmission: A Global Health Perspective" on Thursday (27/2). The event, which took place in the Nur Nasry Noor Room, 2nd Floor, FKM UNHAS, was attended by approximately 40 Master's (S2) and Doctoral (S3) program students.

This lecture featured Dr. Whitney C. Weber, a postdoctoral researcher from the Department of Microbiology, School of Medicine, Stanford University, United States. The session was moderated by Ansariadi, Ph.D., Director of the Center for Epidemiology and Population Health Studies (CEPHS), FKM Unhas. In his remarks, Ansariadi expressed gratitude for the opportunity to host an expert in the field of antibody research. "We are fortunate to have Dr. Whitney with us. Hopefully, this lecture will enhance our understanding of infectious disease management," he said. Dr. Whitney's visit to Makassar is part of a three-week data collection effort for a cohort study led by Ansariadi, Ph.D., in collaboration with Joelle Ivy-Rosser, Ph.D., from Stanford University. This research aims to analyze the impact of behavioral, environmental, and biological factors on maternal and child health in Tallo District, Makassar, over the next three years.

During her presentation, Dr. Whitney highlighted that infectious diseases remain a major global health issue, particularly in low-income countries. She explained that human mobility through global travel and trade, rapid urbanization, and pathogen adaptation to new hosts contribute to the spread of these diseases. "In Indonesia, tuberculosis, caused by bacteria, and malaria, caused by parasites, remain significant public health challenges. However, these diseases can be prevented through vaccination and further research," she stated. Dr. Whitney also introduced the critical role of antibodies in the immune system, specifically those found in B cells in the bone marrow. Additionally, she explained the Enzyme-Linked Immunosorbent Assay (ELISA) method, a laboratory technique used to assess the prevalence of pathogens in a population through serum and plasma samples. This research is expected to contribute to reducing infectious disease risks at the population level, fostering communication with local governments, and opening avenues for multidisciplinary collaboration. The guest lecture concluded with an interactive discussion session, where participants engaged in a dynamic exchange of questions and ideas, which Dr. Whitney addressed directly.





Student Volunteer Chronicle:

From Volunteer to Global Citizen – Muh. Naufal

I first learned about the International Office (IO) when they were recruiting student volunteers. Intrigued, I explored its role and was amazed that the front line of internationalization at Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) had been so close to my faculty. The chance to engage in international activities excited me, especially given my background as a debater and my English proficiency—both of which I take great pride in.

One of my most memorable moments as a student volunteer was during the International Student Festival (ISF), where I assisted international students in setting up booths to showcase their cultures. Though things didn't go as smoothly as I had hoped, the experience deepened my understanding of the challenges international students face and broadened my perspective on cultural diversity. This role has also helped me develop essential skills in hospitality, patience, and adaptability.

Balancing my academic responsibilities with volunteering requires careful prioritization. While the IO offers many exciting activities, my primary focus remains my studies, as they lay the foundation for my future. However, I also see my role as a volunteer as an opportunity to grow, contribute, and gain experiences beyond the classroom—something I approach with dedication and integrity.

Through this role, I have improved my graphic design skills, as documentation and content creation are frequently needed. I also participated in a capacity-building program covering public speaking, tourism, and hospitality services at UNHAS Hotel. These lessons have been incredibly enriching and have shaped how I approach other organizations I am involved in, reinforcing my habits of strategic planning and structured task management.

One of the most rewarding aspects of being an IO volunteer is early exposure to internationalization activities, which has broadened my understanding of global engagement. Events like international seminars, networking sessions, and the Scholarship Clinic have provided insights into the steps needed to pursue studies abroad. This early awareness helps me prepare for future opportunities, ensuring I am ready when the right moment comes.

Joining the IO has been one of my best decisions. The experience, knowledge, and connections I have gained are invaluable. My fellow volunteers inspire me, the staff members possess remarkable skills, and the friendships I've built with international students make this journey extraordinary. Every UNHAS student should experience the IO at least once—it truly broadens your perspective in ways you never imagined.





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