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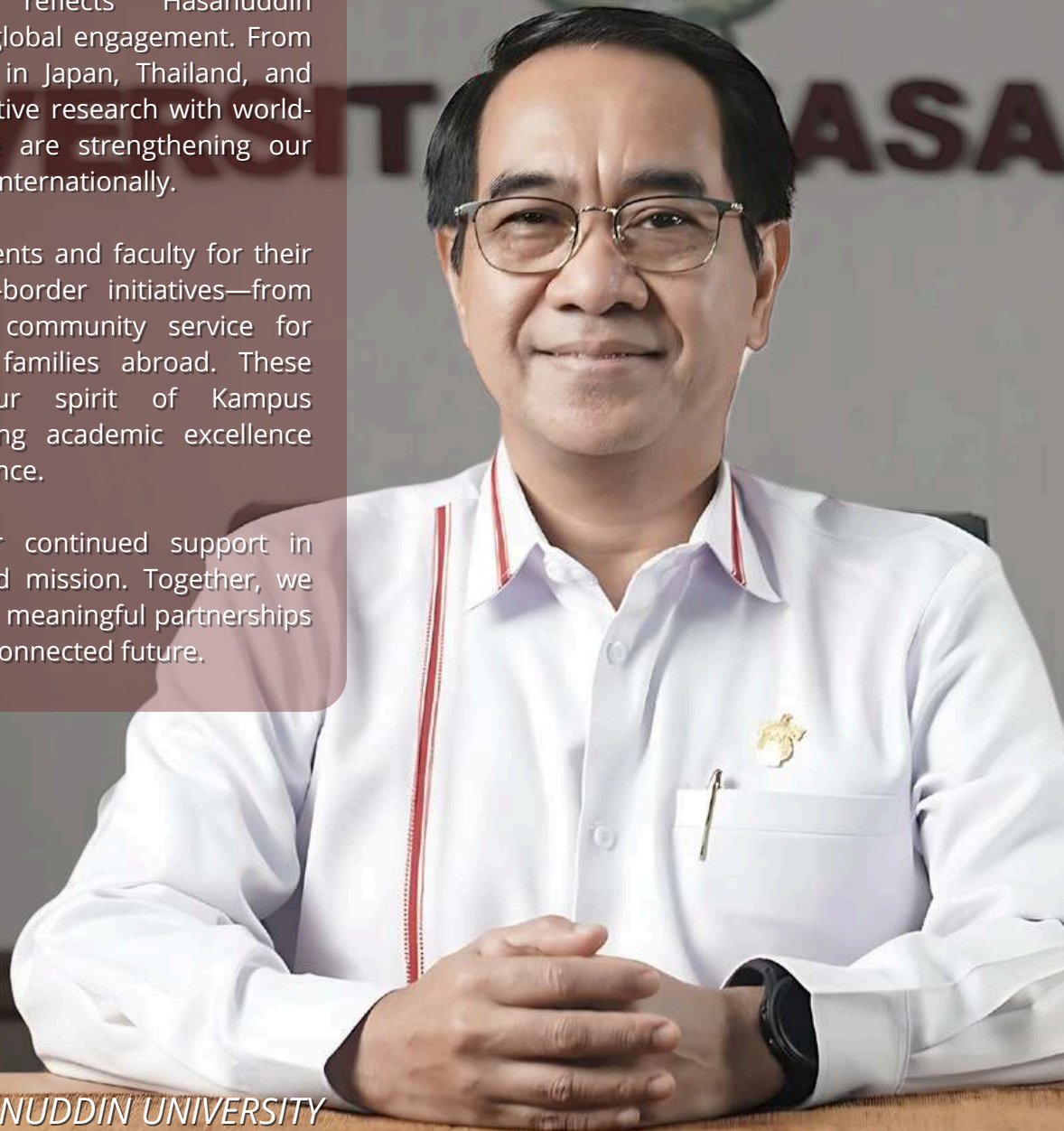
THE RECTOR MESSAGE

Dear colleagues and partners,

This May 2025 edition of our International Office newsletter reflects Hasanuddin University's growing global engagement. From academic exchanges in Japan, Thailand, and Australia to collaborative research with world-class institutions, we are strengthening our presence and impact internationally.

I commend our students and faculty for their active role in cross-border initiatives—from global seminars to community service for Indonesian migrant families abroad. These efforts embody our spirit of Kampus Berdampak, combining academic excellence with real-world relevance.

Thank you for your continued support in advancing our shared mission. Together, we will continue to foster meaningful partnerships and shape a globally connected future.



RECTOR OF HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY
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CROSSING BORDERS FOR DENTAL EXCELLENCE: UNHAS ATTENDS THE 13TH BORNEO DENTAL CONGRESS



To enhance knowledge and competencies in the field of dentistry, each year the Specialist Dental Conservation Education Program (PPDGS) of the Faculty of Dentistry (FKG), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), participates in international seminars abroad. These activities are part of the program's commitment to academic and professional development for both faculty members and students.

This year, the Conservative Dentistry PPDGS joined the "13th Borneo Dental Congress," held from 2 - 4 May 2025, at the Magellan Sutera Harbour Resort in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia. This international event brought together dental professionals, researchers, and students from various institutions to exchange insights and innovations in the field of dentistry.

The delegation from the FKG UNHAS Conservative Dentistry PPDGS consisted of two faculty members and fifteen postgraduate students. Four of these students were selected to present their scientific work through poster presentations. These student presenters, who proudly represented the university on an international stage, were Drg. Maulida Hayati, Drg. Fuista Rica Nagaret, Drg. Randy Nugraha, and Drg. Ammar Abdullah.

INTERNATIONAL EXPOSURE FOR DENTAL RADIOLOGY RESIDENTS: UNHAS COLLABORATES WITH OKAYAMA UNIVERSITY



For the first time, from 7 to 21 May 2025, the Specialist Dental Radiology Education Program of the Faculty of Dentistry, Hasanuddin University (FKG UNHAS), conducted an international sit-in program for final-year residents at the Dental School of Okayama University, Japan.

This program primarily aims to provide residents with comprehensive skills in radiological interpretation and oral and maxillofacial imaging at the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology. Participants had the opportunity to observe and analyze a wide range of pathological cases using advanced imaging modalities, including CT scans, ultrasound, and MRI with various sequences. This inaugural sit-in was attended by five residents, under the direct supervision of Professor Yoshinobu Yanagi, Head of the Department, along with other faculty members at the Dental School and Hospital.

A notable advantage of this program is the interdisciplinary understanding residents gain in disease diagnosis, as they also engage in discussions and case elaborations with the Department of Pathology to arrive at comprehensive diagnoses.

In addition to clinical learning activities at the dental hospital, the residents were also given the opportunity to visit Morita Company and Asahi Roentgen in Kyoto, where they observed firsthand the manufacturing process of advanced dental radiography equipment, such as CBCT (Cone Beam Computed Tomography) systems.

Currently, the sit-in program is optional for residents who seek international exposure and wish to enhance their radiological skills. However, there is potential for this activity to be incorporated into the core curriculum in the future, as part of a quality improvement effort to strengthen the competencies of future dental radiology specialists graduating from FKG UNHAS.



STRENGTHENING CROSS-BORDER COLLABORATION: FKG UNHAS AT UKM'S INTERNATIONAL DENTAL FORUM



Two lecturers from the Faculty of Dentistry (FKG), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), drg. Erni Marlina, Ph.D., Sp.PM., Subsp. Inf (K), and drg. Fadhil Ulum A. Rahman, S.RKG., Subsp.Rad-K (K), were invited as speakers and judges at the International Symposium 3.0, held on 6–7 May 2025, at Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM). The event carried the theme “Dental Research in an Evolving World: Safeguarding Rights, Ensuring Integrity” and brought together dental professionals and academics from across the region to discuss integrity in research and advancements in dental science.

In addition to the two main speakers, the delegation from FKG UNHAS included five other lecturers and nine postgraduate students, demonstrating the university's active role in international academic engagement. The FKG delegation participated in various academic sessions and networking events, enhancing collaborative opportunities between institutions.

Their participation was a result of an ongoing collaboration between the Faculty of Dentistry at UNHAS and the Faculty of Dentistry at UKM, Malaysia. This partnership aims to promote research excellence, foster academic exchange, and provide platforms for postgraduate students and faculty members to gain international exposure.

The presence of FKG UNHAS at the symposium reinforced the institution's commitment to advancing global dental education and research, while highlighting its growing contributions to regional academic forums in Southeast Asia.



UNHAS PARTICIPATES IN INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON SOCIAL INNOVATION IN GLOCATION TOURISM IN THAILAND



The Department of Administrative Sciences, Faculty of Social and Political Sciences (FISIP), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), through its Master of Public Administration Program, participated in the International Seminar on Social Innovation in Glocation Tourism organized by the Management of Development College, Thaksin University, Thailand, on Tuesday, 13 May 2025. The event brought together academics from across ASEAN and served as an important platform for exchanging ideas and cross-border research findings.

Held in Bangkok, the seminar was also attended by lecturers and students from Universiti Malaysia Terengganu (UMT) and Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM). UNHAS delegation was led by Prof. Dr. Gita Susanti, Head of the Master of Public Administration Program, accompanied by Prof. Dr. Alwi, Head of the Department of Administrative Sciences at FISIP UNHAS. Also present were Dr. Sulaiman Mappiasse, Andi Ahmad Yani, M.Si., MPA., M.Sc., Irma Ariyanti Arif, S.Sos., M.Si., and Nuralamsyah Ismail, S.Sos., MA. In addition, 20 students from the Master of Public Administration and Master of Political Science programs also participated in the event.

During the presentation sessions, the keynote speaker from UNHAS, Dr. Sulaiman Mappiasse, presented his research on the internationalization of education in the ASEAN region. He emphasized the importance of solidarity and collaboration among ASEAN countries to enhance human resource quality, rather than focusing solely on inter-university competition.

From UMT, one of the keynote speakers, Dr. Rohana Binti Ahmad from the Faculty of Business, Economics, and Social Development, presented a paper comparing tourism policies in Malaysia, Thailand, and Indonesia. She highlighted how differing policy approaches influence the success of each country's tourism sector.

In the student presentation session, Arif Aprilia Jaya Ganda Irman, a master's student in Public Administration at FISIP UNHAS, shared his study comparing tourism sector adaptation strategies during the COVID-19 era between Indonesia, Thailand, and Malaysia. His presentation emphasized the varying policy responses and their impacts on tourism recovery efforts.

Another student, Adriana M. analyzed the Indonesia-Malaysia-Thailand Growth Triangle (IMT-GT) as a sub-regional cooperation organization focusing on border area economic development. Adriana argued that IMT-GT serves as a significant model for enhancing synergy among neighboring countries in the context of sustainable development.

Meanwhile, from the Master of Political Science Program, Risal presented a digital innovation designed to facilitate electoral information access for persons with disabilities. He introduced an application concept that enables voters with disabilities to access political and technical information about elections in an inclusive manner.

This international seminar marked an important moment for strengthening academic collaboration networks among ASEAN universities. At the end of the event, all delegates exchanged souvenirs as symbols of friendship and a shared commitment to fostering more productive academic partnerships in the future.



SHOWCASING INDONESIAN HEALTH INSIGHTS ABROAD: FKM UNHAS AT MAHIDOL UNIVERSITY EXCHANGE



Faculty of Public Health (FKM) Universitas Hasanuddin (UNHAS) again strengthened its international relations through participation in a student exchange program held by the Faculty of Public Health, Mahidol University, Thailand. The activity which took place on 15-25 March 2025 raised the theme "Health Issues and Health System in Thailand" and was attended by three students as FKM UNHAS delegates, namely Apriliani Mustirah (Bachelor's degree), Sulfiani (Postgraduate degree), and Azatil Ismah (Postgraduate degree). This activity involved university delegations from five countries namely China, Japan, Vietnam, Thailand, and Indonesia.

For ten days, participants had the opportunity to learn more about the Thai health system and culture through various activities such as interactive lectures on health systems and environmental health issues, field trips to health institutions, visits to various Thai cultural sites, and hands-on practice in Thai cultural workshops. The program provided a hands-on learning experience about Thai culture and Thailand's world-renowned Universal Health Coverage system, as well as its implementation strategies and impact on public health.

In addition to academic visits to Mahidol University and health agencies focusing on preventive efforts such as the Thai Health Promotion Foundation in Bangkok Province and the Health Promoting Hospital in Samut Prakan Province, participants also engaged in international group discussions, and cross-country presentations. On the final day, each university delegation was given the opportunity to present their home country's health systems. So that, as well as acting as learner participants, the three FKM UNHAS students also introduced the health systems and issues in Indonesia to participants from various countries so as to create a space for exchanging ideas and experiences that enrich understanding of the global health system.

The program concluded with a cultural exchange night, where all university delegates from various countries gave cultural performances from their respective home regions. The FKM UNHAS delegation's performance showcased typical West Sulawesi culture, with the Towaine Barani Dance, which was greeted with enthusiastic applause by other participants.

This program not only provides individual benefits for participants, but also strengthens the international presence of FKM UNHAS. Through active involvement in global academic forums, FKM UNHAS shows its commitment in supporting the development of student capacity holistically and in line with global standards. This program also opens up opportunities for research cooperation and long-term academic exchanges, as well as being a tangible form of institutional internationalization in line with the vision of FKM UNHAS as a faculty that is superior and competitive in education, research, and community service at the global level.



UNHAS GEOPHYSICS LECTURER JOINS INTERNATIONAL SHORT COURSE ON SPACE-BASED COASTAL APPLICATIONS AT ISRO, INDIA



A lecturer from the Department of Geophysics, Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences (FMIPA) at Universitas Hasanuddin (UNHAS), Saaduddin, M.Sc., recently participated in a prestigious international short course titled "Space-based Observations for Coastal Sciences and Applications", held at the Space Applications Centre (SAC) of the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) in Ahmedabad, India. The program was organized by the Centre for Space Science and Technology Education in Asia and the Pacific (CSSTEAP) and ran from 28 April to 9 May 2025.

This is the first short course offered by SAC focusing specifically on coastal sciences and applications, highlighting the increasing importance of satellite data in monitoring and managing coastal environments. SAC and CSSTEAP have also previously organized similar programs in other domains, such as Numerical Weather Prediction (NWP), remote sensing, and satellite communication.

The program brought together 16 participants from 8 countries—India, Kazakhstan, Mali, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Vietnam, and Indonesia—creating a vibrant and diverse learning environment. Participants were selected through a competitive process, and all course expenses were fully funded through a scholarship provided by SAC.

The course content focused on satellite-based technologies and their application in coastal studies. Core topics included remote sensing fundamentals, Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR), shoreline change detection, coastal vulnerability modeling, marine hazard simulations, oil spill detection, and mangrove mapping. Each day combines morning lectures with hands-on practical sessions in the afternoon, enabling participants to both understand the theory and apply it directly using satellite data.

Midway through the program, Saaduddin took the opportunity to discuss potential academic and research collaborations between UNHAS and SAC with Dr. Sasmita Chaurasia, the Course Director. Given UNHAS's various study programs and research centers that utilize satellite data, the conversation explored possible student and faculty exchange programs and joint research initiatives in the future.



In addition to the academic sessions, participants visited the Mahatma Gandhi Sabarmati Ashram, the historic residence and center of India's nonviolent independence movement, and the Adalaj Stepwell, an architectural marvel that showcases the intricate craftsmanship and water management ingenuity of 15th-century India. These visits provided cultural insights into India's heritage and values.

The program concluded on Friday, 9 May with a farewell dinner attended by SAC senior officials. Prior to the dinner, participants toured SAC's laboratories, including an exclusive visit to the NISAR satellite development facility. NISAR (NASA-ISRO SAR) is a joint Earth observation satellite mission by NASA and ISRO, scheduled for launch in June 2025.

In his closing remarks, SAC Director, Shri Nilesh M. Desai encouraged participants to utilize the open-access satellite data available from the Meteorological & Oceanographic Satellite Data Archival Centre (MOSDAC) to support scientific transparency and innovation. He also invited them to promote and participate in upcoming SAC training opportunities.

This short course marks another step forward for UNHAS in strengthening its global partnerships and enhancing its capacity in space-based coastal and environmental research.



FROM MAKASSAR TO SYDNEY: A NEW ERA OF INNOVATION IN AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND ACADEMIC EXCHANGE



A significant step in international academic and scientific collaboration was taken this month as Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) and the University of Sydney (the USyd) deepened their existing partnership. The engagement, highlighted by a research presentation and specialized training, promises to enhance research capabilities and foster innovation in agricultural sciences.

The Department of Plant Pests and Diseases from UNHAS's Faculty of Agriculture was invited to the prestigious Food & Agriculture Seminar Series hosted by the USyd's School of Life and Environmental Sciences (SoLES) starting 5 May 2025. This visit also facilitated advanced training in NGS-Nanopore Sequencing and genomic analysis for an UNHAS staff member.

This initiative builds upon an established research collaboration involving the USyd, PT. Mars, and UNHAS. Their joint project, "Fast-track breeding target for resistance genes to VSD and other serious diseases," is spearheaded by Prof. David Guest, Head of Horticultural Research at the Sydney Institute of Agriculture, and commenced on 28 March 2025.

Representing UNHAS, Dr. Muhammad Junaid, S.P., M.P., Ph.D., Head of the Phytophthora Research Group, delivered a compelling presentation on May 9 titled, "Beyond the symptoms: A metagenomic perspective on fungal diversity in Vascular Streak Dieback (VSD) disease of Sulawesi Cocoa." The seminar, held in the Carslaw Building, drew 35 attendees, including SoLES professors, and was lauded by moderator Dr. Peri Tobias for its significant insights. In a notable recognition of his contributions, the USyd granted Dr. Junaid a Research Affiliation Appointment, effective until 31 December 2025.

Running concurrently from 5 - 19 May, Ms. Eirene Brugman, SP., MSi, a lecturer from the UNHAS Department of Plant Pests and Diseases, underwent intensive training in NGS-Nanopore sequencing and genomic analysis. The program, conducted at the Life, Earth, and Environmental Sciences (LEES) Building, was led by SoLES research fellows Dr. Peri Tobias and Dr. Jacob Dawn.

Beyond the formal presentations and training, Dr. Junaid engaged in strategic discussions to broaden research partnerships. Meetings with Prof. Greg Fox, Head of the Southeast Asia Centre, and coordinated with Prof. Nasum Massi, Head of UNHAS's Institute for Research and Community Service (LPPM), explored potential collaborations in digital farming, soil mapping, renewable energy and other potential areas.

The overarching goal of the visit was to solidify strategic research and academic alliances. Key discussions involved collaborative projects with the University of New Castle, Australia, represented by Dr. Teuku Geumpana, and continued work with Prof. Budiman Minasny of the USyd, particularly focusing on soil mapping. Opportunities for Ph.D. studies at the USyd and joint publications were also key agenda items.



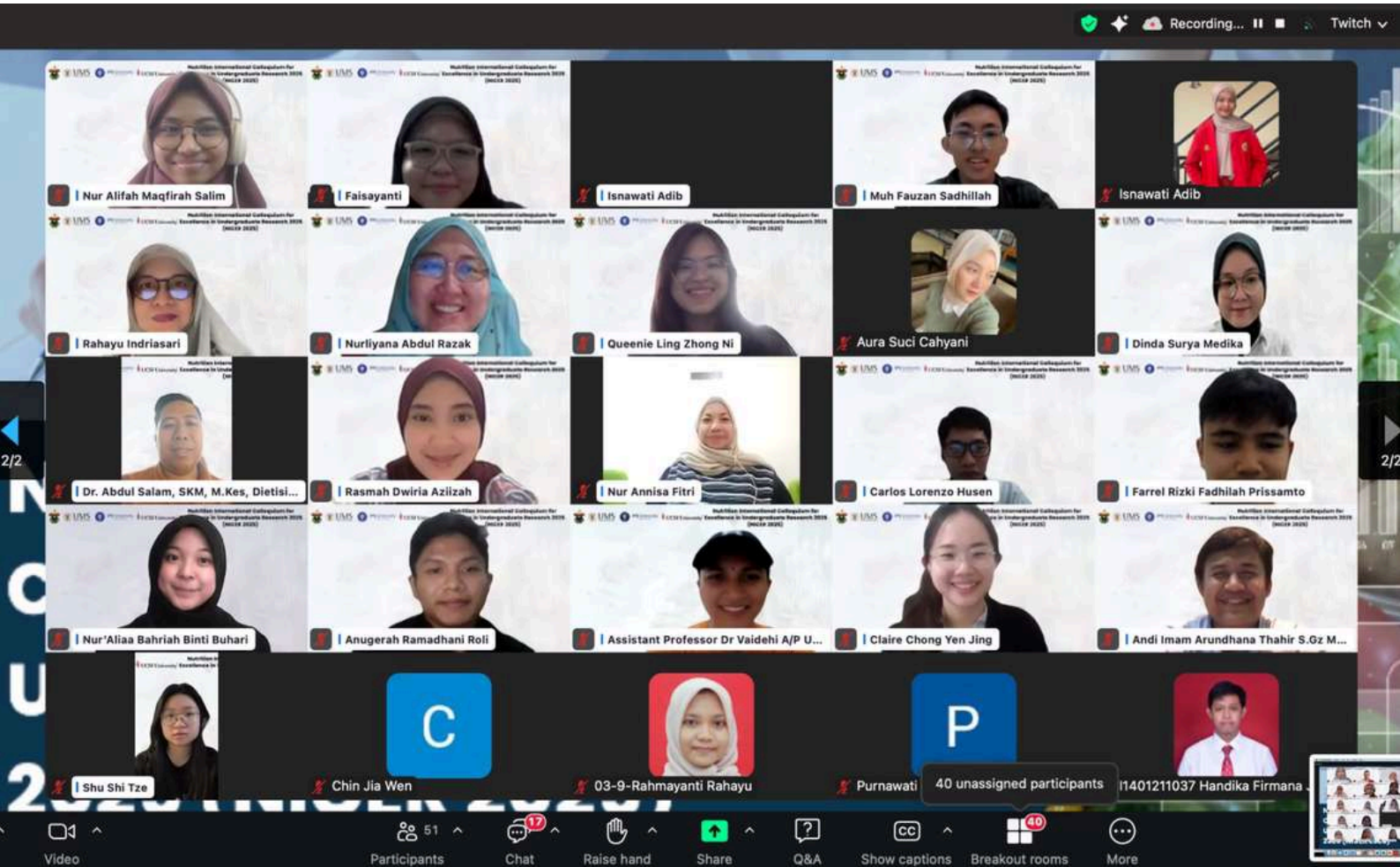
Existing cooperation between the institutions already includes guest lectures, joint research publications, and staff exchanges. The potential Ph.D. candidature for Ms. Eirene Brugman at the USyd further underscores commitment to academic development.

Leaders from all involved institutions, including Prof. David Guest, Prof. Budiman Minasny, and Prof. Greg Fox from the USyd, and Dr. Teuku Geumpana from the University of Newcastle, have expressed strong support for these initiatives. Further online discussions with Prof. David Guest and an in-office meeting between Dr. Junaid and Prof. Budiman Minasny at the Sydney Institute of Agriculture reaffirmed the commitment to advancing agricultural technology, innovation, and addressing land issues in Sulawesi.

This strengthened collaboration is poised to make significant contributions to scientific advancement, particularly in the burgeoning fields of digital farming and renewable energy, promising a global impact on agricultural innovation and technological development.



NICER 2025: NUTRITION UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS TAKE THE SPOTLIGHT IN 2025'S FIRST INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH COLLABORATION



Makassar, 24 May 2025, ten undergraduate students from the Department of Nutrition, Faculty of Public Health, Hasanuddin University (FKM UNHAS) proudly represented their institution at the Nutrition International Colloquium for Excellence in Undergraduate Research (NICER) 2025. This prestigious event, held virtually on 24 May 2025, brought together undergraduate nutrition students from four leading universities in Southeast Asia in an international research exchange forum. NICER 2025 was collaboratively organized by Faculty of Food Science and Nutrition, Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS), Department of Community Nutrition, Faculty of Human Ecology, IPB University (IPB), Department of Nutrition, FKM UNHAS, dan Faculty of Applied Sciences, UCSI University, Malaysia.

Designed as a mini-conference, NICER 2025 provided a platform for undergraduate students to present their research findings, exchange scientific ideas, and engage in academic dialogue with peers and experts across institutions. Students from each university showcased their thesis research before an international panel of judges.

In his opening remarks, Dean of FKM, Prof. Sukri Palutturi, SKM., M.Kes., Ph.D, expressed his strong support for the initiative, emphasizing its significance as the first international academic collaboration at the undergraduate level for FKM UNHAS in 2025. "NICER 2025 is a strategic milestone in our internationalization efforts. It builds our students' research capacity, encourages academic confidence, and fosters a global academic culture. We fully support this kind of initiative and look forward to more student-centered collaborations in the future," said Prof. Sukri.

In addition to student participation, three faculty members from the Department of Nutrition, FKM UNHAS, were selected as judges, joining six other judges from partner institutions. The judging panel assessed student presentations based on originality, scientific contribution, and clarity of delivery. One of the highlights of the event was the keynote session, which featured two distinguished speakers from Indonesia, Dr. Healthy Hidayanty, SKM., M.Kes., Dietisien, Head of the Department of Nutrition, FKM UNHAS and Prof. Dr. Ir. Drajat Martianto, M.Si from IPB University.

Dr. Healthy delivered a keynote presentation titled "Study of Nutrition Problems among Adolescent Girls in the Island Based of South Sulawesi, Indonesia". Her presentation drew from field research conducted in coastal regions of South Sulawesi, revealing the dual burden of malnutrition among adolescents undernutrition on one side and rising rates of overweight and obesity on the other. She discussed contributing factors such as food accessibility, parental education, cultural influences, and increased exposure to ultra-processed foods. Dr. Healthy emphasized the need for community-based and evidence-informed interventions targeting vulnerable adolescent populations.

"Coastal adolescents face a double burden limited access to nutritious food and increasing exposure to unhealthy, modern diets. Without tailored interventions, we risk losing an entire generation's potential," she noted.

The event concluded with a proud moment for the FKM UNHAS, as three of its student delegates were named Best Presenters, standing out among dozens of participants from partner universities. This achievement demonstrates not only the academic rigor of UNHAS students but also their ability to communicate scientific work effectively at an international level.

NICER 2025 exemplifies FKM UNHAS commitment to strengthening international collaboration, enhancing research visibility, and supporting student participation in global academic platforms. The Department of Nutrition will continue to pursue opportunities that develop student excellence through meaningful and strategic international engagement.

Keynote Session 1

Study of Nutritional Problems among Adolescent Girls in the Island Based of South Sulawesi, Indonesia

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Hasanuddin University



FDCU SYMPOSIUM 2025: UNHAS STRENGTHENED GLOBAL DENTAL NETWORKS



The FDCU International Symposium 2025 was an esteemed international academic forum organized by the Faculty of Dentistry, Chulalongkorn University (FDCU). It aimed to promote the development of human resources in dental science by engaging students and professionals in academic and scientific activities that support the Tri Dharma of Higher Education: education, research, and community service.

With the theme “Shaping the Future of Dentistry: Innovation, Collaboration, and Impact,” the symposium welcomed experts, clinicians, and researchers from around the globe to discuss the latest trends and innovations in dentistry. Participants included representatives from countries such as the United States, Australia, China, Korea, Japan, and Southeast Asia. The event featured a Poster Competition and Presentation, providing participants the opportunity to share their research findings and engage with international peers. These presentations facilitated meaningful exchanges of ideas and supported early-career researchers in refining their work.

Students from UNHAS joined the symposium to broaden their understanding of global dental science, enhance their academic performance, and develop international networks with other dental institutions. This initiative aligned with the university's broader goals for academic development and international collaboration.

The university was represented by three students: Erika Khoirunnisa Sabari, Kayla Shafira, and Andi Regina Putri, each mentored by senior faculty members. Their participation highlighted UNHAS's commitment to fostering globally competent graduates. The symposium took place on 23 May 2025, at the Somdej Prayannasungworn Auditorium, located within the Faculty of Dentistry, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand.



TOP-RANKED ZURICH UNIVERSITY AND FK UNHAS ESTABLISHED EDUCATIONAL AND RESEARCH COOPERATION



As part of efforts to strengthen international cooperation, on Monday, 26 May 2025, the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, Hasanuddin University (FK UNHAS), Prof. Dr. dr. Haerani Rasyid, M.Kes, Sp.PD-KGH, Sp.GK, FINASIM, signed a Letter of Intent (LoI) with the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, Zurich University, Prof. Frank Ruehli, at the Zurich University campus in Switzerland. During the meeting, both parties discussed plans for collaboration in education and research in the fields of oncology, precision medicine, and medical education.

The FK UNHAS delegation consisted of the Dean, Prof. Dr. dr. Haerani Rasyid, M.Kes, Sp.PD-KGH, Sp.GK, FINASIM; Vice Dean for Planning and Resources, Dr. Firdaus Hamid, Ph.D, Sp.MK(K); Vice Dean for Partnership, Research, Innovation, and Alumni, Dr. dr. Andi Alfian Zainuddin, M.KM; Head of the Center for Publications, Community Service, and International Affairs, Prof. Dr. dr. Rina Masadah, Sp.A(K), M.Phil, DFM; Head of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Prof. Dr. dr. Syahrul Rauf, Sp.OG(K); Head of the Department of Surgery, Prof. Dr. dr. Prihantono, Sp.B, K.Onk; and Secretary of the Department of Surgery, Dr. dr. Muh. Nasser Mustari, Sp.OT(K).

Dean Haerani stated that this activity was part of FK UNHAS' ongoing efforts to enhance collaboration in education and research. For context, the Faculty of Medicine, Zurich University is ranked among the Top 100 universities worldwide in the subject of medicine.

INDONESIA-JAPAN PARTNERSHIP STRENGTHENED THROUGH UNHAS AND RYUKYUS UNIVERSITY AGREEMENT



Okinawa, 29 May 2025 – A significant academic milestone was achieved with the signing of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Graduate School of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), Makassar, Indonesia, and the Faculty of Science, Department of Biology, University of the Ryukyus, Okinawa, Japan. This agreement marks the beginning of a long-term academic and research collaboration between the two institutions. The MOA was signed by Prof. dr. Budu, Ph.D., Sp.M(K), M.MedEd, Dean of the Graduate School of UNHAS, and Prof. James D. Reimer, Ph.D, Head of the Department of Biology at the University of the Ryukyus. The signing ceremony took place at the University of the Ryukyus in Okinawa, Japan. This agreement aims to promote various collaborative activities, including student and faculty exchanges, joint research projects, co-authored publications, curriculum development, and the organization of joint seminars and conferences. The collaboration is also expected to strengthen scientific capacity in both countries, particularly in the areas of marine biology, biodiversity, climate resilience, and sustainable development.

In his remarks, Prof. James emphasized the strategic importance of this partnership, especially in supporting high-impact research in the Wallacea region. “This agreement reflects our shared commitment to scientific excellence and international collaboration. Together, we aim to generate impactful knowledge to address environmental challenges at both regional and global levels,” he said. Prof. Reimer also expressed his enthusiasm for expanding collaboration in the field of tropical marine sciences, highlighting the natural richness of Eastern Indonesia as an ideal research site. He noted the great potential for securing joint research funding and enhancing graduate-level education across borders.

Following the signing ceremony, both parties engaged in an in-depth scientific discussion focused on future collaboration strategies. Topics included coral reef genetic adaptation and climate change research. The discussion concluded with a mutual commitment to begin implementing joint activities in the upcoming academic year. This agreement symbolizes a visionary partnership between Indonesia and Japan and paves the way for deeper engagement in academic research and innovation throughout the Asia-Pacific region.



UNHAS AND UNICEF COLLABORATE ON ADDRESSING GLOBAL NUTRITION PRIORITIES: WASTING VS STUNTING



On Monday, 5 May 2025, the Department of Nutritional Sciences, Faculty of Public Health (FKM), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) held a guest lecture entitled 'Wasting vs Stunting: Global Nutrition Priorities and Urgency of Public Health Investment'. This guest lecture aimed to discuss the issue of wasting (acute malnutrition) and stunting (chronic malnutrition) as global priorities, while encouraging public health investment as a strategy to deal with it. This activity was organised in a hybrid format where presenters and some participants attended offline in the Prof. Nur Nasry Noor Hall while other participants attended online through a video conference platform. This guest lecture presented the main speaker, Mamadou Ndiaye, Ph.D, Chief of Nutrition - United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), who delivered material focusing on the importance of strategies to prevent and control wasting as an integral part of stunting prevention.

This activity supports the achievement of SDG 2; zero hunger (End Hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture) and SDG 3; Good health and well-being (Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages). The event began with remarks from the Head of ICONS (Indonesia Center of Nutrition Studies), Prof. dr. Veni Hadju, M.Sc., Ph.D, followed by remarks from Mr Hengky Wijaya, PhD as Head of the UNICEF Sulawesi and Maluku Region Office. The activity was then officially opened by Prof. Sukri Palutturi, SKM, M.Kes., MSc, PH, Ph.D, as Dean of FKM UNHAS.

In his speech, Prof. dr. Veni Hadju, Ph.D expressed his pleasure in and appreciation of the implementation of this guest lecture which is a part of the joint commitment of ICONS and UNICEF in addressing nutrition problems in Indonesia. Furthermore, Prof. Sukri Palutturi, Dean of the FKM, also expressed his appreciation and support for the Department of Nutritional Sciences which is active in various activities in of regional, national and international scope.

The guest lecture began at 10.40 CIT, and this session was guided by moderator Ulfah Najamuddin, M.Kes., Ph.D, a lecturer in the FKM UNHAS Department of Nutritional Sciences . The speaker explained that the nutrition problems faced in Indonesia are quite severe with the 'Triple Burden Malnutrition', namely Stunting / Wasting, Micronutrient Deficiency, and Obesity. He also emphasised the importance of cross-sector collaboration in overcoming nutrition problems in Indonesia. The guest lecture was attended by lecturers and students from the UNHAS Department of Nutritional Sciences, Faculty of Public Health, and from several universities outside UNHAS, who attended online. In addition, the UNICEF Indonesia team, namely Blandina Rosalina Bait as Nutrition Specialist UNICEF Indonesia and Nike Frans as Nutrition Officer UNICEF, also participated in this activity.

After the presentation of the material, the event continued with a question and answer session. Participants asked questions both directly to the speaker in English and through the moderator who acted as an interpreter. The lecture closed with a group photo with the speaker, the UNICEF team, lecturers and students of the FKM UNHAS Department of Nutrition



CULTURAL AND ACADEMIC EXCHANGE: FISIP UNHAS WELCOMES UMS STUDENTS THROUGH INBOUND PROGRAM



The Faculty of Social and Political Sciences at Hasanuddin University (FISIP UNHAS) held an Inbound Student Mobility Program, which this time was attended by students from the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities (FSSK), Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS). The program took place over a week, from 24 April to 1 May 2025, and featured a series of academic and cultural activities involving students from both FISIP UNHAS and FSSK UMS, faculty members from both institutions, and the local community in Enrekang Regency, South Sulawesi.

The program was officially opened in the Sukur Abdullah Hall, FISIP UNHAS, where participants were warmly welcomed by the faculty leadership. In his opening remarks, the Dean of the Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, Prof. Dr. Phil. Sukri, SIP. M.Si, emphasized that this Inbound Student Mobility Program is part of the ongoing collaboration between FISIP UNHAS and FSSK UMS. He also expressed hope for future initiatives such as joint lectures or credit-earning programs between the two faculties.

The mobility program featured various activities, one of which was a Student Entrepreneurship Sharing Session, where participants exchanged ideas and experiences related to business innovations with potential for development in their respective countries. Students from FSSK UMS presented their creative, locally-based products and business models, along with details of entrepreneurship competitions in Malaysia they had participated in using these innovative products. Cultural immersion was also a major highlight, particularly during the Cultural Performance, where students from four Student Activity Units (UKMs) under FISIP UNHAS show cased traditional South Sulawesi dances and music, as well as martial arts performances such as karate and taekwondo. This cultural exchange provided a warm and meaningful moment that strengthened cross-national friendships.

The final activity involving students from FISIP UNHAS and FSSK UMS was attending the inauguration of a traditional house in Enrekang Regency. Enrekang is known for its rich cultural heritage, officially recognized by the local government. On 30 April 2025, the Tongkonan Bola Kasalle traditional house in Buntu Pare, Redak Hamlet, Patongloan Village, Enrekang Regency, was inaugurated in a ceremony attended by local government officials and traditional leaders. During this event, the students had the opportunity to observe firsthand the traditional values of the Enrekang community and to learn about the meaningful architecture and philosophy of the traditional house.



STRATEGIC MEETING DISCUSSES RPL ADMISSION FOR GUANGXI UNIVERSITY STUDENTS AT UNHAS



On Thursday, 15 May 2025, the Directorate of Academic Affairs at Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) held an online coordination meeting via Zoom to discuss the welcoming of new students from the Guangxi University of Foreign Languages, China. These students have completed a three- to four-year diploma in Bahasa Indonesia and plan to continue their undergraduate studies through a credit recognition system known as *Rekognisi Pembelajaran Lampau* or Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL). They are expected to enrol at the Department of Indonesian Language, Faculty of Cultural Sciences (FIB), with around 23 students predicted to arrive in August 2025.

The meeting was officially opened by the Vice Rector for Academic and Student Affairs, Prof. drg. Muhammad Ruslin, M.Kes., Ph.D., Sp.BM(K). In his remarks, he highlighted the significance of this initiative, stating that if the university executes this well, it will pave the way for more inbound students in the future. He emphasized the strategic value of such partnerships in advancing UNHAS's internationalization goals.

Nurul Ichsani, S.I.Kom., M.Si., Head of the Admission Office, raised three critical discussion points: tuition fees, academic requirements, and the potential need for opening a new class to accommodate these students. These points were thoroughly discussed by meeting participants from various departments, each offering different perspectives and considerations to ensure the successful implementation of the program.

An essential outcome of the meeting was the consensus to prepare a comprehensive academic proposal to be submitted through Coursera. This step is necessary to gain formal recognition and approval from the Ministry of Research, Technology, and Higher Education (*Kemenristekdikti*). The meeting concluded with plans to hold a follow-up session to finalize the academic and administrative arrangements for the upcoming student cohort.

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Guangxi University of Foreign Languages (GUFL)

- 15 lulusan D3/D4 jurusan Bahasa Indonesia GUFL
- Rencana upgrade ke S1 dengan Sastra Indonesia

- Berapa total biaya studi yang harus dikeluarkan oleh mahasiswa untuk menyelesaikan program S1 Bahasa Indonesia di Unhas?

- Apa saja persyaratan akademik dan administratif yang harus dipenuhi oleh mahasiswa untuk dapat diterima di program S1 studi Bahasa Indonesia di Unhas?

- Apakah memungkinkan untuk membuka kelas khusus atau program khusus bagi kelompok mahasiswa ini? mengingat jumlahnya 15 orang

Participants:

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- endira harahap
- UNHAS_Jibril
- Karmila
- Irafany_UNHAS
- Munira Hasyim
- Unhas_Risma Illa Maulany
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SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATION TRAINING: STRATEGIC SKILLS TO PUBLISH IN INTERNATIONAL JOURNALS FOR POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS AND EARLY CAREER RESEARCHERS



The Publication Management Unit of the Faculty of Pharmacy, Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), successfully organized a scientific publication training “Navigating the World of Scientific Publishing: Essential Skills for Postgraduate Students and Early Career Researchers” on Thursday, May 15, 2025. The event was held at the 2nd Floor Hall of the Faculty of Pharmacy, UNHAS, and was attended by postgraduate students, early-career lecturers, and novice researchers from various institutions.

The training was designed to equip participants with essential competencies for navigating the scientific publishing process, including strategies for selecting the right journal, effective scientific writing techniques, and practical tips for managing the peer-review process. The event featured two distinguished speakers who are active editors of reputable international journals, offering direct insights from the editorial perspective.

The first speaker, Dr. Mandeep Kaur Marwah from Aston University, UK—also serving as a Guest Editor at the British Journal of Biomedical Science—delivered an in-depth session on the structure and techniques of effective scientific writing. Dr. Mandeep emphasized the importance of understanding the unique requirements of each journal and shared practical strategies for preparing manuscripts that meet international publication standards.

The second speaker, Dr. Felix Chan from the University of Birmingham, UK—a Trainee Editor for the Journal of Neurochemistry—shared strategic insights into journal selection and provided actionable tips for engaging with the peer-review process effectively. Dr. Chan also discussed his experiences as both editor and reviewer for international journals, offering participants a realistic view of how scientific manuscripts are evaluated by editorial boards.

Both speakers led highly interactive sessions enriched with case studies and review simulations. Participants not only learned theoretical concepts but were also given opportunities to practice drafting and revising scientific manuscripts in accordance with international standards.



This event not only provided technical knowledge and hands-on skills but also aligned closely with UNHAS's commitment to achieving global recognition. As part of its vision to become a world-class university, UNHAS actively encourages its lecturers and students to produce high-quality research and publish their findings in reputable international journals.

The Faculty of Pharmacy, as one of the university's leading faculties, plays a pivotal role in supporting this vision. This training is expected to serve as a strategic initiative to enhance the quality and quantity of international publications, contributing to the elevation of both the Faculty of Pharmacy and UNHAS's positions in global academic rankings, such as the QS World University Rankings.

Through activities like this, the Faculty of Pharmacy continues to demonstrate its commitment to advancing the academic capabilities of its scholarly community, particularly in producing high-impact and globally competitive scientific publications. This effort underscores UNHAS's standing as a higher education institution poised to compete on the international academic stage by generating impactful research and highly skilled human resources.



62 UNHAS STUDENTS TO EDUCATE CHILDREN OF INDONESIAN MIGRANT WORKERS IN MALAYSIA



Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) has held a special briefing for 62 students who will take part in the International Community Service Program (KKN) in Malaysia. The event took place at the Vocational Faculty Hall/Scientific Meeting Building (GPI), UNHAS Tamalanrea, Makassar, on Saturday, May 17, 2025. This briefing served as a strategic step in preparing students to become agents of community service at the global level.

The event was organized by the Sub-directorate of Community-Based Education (PBPM) under the Directorate of Educational Transformation and Learning Innovation (Transdiva) at UNHAS. The International KKN in Malaysia is a collaborative program between UNHAS and the Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia (KBRI) in Malaysia, through the Indonesian School of Kuala Lumpur (SIKL).

The Director of Transdiva, Ir. Sahriyanti Saad, Ph.D., stated that the 62 selected students were chosen through a rigorous selection process from hundreds of applicants. She emphasized that participants must demonstrate their best qualities throughout the service period in Malaysia, particularly in mentoring and educating the children of Indonesian Migrant Workers (PMI).

"PMI children are part of the nation's future generation who need our support and motivation. You are the best representatives of UNHAS, expected to make a real contribution to shaping their future," said Sahriyanti in a written statement on Sunday, May 18, 2025.

UNHAS Vice-Rector for Academic and Student Affairs, Prof. Muhammad Ruslin, reminded the participants that they are UNHAS ambassadors in the eyes of the world. "You are the face of UNHAS in the global community. Carry with you the spirit of service, academic excellence, and scientific diversity. This assignment is not only an act of service but also part of cultural diplomacy," he said.

UNHAS Rector, Prof. Jamaluddin Jompa, expressed his appreciation to all participants for their commitment. He views the program as a tangible form of UNHAS' contribution in addressing global challenges through cross-border service. "This initiative not only impacts Indonesian communities abroad but also builds student awareness of humanitarian and educational issues with transnational dimensions, such as the risk of statelessness faced by migrant children," said Prof. JJ, as he is commonly known.

During the briefing, participants received materials from several speakers, including Dr. Syarifuddin Mabe Parenreng, who spoke on ethics and student behavior abroad; Jamaluddin Fitrah Alam, who presented technical aspects of the KKN program in Malaysia; and Nosakros Arya, who delivered sessions on communication strategies, media, and activity reporting.

Although this briefing was conducted earlier for the first batch of participants who will depart in June 2025, all International KKN participants in Malaysia are still required to complete all stages and formalities of the KKN program. This initiative aligns with the "*Kampus Berdampak*" (Impactful Campus) program launched by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Research, and Technology (*Kemendikristek*) during the 2025 National Education Day commemoration. The initiative emphasizes the role of higher education institutions as centers of social transformation through collaboration among academia, industry, government, and society.



INBOUND EXCHANGE STUDENT FROM JAPAN GAINS FIRSTHAND EXPERIENCE IN TROPICAL MEDICINE AT UNHAS



As part of an ongoing collaboration between the Faculty of Medicine (FK), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), and the Faculty of Medicine, Kanazawa University, a student exchange (Inbound) program is currently underway. Shingo Yoshitake, a fifth-year medical student from Kanazawa University, began his month-long placement at FK and its affiliated hospitals and health centers on 11 May 2025.

The program focuses on the study of infectious and tropical diseases, with Shingo participating in academic and clinical activities within the Departments of Internal Medicine, Pediatrics, and Dermatovenereology. He also observed health examinations and treatment processes at local community health centers (puskesmas), gaining practical exposure to Indonesia's primary healthcare system.

In addition to his academic and clinical rotations, Shingo took part in two medical social services. On 11 May 2025, he joined an outreach event organized by M2F (Muslim Medical Family) in Maros Regency, South Sulawesi. Later, on 25 May 2025, he participated in another outreach event conducted by IMM, which included general health check-ups and circumcision procedures.

Prof. Dr. dr. Rina Masadah, M.Phil., SpPA(K), DFM, Vice Dean for Publication, Community Service, and International Collaboration, emphasized that this exchange program has been running for several years. She noted that it plays an important role in promoting FK UNHAS international recognition and supports UNHAS's efforts to enhance its global reputation.



“EPILEPSY IN FOCUS” INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR SPOTLIGHTS INNOVATIONS IN DRUG-RESISTANT EPILEPSY



As part of their 69th anniversary celebration, the Faculty of Pharmacy at Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) successfully hosted the international seminar “Epilepsy in Focus: Bridging Mechanisms, Clinical Practice & Targeted Delivery” on Saturday, 17 May 2025. Held at the Prof. Dr. dr. Idrus A. Paturusi Auditorium, UNHAS Teaching Hospital, the seminar was officially opened by the Rector of UNHAS, Prof. Dr. Ir. Jamaluddin Jompa, M.Sc.

The seminar brought together an esteemed group of experts from Indonesia and abroad, including neurologists, pharmacologists, clinical pharmacists, and pharmaceutical scientists. With the rising challenge of drug-resistant epilepsy (DRE), the event aimed to foster interdisciplinary dialogue and international collaboration to advance patient-centered care and innovative drug delivery strategies. Supported by the British Council and Indonesia Endowment Fund for Education (LPDP) the seminar formed part of an ongoing collaborative international research initiative. The scientific program unfolded over four thematic sessions, each exploring a critical aspect of epilepsy research and care.

The first session, “Exploring the Neurobiological Roots of Epilepsy and Drug-Resistant Epilepsy,” examined the fundamental mechanisms underlying epilepsy and drug resistance. Apt. Sukanto S. Mamada, Ph.D. of UNHAS discussed the therapeutic potential of omega-3 and omega-6 fatty acids in targeting ABC transporters at the blood-brain barrier. Meanwhile, Dr. Felix Chan from the University of Birmingham explored the genetic causes and mechanisms behind drug-resistant epilepsy. The session was moderated by apt. Rina Agustina, Ph.D.

The second session, “From Diagnosis to Daily Care – Clinical Strategies in Epilepsy and DRE,” focused on real-world clinical practice. Dr. dr. Susi Aulina, Sp.S(K), a neurologist and epilepsy consultant from UNHAS, presented an overview of drug-resistant epilepsy. This was followed by dr. Marson Rubianto Eka Putra, Ph.D., a neurology resident at the University of Minnesota, who shared insights from basic translational neuroscience and clinical practice. Dr. Gita Vita Soraya, Sp.S., Ph.D., served as moderator for this session.



COMMEMORATING 77 YEARS OF NAKBA: REMEMBERING, REFLECTING, AND RESISTING



Makassar, 23 May 2025, The Center for Peace, Conflict, and Democracy (CPCD) of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), in collaboration with the Peace Alliance a network of peace-focused NGOs in Makassar, held a commemoration of the 77th anniversary of Nakba on Friday (23 May) at The Institute for Research and Community Services (LPPM) Auditorium, Hasanuddin University (UNHAS). Themed "Remembering Nakba: A Journey Against Forgetting," the event aimed to raise awareness of the enduring Palestinian struggle and to foster solidarity among local communities.

The event began with the screening of a short film on the Nakba tragedy, followed by a discussion session featuring three speakers from diverse backgrounds. Moderated by Nurjannah Abdullah, S.IP., M.Si., a lecturer in International Relations and researcher at CPCD UNHAS, the panel included Tameem Najeem, an international student from Palestine studying at UNHAS; Agussalim Burhanuddin, S.IP., MIRAP, a lecturer and researcher at CPCD; and Therry Al-Ghifari, an activist from the Peace Alliance and KITA Bhinneka.

Tameem Najeem shared a moving personal testimony about his family's history of displacement since 1948. He recounted how his grandfather was expelled from his home during the early stages of the Israeli occupation, and how his family has since lived as refugees in Gaza. "After enduring years of violence and evictions," he explained, "some of my family members were forced to leave Gaza for safety." Grateful for the opportunity to pursue higher education at UNHAS, he expressed hope for a brighter future, saying, "I'm honored to receive a scholarship to study at UNHAS and hope to one day help rebuild Palestine." He also extended heartfelt appreciation to Indonesians, stating, "I sincerely thank the Indonesian people for their unwavering support for Palestine." Tameem concluded his remarks by strongly condemning the ongoing genocide and urging the international community to take concrete action.

Therry Al-Ghifari provided insight into the local solidarity movement in Makassar, describing various initiatives such as symbolic candlelight vigils at the Mandala Monument and storytelling sessions in elementary schools that highlight the Nakba. He emphasized the importance of tangible forms of resistance, stating, "Boycotting Israeli-affiliated products is a peaceful yet powerful form of civil resistance." He further urged, "We also call on the Indonesian government to adopt a firmer and more concrete stance to help stop the genocide occurring in Palestine."

From an academic perspective, Agussalim Burhanuddin discussed the critical role of Nakba commemorations in shaping global narratives of resistance to Israeli occupation. He also voiced concerns over Indonesia's policy of accepting Palestinian refugees, arguing that "this policy may weaken the legitimacy of the Palestinian government and ultimately benefit Israel and its allies, as it complicates the right of return for those who have been displaced from Palestinian land."

The event concluded with a symbolic gesture in which all participants and speakers wore peace bracelets. This act represented a collective commitment to nonviolent peacebuilding and reaffirmed their support for the Palestinian people's ongoing struggle. This commemoration served as a powerful reminder that Nakba is not merely a historical event, but an ongoing reality that demands global awareness, critical reflection, and meaningful action especially from academic institutions and communities across Indonesia.



STANFORD POSTDOCTORAL SCHOLAR VISITS HYDROMETEOROLOGY LAB AT UNIVERSITAS HASANUDDIN



Makassar, 21 May 2025, the Hydrometeorology Laboratory at the Department of Geophysics, Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Science, Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), recently welcomed Dr. Whitney Weber, a postdoctoral scholar from Stanford University. She is a virologist whose research focuses on how environmental factors such as climate change influence the spread of infectious diseases, particularly arboviruses. Currently involved in a collaborative study with UNHAS and the public health department, Dr. Weber is supporting a mother-child cohort research project in Makassar.

During her visit to the Hydrometeorology Lab, Dr. Weber was welcomed by Prof. Halmar Halide, a professor of hydro-meteorology and head of the lab. Prof. Halmar introduced the lab's facilities, such as automatic weather stations, and several students' research projects covering both climate-related topics and environmental monitoring technologies. Among the climate-focused studies, topics were an analysis of how climate and weather patterns affect upwelling along the southern coast of Java, a climate-based predictive model for Zika virus outbreaks in Brazil, and Climate-driven modeling of dengue cases in Kuala Lumpur, Singapore, and Bangkok. Furthermore, students also demonstrated practical applications of low-cost instruments for environmental monitoring, including Soil moisture tracking using in-soil humidity sensors, an IoT-based Telegram bot for automatic parking space detection, and the usage of ESP32 microcontrollers for temperature and humidity monitoring. Prof. Halmar underlined the broader mission of the lab, which is not only to advance academic research but also to create accessible technologies that support climate resilience and public health in local communities.

Dr. Weber expressed her appreciation for the relevance and creativity of the students' work. She noted that while her primary collaborations at Stanford do not typically focus on environmental monitoring, the methods and approaches used at UNHAS provided a valuable new perspective, particularly regarding the role of microclimate variables in disease risk modeling. She also emphasized the importance of this type of research in advancing global health, particularly in understanding environmental drivers of infectious disease and informing interventions for disease prevention.

Dr. Weber's visit reflects a growing interest in interdisciplinary and international partnerships, especially those that bridge climate science and health research, areas increasingly critical in an era of global environmental change.



EXPLORING OPPORTUNITIES: UNIVERSIDADE DA PAZ REPRESENTATIVES VISIT IO UNHAS



The International Office (IO) of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) warmly welcomed representatives from Universidade da Paz, Timor Leste on Friday, 23 May 2025. The delegation included Mr. Luis Pereira Cardoso, Dip.Cs., Lic.CSH., MA., MCS. (Vice Rector for Home and Foreign Partnership), and Dr. Leonito Ribeiro (Dean of the Faculty of Law). They were accompanied by Dr. Birkah Latif and Dr. Kadaruddin from the Faculty of Law (FH), UNHAS. The delegation was received by Muhammad Ridwan, M.A., Secretary of the IO. Prior to their visit to the IO, the guests participated in the signing of a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) at the Faculty of Law.

During the meeting, Mr. Ridwan introduced the functions of the IO, highlighting its role in preparing the UNHAS academic community for international engagement and facilitating inbound mobility for students and lecturers from partner institutions. He also presented the flagship 8th International Cultural Program (ICP), which last year brought together participants from 33 countries. Mr. Ridwan expressed hope that students from Universidade da Paz would join the program this year to enrich its cultural diversity.

Following the discussion, the guests were invited for a brief tour of the IO. As they walked through the back office, Mr. Ridwan explained various program highlights featured in the display photos, including the ICP, Geography Series, International Student Orientation, and International Student Festival. The visit concluded with the presentation of IO merchandise to Mr. Luis and a group photo to commemorate the occasion.



UNHAS AND SHANGHAI OCEAN UNIVERSITY FORGE DEEPER TIES IN MARINE SCIENCE



Makassar, 28 May 2025 – Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) and Shanghai Ocean University (ShOU) have taken significant steps to deepen their long standing partnership, focusing on marine resource management, scientific research, and academic development.

The meeting at UNHAS's rectorate office underscored a shared commitment to sustainable oceans and community benefits. Leading the ShOU delegation was university president Prof. Wan Rong, accompanied by senior academics Prof. Zhang Shuo, Prof. Zou Leilei, and Prof. Lei Jihai. The group was welcomed by UNHAS Rector Prof. Jamaluddin Jompa, Vice-Rector IV Prof. Adi Maulana, and other key leaders including the directors of partnership and community engagement, alongside top researchers from UNHAS's Faculty of Marine Science and Fisheries.

Discussions opened with a focus on sustainable use of marine resources. Also, improving fish handling and processing methods. Both universities acknowledged the failures that have occurred in ensuring fish products remain fresh and retain their value. Collaborative projects will now look at training, technology, and management strategies to prevent these issues and secure better incomes for coastal fishing communities.

Another topic on the table was the development of functional foods derived from seafood. ShOU and UNHAS see this as a way to tap into growing demand for health-promoting products. The initiative would use marine-based ingredients, unlocking new value streams for local economies and enhancing human health. The potential of deep-sea microorganisms to deliver breakthroughs in medicine was also highlighted. Both institutions plan joint research into these organisms, which thrive in extreme conditions and could yield treatments for diseases that currently lack effective therapies. Researchers expressed strong interest in sharing data and laboratory access to accelerate progress.

A key element of the discussion was expanding opportunities for young researchers. ShOU invited UNHAS to send early-career scientists to participate in its Antarctic research program. This collaboration promises hands-on experience in some of the world's most remote and ecologically important areas, helping to build capacity and networks for Indonesian marine scientists. For the past five years, UNHAS and ShOU have been working together on artificial reef and marine ranching projects. These efforts have not only aimed to restore marine habitats and boost biodiversity but also provided practical training for UNHAS students. This long-term cooperation was cited as a strong foundation for future joint initiatives.

In a major boost for UNHAS, ShOU announced a new scholarship program for young lecturers from the university to pursue PhD programs in marine science. Covering tuition and living costs, the scheme is expected to help UNHAS build a cadre of experts who can lead cutting-edge research and shape sustainable policies for Indonesia's vast marine resources. Prof. Jamaluddin Jompa praised the move as a powerful example of international cooperation delivering real benefits. "This partnership goes beyond research – it's about creating opportunities for our young academics and developing science that serves our communities and ecosystems," he said. Prof. Wan Rong echoed these sentiments, expressing his university's strong commitment to the partnership. "Our collaboration has already delivered impact, especially through artificial reefs and marine ranching," he said. "We are excited to deepen this relationship with new research, student exchanges, and scholarships."

The meeting concluded with both sides agreeing to develop detailed plans for expanding joint projects, from sustainable fisheries management to advanced ecological research. This renewed commitment reflects a shared belief that international partnerships are essential to solving today's most urgent marine challenges. Please provide the best title including its optional ones.



UNHAS POLITICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT BRINGS IAN WILSON TO SPOTLIGHT THE DARK SIDE OF REFORM-ERA POLITICS



The Department of Political Science, Faculty of Social and Political Sciences (FISIP), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), held a guest lecture featuring researcher and author of "The Politics of Thugs", Ian Douglas Wilson. The discussion took place on Wednesday, 28 May 2025, starting at 2:00 PM Western Indonesia Time.

This event was a collaboration between the Department and Marjin Kiri Publishing. The discussion was also part of Marjin Kiri's 20th-anniversary celebration, marking two decades of publishing critical books in the fields of social sciences, economics, politics, literature, and history.

Ian Douglas Wilson is a Senior Lecturer in the Politics Department at Murdoch University, Perth, Australia. He is also a Researcher at the Asia Research Centre and holds the Academic Chair for the Politics and Security Program. Wilson has studied contemporary Indonesian politics and society for over two decades, with a particular focus on the political economy of mass organizations, urban social movements, political violence, and the impacts of inequality and poverty in urban areas. His research has been published in numerous academic journals. Wilson is the author of *The Politics of Thugs* (Marjin Kiri, 2018) and *The Politics of Inner Power* (Pustaka Obor, 2020).

During the lecture at UNHAS, Wilson delved into the contents of his book, which explores the connection between mass organizations, thuggery, and political power in post-reform Indonesia. According to Wilson, thugs and mass organizations are not merely criminal actors, but part of an informal political system. They maintain mutually beneficial relationships with politicians, law enforcement, and business figures. "In this context, I don't see thugs as actors outside the state, but as part of the state itself," Wilson stated.

He analyzed power relations in which the state is not viewed as a fixed institution but as an element within networks of power. The violence carried out by thug-based organizations, he argues, is part of the "normal" political practices in Indonesia. This demonstrates how Indonesian democracy continues to operate through informal logic and patronage rather than solely through formal institutions. Wilson also highlighted how democratization has not eliminated political violence. Instead, under decentralization and electoral politics, thug forces are used for mass mobilization, political intimidation, and securing business projects.

The hybrid-format guest lecture drew strong interest from students and faculty across various disciplines. Through this discussion, participants were invited to explore an alternative view of Indonesian politics and to understand the dynamics of power through the lens of informal relations. Ian Wilson's presence not only enriched academic insight but also encouraged critical reflection on the practice of democracy and political power in Indonesia.



RETHINKING CLIMATE CRISIS: INEQUALITY, HEALTH, AND SOCIAL VULNERABILITY IN FOCUS AT UNHAS FORUM



The global climate crisis is far more than a matter of rising temperatures it is deeply intertwined with inequality, public health challenges, and social conflict. These interconnected issues were at the heart of a hybrid discussion titled “Climate Crisis from Multiple Perspectives”, held on Wednesday 28 May 2025 by *Lembaga Penelitian dan Pengabdian Masyarakat* (LPPM) or Institute for Research and Community Service of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) in collaboration with the Center for Peace, Conflict and Democracy (CPCD) and the Thematic Research Group (TRG) on Climate Change & Health.

Held in Meeting Room A of LPPM UNHAS, the forum featured two internationally respected scholars from different disciplines: Dr. Ian D. Wilson, senior academic from Murdoch University in Perth, Australia, and Dr. Sudirman Nasir, senior lecturer at the Faculty of Public Health at UNHAS and Chair of the TRG Climate Change & Health. The session was moderated by Nurjannah Abdullah, lecturer in International Relations and researcher at CPCD. The event opened with welcoming remarks from Prof. Dr. Nasrum Nasri, Head of LPPM UNHAS, who emphasized the importance of fostering critical dialogue to encourage more productive multidisciplinary research in the future.

Attended by researchers, academics, journalists, and NGO activists from diverse sectors, the discussion explored the climate crisis from political-economic, public health, and social vulnerability angles. Dr. Ian Wilson addressed the issue through the lens of political economy, underscoring how structurally marginalized communities are bearing the brunt of climate impacts. According to Wilson, groups that have historically had limited access to basic services and social protection now face compounded risks as the climate crisis deepens. He argued that climate justice must serve as the foundation for designing both adaptation and mitigation strategies.

Echoing the concern for vulnerable populations, Dr. Sudirman Nasir highlighted how climate change is driving a health crisis, both physical and mental, particularly among communities with limited resources. He drew attention to environmental degradation and worsening water scarcity, which are triggering forced migration and increasing the risk of social conflict. Sudirman criticized the failure of many climate policies to address health equity, local context, and the diversity of social vulnerabilities. Bringing the spotlight to Wallacea, a biologically and culturally rich region in Indonesia—he warned that excessive economic activity and climate stress are rapidly degrading this unique ecosystem. He emphasized the urgency of strengthening community resilience by leveraging local social capital and promoting community-based approaches.

Throughout the discussion, participants were reminded of the importance of bridging disciplines and sectors to confront the climate crisis more effectively. Moderator Nurjannah Abdullah concluded by reaffirming the event's goal of fostering collaboration among academics, policymakers, and civil society to develop inclusive and just strategies for climate adaptation.



BIPA LEARNERS DISCOVER ANCIENT TRACES AND SCENIC KARST IN SOUTH SULAWESI



The international students who are awardees of the 2025 *Kemitraan Negara Berkembang* (KNB) or Developing Countries Partnership Scholarship from the Ministry of Research and Technology visited Maros Regency, South Sulawesi, on Saturday, 10 May 2025. These students, who are also participants in the *Bahasa Indonesia untuk Penutur Asing* (BIPA) or Indonesian Language for Foreign Speakers course, took part in a Cultural and Tourist Site Introduction Program organised by the Language Service Unit of Hasanuddin University.

The cultural and tourism introduction activities took place at the Leang-Leang Archaeological Park and Rammang-Rammang. The participants included Tlotlo Semakaleng from Botswana, Kumar Apurvakant Gautam from India, Aseel Mohammed Abdullah Mubarak Flehan and Mohammed Ahmed Mohammed Sulaiman Kann from Yemen, as well as Abdul Qayyom and Amir Hussain from Pakistan.

They were guided closely through the history of human civilisation at Leang-Leang. Accompanied by a local tour guide, the students observed prehistoric handprint paintings on cave walls, gaining valuable archaeological insights into early human life. At Rammang-Rammang, the BIPA course participants also admired the stunning karst formations, which are recognised as part of a World Heritage Site.

The activity was accompanied by the Head of the Language Service Unit, Dr. Herawaty, and the Unit Secretary who also serves as the BIPA Program Coordinator, Dr. Inriati Lewa, along with BIPA instructors Muh. Syafri Badaruddin, Syahwan Alfianto Amir, and Indarwati.



ADVANCING AGED CARE THROUGH INTERNATIONAL INSIGHT: JAMNA EXPERTS VISIT UNHAS



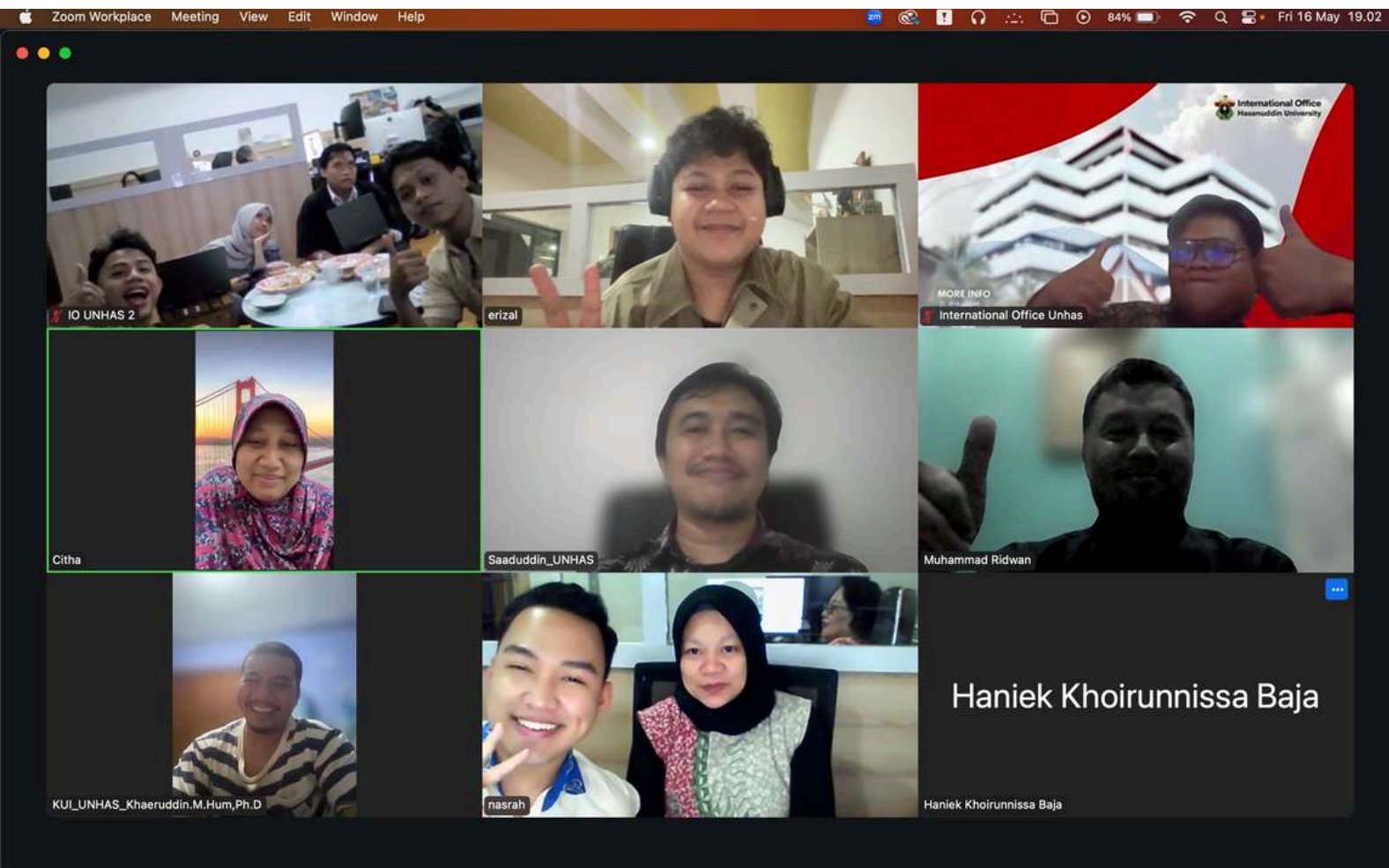
The Faculty of Nursing, Hasanuddin University (FKeP UNHAS), in collaboration with the Japan Asia Medical Nurse Association (JAMNA), successfully held an International Nursing Seminar on Monday, 26 May 2025 The Institute for Research and Community Services (LPPM) Auditorium, UNHAS. The event featured two distinguished speakers from JAMNA: Mr. Moriyama Yoshifumi and Mr. Kumazawa Kazuhide. In attendance were the Vice Dean for Academic and Student Affairs Affairs of FKeP, UNHAS, the Head of the International Office of UNHAS, the Secretary of JAMNA, as well as faculty members from FKeP UNHAS.

In his opening remarks, Syahrul, S.Kep., Ns., M.Kes., Ph.D., emphasized that the seminar was a part of the university's ongoing collaboration with Kaikoukai Healthcare Corporation and JAMNA. He highlighted the importance of this event in enhancing academic exchange and clinical insights. The primary goal, he stated, was to deliver valuable knowledge not only to students but also to nurse practitioners in both public health centers and hospitals.

The seminar attracted over 150 participants, reflecting a strong interest in the topic: "The Front Line of Aged Care: Fall Prevention and Approaches to Dementia Care." The session was moderated by Rijal, S.FT., Physio., M.Kes.,M.Sc, Ph.D., Mr. Moriyama Yoshifumi delivered a session focused on Exercise Therapy to Prevent Falls and Fractures in the Elderly, while Mr. Kumazawa Kazuhide presented approaches to Effective Communication Techniques in the Care of Dementia Patients. The event concluded with a dynamic Q&A session, sparking meaningful discussions and knowledge exchange among the participants.



UNHAS IO ADVANCES PREPARATIONS FOR 8TH ICP WITH STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING



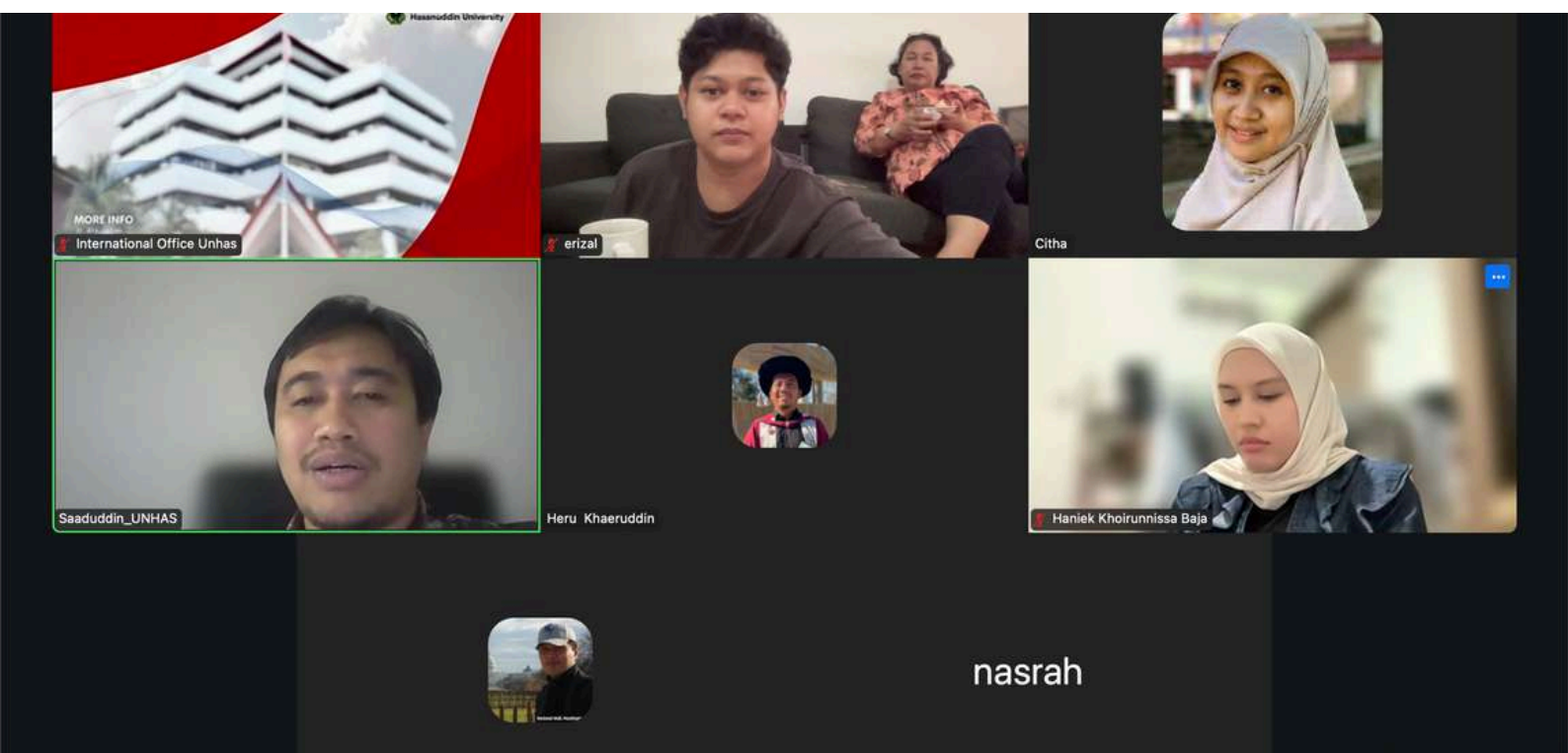
The International Office (IO) of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) held a coordination meeting on Friday, 16 May 2025, at 5:00 PM Makassar time to continue preparations for the 8th International Cultural Program (ICP). Led by Andi Masyitha Irwan, Ph.D., Head of IO, the meeting was conducted in a hybrid format, combining in-person attendance and Zoom participation. The session was facilitated by Saaduddin, M.Sc., the ICP Managing Director and IO Task Force member, and attended by all IO staff and designated student volunteers involved in the program's organization.

The meeting began with a discussion on the list of non-UNHAS applicants. Selected IO staff presented their recommended candidates, which revealed that several applicants had submitted incomplete documentation, such as missing recommendation letters and proof of health insurance. This prompted a more detailed review of the requirements to ensure that only fully eligible participants would be accepted into the program.

A significant portion of the meeting focused on the proposal of courtesy calls to strengthen institutional support and visibility. The Mayor of Makassar City was proposed as a key figure to be invited as a panellist for the International Academic Consortium for Sustainable Cities (IACSC) Conference, which will run parallel to the ICP. Additional courtesy calls were planned to the Regent of Takalar, the designated site for one of the ICP field trips, and the Regent of Bantaeng, in relation to a similar program involving students from UNHAS and Kanazawa University.

In the final segment of the ICP meeting, Mr. Saaduddin presented a plan to pursue sponsorship opportunities for the ICP, emphasizing the scale and significance of the event. The session concluded with agreement among attendees to hold another follow-up meeting in the near future to monitor progress and finalize outstanding matters.

After the break of Maghrib prayer, Khairuddin, Ph.D, continued with the IACSC preparation meeting including the conference. It was shown that there were around 10 abstracts sent by the prospective presenters to the conference. The great efforts were recommended to increase the number of presenters by the committee.



GLOBAL VOICES UNITE AT SIDRAP ENGLISH BOOTCAMP: UNHAS INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS TAKE THE LEAD



Five international students of Hasanuddin University, through the International Office (IO), were invited as resource persons for the Sidrap English Bootcamp Batch 2, an event initiated by Bola Sumange English Course and supported by the Regency of Sidrap. The bootcamp took place from Saturday to Monday, 10–12 May 2025, at Kebun Porang Bendoro, Sidrap, with the theme: “Superior English Is Our Light: Turning the Dream into the Sight.”

The participating international students were Shahabuddin Esmati (Afghanistan), Dua Al Mashraqi (Yemen), Chufo Chisom Godswill (Nigeria), Kanchul Louis Mendy (Gambia), and Tashfeen Amir (Pakistan). They played an active role in interacting with the participants, sharing their experiences, cultures, and practical strategies for improving English communication skills. The bootcamp fostered a dynamic and cross-cultural learning environment.

During their stay in Sidrap, the international students were accommodated at the official residence of the Regent of Sidrap, further highlighting the region's warm hospitality and recognition of international academic collaboration. Their presence offered a unique global exposure for local students in Sidrap, especially those from rural areas, to engage with English in a real-world and multicultural context.

This initiative not only enriched the bootcamp participants' confidence and proficiency in English but also provided meaningful learning experiences for the international students themselves. It marked a memorable moment of cultural exchange and capacity building, contributing to the broader goals of educational internationalization and community engagement.



SHARPENING SCHOLARSHIP SKILLS: UNHAS IO'S ESSAY WRITING WORKSHOP



The International Office (IO) of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) successfully held a Workshop on Essay Writing for Scholarship Applicants on Monday, 19 May 2025, at Hall B of the Institute of Quality Assurance and Educational Development (*Lembaga Penjaminan Mutu dan Pengkajian Pendidikan – LPMPP*). The event aimed to help the prospective scholarship applicants develop strong, compelling essays to support their applications. Due to the workshop's highly focused and interactive nature, participation was limited to 10 selected individuals attending on-site.

The workshop was led by Khaeruddin, Ph.D., a member of the IO Task Force. Representing the IO, Muhammad Ridwan, M.A., who serves as IO Secretary, welcomed the participants and emphasized the vital role of the IO in preparing the UNHAS academic community for outbound mobility, especially through scholarship opportunities for further study abroad. He encouraged the participants to take full advantage of the sessions and to engage actively throughout the program.



UNHAS IO HOLDS SOCIALIZATION ON IMMIGRATION AND RESEARCH PERMIT



The International Office (IO) of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) successfully organized a Socialization on Immigration Regulation and Research Permit on Tuesday, 27 May 2025. Held from 08:00 AM at the LPMPP Ballroom, the event ran in a hybrid format, both onsite and online via Zoom. It brought together Vice Deans, the administrative staff from various faculties who are responsible for immigration-related matters, and Thematic Research Group (TRG) leaders. Accompanied by Andi Masyitha Irwan, Ph.D. (Head of IO), and was officially opened by Prof. Sumbangan Baja, M.Phil., Ph.D., (UNHAS Secretary). In his opening remarks, Prof. Baja emphasized the importance of socialization, especially as he also serves as a TRG leader. He urged participants to pay close attention to the presentations.

The sessions were moderated by Saaduddin, M.Sc., from the IO Task Force for International Students and Immigration Affairs. The first speaker was the Director of Visa and Travel Documents from the Directorate General of Immigration in Jakarta, Mr. Wihadi Sutrisno, who presented online. He explained current regulations on foreign visas, which prompted many questions from the audience. Topics raised included whether a visa on arrival is necessary for students or faculty members visiting Indonesia or Makassar for a short term, as well as the complexity of the visa payment system. The speaker provided clear and comprehensive responses to all inquiries.

The second session was led by Mr. Oky Derajat Rizki Mubarak, S.H., M.H., Head of the Travel Documents and Stay Permits Division, Immigration Office Class 1 Makassar. His presentation focused on the Limited Stay Permit or ITAS. Although there was some overlap with the previous presentation, his session offered a more localized and practical angle, highlighting implementation at the regional level. His insights provided clarity for university staff dealing directly with foreign visitors and students.

The final session featured Prof. Dr. Ir. Rohani Ambo Rappe, M.Si., Director of UNHAS Reputation Enhancement and TRG Leader for Seagrass Restoration and Ecosystem Services. She shared her hands-on experiences in managing research permits for foreign academic collaborators. Her experiential account offered valuable guidance for participants, especially those involved in supporting similar research arrangements in their respective faculties.

At the end of the event, the Head of IO presented a token of appreciation to the speakers attending in person and expressed gratitude to all participants, both online and offline. The session concluded with a group photo, marking the end of a fruitful day of knowledge-sharing and collaboration.



UNVEILING GLOBAL OPPORTUNITIES: INFO SESSION ON SCHOLARSHIP AND STUDY IN AUSTRALIA AT UNHAS



The International Office (IO) of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) hosted an *Info Session: Scholarship and Study in Australia* on Monday, 26 May 2025, at the Arsjad Lecture Theater. The session featured two distinguished speakers: Haniek Khoirunnissa, M.Sc. (IO Task Force on Database and Scholarship), and Al Adi Fitrah, M.Pd., M.A. App.Ling., M.A. TESOL, representing the Australian Consulate General Office in Makassar. The event was officially opened by Prof. Sumbangan Baja, M.Phil., Ph.D., (UNHAS Secretary), who shared his own journey of securing multiple scholarships and ultimately pursuing graduate studies at the University of Sydney, Australia. Prof. Sumbangan also warmly offered to provide recommendation letters to aspiring applicants from UNHAS.

Accompanying the opening session were Andi Masyitha Irwan, Ph.D. (Head of IO), Muhammad Ridwan, M.A. (IO Secretary), Dra. Harniaty (Head of Foreign Affairs Division), Saaduddin, M.Sc. (IO Task Force for International Students and Immigration Affairs), and staff members, along with members of the UNHAS academic community. The session was moderated by Khairuddin, Ph.D. (IO Task Force for Students Mobility), with Cahya Ramadhani, S.I.Kom. (IO Staff) serving as the Master of Ceremony. The first presentation by Ms. Haniek provided a comprehensive overview of global scholarship opportunities, spanning Asia, North America, and Europe. She also shared essential tips and strategies for preparing a winning scholarship application.

The second speaker, Mr. Adi, offered an in-depth look at scholarships in Australia, focusing particularly on the prestigious Australian Awards Scholarship (AAS). As a scholarship recipient himself, Mr. Adi detailed his academic journey, which includes three Master's degrees. He emphasized how applicants can strengthen their essays by not just listing achievements but explaining the broader social impact of their experiences. His talk also encouraged participants to engage in volunteering and social activities to enrich their personal stories and scholarship applications.

The session concluded with a lively Q&A segment, where participants asked questions about essay writing, preparation timelines, and other scholarship-related topics. Before wrapping up, three winners were announced for the best Instagram stories about the event, receiving exclusive merchandise from the Australian Consulate Office. As a moderator, Mr. Heru expressed his gratitude to the speakers and participants and reminded the audience to stay engaged with upcoming IO events, including the 8th International Cultural Program (ICP), open to UNHAS students until 30 May 2025.



EXPLORING THE WORLD: PPAN ROAD SHOW ENCOURAGES UNHAS STUDENT PARTICIPATION



The International Office (IO) of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), in collaboration with *Purna Caraka Muda Indonesia* (PCMI) South Sulawesi, the International Youth Exchange Alumni Association hosted the Road Show of *Pertukaran Pemuda Antar Negara* (PPAN), or the International Youth Exchange Program, on Friday, 9 May 2025, at the UNHAS Research and Community Service (LP2M) Hall. The event began at 2:00 PM and was attended by around 50 UNHAS students. Moderated by Regina Farah Nafilah, S.IP, an alumna of the 2024 Australia-Indonesia Youth Exchange Program (AIYEP), the road show aimed to introduce various exchange programs supported by the Ministry of Youth and Sports (Kemenpora), including AIYEP, SILEP (Singapore-Indonesia Youth Leaders Exchange Program), and SSEAYP (Ship for Southeast Asian Youth Program).

Representing the IO, Muhammad Ridwan, M.A., (IO Secretary), opened the event with a welcome remark. He emphasized the IO's commitment to supporting initiatives that promote outbound mobility for UNHAS students and lecturers. Ridwan encouraged students to actively pay attention to the alumni speakers, as the experiences they shared could be a source of inspiration and preparation for future exchange opportunities abroad.

The road show featured compelling testimonials from alumni who have participated in various international youth exchange programs. Alongside Regina, another AIYEP alumna, Satriani, S.I.Kom, who joined the program in 2018, also spoke. She shared that although her experience may differ from Regina's due to the changing times, the core values of cultural immersion, people-to-people connections, and leadership development remained central. AIYEP includes two segments: the Indonesian participants first travel to Australia for cultural performances, courtesy calls, and engagement with local communities, then return with their Australian counterparts to Indonesia to undergo similar activities.

Additionally, two alumni of the Singapore-Indonesia Leadership Exchange Program (SILEP) also shared their insights during the session, adding more dimensions to the students' understanding of international youth exchange. The event concluded with a group photo session, capturing the enthusiasm and aspirations of the participants. For 2025, South Sulawesi will be represented by male participants in AIYEP, continuing the region's strong engagement in global youth exchange initiatives.



FRIDAY OUTBOUND CLINIC HIGHLIGHTS ENGLISH PROFICIENCY TEST PREPARATION STRATEGIES



On Friday, 16 May 2025, the International Office (IO) of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) organized another session of its regular Friday Outbound Clinic (FOC), focusing on “Preparing for English Proficiency Tests: Tips, Resources, and Practice Strategies.” The speaker for the session was Besse Puspitha Syarif, S.S., M.Gen.App.Ling., an alumna of the 2018 Australia Awards Scholarship program and a graduate of the Master of Applied Linguistics at the Australian National University. The session was moderated by Khaeruddin, Ph.D., also known as Mr. Heru within the IO.

Ms. Besse began her presentation by explaining the concept of English Proficiency Tests (EPT), followed by an overview of the major types of tests such as IELTS, ITP TOEFL, iBT TOEFL, Duolingo English Test, and TOEIC. Her presentation was concise, lasting about 20 minutes, after which she shifted the session into an interactive Q&A format to engage the audience directly and address specific concerns.

The session attracted approximately 50 participants from both the UNHAS academic community and the general public. Attendees actively participated by raising numerous questions, all of which were addressed clearly and effectively by Ms. Besse, who shared practical insights based on her academic and professional experience.

To conclude the session, moderator Khaeruddin, Ph.D., expressed his gratitude to Ms. Besse on behalf of the IO team for her time and valuable contribution. He also reminded the participants that the IO remains open to inquiries, follow-up questions, and further discussion beyond the session, emphasizing its commitment to supporting outbound mobility and English proficiency preparation.

DISCOVERING PAKISTAN: UNHAS GEOGRAPHY SERIES SHOWCASES THE HEART OF SOUTH ASIA



On Thursday, 22 May 2025, the International Office (IO) of Universitas Hasanuddin (UNHAS) proudly hosted another enriching session of its celebrated Geography Series, this time shining the spotlight on the culturally rich and geographically diverse country of Pakistan. Held at the FMIPA (Faculty of Natural Science) Hall, the session featured Mr. Jalal Rahman, a dedicated student from the Faculty of Law and a recipient of the prestigious *Kemitraan Negara Berkembang* (KNB) or Partnership of Developing Countries Scholarship. With the event officially opened by the ever-energetic Mr. Khaeruddin.Ph.D, the atmosphere was filled with curiosity, excitement, and cultural pride as attendees embarked on a virtual journey across Pakistan.

The presentation began with a warm Pakistani greeting and an engaging slideshow showcasing the awe-inspiring beauty of the nation, from the towering snow-capped peaks of the Karakoram Range to the vibrant energy of cities like Lahore and Karachi. Mr. Rahman led the audience through Pakistan's four provinces Punjab, Sindh, Balochistan, and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa—explaining how each region contributes to the nation's identity. He emphasized the significance of the Indus River, which has served as both a cradle of civilization and a lifeline for agriculture and industry throughout centuries.



Student Volunteer Chronicle:

Uniting Cultures, One Step at a Time::
Achmad Azan Albar
Faculty of Engineering

My journey with the International Office (IO) began when I stumbled upon their Indonesian International Student Mobility Awards (IISMA) camp for students. This event opened my eyes to the world of global education and cultural exchange. I was immediately captivated by the energy and dedication of the IO team as they guided students through the process of applying for international study opportunities, sharing insights about life abroad and cross-cultural experiences. As someone who has always been curious about the world beyond my hometown, the camp sparked a desire within me to get involved and help others access similar opportunities.

The IO's mission to connect students with global possibilities inspired me to become a volunteer. Through this role, I hoped to expand my own cultural awareness, develop professional skills, and contribute to creating a welcoming environment for both international and local students.

One of the most memorable moments in my journey as a volunteer was during the 2nd International Student Festival (ISF) 2024, held on 15 September 2024 as part of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS)'s 68th anniversary celebration. Themed *"Uniting Global Culture in One Celebration,"* the festival was a colorful and vibrant event. I helped coordinate one of the many cultural booths where students shared traditional dishes and performed cultural dances. Witnessing international and local students connect through food, music, and dance was unforgettable. The event's success, driven by the IO team's hard work, left me proud to be part of such a dynamic celebration of diversity.



As an urban and regional planning student based at UNHAS's Gowa campus, I've had to balance academic responsibilities with volunteering at the IO in Tamalanrea, Makassar—a significant commute. To manage this, I allocate time strategically for classes, study, and volunteer commitments. Volunteering at the IO has become a refreshing counterbalance to the technical nature of my studies. Open communication with the IO team about my availability has helped me contribute meaningfully while maintaining my academic performance.

Through my volunteer role, I've gained valuable global communication skills. I had the opportunity to host an Instagram Live session on student mobility, assist in Bahasa Indonesia classes for international students, and participate in a capacity-building program on public speaking, tourism, and hospitality. The live session boosted my fluency and confidence in digital engagement; teaching Bahasa helped me adapt to diverse learning styles; and the training program enhanced my public speaking abilities and deepened my understanding of hospitality skills I believe are essential for fostering meaningful cultural exchange.

The most rewarding part of being an IO volunteer is the impact we make in helping international students feel at home. Whether it's teaching basic Bahasa or showing them around campus, these simple gestures make a difference. Making friends with students from different countries has broadened my worldview and created bonds that feel like family. Being part of the IO's mission to foster inclusivity and global engagement on campus fills me with pride and purpose.

To aspiring IO volunteers: embrace the opportunity with enthusiasm and an open heart. Don't be intimidated by the responsibilities—each task is a chance to grow. Stay organised, communicate openly, and nurture relationships with both your peers and international students. Challenges may arise, but they often lead to the most meaningful experiences. Most importantly, enjoy the journey.





Student Volunteer Chronicle:

Stepping Beyond Comfort Zones:
Aisyah Meisje
Faculty of Cultural Sciences



Aisyah Meisje is one of the active student volunteers, or Stuvo, at the International Office (IO) of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS). Her journey with the IO began when her parents first introduced her to the office, prompting her curiosity to explore IO's Instagram page. There, she was drawn to the vibrant international atmosphere and the engaging activities posted online. She found it especially inspiring to see how student volunteers interacted with international students, which she described as "cool." Seeing all this, Aisyah decided to join, motivated not only by her interest in intercultural engagement but also by her desire to improve her English skills through real interactions.

One of Aisyah's most cherished memories as a Stuvo was her involvement in the International Student Festival. It was her first assignment with the IO, and from the early stages of planning to the end of the event, she enjoyed numerous opportunities to communicate directly with international students. The event offered her a colorful blend of cultural experiences—she got to taste food from different countries and listen to music from various cultures. This festival, she recalls, was not just fun but also unforgettable, solidifying her passion for being part of the IO.

Balancing academic responsibilities with her volunteer commitments requires thoughtful time management. Aisyah prioritizes her tasks based on urgency and importance. Since Stuvo members are required to take turns on office shifts, she ensures that her schedule aligns with her free time outside of class. This approach allows her to maintain her academic performance while staying actively involved in IO activities.



Through her time at the IO, Aisyah has gained both skills and confidence. Her interest in photography, which began as a personal hobby, found a new depth thanks to the IO's supportive environment. She participated in a photography mini-course hosted by the office, which helped her enhance her skills further. These skills were put to practical use when she was entrusted with photographing IO events—an experience that turned her passion into purposeful practice.

Being part of the IO has contributed immensely to Aisyah's personal and professional growth. Personally, she has become more confident in communicating with people from different cultural backgrounds. Her experiences have also sharpened her teamwork and problem-solving abilities. Professionally, she's gained exposure to event organization, intercultural communication, and applied photography—competencies she believes will benefit her in any international work setting she may pursue in the future.

For Aisyah, the most rewarding aspect of being a Stuvo is the meaningful friendships she has formed. She's had the chance to connect with peers not only from UNHAS but also from different countries, gaining valuable lessons that have left a lasting impression on her.

To fellow students aspiring to join the International Office, Aisyah offers heartfelt advice: "Don't worry if you don't have prior organizational experience or aren't fluent in English just yet. IO is one of the best places to grow, learn, and improve yourself as a student. The people here are welcoming and supportive, and they'll be more than happy to help you become part of the team."





Student Volunteer Chronicle:

Where Cultures Meet and Friendships
Flourish : Aisyah Nurfalah
Faculty of Medicine

I was first introduced to the International Office (IO) through a Geographic Series, a regular event conducted by the International office. The event was hosted by a Palestinian student. Since then, I began following the IO on social media. To me, IO at Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) is a valuable platform to improve my English skills and broaden my network with both local and international peers. Learning about different cultures has always been something I find exciting and enriching.

Every moment spent with friends from the IO has been memorable. I feel fortunate to be part of such a warm and supportive community. A recent example is the outbound activity in the Bengo-Bengo forest. We were warmly welcomed, and the experience of hiking to the summit together created unforgettable memories. As a medical student with an intense academic schedule and weekly exams, good time management is essential. I maintain a daily schedule and set reminders for important tasks and events. Additionally, the support and collaboration among fellow student volunteers play a crucial role in completing our responsibilities. Also, being able to prioritize tasks based on urgency and importance has significantly improved my efficiency.

Through my role as a student volunteer, I have learned a lot about responsibility and effective teamwork. I have gained hands-on experience in organizing and managing events, and I truly enjoy assisting international students as they navigate the challenges they face. Being part of the IO team has taught me valuable skills such as team coordination, effective communication, time management, and most importantly, how to stay enthusiastic and enjoy every activity I'm involved in. With this mindset, work becomes less of a burden and more of a meaningful journey.

One of the things I am most grateful for during my time as a student volunteer is the opportunity to meet and connect with incredible and inspiring people. Being surrounded by them has motivated me to continuously improve myself. I've also gained insight into life beyond my faculty and have enjoyed exchanging knowledge and experiences with students from various disciplines.

Finally, I wholeheartedly encourage other students to become part of IO. There is so much to gain and nothing to lose. The experiences are enriching, the activities are exciting, and the sense of belonging is unmatched. For me, the IO already feels like home. So don't hesitate to become a part of IO at UNHAS and continue supporting its amazing programs.





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