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UNHAS CONDUCTS COURTESY CALL TO MAYOR OF MAKASSAR TO STRENGTHEN SUPPORT FOR INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS



Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), through its International Office (IO), conducted a courtesy call to the Mayor of Makassar, Mr. Munafri Arifuddin, on Monday, 16 June 2025, at the Mayor's Office. The visit was led by Prof. Ir. Sumbangan Baja, M.Phil., Ph.D. (UNHAS Secretary), accompanied by the IO team. The Mayor welcomed the delegation alongside several city officials. Prof. Sumbangan began by expressing his gratitude for the warm reception and introduced the purpose of the visit.

During the meeting, Prof. Sumbangan explained the upcoming 8th International Cultural Program (ICP), which will welcome approximately 56 participants from 25 countries. He also introduced two additional key programs managed by IO: the International Academic Consortium for Sustainable Cities (IACSC), and the UNHAS-Kanazawa University (KU) Summer Program. The IACSC involves six partner universities: Yokohama City University (Japan), University of the Philippines (UP), Vietnam National University (Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam), Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM), Thammasat University (Thailand), and UNHAS (Indonesia).

Saaduddin, M.Sc., the Program Manager for both ICP and the UNHAS-KU Summer Program, elaborated further. He expressed hope that the Mayor would attend and meet the international participants during the welcome dinner and city tour, allowing them to explore Makassar more intimately. Representatives from Makassar's Culture Office, who were also present, suggested incorporating a visit to the Makassar Museum into the ICP agenda. The suggestion was well received by the IO team and will be included, offering participants an opportunity to experience Makassar's history and traditional performances.

Additionally, Khaeruddin, Ph.D., proposed inviting the Mayor as a keynote speaker for the upcoming IACSC Conference, where he could share Makassar's urban sustainability strategies. Muhammad Ridwan, M.A., Secretary of the IO, also added that the UNHAS-KU Summer Program would include a homestay component in Bantaeng Regency. He highlighted the strong historical ties between Bantaeng and Japan during the tenure of former Bantaeng Regent, Prof. Nurdin Abdullah, making it a meaningful location for cultural immersion.

The courtesy call concluded with the Mayor expressing full support for the international programs and encouraging further coordination through the designated liaison from his office. The visit ended with a group photo session, marking the beginning of strengthened collaboration between UNHAS and the City of Makassar.





POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS LEAD GLOBAL DIALOGUE ON SUSTAINABLE OCEANS AT UNHAS



Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), through the Faculty of Marine Science and Fisheries (FIKP), held an international symposium titled *"The 2nd International Postgraduate Symposium on Ocean Sustainability."* The event, which was also part of the International Student Exchange Program, took place on Monday, 16 June 2025, at the FIKP Hall, UNHAS Tamalanrea Campus, Makassar.

Attending the event were the Rector of UNHAS, Prof. Dr. Ir. Jamaluddin Jompa, M.Sc, widely known as Prof. JJ; Dean of FIKP, Prof. Safruddin, S.Pi., M.P., Ph.D.; Heads of Departments; Heads of the Master's and Doctoral Programs in Marine and Fisheries Sciences; as well as representatives from partner universities, namely Universiti Malaysia Terengganu (Malaysia), Beibu Gulf University (China), Universiti Malaysia Sabah (Malaysia), Kasetsart University (Thailand), and Jimei University (China).

Opening the event, the Chair of the Committee, Prof. Dr. Ir. Yushinta Fujaya, M.Si., stated in her report that the symposium carries the theme *"Bridging Research, Writing, and Global Collaboration for a Sustainable Ocean,"* which emphasizes the importance of innovation and cross-border collaboration in supporting the sustainability of marine and coastal resources. "Throughout the two-week program, participants will undergo five days of in-person activities in Makassar and nine days of online sessions. The activities are focused on scientific manuscript writing and the submission process to reputable international journals," explained Prof. Yushinta.

The symposium was officially opened by the Rector of UNHAS, Prof. JJ. In his opening remarks, he expressed hope that the event would serve as a strategic platform for building an international scientific community dedicated to science-based solutions for ocean sustainability. "Postgraduate students are at the forefront of scientific advancement. More importantly, the personal connections formed through events like this are key to establishing long-term collaborative networks," said Prof. JJ.

To foster collaboration and camaraderie among participants, the program also includes capacity-building sessions, team-based games, and field visits to the Brackish Water Aquaculture Center in Takalar and the prehistoric site of Leang-Leang in Maros. The event was attended by 50 participants, consisting of 30 postgraduate students and 20 accompanying lecturers from seven partner universities across Asia—including from China, Malaysia, and Thailand—and was successfully conducted.



INTERNATIONAL GUEST LECTURE ON PARASITOLOGY STRENGTHENS ACADEMIC EXCHANGE AT HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY



The Veterinary Medicine Study Program, Faculty of Medicine (FK), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), recently held the "International Guest Lecture of Parasitology" on Wednesday, 18 June 2025, at Lecture Theater 5, Faculty of Medicine.

The event featured two prominent speakers recognized for their expertise in the field. Prof. Makoto Matsubayashi, DVM, Ph.D., from Osaka Metropolitan University, delivered a presentation titled "Development of Technology for Detecting Gastrointestinal Parasites Infecting Animals and Humans and Their Impact on One Health." Meanwhile, April Hari Wardhana, M.Si., Ph.D., from the Veterinary Research Center at *Badan Riset dan Inovasi Nasional* (BRIN) or the National Research and Innovation Agency, presented on "Trypanosoma evansi: The Dynamics of its Spread in Livestock and its Potential as an Emerging Zoonosis in Indonesia."

Dr. drh. Dwi Kesuma Sari, Ap.Vet, emphasized that the event not only served as a platform for students and faculty members to gain the latest knowledge in parasitology but also provided a valuable opportunity for in-depth discussions between the speakers and members of the Veterinary Medicine academic community at UNHAS.

In addition to the lecture, the visit also served as an avenue to explore possibilities for international collaboration. Prof. Makoto Matsubayashi met with Ansariadi, SKM., M.Sc.PH., Ph.D., Director of Partnerships at UNHAS, to discuss potential future cooperation between UNHAS and Osaka Metropolitan University.

Sincere thanks are extended to all the speakers, participants, and supporting parties who made this event possible. It is hoped that the knowledge shared and the connections established will contribute meaningfully to the advancement of veterinary science in Indonesia.



UNHAS DELEGATES READY FOR NUS-AUN SUMMER JOURNEY



The International Office (IO) of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) held a Pre-Departure Orientation (PDO) on Friday, 20 June 2025, from 09.00 to 11.45 a.m. Makassar time. The orientation was organized for UNHAS students selected to participate in the prestigious National University of Singapore – ASEAN University Network (NUS-AUN) Summer Program 2025. The cohort comprises students from various faculties, including Nursing, Economics and Business, Cultural Sciences, Medicine, Mathematics and Natural Sciences, Law, Engineering, and Social and Political Sciences.

The PDO consisted of four comprehensive sessions designed to prepare the participants for academic engagement and cultural adaptation during the program. The event commenced with opening remarks and a presentation by Dr. Andi Masyitha Irwan, Head of IO and widely known as Ms. Citha. Her session, titled Introduction to UNHAS, showcased the university's achievements and growing global presence. She encouraged students to actively participate in discussions and uphold the values of UNHAS as its ambassadors abroad.

Following this, Muhammad Ridwan, M.A., (Secretary of IO), delivered a session on Cultural and Intercultural Awareness, equipping the students with the tools to navigate diverse cultural environments. This was followed by an Academic Writing session led by Khaeruddin, Ph.D., (IO Task Force for Mobility Programs). The final session, on Travel Documents and Visa Procedures, was presented by Saaduddin, M.Sc., (IO Task Force for International Students and Immigration Affairs).

To support their representation of the university, the students received official UNHAS merchandise to be shared with representatives at NUS. The orientation concluded with a group photo session, symbolizing the students' preparedness and enthusiasm for their upcoming international academic experience.





FRIDAY OUTBOUND CLINIC (FOC): EXPLORING DAAD SCHOLARSHIP PATHWAYS FOR STUDY AND RESEARCH IN GERMANY



As part of the Friday Outbound Clinic organized by the International Office (IO) of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), a scholarship information session was successfully held with a presentation by Ms. La Budza from the DAAD (Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst – German Academic Exchange Service) Representative Office in Jakarta. The event was held on Friday, 20 June 2025, and Attended by nearly 50 participants from various faculties. This session aimed to introduce DAAD's diverse scholarship opportunities and guide potential applicants from UNHAS in navigating the application process. The session was moderated by Khaeruddin, Ph.D, a member of the IO task force.

DAAD, as one of the world's most prominent organizations supporting international academic exchange, offers a wide range of fully funded scholarships for postgraduate studies, doctoral research, and postdoctoral fellowships in Germany. One of the highlighted programs during the session was the Postgraduate Scholarships in STEM Fields (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics), which are open to Indonesian graduates with strong academic records. This scholarship allows applicants to choose up to five masters programs in Germany and requires a minimum GPA of 3.2 and proof of English proficiency (TOEFL iBT 80 or IELTS 6.0). The deadline for this program is 21 October 2025.

Another key program introduced was the Development-Related Postgraduate Courses (EPOS), which supports both Master's and Doctoral programs in 39 fields such as Economic Sciences, Development Cooperation, Engineering, Urban Planning, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, Public Health, Social Sciences, and Media Studies. This program is particularly relevant for professionals seeking to apply their expertise toward sustainable development goals. The session also highlighted the Helmut Schmidt Programme, a highly competitive scholarship for Master's studies in the fields of public policy and good governance. This program supports studies in areas such as Social Protection, Development and Governance, Peace and Conflict Studies, and Management in Non-Profit Organizations, aiming to empower future leaders in governance and development.

For early-career researchers, DAAD also provides Research Grants for PhD candidates and Young Postdoctoral Researchers. These grants support research stays in Germany ranging from 2 to 12 months for PhD students (maximum in their third year of study) and 2 to 6 months for recent postdocs (PhD completed within the last four years). This scheme is available for applicants from Indonesia and Malaysia, with upcoming deadlines on 7 October 2025 (for funding starting in May 2026) and 3 April 2026 (for funding starting in July 2026).

The information session provided detailed guidance on how to prepare competitive applications, including how to write a convincing motivation letter, select study programs, and meet eligibility criteria. Participants were highly engaged throughout the event, demonstrating strong interest in pursuing academic and research opportunities in Germany. Overall, this activity is part of UNHAS's commitment to fostering global academic mobility and building international partnerships. It also reflects the IO's ongoing efforts to prepare staff and students to engage meaningfully with leading international scholarship opportunities such as those offered by DAAD.



STRENGTHENING REGIONAL COLLABORATION: FIKP UNHAS HOSTS UniKL FOR JOINT RESEARCH AND INNOVATION



The Faculty of Marine Science and Fisheries (FIKP), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), recently hosted a delegation from Universiti Kuala Lumpur (UniKL) Malaysian Institute of Chemical and Bioengineering Technology as part of a collaborative academic visit held from 13 to 18 June 2025. The visit aimed to strengthen joint research, foster knowledge exchange, and explore opportunities for future publications and student mobility between the two institutions. The program began on 14 June with a focused discussion session involving FIKP researchers and the UniKL team, where potential topics for collaborative research and academic publication were explored. Both parties expressed strong interest in continuing joint investigations in environmental biotechnology, wastewater management, and marine bioresource processing.

On 15 June, the UniKL delegation attended the SYMARFISH 2025 symposium, an annual international event hosted by FIKP that gathers marine and fisheries science experts from across the region. The delegation consisted of three researchers: Siti Noorain Roslan, PhD, an expert in wastewater treatment and environmental technology who presented her research on DHS (Down-flow Hanging Sponge) technology; Sharifah Mariam Sayed Hitam, PhD, a specialist in bioseparation and biotechnology who conducted a sharing session on protein purification processes; and Rozyanti Mohamad, PhD, Program Coordinator for postgraduate studies, whose expertise lies in biomass technology and simulation modeling.

On 16 and 17 June 2025, the delegates conducted a series of lab visits at FIKP, including joint analysis activities with local researchers and technicians. These sessions served to compare methodologies, enhance technical capabilities, and identify equipment needs that could support future collaborative experiments. The final day, 18 June 2025, was dedicated to a field visit to observe marine-based industry at KIMA and community-managed aquaculture sites around Makassar. The visit provided practical exposure to the application of environmental and bioprocessing technologies in real-world coastal settings. Dr. Syahrul, head of Study Program of Fisheries Product Technology stated that the visit marks an important milestone in advancing interdisciplinary marine research, particularly through cross-institutional collaboration. He emphasized the strategic importance of fostering regional networks that combine academic excellence with industry relevance.

The Dean of FIKP, Prof. Safrudin, PhD, also welcomed the delegates and expressed strong support for the partnership. He affirmed that the collaboration aligns with the university's vision to become a leading institution in sustainable marine development and applied science in Southeast Asia. This exchange between FIKP and UniKL is expected to lead to joint publications, student research exchanges, and further integration of biotechnology into marine and environmental science education. Both institutions have committed to building on this momentum and expanding the scope of their collaboration in the coming years.



CULTURAL LEARNING IN ACTION: UNHAS BIPA STUDENTS DISCOVER THE WISDOM OF KAJANG



Six international students enrolled in *Bahasa Indonesia untuk Penutur Asing* (BIPA) or Indonesian Language for Foreign Speakers Program at Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) took part in a cultural immersion visit to the *Ammatoa Kajang* indigenous area in Bulukumba Regency. The activity spanned three days, from 12 to 14 June 2025, as part of an initiative to introduce the cultural heritage and tourist destinations of South Sulawesi. The program was an initiative of UNHAS Language Service Center, (LSC) aiming to introduce local cultural richness while strengthening the participants' enthusiasm for learning the Indonesian language.

The participating students came from various countries: Tlotlo Semakaleng (Botswana), Kumar Apurvakan Gautam (India), Abdul Qayyom and Jalal Rehman (Pakistan), as well as Aseel Mohammed Abdullah Mubarak Flehan and Mohammed Ahmed Mohammed Sulaiman Kann (Yemen). As part of the visit, the participants were guided through the *Ammatoa Kajang* customary region, which is renowned for its preserved traditions and philosophical way of life. They had the rare opportunity to meet with the Ammatoa, the customary leader of the Kajang community, and listen to traditional narratives delivered in the Konjo language—the native language of the community—offering them authentic insight into local wisdom.

Dr. Herawaty (Head of the LSC), emphasized that the activity was part of an integrated language learning approach grounded in cultural elements. Language and culture in Indonesia are inseparable,” she stated, underlining the importance of contextual and interactive learning. Throughout the visit, Ms. Hera, her popular nickname, was accompanied by Inriati Lewa (Secretary of LSC and also the Coordinator of the BIPA Program). BIPA lecturers such as Syahwan Alfianto Amir and Indarwati, along with several staff members of the UNHAS Language Center, also joined in guiding and supporting the students in their exploration and understanding of local cultural values.

This activity not only deepened the participants’ understanding of the Indonesian language but also served as a bridge to connect with the cultural life of the South Sulawesi community. The direct experience within the indigenous environment offered a more profound and meaningful learning journey for the BIPA students of UNHAS.



RESTORING CORAL REEFS, BUILDING FUTURES: UNHAS ADVANCES MARITIME EXCELLENCE THROUGH GLOBAL COLLABORATION



The Faculty of Marine Science and Fisheries (FIKP), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), continues to demonstrate its commitment as a leading maritime university, this time by organizing a training course titled *"Restoration of Coral Reef and Development of Marine Ranching Techniques"* on Tuesday, 18 June 2025. This activity was part of an international collaboration with Shanghai Ocean University and Guangdong Ocean University, China. The event was attended by academics from all three universities, including a keynote speaker, Professor Zhang Shou from Shanghai Ocean University.

In his presentation, Prof. Zhang Shou emphasized the urgency of coral reef restoration, stating that the world's coral reefs are in crisis. "More than half of the world's coral reefs are in poor condition. This is a serious challenge for the scientific community and humanity," he stated. Prof. Zhang elaborated on how coral reef degradation affects not only marine ecosystems but also coastal communities. Rising sea temperatures disrupt ecological balance, impact coastal habitats, and influence the lives of nearby residents. He cited several causes of reef destruction, including destructive fishing practices such as blast fishing, climate change, and marine pollution from oil spills. "Personally, I stress the importance of restoration as a key effort in saving coastal ecosystems," he added.

Dean of FIKP UNHAS, Prof. Safruddin, S.Pi., M.P., Ph.D., stated that this collaboration is a strategic step toward UNHAS's goal of becoming a World Class University. "We are building partnerships with top universities in China, and today we're seeing direct knowledge and technology transfer through this training," he said. He also shared that this initiative is part of a five-year program that began in 2022 and will run through 2027. "The proposal was jointly developed and is supported by partner funding, with potential scholarships and student exchange programs included," he explained.

Looking ahead, the faculty aims to implement joint degree or double degree programs between FIKP UNHAS and its Chinese partners. "This means our students could earn degrees from two different universities," he noted.

Through this initiative, FIKP UNHAS not only expands its international academic network but also fulfills its community engagement mission through practical, on-the-ground action. The collaboration serves as a strong example of synergy between academia, government, and local communities in sustaining Indonesia's marine ecosystems.

One of the local fishermen from Bonetambu Island, Muhammad Idrus, shared his appreciation for the long-standing partnership with FIKP UNHAS in deploying artificial reefs in his area. "We've seen a positive impact. Small fish are returning, and fishermen don't have to venture far to catch fish anymore," he said. He mentioned that the artificial reefs, shaped like turtles, were designed and installed by FIKP UNHAS students. "We've worked with the faculty for over a decade. From floating ropes in the past to artificial reefs today, all of it has been very helpful," he added. According to him, the main benefits of artificial reefs include the return of marine life and new economic potential for coastal fishers. He hopes the collaboration continues, as it has proven to benefit coastal communities.

In addition to the training, an awareness session was held for students from the local Vocational High School of Fisheries, aimed at raising early awareness about the importance of marine ecosystem preservation. The students were invited to observe a coral reef restoration simulation firsthand.



BBQ, RAIN, AND FRIENDSHIP: ISA UNHAS CELEBRATES SEMESTER'S END



The International Students Association (ISA), in collaboration with the International Office (IO) of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), successfully hosted the International Students Gathering on Friday, 20 June 2025. The event, held at the veranda behind the IO building, was designed to strengthen bonds among international students while fostering a sense of community with the IO team. It also served as a cheerful celebration marking the end of Semester Term II.

Initially scheduled to take place in the IO front office area, the gathering was relocated to the veranda due to heavy rainfall. Despite the weather, the event remained lively and full of warmth as students and staff came together for a festive Indonesian-style barbecue (BBQ) party. A highlight of the evening was the traditional satay served with *lontong* (type of Indonesian rice cake made by boiling compressed rice in a banana leaf), rich peanut sauce, and sweet soy ketchup—offering international students a taste of local cuisine.

As night fell, students took the stage with musical performances in English, Arabic, and Spanish, showcasing not only their talent but also the vibrant cultural diversity within the international student community. The lively performances sparked laughter, connection, and moments of joyful harmony.

The event concluded with a group photo session to capture the memorable evening. Dr. Andi Masyitha Irwan, Head of IO, expressed her heartfelt gratitude to all participants and ISA for their enthusiasm and commitment in organizing the event. Despite the rain, the gathering succeeded in celebrating cultural exchange, friendship, and the spirit of unity that defines the UNHAS international community.



EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES THROUGH RESEARCH: GUEST LECTURE ON COMMUNITY-BASED PARTICIPATORY RESEARCH (CBPR) BY UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Empowering Communities : Community-Based Participatory Research in Low- and Middle- Income Communities

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The Enhancement Healthy Aging (EAGING) Research Group at the Faculty of Nursing, Hasanuddin University, organized an international guest lecture featuring speakers from the School of Nursing, University of Michigan, United States (Amy Buckenmeyer, Ph.D., MPH, RN, CPH, CPNP-PC). The event took place on Wednesday, 18 June 2025 via Zoom, with moderation by Yery Mustari, S.Ft., Physio, MClInRehab., CMTP. The lecture was attended by both undergraduate and master's nursing students. The topic presented was "Empowering Communities: Community-Based Participatory Research (CBPR) in Low- and Middle-Income Countries."

Andi Masyitha Irwan, RN, MAN, Ph.D., chair of the event, stated that the activity aimed to enhance knowledge and experience among nursing students, lecturers, and research nurses regarding community nursing research practices aimed at health promotion and disease prevention. This activity serves as educational material for students, lecturers, and nurses to improve health outcomes through research findings from Nicaragua, which can be reflected in rural areas of Indonesia.



During her presentation, Amy Buckenmeyer explained that instead of merely providing health education, working collaboratively with communities should involve active participation from community members to address their health issues. Dr. Buckenmeyer believes this approach benefits healthcare outcomes and supports the development of sustainable programs.



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Topic: Community-Based Participation Program to Prevent and Promote Health

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