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EXPLORING JAPAN POST-PANDEMIC: A GENERAL LECTURE AND ACADEMIC VISIT AT UNHAS



The International Office (IO) of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) hosted a General Lecture on Monday, 2 June 2025, at the IPTEKS Building, UNHAS Tamalanrea Campus. The event began at 8:30 a.m. and attracted around 100 students and faculty members. It featured Associate Professor Raj Lahki SEN from the International Center for Research and Education of Japan Studies, Kanazawa University, Japan. The lecture was officially opened by Andi Masyitha Irwan, Ph.D., Head of the IO.

Prof. SEN delivered a lecture titled *"Post-Pandemic: Japan and Its Challenges."* She began by exploring the historical trajectory of Japanese literature, continuing to the pandemic period and its aftermath. The presentation sparked numerous questions from the participants, all of which she answered precisely and comprehensively. The session was moderated by Khaeruddin, Ph.D., IO Task Force for Student Mobility, and concluded with a photo session and the presentation of a token of appreciation to Prof. SEN.

Following the lecture, the IO conducted a coordination meeting involving Prof. SEN to discuss the upcoming UNHAS-Kanazawa University Summer Program, scheduled for late August to early September 2025. Saaduddin, M.Sc., IO Task Force for International Students and Immigration Affairs, who also serves as the Program Manager, presented a systematic plan for the program. Prof. SEN raised several insightful questions reflecting her students' concerns, ensuring that preparations aligned with the needs and expectations of the participants. The meeting concluded with a shared lunch, featuring traditional Indonesian cuisine, including *Soto Banjar* and a local Makassar dessert, *Pisang Ijo* (steamed banana in green pandan wrap)

As it was her first time in Makassar, Prof. SEN was accompanied by IO staff to explore the city. She enjoyed a traditional boat ride along the Makassar Strait and visited several key locations at UNHAS on her second day. These included the Institute of Research and Community Development (LP2M) Hall, which will serve as a venue for the summer program, as well as multiple International Corners across campus. She began at the Japan Corner, followed by visits to the Mandarin Corner and Ausie Banget Corner. At the latter, she was welcomed by Herawaty Abbas, Ph.D., Head of UNHAS Language Services and Coordinator of the Ausie Banget Corner, who explained its role in supporting international engagement.



The visit continued to the Department of Japanese Literature, Faculty of Cultural Sciences (FIB), where Prof. SEN was warmly welcomed by Kasmawaty, M.Pd., Secretary of the Department, and Taqdir, M.Pd., Lecturer. Ansar Saud, M.Si., Secretary of the UNHAS Library, also joined the visit. During her discussion with department lecturers, Prof. SEN expressed enthusiasm for future collaborations and engaged in conversation using fluent Japanese, which greatly impressed the IO staff and academic community. Her visit concluded with photo sessions at each location. With hopes of a successful summer program ahead, she departed for Jakarta at 6:00 p.m. and continued her journey back to Kanazawa.



FROM MAKASSAR TO THE WORLD: FKM UNHAS SHINES AT PBC VIETNAM 2025



Amid the bustling warmth and dynamism of Ho Chi Minh City, a group of academics and students from the Faculty of Public Health (FKM) Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) were taking a significant step forward in their international journey. From 28 to 31 May 2025, they participated in the 20th Pacific Basin Consortium for Environment and Health International Conference (PBC), a prestigious forum bringing together leading thinkers and practitioners in the fields of environment and health. With the theme “Bidirectional Interactions between Climate and Health,” the conference serves as a global platform to discuss the deep connection between climate change and public health conditions.

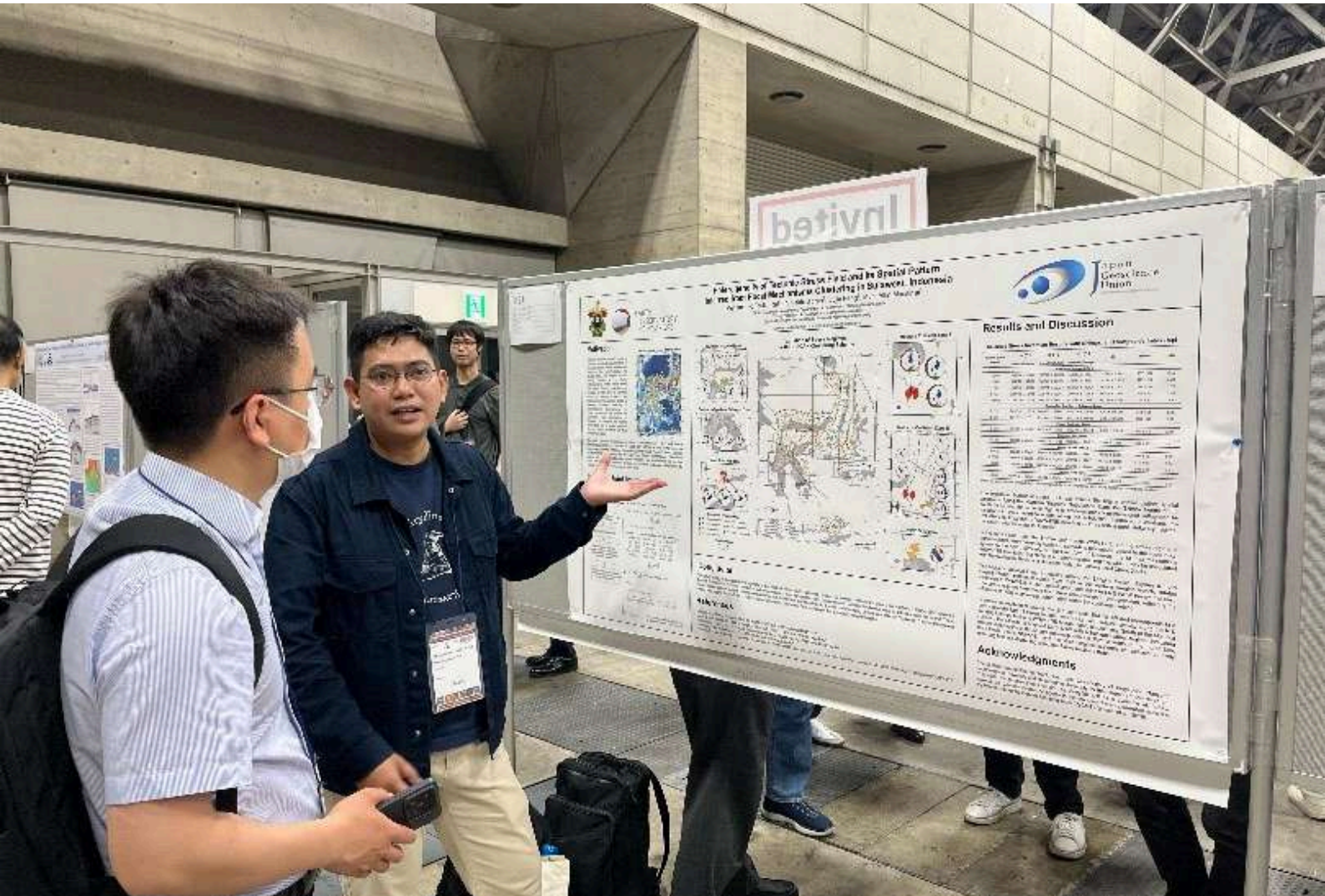
Among participants from various parts of the world, the FKM delegation brought the scientific spirit of eastern Indonesia, led directly by Vice Dean I, Dr. Wahiduddin, M.Kes., and Head of the Undergraduate Programme, Dr. Hasnawati Amqam. Dr. Hasnawati Amqam, Head of the Undergraduate Public Health Programme at FKM, presented her research findings titled ‘Non-Linear Associations Between Prenatal Heavy Metal Exposure and Fetal Growth’ during an oral presentation session at the prestigious 20th Pacific Basin Consortium for Environment and Health International Conference (PBC). Furthermore, other faculty members were actively involved, including Prof. Dr. dr. Syamsiar S. Russeng, MS., Dr. dr. Masyita Muis, MS., Dr. Apik Indarty Moedjiono, SKM., M.Si., Dr. Syamsuar Manyullei, SKM., M.Kes., M.Sc.PH., Andi Wahyuni, SKM., M.Kes., and Nasrah, SKM., M.Kes.

FKM delegation did not come merely as participants but as part of the global discussion pulse, contributing ideas, absorbing knowledge, and fostering cross-national partnerships. Five doctoral students from FKM—Abdul Madjid, Irawati, Ana Utami Zainal, Isyamiarni Syarif, and Niaria Esba Panjaitan—were honoured to present in the oral presentation and student poster sessions. This opportunity was not merely a platform to showcase their work but a moment to affirm that the young generation of Indonesian scientists from FKM is ready to engage in dialogue and compete in international academic activities. Besides the complex topics of climate change and its impacts on health They had experiences in discussing with professors from world-renowned universities, exchanging ideas with students from across continents, and building connections that may lay the groundwork for future research collaborations.

This reflected the FKM Unhas' commitment to expanding academic horizons and playing an active role in global issues. Amid the growing complexity of public health challenges, this campus in eastern Indonesia proves itself as part of a cross-border solution. Their steps in Vietnam may be just one of many events, but the echoes of the spirit and knowledge brought back will continue to grow—in lecture halls, in research, and in the hearts of students who dream bigger for a healthier world.



GEOSCIENCE EXCELLENCE: UNHAS STRENGTHENS GLOBAL COLLABORATION AT JpGU 2025



Two lecturers from the Department of Geophysics, Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences, Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), Aswar Syafnur, S.Si., M.Eng. and Dr. Muh. Taufiq Rafie, S.Si., M.T., participated in the Japan Geoscience Meeting (JpGU) 2025, held at Makuhari Messe, Chiba, Japan from 26 to 30 May, 2025.

Aswar Syafnur had the opportunity to present his research in a poster session entitled "Analysis of Urban Land Subsidence in Makassar, Indonesia: Sentinel-1 DInSAR Detection and GIS Land-Use Correlation". His study highlights the application of satellite-based Differential Interferometric Synthetic Aperture Radar (DInSAR) using Sentinel-1 data, combined with Geographic Information System (GIS) analysis, to investigate the relationship between land subsidence and urban land use patterns in Makassar.

Meanwhile, Muh. Taufiq Rafie presented a poster titled “Heterogeneity of Tectonic Stress Field and Its Spatial Pattern Inferred from Focal Mechanisms Clustering in Sulawesi, Indonesia”. His work explores the spatial distribution of tectonic stress across Sulawesi by clustering focal mechanism solutions, contributing valuable insights into the region’s complex geodynamic behavior.

Their participation in this prestigious international conference reflects the commitment of the Geophysics Department at UNHAS to advancing global scientific collaboration and contributing to the development of geoscience research in Indonesia.

During their visit to Japan, both researchers also had the valuable opportunity to meet with Prof. Josaphat Tetuko Sri Sumantyo at the Center for Environmental Remote Sensing (CEReS), Chiba University. The meeting served as a platform for in-depth discussions on potential collaborative research initiatives in the field of geoscience and remote sensing.

Their participation in this prestigious international conference reflects the commitment of the Geophysics Department at UNHAS to advancing global scientific collaboration and contributing to the development of geoscience research in Indonesia. This participation not only showcases the active contribution of the Geophysics Department at UNHAS to the global geoscientific community but also strengthens international academic cooperation and research partnerships.



CULTURAL LEARNING THROUGH LANGUAGE: GUEST SPEAKER JOINS FINAL KOREAN CLASS



On Monday, 2 June 2025, a Korean language class was held during the final week of the even semester of the 2024/2025 academic year. The class began at 2:00 p.m. with student attendance taken by the course lecturer, Mr. Muhammad Syahrin, S.S., M.Hum. Afterward, the lecturer informed the students about the arrival of a native Korean speaker guest. He then instructed the students to prepare questions they would later ask the guest.

The native Korean speaker, Mr. Park Seong-II, arrived at 2:40 p.m. Mr. Park is a Korean-Australian (an alumnus of Pusan University) who has lived in Perth, Australia for approximately ten years. He introduced himself to the students, explaining that he is currently the head chef at a restaurant in Australia and a traveler who has visited 40 countries.

Mr. Park shared many of his experiences interacting with new people during his travels to countries such as France, Egypt, Indonesia, and others. He used the phrase "open-minded" to describe himself when encountering new cultures. He emphasized the importance of staying open and trying to understand the customs and traditions of people in every place he visits. The session concluded with a group photo of Mr. Park, the lecturer, and the students, followed by the end of the class at 3:30 p.m.



UNHAS HOSTS NANCHANG UNIVERSITY DELEGATION FOR EXPANDED ACADEMIC COOPERATION



On Tuesday, 3 June 2025, Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) welcomed a delegation from Nanchang University (NCU), China. The purpose of the visit was to conduct the signing ceremony of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) between the two institutions, involving multiple faculties, particularly the Faculty of Cultural Sciences and the Faculty of Engineering.

The NCU delegation included Ms. Song Wenjie (Vice Dean of the International Education College), Prof. Dr. Xiong Jingang (Secretary of the Party Committee of the School of Engineering and Construction), Associate Prof. Dr. Yang Zheng (Vice Dean of the School of Tourism), Associate Prof. Dr. Liu Xiaochuan (Vice Dean of the School of Humanities), and Ms. Nie Yujuan (Confucius Institute Affairs Officer, International Education College).

One of the main agenda items with the Faculty of Cultural Sciences was a discussion on the evaluation of the 2+2 Joint Degree Program between UNHAS and NCU. Since its launch in 2022, the program has successfully sent three student cohorts, totaling 53 students. Both sides engaged in talks to explore the future direction of the program and to make necessary adjustments.

Key discussion points included curriculum revisions within UNHAS's Mandarin Language and Chinese Culture Study Program and NCU's Chinese Language and Literature Program. Additionally, the Chinese government has introduced new academic requirements for international students, mandating them to pass the HSK (Chinese Proficiency Test), a subject-specific Mandarin language exam, and a general aptitude test (TPA). These updates will be integrated into future planning of the joint degree initiative.



JOINT DEGREE SUCCESS: UNHAS STUDENTS EARN CHINESE BA AND INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



A total of 20 students from the Mandarin Language and Chinese Culture Study Program, Faculty of Cultural Sciences (FIB), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), have officially passed their thesis defense at Nanchang University, China. These students are part of the 2021 cohort of the 2+2 Joint Degree Program between UNHAS and Nanchang University, which allows them to study for two years at UNHAS and continue the remaining two years at Nanchang University.

As part of their final academic requirements, the students were required to write their undergraduate theses in Mandarin. The thesis process was conducted under the supervision of academic advisors from both Nanchang University and UNHAS. Upon graduation, the students will receive a Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree from Nanchang University and will participate in commencement ceremonies at both institutions.

Notably, nine out of the 20 students have successfully passed interviews with Chinese multinational companies and have been selected to join internship programs. This achievement not only demonstrates the academic success of the students but also reflects the growing international career opportunities available through the joint degree program.



WORLD-CLASS DIALOGUE: KING'S COLLEGE LONDON SHARES INSIGHTS AT UNHAS NURSING FACULTY



The Faculty of Nursing at Universitas Hasanuddin (UNHAS) successfully hosted a general lecture on Thursday, 5 June 2025, featuring two distinguished speakers from the Florence Nightingale Faculty of Nursing, Midwifery, and Palliative Care (NMPC) at King's College London, which is currently ranked #1 in the field of nursing according to the QS World University Rankings. The event welcomed Dr. Julia Philippou, Interim Vice Dean and Reader in Nursing Education, and Dr Mary Leamy BSc, MSc., Associate Dean of Postgraduate Research Studies and Senior Lecturer in Mental Health. In addition to the lecture, the event featured a focused discussion on potential opportunities for future research collaboration between the two institutions

The session was officially attended by the Dean of the Faculty of Nursing, Prof. Dr. Ariyanti Saleh, S.Kp., M.Si, along with all Vice Deans of the Faculty: Dr. Erfina, S.Kep., Ns., M.Kep, Dr. Takdir Tahir, S.Kep., Ns., M.Kes, and Syahrul, S.Kep., Ns., M.Kes., Ph.D. Also present was the Head of the International Affairs Office, Andi Masyitha Irwan, S.Kep., Ns., MAN., Ph.D.

In her opening remarks, Prof. Ariyanti highlighted the significance of the event as a meaningful opportunity to strengthen academic collaboration and promote continuous learning for both lecturers and students. She expressed hope that the event would mark the beginning of a broader and more impactful partnership between UNHAS and King's College London.

The general lecture attracted enthusiastic participation from nursing students, faculty members, and healthcare professionals from various institutions. Two keynote presentations were delivered during the session: "Empowering the Nursing Workforce through Education, Connection, and Global Collaboration" by Dr. Julia Philippou, and "Mental Health Recovery and Recovery College" by Dr. Mary Leamy. The session was moderated by Nur Fadilah, S.Kep.Ns., MN, and concluded with an engaging Q&A segment, allowing participants to interact directly with the speakers.

In addition to the lectures, the speakers introduced the postgraduate programs offered by NMPC at King's College London. Participants also received valuable guidance on developing competitive PhD research proposals, which will be beneficial for lecturers and students planning to pursue doctoral studies in the near future.



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