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UNHAS HOSTS THE 16TH INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC CONSORTIUM FOR SUSTAINABLE CITIES CONFERENCE



Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) once again hosted the 16th International Academic Consortium for Sustainable Cities (IACSC) Conference. This annual agenda brings together academics from various countries to discuss strategic issues on urbanization, environment, and health as the main pillars of future cities. The conference took place at the UNHAS Hotel and Convention Center on Monday, 4 August 2025, featuring 110 presenters from six member universities of the consortium.

Alongside UNHAS as the sole representative from Indonesia, the consortium includes Yokohama University (Japan), Universiti Sains Malaysia, Thammasat University (Thailand), the University of the Philippines, and Vietnam National University. As the host, UNHAS promoted a spirit of regional collaboration to create solutions for environmental preservation, particularly in Asia, which faces the challenges of rapid urbanization.

The Head of the International Office of UNHAS, Andi Masyitha Irwan, S.Kep., Ns., MAN, PhD, emphasized that this conference was more than just an academic forum. "This is the second time UNHAS has hosted this conference, after the first in 2019. We hope it will not only be a platform to present research findings but also a way for researchers to make the world a better place—developing sustainable and healthy cities not only in developed countries but also in developing nations and across Asia," she said.

In addition to research presentations, the conference provided opportunities for young Indonesian researchers to expand their international networks. By bringing together experts from various countries, the discussions were expected to produce strategies applicable at both local and global levels.

This year, the IACSC Conference focused on three main areas: urban, environment, and health. These issues were addressed through presentations, panel discussions, and the formulation of recommendations for the future development of sustainable cities. Keynote speakers included Makassar Mayor Munafri Arifuddin, S.H., UNHAS Secretary Prof. Sumbangan Baja, and a representative from Vietnam National University (VNU) Dr. Le Thanh Hoa. In addition to the keynote speeches, three panelists participated—two from UNHAS Prof. Sukri Palutturi, S.KM., M.Kes.M.sc.PH., Ph.D, and Dr. Eng .Ir.Irwan Ridwan Rahim, S.T., M.T as well as one from the Philippines Dr. Fernando Garcia Jr.

Participants discussed various challenges, from waste management, air pollution, and eco-friendly urban planning to strengthening public health systems in urban areas. Innovations arising from academic research were expected to provide concrete solutions to increasingly complex urban problems.



The IACSC Conference is not only a scientific forum but also a strategic platform for fostering international cooperation. Through this event, UNHAS demonstrated their leadership in driving collaborative efforts toward sustainable development. As part of the conference, the IACSC General Assembly convened with the participation of consortium leaders from member universities. The gathering served as an important platform to strengthen networks, exchange perspectives, and reaffirm the consortium's shared commitment to advancing sustainable city initiatives.

One of the key agenda items was the consortium's strategic plan for the next two years, which included a discussion on the membership fee structure. Two options were proposed: members could either contribute USD 500 annually or pay USD 1,000 once every two years. This discussion aimed to ensure sustainable financial support for consortium activities while accommodating the varying capacities of member institutions. The Assembly also reviewed collaborative priorities in education, research, and community engagement to address pressing urban challenges. At the close of the session, Vietnam National University was officially announced as the host of the 17th IACSC, which will take place in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.

As the next host, the conference invited the representative of Vietnam National University (VNU) to take the stage and deliver a message, warmly inviting members to participate in the 17th IACSC in Ho Chi Minh City. The event also provided networking sessions, allowing members to showcase their universities and offering participants the opportunity to learn more about each institution. In parallel, participating students from member universities conducted a reflection session on the International Cultural Program (ICP), which was the integration of the Sustainable Urban Development Program (SUDP) and the International Urban Planning Workshop (IUPW) organized by the Department of Urban Planning, Faculty of Engineering (FT), UNHAS. The IUPW and SUDP served as key platforms for student mobility, enabling participants to engage in cross-cultural learning and collaborative projects. The conference concluded with the announcement of the best speakers from nine parallel rooms, followed by the presentation of certificates to all speakers.





UNHAS WELCOMES YOKOHAMA CITY UNIVERSITY TO STRENGTHEN ACADEMIC COLLABORATION



The International Office (IO) of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) welcomed representatives from Yokohama City University (YCU), Yves Gendron and Yoshiko Ebisu from the Global Engagement Office, on Tuesday, 5 August 2025, at the IO Meeting Room. The visit began with the IO Tour in which Muhammad Ridwan (IO secretary) took the representatives to look around the images of IO activities for 2024 activities. The tour was joined by full IO squad team.

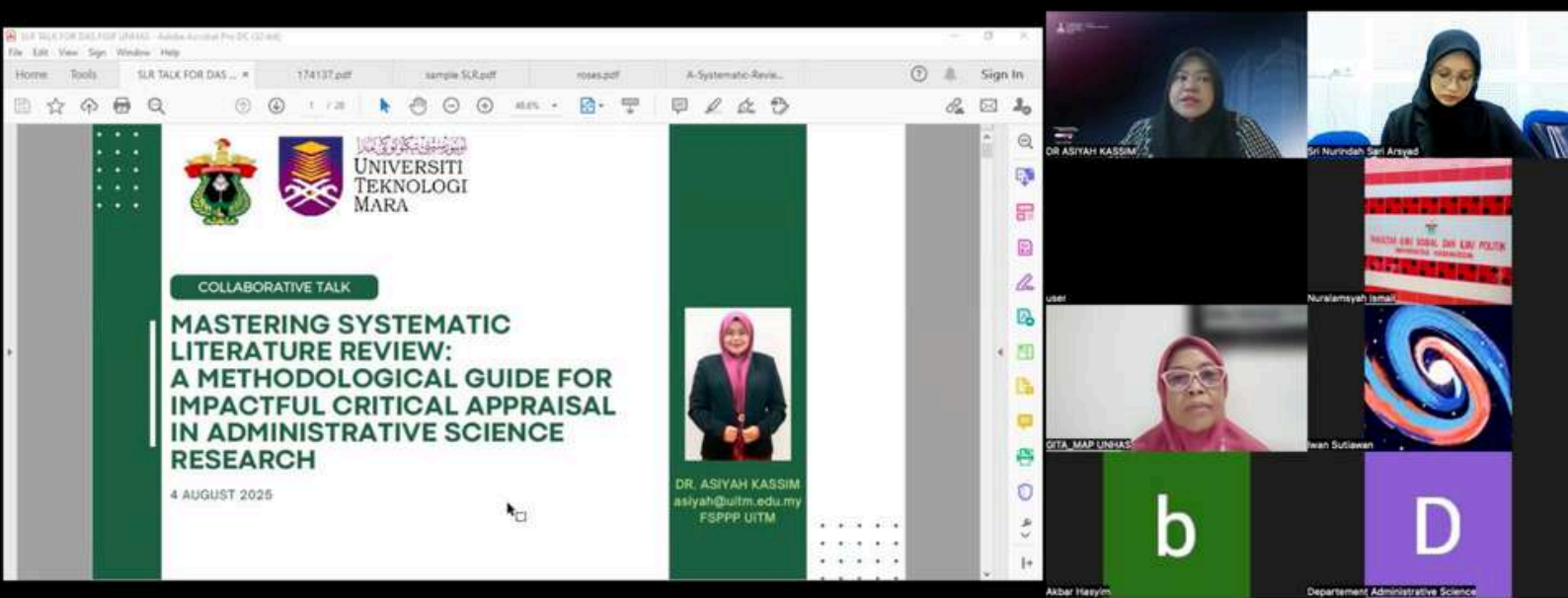
The delegation was warmly received by Andi Masyitha Irwan, Ph.D., Head of IO, accompanied by other IO staff. The meeting focused on exploring opportunities for student exchanges between the two institutions. Mr. Yves presented a list of courses available for UNHAS students who wish to join the exchange program at YCU.

This information proved especially valuable, as participation in the exchange program has so far been limited to Nursing students. With the new opportunities discussed, the potential to involve students from various fields became a promising prospect. The discussion was highly productive, opening doors for broader implementation of the cooperation agreement between UNHAS and YCU. The visit concluded with a photo session to commemorate the occasion.





ACADEMIC DISCUSSION HIGHLIGHTS **METHODOLOGICAL RIGOR IN SYSTEMATIC** **LITERATURE REVIEW FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SCIENCE** **RESEARCH**



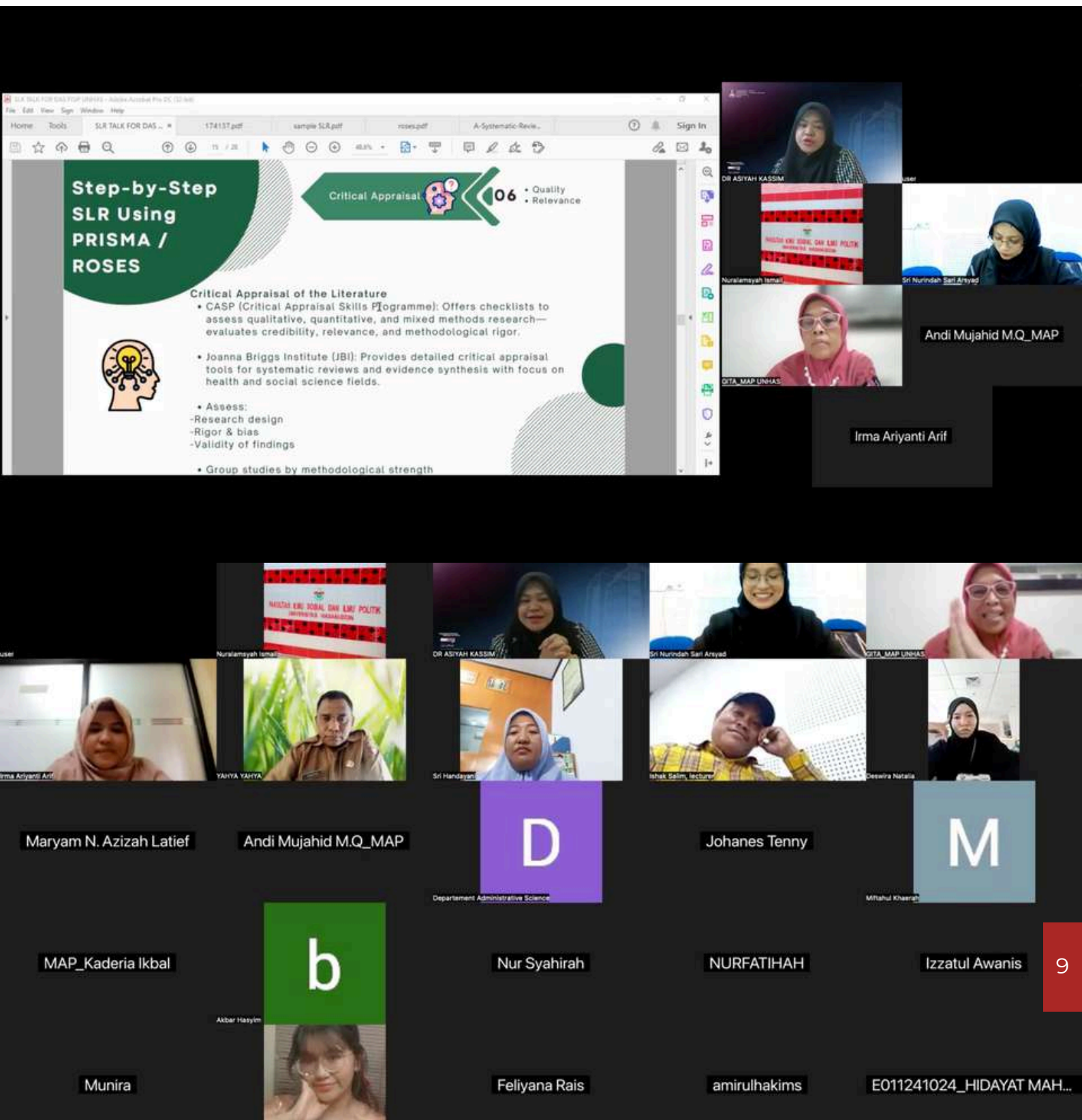
A highly insightful and strategic academic discussion took place under the theme *"Collaborative Talk: Mastering Systematic Literature Review — A Methodological Guide for Impactful Critical Appraisal in Administrative Science Research."* The event was held at the Smartroom Administrative Science Research on Monday, 4 August 2025 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM WIB.

The session featured keynote speaker Dr. Asiyah Kassim, Head of Postgraduate Studies Affairs at Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM), Malaysia, and was moderated by Sri Nurindah Sari Arsyad, S.Sos, MAP, Research Assistant at the Public Policy and Management Laboratory.

This discussion delved deeply into the concept of the Systematic Literature Review (SLR), covering its introduction, significance in academic work, and the methodology using the Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses (PRISMA) and Reporting standards for Systematic Evidence Syntheses (ROSES) approaches. Dr. Asiyah emphasized that SLR is a vital foundation for postgraduate students in preparing scientific articles, theses, and dissertations. "SLR is a crucial methodology that isn't just for one-time use but can be repeatedly applied as a framework for academic publication," Dr. Asiyah stated during her presentation.

This event was part of the initiative by the Thematic Research Group (TRG), led by Prof. Gita Susanti, M.Si, in collaboration with Dr. Asiyah Kassim as an external researcher. The main objective of this activity was to provide students and early-career researchers with a solid methodological understanding and skills to produce high-quality publications through a systematic, critical, and impactful SLR approach.

Held in a hybrid format (offline & online), the event successfully reached participants from various academic backgrounds, especially Master's and Doctoral students, as well as lecturers preparing their academic publications. We hope that today's discussion serves as a strong reference point and starting foundation for participants to produce relevant, accurate, and high-quality publications in the field of administrative science.





STRENGTHENING DEMOCRACY: INDONESIAN YOUTH DELEGATE PARTICIPATES IN YDN TOKYO 2025



Abdi Ardiansyah, a student from the Faculty of Law (FH) at Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), was selected as a youth delegate representing Indonesia at the Youth Democracy Network (YDN) Regional Meeting held from 31 July to 1 August, 2025, in Tokyo, Japan. This prestigious event brought together young leaders from over 18 countries across the Asia-Pacific region, including democracy activists, youth leaders, journalists, and university students from some of the world's top institutions. The meeting aimed to strengthen democratic resilience through cross-border collaboration and youth capacity building.

Among the key highlights of the program were an Opening Address by H.E. Tsutsumi Naohiro, Ambassador for Human Rights and International Peace from Japan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, focusing on democratic resilience in Asia; an interactive leadership training session on strategic communication, stakeholder mapping, and fundraising strategies facilitated by Jaco Roets of Accountability Lab; and a dialogue with Dr. Mantas Adomėnas, Secretary General of the Community of Democracies. The forum also launched a new international certification program titled "Democratic Dialogues & Civic Skill-Building," a joint initiative of Cornell University and the Youth Democracy Network. The meeting concluded with a Closing Address by H.E. Paweł Milewski, Ambassador of Poland to Japan, representing the presidency of the Community of Democracies.

This regional meeting served as a continuation of the inaugural YDN launch held in Panama City in December 2024 and was supported by the U.S. Department of State. Abdi's involvement in this international forum was a valuable opportunity to gain global insight and experience, particularly in understanding the crucial role of youth in upholding democratic values. He expressed hope that his participation would contribute to advancing leadership capacity in the fields of law and democracy, and ultimately bring positive impact to Indonesia, UNHAS, and society at large.



27 UNHAS MEDICAL STUDENTS JOIN GLOBAL COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM IN JAPAN



A total of 27 students from the Faculty of Medicine (FK) at Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) have officially departed for Japan to participate in *Kuliah Keja Nyata* (KKN) or Community Service Program for the July–August 2025 period. This initiative is part of the faculty's internationalization agenda, aimed at broadening students' academic and professional perspectives on a global scale.

During the program, the students will engage in a series of activities hosted by three prestigious institutions in Japan: Niigata University, Toyama University, and the Nagoya Kaikoukai Healthcare Group. The program is designed to provide students with firsthand experience in understanding Japan's healthcare system, while also enriching their knowledge in health-related fields, particularly community medicine.

Beyond its academic value, this international KKN program also serves to strengthen the Faculty of Medicine's collaboration with its international partners, especially those in Japan. With a spirit of global learning, the students are expected to make the most of this opportunity and return home with new insights and valuable experiences.



GUEST LECTURE INSPIRES CREATIVE STRATEGIES FOR UNIVERSAL AND PRIMARY HEALTH CARE AT FKM UNHAS



The Faculty of Public Health (FKM) at Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) once again opened a window to global insights for its academic community. Through a Guest Lecture titled *"Innovate to Elevate: Crafting Smart Solutions for Public Health Impact"*, FKM UNHAS invited participants to explore the importance of innovation in addressing the increasingly complex challenges of public health on 5 August 2025.

Held in the Prof. Nasry Noor Room, the event was opened by the Dean of FKM UNHAS, Prof. Sukri Palutturi, SKM., M.Kes., MSc.PH., Ph.D., who reaffirmed the faculty's commitment to implementing its global vision through international academic collaboration. "Collaborations like this are a tangible manifestation of our commitment," said Prof. Sukri.

Serving as the keynote speaker, Prof. Dr. Fernando B. Garcia Jr., Dean of the College of Public Health at the University of the Philippines, delivered an engaging presentation. In addition to his role as dean, Prof. Garcia is also the Director of SEAMEO TropMed Philippines and Vice President of the Asian Health Literacy Association. In his session, he highlighted three main objectives: introducing the basic concepts of creativity and innovation, discussing their role in the implementation of Universal Health Care (UHC) and Primary Health Care (PHC), and identifying innovative solutions using the SCAMPER approach.

One of the main highlights of Prof. Garcia's presentation was his introduction of the SCAMPER method—an acronym serving as a framework for creative thinking. This method is not merely theoretical but offers practical guidance for creating relevant and sustainable local solutions. The approach is valuable not only for health practitioners but also for students and community members eager to actively participate in solving health problems in their surroundings.

Attended by lecturers, students, and public health professionals, the event was filled with enthusiasm. An interactive discussion session provided participants with a valuable opportunity to deepen their understanding of innovation-based public health practices. Through this activity, FKM UNHAS once again reinforced its position as an adaptive and proactive institution in building international networks, committed to producing graduates who are ready to compete on the global stage.



FACULTY OF NURSING UNHAS AND YOKOHAMA CITY UNIVERSITY, JAPAN STRENGTHEN ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH COLLABORATION



The Faculty of Nursing (FKep), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) welcomed a delegation of lecturers from Yokohama City University (YCU), Japan on Tuesday, 5 August 2025. The visiting team comprising Prof. Nao Tamai, R.N., PHN., Ph.D.; Kana Suzuki, Ph.D.; and Yayoi Shoji, R.N., MHS was officially received by the Dean of the Faculty of Nursing, Prof. Dr. Ariyanti Saleh, S.Kp., M.Si. She was accompanied by the Vice Deans: Syahrul, S.Kep., Ns., M.Kes., Ph.D.; Dr. Erfina, S.Kep., Ns., M.Kep.; and Dr. Takdir Tahir, S.Kep., Ns., M.Kes., as well as the Head of UNHAS International Office, Andi Masyitha Irwan, S.Kep., Ns., MAN., Ph.D., and several researchers from thematic research groups.

The visit aimed to explore other opportunities for collaboration, building upon existing academic exchanges such as joint research, student exchanges, and online programs for undergraduate students. During the meeting, Syahrul, Ph.D., presented the current international undergraduate programs offered by the Faculty of Nursing and invited YCU students to participate in several upcoming exchange programs. Dr. Takdir highlighted the faculty's thematic research groups and expressed hope for expanded research collaborations with YCU lecturers in the future.

Representing YCU, Kana Suzuki, Ph.D., Yayoi Shoji, and Prof. Nao Tamai introduced the Faculty of Nursing at Yokohama City University, along with its research groups and areas of expertise. They expressed hope for future joint research collaborations with FKep UNHAS.



FIKP UNHAS HOSTS GUEST LECTURE ON MARINE ECOSYSTEM MONITORING & BIODIVERSITY MAPPING



The Faculty of Marine Science and Fisheries (FIKP) at Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) successfully hosted a guest lecture titled “Marine Ecosystem Monitoring & Biodiversity Mapping” on 5 August 2025, attracting around 50 participants, including undergraduate, master’s, and doctoral students, as well as lecturers.

The first speaker, Emma Novak, a PhD candidate from Victoria University of Wellington, delivered a lecture titled “Exploring the Depths: Sharks, Sponges, and Marine Community Mapping at Hoga Island, Wakatobi.” She presented findings from her ongoing collaborative research with FIKP UNHAS, offering insights into reef predators, sponge dominance, and photogrammetry-based ecosystem mapping. Ms. Novak had just completed her field sampling in Hoga Island, Wakatobi, prior to her visit to UNHAS.

The second speaker, Dr. Jon Chamberlain from the University of Essex (UK), presented “Scalable Solutions for Monitoring Ecosystem Change.” He discussed methodologies and challenges in monitoring marine ecosystems, highlighting the use of scalable technologies to track changes across different spatial scales. Dr. Chamberlain is also the lead scientist for Operation Wallacea Indonesia and has been conducting research in Hoga since 2010.

Following the presentations, participants engaged in parallel Q&A sessions with both speakers, moderated by Dr. Jamaluddin F.A. These interactive discussions explored technological tools, fieldwork logistics, and opportunities for future collaborative research, fostering valuable academic exchanges between students, faculty, and the guest experts.

After the lecture and a group photo, the focus shifted to a significant ceremonial moment: the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between UNHAS and the University of Essex. The MoU signing took place at the Rectorate Building, 6th floor, and was presided over by Prof. Dr. Eng. Adi Maulana, S.T., M.Phil., Vice-Rector for Partnership, Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Business at UNHAS; Ansariadi, S.K.M., M.Sc., Ph.D., Director of Partnerships at UNHAS; and Dr. Eng. Zulkifli Tahir, S.T., M.Sc., Head of the Subdirectorate for International Partnerships.

The agreement formalizes academic collaboration between the two universities, covering joint research initiatives, student and faculty exchanges, and shared academic programming, with a strong focus on marine science and environmental monitoring. This event underscores FIKP UNHAS's commitment to strengthening international partnerships and providing its academic community with access to global expertise, particularly in the fields of marine ecosystem research and advanced monitoring technologies.

The guest lecture and MoU signing mark a significant step forward in UNHAS's international engagement, paving the way for cross-institutional learning, innovation, and sustainable marine research in Indonesia and beyond.





FACULTY OF DENTISTRY UNHAS EXPANDS GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT THROUGH THAILAND PROGRAM



The Faculty of Dentistry (FKG), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) deployed three of its staff members to accompany and supervise students participating in the Enrichment Program at Chulalongkorn University, Thailand, on 30 July 2025. The lecturers were drg. Acing Habibie Made, Ph.D., Sp.Pro., Subsp.OGST(K) (Vice Dean for Academic and Student Affairs), Prof. Dr. drg. Maria Tanumiharja, Md.Sc., and Muhammadong, S.IP., M.Adm.KP.

The Enrichment Program, held from 3 to 6 August 2025, served as a platform for academic and cultural exchange between UNHAS and Chulalongkorn University. It aimed to enhance students' academic exposure and professional skills through lectures, workshops, and hands-on learning opportunities in dentistry-related fields.

Four Dentistry students from UNHAS joined the program: Asfa Satya Handayani, Danty Oktavia Ayarah, Talitha Azalia Taha, and Nisrina Nabila Puti. Throughout the activities, they engaged with peers from Chulalongkorn University, participated in collaborative sessions, and explored innovative approaches to dental education and practice.

This initiative reflects FKG UNHAS's ongoing commitment to expanding its international collaborations and providing students with opportunities to broaden their horizons beyond the classroom. Through programs like these, the faculty fosters global competencies, academic networking, and cultural understanding, preparing its graduates to thrive in the increasingly interconnected field of dentistry.

FIKP UNHAS STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN SUMMER COURSE ON CORAL REEF ECOLOGY AT HOGA ISLAND



Four undergraduate students from the Faculty of Marine Science and Fisheries (FIKP) at Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) took part in the Summer Course Hoga 2025, an intensive two-week international program focusing on coral reef ecology and reef survey techniques. The program, held on Hoga Island, Wakatobi from 19 July 2 August 2025, brought together students from UNHAS and over 20 international participants representing various universities worldwide.

The UNHAS participants: Gracella (Aquatic Resources Management Study Program), James Nicholas Pratama Afandy Palebangan, Kristopel Hutasoit, and Nur Ikhlasul Amal (Marine Science Study Program), began their journey on 19 July 2025, flying from Makassar to Baubau before continuing by land and ferry to Hoga Island. Upon arrival, they joined international students and Operation Wallacea staff for site orientation and health & safety briefings to prepare for the field activities ahead.

From 21 to 25 July, participants engaged in the Coral Reef Ecology & Reef Survey Techniques Course, which combined two dives per day with three lectures or land-based workshops covering reef biodiversity, marine conservation, and underwater survey methods. Topics included coral identification, fish taxonomy, reef health assessment techniques, and data recording protocols. The program's daily schedule balanced practical training and theoretical learning, with morning dives, mid-morning lectures, afternoon dives, and evening sessions.

Saturday, 26 July, was designated as a rest day, giving participants the opportunity to recover before completing the final day of the course on Sunday, 27 July. From 28 July to 1 August, the program shifted focus to a reef monitoring project. Students conducted two survey dives daily to collect data on reef structure, benthic composition, and fish populations, followed by data processing and analysis in the afternoons. These sessions strengthened technical skills and deepened understanding of reef ecosystem dynamics.

The training and fieldwork were guided by an Operation Wallacea (Opwall) team, including Mrs. Mo (Hoga Site Manager), Mr. Imin (Dive Operation Manager), Dr. Jon Chamberlain (Science Lead), Dr. Danny and Dr. Kam (Medics), Prof. James Bell (Supervisor), Holly and Molly (Reef Ecology and Reef Survey Techniques Coordinators), Cath and Chiara (Reef Monitoring Project Coordinators), and Pak Jufri (Hoga Logistics).

On 2 August 2025, participants returned from Hoga Island to Makassar, marking the completion of an intensive and transformative learning experience. In addition to technical competencies, the program offered valuable cross-cultural exposure through daily collaboration with international peers and scientists.

The Summer Course Hoga 2025 underscores FIKP UNHAS's dedication to providing immersive, field-based learning opportunities that connect academic knowledge with real-world environmental challenges. By working alongside international participants and expert trainers, UNHAS students enhanced their scientific expertise, cultural understanding, and professional networks in the field of marine science.





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