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HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY PARTICIPATES AS SPEAKER IN THE SOCIALIZATION OF BRIDGING VISA SERVICES FOR FOREIGNERS



Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) played an active role as both participant and speaker in the Socialization of Visit Stay Permit Services for Bridging Visas, held on Thursday, 21 August 2025, at the Four Points by Sheraton Hotel, Makassar. UNHAS was invited because of its significant responsibility in managing a growing number of international students and researchers, making the university a key partner in discussions on academic and immigration services. The delegation included International Office officials—Dra. Harniati, Saaduddin, Ph.D., Cahya Aulia Ramdhani A. R, S.I.Kom, as well as 10 international students.

Representing UNHAS as a speaker, Saaduddin, Ph.D (International Office Task Force for International Students and Visa Services) presented Integration of Academic and Immigration Services: Management of International Students and Researchers and Immigration Support at Hasanuddin University. In his talk, he outlined the university's experiences in supporting international students with visa services, highlighted challenges in aligning academic and immigration procedures, and stressed the importance of stronger collaboration between universities and immigration authorities.

The event itself was hosted by the Directorate General of Immigration, Ministry of Immigration and Corrections of the Republic of Indonesia, and officially opened by Friece Sumolang, S.H., M.H., Head of the Regional Office of the Directorate General of Immigration of South Sulawesi. It gathered around 50 participants, including representatives of university International Offices, international students, and foreign workers. Other speakers included Raden Fajar Jaya Wicaksono, Amd.Im., S.E., M.M. (Head of the Transitional Visit Stay Permit Team), Benyamin Budianto Turupadang, S.STP., M.Si. (Secretary of the Makassar City Tourism Office), and Juniadi Sri Priambudi, S.E., M.Si.(Head of the Status Change and Transitional Visit Stay Permit Review Team).



The socialization of bridging visa services provided a significant breakthrough for prospective international students and researchers at UNHAS. With this scheme, those entering Indonesia initially on a Visa on Arrival (VoA) may transition to a bridging visa before applying for the appropriate residence permit, such as a student visa or research visa. This mechanism is expected to strengthen the internationalization agenda of UNHAS, while also contributing to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly Goal 17 (Partnerships for the Goals), by enhancing international partnerships and collaborations.



UNHAS COLLABORATES WITH EDUTAGE TO BOOST GLOBAL VISIBILITY OF SDGS INITIATIVES



The Directorate of Reputation at Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) held a coordination meeting to address the development and promotion of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) at the university level. The meeting took place on Friday, 22 August 2025, at the Reputation Meeting Room, and was chaired by Prof. Rohani Ambo Rappe, Head of UNHAS Reputation. Participants included the UNHAS Reputation Team, the International Office (IO), the Publication Management Center (PMC), and the Edutage Team, which joined online.

The main agenda focused on managing and documenting SDGs-related activities conducted by the UNHAS academic community. It was emphasized that these activities need to be properly recorded and distributed through broader international platforms, such as global online newspapers and magazines. Strengthening this global outreach is expected to positively impact UNHAS's future standing, particularly in international rankings like *THE Impact*.

In addition, the meeting also discussed the upcoming visit of the Editage Team to UNHAS. This visit will provide an opportunity for Editage to meet with university leaders, gain deeper insights into UNHAS's vision and initiatives, and further explore collaboration in promoting the university's contributions toward achieving the SDGs.



VISIT FROM OKAYAMA UNIVERSITY DELEGATION TO FACULTY OF NURSING UNHAS



The Faculty of Nursing at Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) warmly welcomed a delegation from Okayama University on Tuesday, 26 August 2025. The visit was led by Professor Toshihiro Iguchi, accompanied by eight students from various health disciplines, including five from the field of nursing.

The delegation was warmly welcomed by the Vice Dean for Academic and Student Affairs, Syahrul, S.Kep.,Ns.,M.Kes.,Ph.D and the Vice Dean for Research and Partnership Affairs, Dr. Takdir Tahir, S.Kep.,Ns.,M.Kes.

In his opening remarks, Dr. Syahrul shared the growing relationship between the two institutions. "Last year, the Faculty of Nursing received a visit from Okayama University, and our Dean also had the opportunity to visit Okayama. This time, we are truly happy to welcome everyone here at our campus," he said. He further expressed hope that such visits would continue and strengthen academic cooperation. "It is a privilege to welcome all of you. We sincerely hope that more students from Okayama University can come to Faculty of Nursing UNHAS".

Professor Toshihiro Iguchi also emphasized his hopes for continued collaboration, stating that he looks forward to future initiatives beyond student exchange programs such as joint research programs.

Currently, two nursing students from the Faculty of Nursing at UNHAS are participating in a hybrid student exchange program in collaboration between UNHAS and Okayama University. Furthermore, in October 2025, it is planned that two students from Okayama University will study at the Faculty of Nursing at UNHAS for one month.

At the end of the meeting, the student delegation from Okayama University had the opportunity to engage in short discussions and cultural exchange with student volunteers from the Faculty of Nursing UNHAS. This session provided a space for sharing experiences, building friendships, and having cross-cultural understanding among students.





EDUCATIONAL VISIT OF STUDENTS AT THE MASTER OF HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM TO SINGAPORE HOSPITALS



On Tuesday, 12 August 2025, a group of 30 students from the Master of Hospital Administration program at Hasanuddin University undertook an educational visit to two hospitals in Singapore: Mount Elizabeth Hospital and Gleneagles Hospital. The visit was led by Dr. Nur Arifah, SKM, M.A.

Dr. Nur Arifah explained that the purpose of this visit was to enhance the students' understanding of healthcare management practices in an international context. This activity is crucial for providing students with insights into hospital management abroad, enriching their understanding beyond what they learn in the classroom at UNHAS. All participating students are healthcare practitioners, including directors, managers, case managers, doctors, nurses, and pharmacists. They are expected to develop and apply the insights gained from this visit in their workplaces.

At Mount Elizabeth Hospital, the students were warmly welcomed by CEO Yong Yih Ming, HMA, and Lim Xueni, Director of Operations, along with several staff members. Lim Xueni delivered a presentation discussing the hospital's management practices and the Renaissance Project, which incorporates digital products such as robots used in surgical procedures. It was highlighted that 20% of their patients come from Indonesia, and in response to patient needs, the hospital is expanding its capacity by adding one additional room with one bed and reducing the number of rooms with four beds.

Meanwhile, at Gleneagles Hospital, the students were greeted by CEO Dr. Thomas Wee, Dr. Yang Guirong, Director of Operations, and several staff members. Dr. Yang Guirong explained that the hospital implements numerous protocols while maintaining flexibility. He introduced the Da Vinci Xi, a surgical equipment used for urology, and discussed the development of a hybrid operating room set to be operational in September 2025. Gleneagles Hospital is also focusing on marketing strategies by continuously enhancing their healthcare service products, identifying niche markets, and establishing partnerships with several hospitals in Indonesia.

During their time at the hospitals, the students engaged in discussions with healthcare professionals and gained insights into the operational and administrative aspects of these renowned institutions. The students also conducted a hospital tour guided by the hospital's staff.

Upon returning to Indonesia, the students will compile reports and present their findings along with follow-up action plans based on their visits.

This educational experience is expected to significantly enrich the students' understanding of international healthcare management and prepare them for their future careers in healthcare administration.





FGD FINALIZES SPECIAL REPORT OF INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL PROGRAM AT UNHAS



The International Office (IO), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) recently held a Focus Group Discussion (FGD) to finalize the special report of the 8th International Cultural Program (ICP). As known, the ICP took place from late July to early August 2025 and was participated in by 55 students from 25 countries worldwide. The FGD took place at UNHAS Secretary Meeting Room, Rectorate Building 5th Floor on Monday, 25 August 2025.

The FGD was led by Dr. Andi Masyitha Irwan, Head of IO, who is fondly known as Ms. Citha. Attended by the entire IO team, including task forces and administrative staff, the discussion aimed to complete and refine the special report. According to Dr. Masyitha, this report will serve as a platform for students to submit their activities, which in turn can be recognized as academic credits.

In his remarks, UNHAS Secretary Prof. Sumbangan Baja, M.Phil., expressed his appreciation for the success of this year's ICP, noting that it reflects the smooth implementation of UNHAS' internationalization programs. He also emphasized the importance of disseminating IO activities widely through the university's official website and promptly instructed the web management team to facilitate IO staff in publishing their updates online.

The FGD concluded with participants finalizing their respective sections of the report. This step marked the closing phase of the 8th ICP, ensuring that the outcomes of the flagship program will be well-documented and beneficial for both the students and the university's internationalization agenda.





16 STUDENTS JOIN IO UNHAS AS BATCH 4 STUVO



The International Office (IO), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) officially welcomed the fourth batch of Student Volunteers (Stuvo) on 25 August 2025. A total of 16 selected students will dedicate one year of service as IO volunteers, supporting the university's internationalization programs. The welcome ceremony took place at the IO Meeting Room, moderated by Muhammad Ridwan, IO Secretary. The session began with mutual introductions, starting from the IO squad team, followed by each Stuvo who shared their name and faculty.

The event continued with an overview of IO's direction and policies, presented by Dr. Andi Masyitha Irwan, Head of IO. She outlined updated regulations for student volunteers. The presentation also introduced Stuvo to IO's key functions, such as budgeting, program planning, and handling immigration matters for international students.

As the final agenda, the 16 Stuvo signed their official Statement Letter, confirming their one-year commitment to contribute to IO activities. This moment marked not only the beginning of their service but also their role in strengthening UNHAS' global engagement through volunteerism and international collaboration.



PRE-ARRIVAL ORIENTATION FOR UNHASKU SUMMER PROGRAM 2025 PARTICIPANTS



The International Office (IO) of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) successfully conducted the Pre-Arrival Orientation (PAO) for the Hasanuddin University-Kanazawa University (UNHAS-KU) Summer Program 2025 on 26 August 2025 on Zoom Meeting. The event was attended by the Regent of Bantaeng, Muhammad Fathul Fauzy Nurdin, together with officials from the Bantaeng Regency Government, including representatives from the Department of Agriculture, Department of Health, Department of Marine Affairs, and Department of Education.

Also in attendance were eight participants from Kanazawa University, Japan, who will take part in the UNHAS-KU Summer Program, as well as the full team of staff from the UNHAS IO.

The orientation was officially opened by Andi Masyitha Irwan, S.Kep., Ns., MAN, Ph.D., Head of the IO UNHAS and an alumna of Kanazawa University. In her remarks, she emphasized the importance of the Pre-Arrival Orientation as a mandatory activity designed to prepare inbound participants for their academic and cultural experiences at UNHAS.

The PAO served as an initial platform for participants to gain a comprehensive understanding of the program and to better prepare themselves before officially joining UNHAS.

