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## **PROF. STELLA CHRISTI DECLARES COMMITMENT AS 'MOTHER AND SPOKESPERSON' FOR INDONESIAN VOCATIONAL EDUCATION**



Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), through the Faculty of Vocational Studies, proudly welcomed Vice Minister for Science and Technology, Prof. Stella Christi, Ph.D., during her official visit on Monday, 7 July 2025. This visit underscored UNHAS' strategic role in advancing research, fostering innovation, and enhancing international collaboration—particularly with China—through vocational education initiatives.

During her time at UNHAS, Prof. Stella met the university leaders and academic staff to hear presentations on flagship research in metallurgy and marine resources. These sessions provided insight into UNHAS' innovation potential and reaffirmed the ministry's commitment to supporting the downstreaming of research outputs into practical solutions for national development. In her keynote address, Prof. Stella emphasized that university-based research must move beyond laboratories to generate tangible impact in society. She stressed that this transformation must be prioritized as part of the ministry's broader strategic agenda.

A key moment during the visit was the official inauguration of the ASEAN-China Centre of Excellence for Metallurgy and Marine Resources. This university-wide initiative will serve as a platform to enhance multidisciplinary research, education, and innovation in collaboration with Chinese academic and industrial partners. It is expected to accelerate advancements in key sectors critical to national and regional development.

Prof. Stella also witnessed the signing of two cooperation agreements between the Faculty of Vocational Studies and two major industrial partners: PT Indonesia Morowali Industrial Park (PT IMIP) and PT Huayou International Mining. These agreements reaffirm UNHAS' dedication to linking academic excellence with industry needs. The collaboration focuses on the Applied Undergraduate Program in Extraction Metallurgy Technology and is structured as a scholarship and employment bond program. Each company will provide full four-year scholarships for 40 prospective students. Upon graduation, these students will be directly recruited to work at the respective companies. The program not only ensures clear career pathways but also helps meet the increasing demand for skilled professionals in Indonesia's industrial sector.

During her visit, Prof. Stella also met the leaders of The Indonesian Vocational Higher Education Forum of *Forum Pendidikan Tinggi Vokasi Indonesia* (FPTVI), where she conveyed her strong personal commitment to advocating for vocational education. She expressed appreciation for the forum's work and declared her willingness to act as the "Mother and Spokesperson" for vocational higher education in Indonesia. In this meeting, FPTVI presented a series of national initiatives ranging from curriculum development aligned with industry demands, capacity building for vocational educators, and network strengthening among institutions to address evolving technological and industrial challenges.





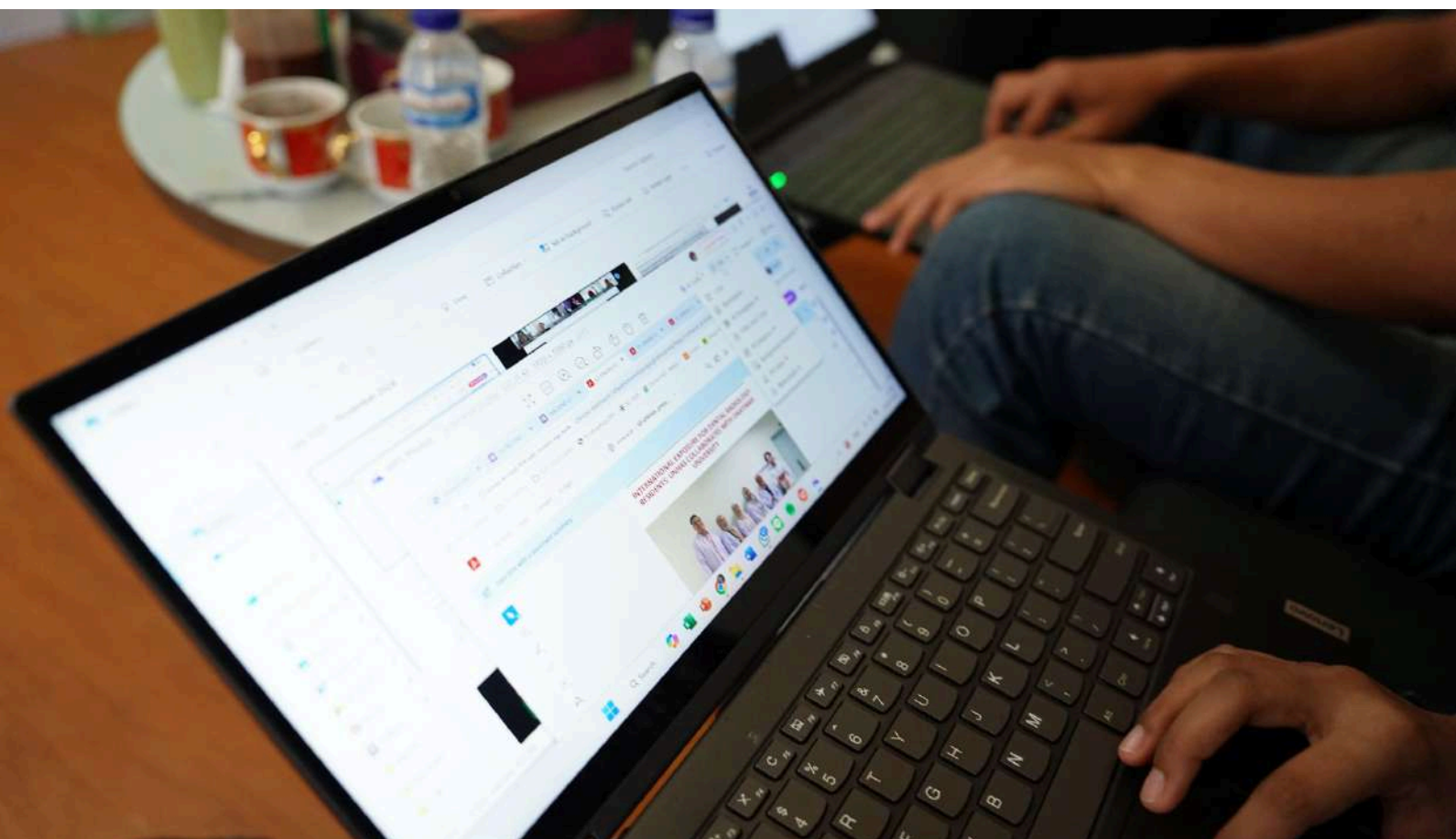
Prof. Muh. Restu, M.P., Chair of FPTVI, expressed his deep appreciation to Prof. Stella's engagement and support, calling it a new source of energy to further advance an adaptive, collaborative, and impactful vocational education system. The gathering also served as a moment of internal consolidation for FPTVI to align future strategic plans and explore deeper collaborations with ministries and the business sector.

Rector of UNHAS, Prof. Dr. Ir. Jamaluddin Jompa, M.Sc., opened the event by highlighting UNHAS' consistent performance on national and global stages. He noted that UNHAS remains the only Legal Entity State University (PTNBH) in Eastern Indonesia and continues to earn recognition, from winning National Student Science Week (PIMNAS) 2024 and entering the Top 1000 Global Universities to securing the most funded Student Creativity Program (PKM) proposals for 2025. He stated that these achievements reflect the university's commitment to fostering innovation, supporting job creation, and contributing to economic growth.

Prof. Dr. Eng. Ir. Adi Maulana, ST., M.Phil., Vice Rector for Partnerships, Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Business, also shared UNHAS' active engagement with Chinese institutions to support national strategic objectives. The visit of Prof. Stella Christi marked a significant milestone in deepening synergy between UNHAS and the central government. With her strong support and leadership, stakeholders in vocational education, including FPTVI, remain optimistic in playing a greater role in strengthening Indonesia's innovation ecosystem and shaping a highly skilled, future-ready workforce.



## INTERNATIONAL OFFICE GATHERS STRATEGIC INTERNATIONALIZATION DATA FROM APRIL-JUNE 2025



The International Office (IO) of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) successfully concluded their *Updating Data for Internationalization Program* on Friday, 4 July 2025. The session was held at the IO Meeting Room and marked the culmination of a comprehensive data collection process spanning April to June 2025. The program was led by Haniek Khoirunnissa, M.Sc., who serves as the Task Force for Database and Scholarship, and was supported by other IO staff members and a dedicated team of IO Student Volunteers (Stuvo).

To ensure detailed coverage, the student volunteers were divided into three groups based on the months—April, May, and June. Each division was responsible for exploring weekly news and updates related to outbound activities involving students, lecturers, and other academic communities. This included short visits, short courses, exchange programs, and various forms of international academic mobility. Their work aimed to quantify and record these activities for strategic reporting purposes.



In parallel, the volunteers also gathered data on inbound mobility. This involved identifying international students, lecturers, and researchers visiting UNHAS for diverse academic reasons—ranging from public and guest lectures to public discussions and joint research initiatives. These efforts provided a clearer picture of UNHAS’s international academic collaborations during the reporting period.

The results of this data updating program will be compiled into formal reports to be submitted to the Directorate of UNHAS Reputation Enhancement. The findings will play a key role in shaping the university’s internationalization strategies, measuring global engagement, and strengthening UNHAS’s visibility in the international academic landscape.



## COMPLETING AN INTERNATIONAL ELECTIVE JOURNEY AT HKU FACULTY OF DENTISTRY: A STORY OF LEARNING, CULTURE, AND POTENTIAL COLLABORATION



From 1 to 7 July 2025, Muhammad Imran Taufiq and Andi Muhammad Ayodhya Chandra, two professional program students from the Faculty of Dentistry (FKG), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), successfully completed the Incoming Elective Study Program at the Faculty of Dentistry, The University of Hong Kong (HKU). Ranked 2nd globally in the QS World University Rankings by Subject, HKU's dental school offered an invaluable opportunity for the students to experience clinical education at a world-class institution.

Throughout the program, both students participated in the clinical observations across various specialized departments, including endodontics, prosthodontics, periodontology, oral diagnosis, and pediatric dentistry. These sessions provided them with hands-on insight into HKU's integrated and patient-centered approach to dental education, guided by esteemed professors and clinical staff. Their exposure to advanced clinical procedures and multidisciplinary collaboration highlighted the importance of early action and continuous innovation—an ethos that aligns with HKU's commitment to excellence in oral health care.



Beyond academic engagement, the elective program also promoted cultural understanding, fulfilling its objective of international exposure. The students explored iconic landmarks such as Victoria Peak and the Star Ferry, strolled through historical trails in Wan Chai, and embarked on a full-day cultural trip to Macau. These experiences offered them a richer appreciation of dentistry in a global context, deepening their understanding of how culture and community shape healthcare delivery.

A particularly meaningful highlight of the program was a courtesy meeting with Professor Jin Lijian, Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry at HKU. In a warm and insightful exchange, Professor Jin welcomed the students to his office and shared HKU-Dent's vision as a global hub for dental collaboration. "Tomorrow's dentistry starts today," he emphasized, underlining the importance of building strong academic partnerships, nurturing clinical talent, and advancing high-impact research. He also recognized UNHAS as one of Indonesia's premier dental institutions and acknowledged the significant potential for future collaborations between the two faculties. As a gesture of goodwill, Professor Jin personally presented the students with official souvenirs from HKU, symbolizing the beginning of what promises to be a strong and enduring academic relationship.

This elective study program not only marked the successful completion of a one-week academic exchange but also served as a powerful step toward strengthening international academic cooperation. It represents the beginning of a broader vision: to build bridges across borders, foster meaningful collaborations, and empower the next generation of dental professionals to lead with skill, insight, and global awareness.











## **MARINE SCIENCE IN ACTION: UNHAS STUDENT STUDIES CORAL ZONES IN WAKATOBI NATIONAL PARK**



Muhammad Lutfi Maradhy, a master degree student in Marine Science at Hasanuddin University, is currently conducting his dissertation research on Hoga Island, located within the Wakatobi National Park. The research spans one month, from 6 July to 2 August 2025, and is carried out in collaboration with the international research organization Operation Wallacea.

Lutfi's study, titled *"Community Structure of Hard Corals Based on Ecological Zones (Reef Flat, Reef Crest, and Reef Slope) in Hoga Island, Wakatobi National Park,"* aims to examine how hard coral communities vary across different reef ecological zones. His work contributes valuable scientific insights toward the conservation and management of marine ecosystems. "Hoga Island is one of the best locations in Indonesia to study coral reef dynamics directly in the field. I'm grateful for the opportunity to conduct my research here," said Lutfi.



In the field, Lutfi is not working alone. He collaborates with Emma Novak, a Ph.D. candidate from Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand. He also conducts parallel research with three undergraduate students from the United Kingdom: Carlos and Skye from the University of Southampton, and Ella from the University of York. “This cross-national collaboration brings a wealth of new perspectives. We learn from one another—about research approaches, data collection methods, and even the research cultures of our respective countries,” he added.

With full support from Operation Wallacea, Lutfi has access to research facilities, field logistics, and technical guidance throughout the research process. He hopes that the findings of this study will contribute scientifically to the effective management of marine conservation areas, particularly in Wakatobi, which is renowned as one of the world’s marine biodiversity hotspots.





## **FOUR INTERNATIONAL CLASS STUDENTS FROM FACULTY OF DENTISTRY UNHAS JOIN ENRICHMENT PROGRAM AT OKAYAMA UNIVERSITY**



Four students from the International Class of the Faculty of Dentistry (FKG), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), are currently participating in an enrichment program at the Dental School, Okayama University. The program runs from 30 June to 24 July 2025, and offers a comprehensive academic and clinical experience.

During their stay, the students are engaged in various academic activities including clinical observations, joint lectures, practical training, and laboratory work. This program is part of FKG's commitment to providing international exposure and advanced learning opportunities to its students.



The group was warmly welcomed by Yukinori Maruo, DDS., Ph.D during the official welcoming ceremony. The students were accompanied by Prof. Dr. Nurlindah Hamrun, drg., M.Kes and Prof. Dr. Mardiana Adam, drg., MS who represented FKG and attended the welcoming event to support the students and strengthen academic collaboration between the two institutions.

This enrichment program marks another step forward in the long-standing partnership between UNHAS and Okayama University, aiming to enhance global competencies in dental education.



## **YANO KAZUHIKO, DEPUTY MINISTER OF MEXT JAPAN VISITS THE JAPAN CORNER AT UNHAS LIBRARY**



The Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) Library welcomed a special visit from the Deputy Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science, and Technology (MEXT) of Japan, YANO Kazuhiko, and his staff on Wednesday, 9 July 2025, as part of a series of educational and cultural cooperation tours between Japan and Indonesia. Their visit focused on the Japan Corner, a symbol of the long-standing partnership and cultural exchange between UNHAS and the Japanese government.

The group was received by the Director of the Japan Corner, Meta Sekar Puji Astuti, M.A., Ph.D., Prof. Ir. Suharman Hamzah, Ph.D. (Secretary of the UNHAS Research and Community Service Institute), Prof. Ir. Dorothea Agnes Rampisela, M.Sc., Ph.D. (Professor of the Department of Soil Science, Faculty of Agriculture), apt. Anshar Saud, S.Si., M.Farm. (Secretary of the UNHAS Library), as well as a number of librarians, teaching staff from the Department of Japanese Literature, and the staff of the International Office of UNHAS.

During the visit, the Deputy Minister expressed his deep appreciation for UNHAS' commitment to fostering academic cooperation and introducing Japanese culture to the campus community through the Japan Corner.



Meanwhile, the Director of the Japan Corner, Meta Sekar Puji, Ph.D., expressed her delight at the visit by the Deputy Minister and his entourage. She noted that the Japanese reading corner still appears modest and requires serious attention for development. Meta also showcased a collection of new books and scholarly magazines donated by Japan Embassy, which will soon be processed and displayed for reading. She expressed her hope that the Japan Corner will become not only a space for educational literacy but also a center for cultural and learning activities that strengthen bilateral relations. "This visit is both an honor and a motivation for us to continue developing programs that bridge culture, science, and cooperation between nations," Meta said.

The Deputy Minister of MEXT Japan praised the friendly, informative, and lively atmosphere of the Japan Corner. He also stated that his party will continue to support educational programs, student exchanges, and the provision of learning resources such as books, audiovisual media, and Japanese language training, including discussions on Japanese language, history, literature, and popular culture books available to the UNHAS academic community.

During the visit, the group was invited to explore several other International Corners, such as the Korea-Indonesian Cultural Corner and the French Corner, located on the second floor of the library, and the Chinese Cultural Activity Center (CCAC) on the third floor. Several visitors to the Japan Corner also had the opportunity to engage in direct dialogue with guests, demonstrating their enthusiasm for Japanese culture and the growing interest in learning Japanese among students.

Furthermore, before returning to the UNHAS Hotel & Convention, the Deputy Minister's group took the opportunity to pose for a photo in the lounge of the UNHAS Library as a token of appreciation for this academic visit. This group photo concluded the friendly visit. This activity emphasized that the Japan Corner is not merely a supplementary facility, but a concrete representation of active and ongoing international cooperation. Since its inauguration, the Japan Corner has become a popular alternative space for students to learn more about Japan, both in terms of language and culture.

This visit is expected to strengthen the relationship between UNHAS and the Japanese government, particularly MEXT. The UNHAS Library will continue to strive to maintain this collaborative spirit through inclusive and sustainable cultural literacy and international education services.



## FOSTERING SUSTAINABILITY AND LEADERSHIP: UNHAS DELEGATES AT UBD-AUN SUMMER CAMP 2025



Three students from Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) —A. Nurul Izzah (Faculty of Agriculture), Muhammad Adib Mapparaga (Faculty of Engineering), and Andi Muhammad Geryl Amirawan (Faculty of Marine and Fisheries Sciences)—participated in the Universiti Brunei Darussalam - ASEAN University Network (UBD-AUN) Summer Camp 2025 hosted by UBD from 14 to 28 June, 2025. This year's camp, themed "Green Stewardship: Preserving Biodiversity and Advancing Sustainable Development," brought together 163 students from 38 universities across ASEAN+3 to explore the intersection of environmental sustainability, innovation, and regional collaboration.

The program offered a multidimensional learning experience through lectures, workshops, and field visits, all designed to deepen participants' understanding of biodiversity conservation and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly Goals 13 (Climate Action), 14 (Life Below Water), and 15 (Life on Land). Sessions were led by UBD faculty and invited experts, covering key topics such as climate resilience, sustainable land use, and digital innovation for environmental monitoring. These academic engagements encouraged critical thinking on global challenges and local solutions while fostering interdisciplinary dialogue.



The program's framework—Elevate, Transform, Discover, and Agent of Change—guided students through a journey of personal and academic growth. The UNHAS delegates actively contributed to discussions, collaborated on group projects, and demonstrated strong intercultural communication throughout the camp. Their diverse academic backgrounds enriched the interdisciplinary approach, underscoring the value of collaboration in tackling sustainability challenges.

The International Office (IO) of UNHAS commends the three delegates for their outstanding participation and representation. Their involvement in the UBD-AUN Summer Camp 2025 reflects the university's commitment to global engagement, sustainable development, and youth empowerment. With the insights, skills, and networks gained through this experience, these students are now well-positioned to contribute meaningfully to both local initiatives and international collaborations.







## **GLOBAL EXPERT ON PAIN MANAGEMENT VISITS UNHAS FOR INTERNATIONAL LECTURE**



The Faculty of Medicine (FK) Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) held a prestigious international scientific event in the form of a Visiting Lecture, featuring a world-renowned expert in pain research, Prof. Andrew SC Rice, MBBS, MD, FRCP, FRCA, FFPMRCA. He is a Professor of Pain Research at Imperial College London and currently serves as President of the International Association for the Study of Pain (IASP), a global multidisciplinary organization with thousands of members from over 100 countries.

The lecture, titled "Update on Clinical Management of Neuropathic Pain and Potential Research Topics in Indonesia," was held on Saturday, 12 July 2025, from 9:00 to 11:00 AM (Central Indonesia Time), at the 5th Floor Auditorium of the UNHAS FK Building. The event was organized in collaboration with the Indonesian Pain Society, the official representative of IASP in Indonesia.



In his presentation, Prof. Rice elaborated on the latest approaches in the clinical management of neuropathic pain, including advances in pharmacological therapies, interventional technologies, and diagnostic challenges—particularly in developing countries. He also emphasized the importance of developing contextually relevant local research aligned with the unique characteristics of the Indonesian population and encouraged opportunities for multidisciplinary global collaboration in chronic pain research.

The event was attended by prominent academic leaders including Prof. Dr. Firdaus, Ph.D., Sp.MK(K), Vice Dean for Planning, Resources, and Alumni; Dr. Andi Alfian Zainuddin, M.KM, Vice Dean for Student Affairs and Alumni; and Dr. Andi Muhammad Takdir Musba, Sp.An-TI., KMN, Head of the Specialist Medical Education Program Center. The academic community of the Faculty of Medicine also participated, including lecturers, medical specialists, and residents from various medical disciplines.

The session concluded with an engaging interactive discussion, highlighting the sustained relevance of pain management as a strategic issue that warrants ongoing development, particularly in the context of healthcare services and medical research in Indonesia.



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