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UNHAS INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS FESTIVAL 2025: UNITING GLOBAL CULTURE IN ONE CELEBRATION



Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), through the International Office (IO) successfully hosted the 3rd International Students Festival (ISF) on Sunday, 7 September 2025, at JK Arenatorium, Tamalanrea Campus. Carrying the theme *"Uniting Global Culture in One Celebration"*, the ISF became a vibrant platform for cultural exchange and mutual understanding. This year's festival featured international students from Nigeria, Yemen, Algeria, India, Bangladesh, Uganda, Pakistan, Japan, Sudan, Iraq, Tanzania, Madagascar, Afghanistan, Somalia, Liberia, and Timor Leste, along with cultural corners including Mandarin Corner, Korea Corner, Aussie Banget Corner, American Corner, EducationUSA, and Alliance Française.

The event was officially opened by UNHAS Rector Prof. Jamaluddin Jompa and attended by university leaders, deans, and vice deans. The ISF was also attended by Kang Wonjoon, Minister-Counselor and Consul General of the Embassy of the Republic of Korea. He was accompanied by Lee Sang Hoon, Director of Korea Foundation, Jakarta. The ISF attracted more than 600 registered attendees, with the overall number of spectators estimated at around 1,000, ranging from the UNHAS academic community to the general public. The strong participation reflected both the growing enthusiasm of students and the wider community's appreciation for global cultural diversity.

Throughout the festival, participating countries and cultural corners showcased their heritage through traditional dances, music, fashion shows, and culinary delights. Booths displayed food, drinks, photographs, and videos, allowing spectators to experience the richness of each nation's culture. Rector Prof. Jamaluddin Jompa personally visited all the booths, warmly welcomed by international students eager to share their traditions and stories.

To honor their contributions, IO presented certificates of appreciation to all participants, handed directly by the Rector. A voting booth was also provided for spectators to choose their favorite display. The Sudan booth received the most votes and was awarded *Best Booth of ISF 2025*. The festival concluded with joy, memorable interactions, and a strong sense of unity under its theme. Both participants and spectators left with lasting impressions of friendship and cultural appreciation. IO expressed its optimism that the 2026 International Students Festival will bring an even bigger and more colorful celebration of diversity at UNHAS.



This year's International Students Festival (ISF) became even more meaningful with the presence of Mr. Kang Wonjoon, who delivered a speech expressing his gratitude for the warm welcome. He encouraged all UNHAS students to study diligently, reminding them that they will be the future leaders of Indonesia. Prior to the ISF, Mr. Kang Wonjoon was welcomed by Prof. JJ at a lunch gathering held on Saturday, 6 September, at the Experience Room of UNHAS Hotel and Convention. The event was also attended by Prof. drg. Muhammad Ruslin, Ph.D., Vice Rector for Academic and Student Affairs; Prof. Dr. Muhammad Akhmar, Dean of the Faculty of Cultural Sciences (FIB); and Wahyuddin, Ph.D., Vice Dean for Partnership at FIB and IO Squad Team.

During the lunch, several topics were discussed, including the potential establishment of a Korean Language Study Program. At present, Korean is only offered as an elective course in several study programs at FIB, such as the English Literature Study Program and the Japanese Study Program. The gathering concluded with the Consul General continuing his agenda by delivering a guest lecture at FIB.





UNHAS-KANAZAWA SUMMER PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS GEODIVERSITY, BIODIVERSITY, AND CULTURAL HERITAGE



Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), through the International Office (IO), is currently hosting the UNHAS-Kanazawa University (UNHAS KU) Summer Program from 31 August to 13 September 2025. The program carries the theme *Integrating Geodiversity, Biodiversity, and Cultural Heritage* and takes place across several regions in South Sulawesi, including Makassar, Maros, Bantaeng, and Bulukumba.

The opening ceremony was held on Monday, 1 September 2025, at the 3rd Floor of the Institute of Research and Community Services (LP2M), UNHAS. It was officially opened by Prof. Jamaluddin Jompa (Rector of UNHAS) and attended by Prof. Sumangan Baja (UNHAS Secretary), Prof. Suharman Hamzah (LP2M Secretary), facilitators, and the IO Squad Team. The facilitators involved are experts in geodiversity, biodiversity, and cultural heritage, providing students with comprehensive academic and cultural perspectives.

The first part of the program consisted of six-day classroom sessions at UNHAS Tamalanrea Campus, complemented by field trips to Leang-Leang and Rammang-Rammang in Maros Regency. Participants also experienced a Phinisi boat dinner cruise around Makassar Strait, allowing them to enjoy the cultural and maritime heritage of South Sulawesi. The program involved 8 participants from Kanazawa University and 12 from UNHAS, encouraging meaningful cross-cultural interactions.

Following the classroom and field activities in Makassar and Maros, the group continued their journey to Bantaeng Regency. Here, students joined a homestay program with local families, providing them with the opportunity to learn about intercultural values and daily life in South Sulawesi. Activities included school and public health facility visits, as well as observations of seaweed and seagrass cultivation—important aspects of local livelihoods.

The program will conclude in Bulukumba Regency, where participants will join the closing ceremony before returning home. Prior to their departure, they will enjoy the renowned white sandy beaches of Bira, a fitting finale to their immersive academic and cultural journey.



As a pilot project between UNHAS and Kanazawa University, the Summer Program is expected to continue and expand in the coming years. With positive impressions and valuable experiences, KU students are likely to encourage more of their peers to take part in future programs in Indonesia, particularly in Makassar, strengthening academic cooperation and cultural understanding between the two universities.







UNHAS UNITS GATHER TO DISCUSS EQUITY PROGRAM DISSEMINATION



After the Rector of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) signed the EQUITY budget contract with the government to strengthen university capacity, the Directorate of Reputation Enhancement led by Prof. Rohani Ambo Rappe (Director) organized a Focus Group Discussion (FGD) to disseminate the details of the contract to related units responsible for the program's implementation. The FGD took place on Tuesday, 2 September 2025, from 09.00 to 12.00 WITA at the Directorate's meeting room.

The invited units included the International Office (IO), the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Center, the Institute of Research and Community Services (LP2M), and the Directorate of Reputation Enhancement itself. During the session, participants received detailed information about the contract and discussed their respective roles in carrying out the EQUITY program.

Looking ahead, each unit is expected to design comprehensive guidelines for the UNHAS academic community. These guidelines will serve as a reference for faculties or units interested in submitting proposals for EQUITY funding. The Directorate aims to finalize all the guidelines by Monday, 8 September 2025, ensuring that the process is clear and accessible for all stakeholders.

EARLY MOBILIZATION AND LOCOMOTIVE SYNDROME HIGHLIGHTED IN GUEST LECTURE AT UNHAS



The Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Faculty of Medicine, Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), once again held an international scientific event in the form of a guest lecture. The event featured Prof. Yukio Mikami, MD, PhD, Professor of the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine and Associate Director of Hiroshima University Hospital, as well as a member of The Japanese Association of Rehabilitation Medicine.

The guest lecture, which carried the themes *"Early Mobilization in Acute Phase Rehabilitation Setting"* and *"Locomotive Syndrome"*, took place on Tuesday, 9 September 2025, from 10:00 to 12:30 WITA at Prof. Misbahuddin Adnan Auditorium, Faculty of Medicine, UNHAS. In his presentation, Prof. Mikami emphasized the importance of early mobilization immediately after injury or post-surgery, with thorough assessment to ensure patient safety. According to him, early mobilization provides many benefits, including improving body function and quality of life—benefits that cannot be achieved if patients are left on total bed rest. He even described physical exercise as one of the "best medicines" for patients.

In addition, Prof. Mikami discussed the concept of Locomotive Syndrome (Locomo), namely the decline in mobility due to dysfunction of locomotive organs such as bones, joints, muscles, and the nervous system. Introduced in Japan in 2007, this concept emerged as a response to the growing elderly population. Prof. Mikami stressed the importance of community-based early detection and the role of physical exercise, both to prevent healthy individuals from developing Locomo and to keep Locomo patients from progressing to more severe stages that require intensive care.

This activity is also part of ongoing collaboration between the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, UNHAS, and Hiroshima University, which has been established since 2024. The collaboration includes visiting lectures, resident exchange, and faculty staff exchange, aiming to strengthen academic networks and enhance the quality of education and rehabilitation medicine services in both institutions.

The event was also attended by the Vice Dean for Publication, Community Service, and International Affairs of the Faculty of Medicine, UNHAS, Prof. Dr. Rina Masadah, Sp.PA., M.Phil., DFM; Head of the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Dr. Husnul Mubarak, Sp.KFR, NM(K), FEMG; and Head of the Study Program in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Dr. Yose Waluyo, Sp.KFR, MS(K). Faculty staff, residents, and participants from various related fields were also present.

The activity concluded with an interactive discussion session that was met with great enthusiasm, reflecting the significance and relevance of early mobilization and locomotive syndrome, particularly in advancing medical services in Indonesia.





INTERNATIONAL GUEST LECTURE AT FKM UNHAS EXPLORES THE INTERSECTION OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY



On the morning of Wednesday, 20 August 2025, Faculty of Public Health (FKM), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) hosted an important guest lecture by Dr. Wesam Al Madhoun, an international academic from Palestine. In the Kandouw Room, typically reserved for academic discussions, attendees engaged in a significant conversation about global connections and sustainability.

Dr. Madhoun delivered a compelling lecture titled "Sustainability in Action: Protecting Health and Environment Together," emphasizing the urgent need for collaboration between health and environmental sectors. As the founder of the Global Ambassadors of Sustainability and a board member at the Climate Change Center at Arab American University, he shared insights drawn from both expertise and personal experience.

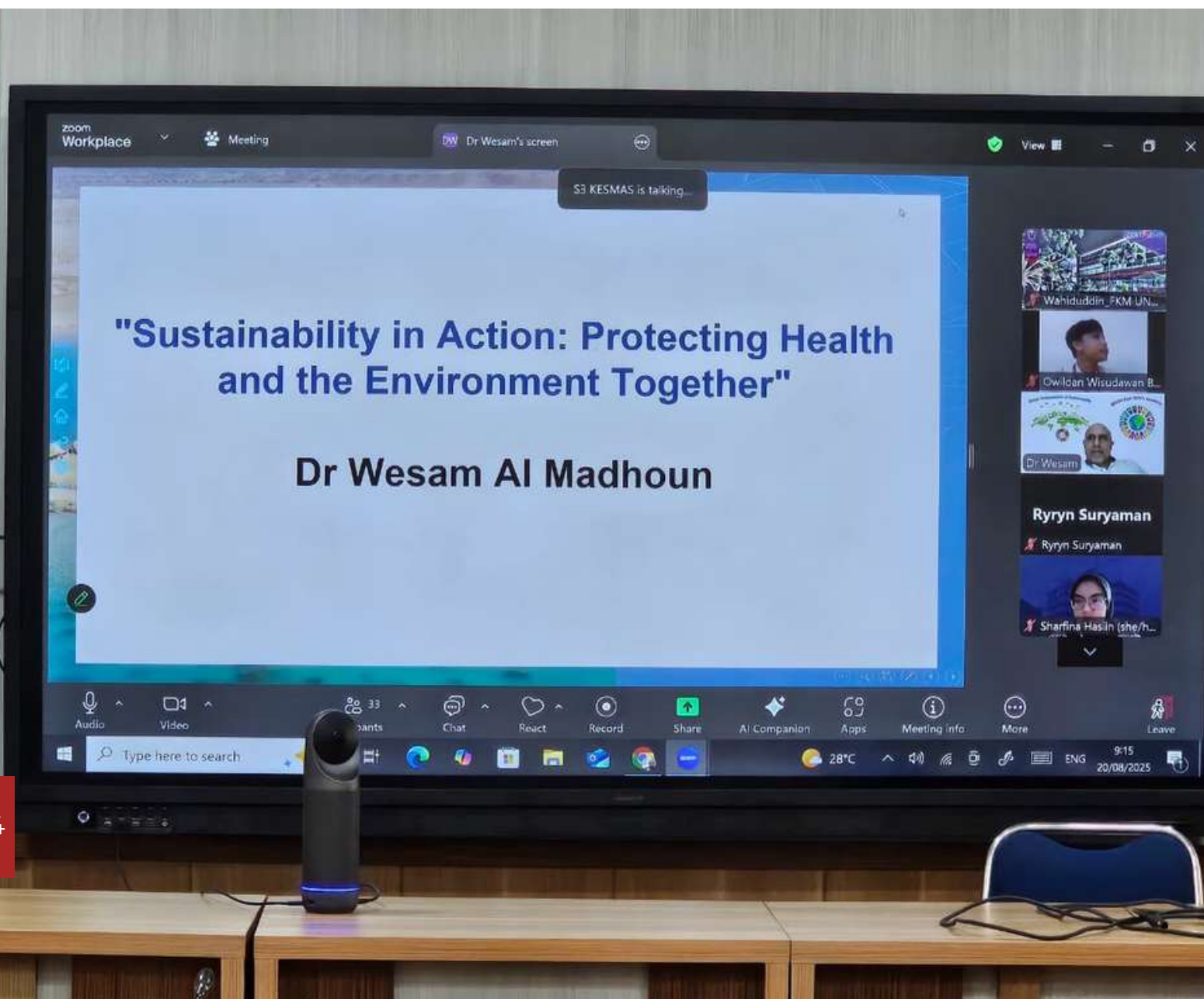
"Humans and the environment are one. Our health cannot be separated from the health of the Earth," he stated, highlighting that sustainability has become an essential priority rather than a mere trend.

The Dean of FKM UNHAS, Prof. Sukri Palutturi, welcomed Dr. Madhoun with optimism, viewing the event as a vital opportunity for the academic community to deepen their understanding of the intricate relationship between health and the environment. "This is an important moment for us," he remarked, reinforcing the commitment of FKM UNHAS to cultivate a generation that is both intellectually capable and ecologically aware.

Under the guidance of moderator Dr. Owildan Wisudawan, the discussion evolved into an engaging dialogue where students, faculty, and practitioners explored the challenges posed by climate change, pollution, and the necessity for cross-sector collaboration. For the students, this was not just a lecture; it was a call to action, urging them to take part in shaping a sustainable future.

Amidst the backdrop of globalization, FKM UNHAS positions itself as a proactive player in addressing these challenges. The presence of Dr. Madhoun illustrates the faculty's commitment to build international networks, aligning with UNHAS's vision of becoming a center of excellence in education that contributes to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

As the discussions unfolded in the warm atmosphere of the Kandouw room, the sense of urgency and possibility was palpable. This small step from Makassar represents a bridge toward global sustainability—a collective effort to ensure that both the Earth and its inhabitants thrive.



UPM MALAYSIA STRENGTHENS COLLABORATION WITH HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY'S MATHEMATICS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENTS



Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences (FMIPA), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) welcomed a delegation from the Department of Mathematics and Statistics, Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) as part of a student inbound and academic collaboration program held from 31 August to 6 September 2025.

UPM, which ranks 134th in the world according to the QS World University Rankings 2026, included both faculty leaders and students in the delegation, consisting of 22 students and 11 faculty members. They were received by the Vice-Rector for Partnerships, Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Business, Prof. Dr. Eng. Adi Maulana, S.T., M.Phil., together with FMIPA Dean Prof. Dr. Sci. Muhammad Zakir, S.Si., M.Si., Faculty's Professor, and department heads.

The program included joint lectures, curriculum and research meetings, as well as the UNHAS-UPM Joint Symposium on Mathematics and Statistics and Their Applications. In addition, students presented research proposals, participated in cultural activities under the theme "Sembang Budaya Serumpun", and engaged in community service through a tree-planting activity at Pantai Bosowa.

In his remarks, Prof. Adi Maulana highlighted that the collaboration represented not only academic strengthening but also the establishment of long-term partnerships that expand research networks and enrich student experiences. The Dean of FMIPA, Prof. Muhammad Zakir, explained that after the initial discussions in 2024, this stage marked concrete implementation expected to produce joint research, scientific publications, and enhanced academic capacity.

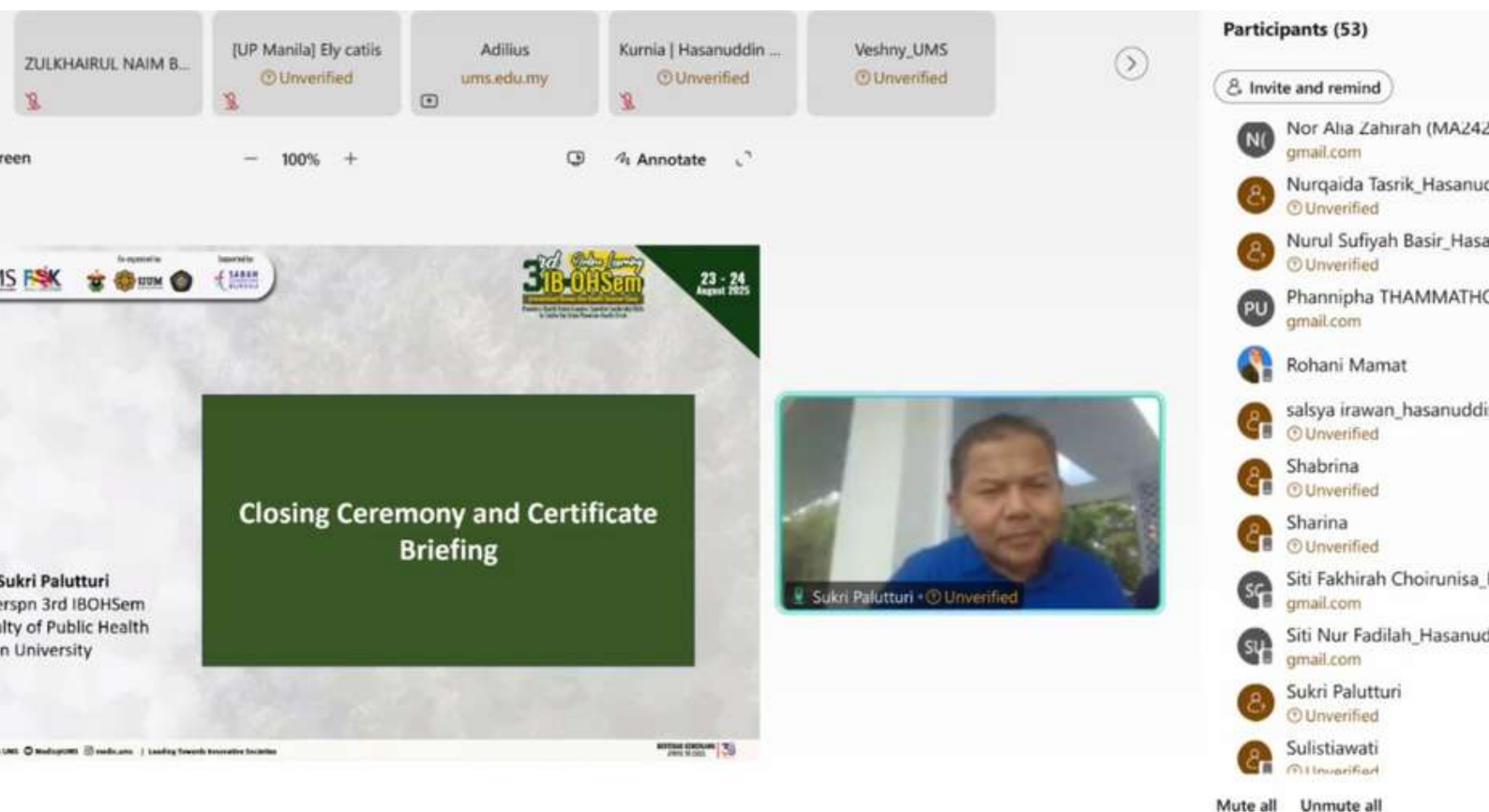
From the UPM delegation, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Siti Hasana Sapar, Deputy Dean of the Faculty of Science, noted that the partnership was not limited to research collaboration but also served to build lasting connections between students and faculty of both universities. Another lecture was a presentation of UNHAS Overview by the International Office (IO) represented by Muhammad Ridwan, M.A. (IO Secretary), well known as Ridho. He explained UNHAS including its campuses and its hotwire. A part of his presentation, Mr Ridho, also described the support services for international students undergoing their study at UNHAS. He closed his presentation by thanking the host and congratulated the inbound students joining the program.

The visit concluded on 6 September 2025, with both universities reaffirming their commitment to advancing joint research, academic exchanges, and cultural ties.





FACULTY OF PUBLIC HEALTH DELEGATION IN INTERNATIONAL BORNEO ONE HEALTH SUMMER CAMP 2025 KICKS OFF ONLINE



On 23-24 August 2025, students, academics, and health professionals from various countries including Indonesia gathered online to launch the 3rd International Borneo One Health Summer Camp (IB OHSeM 2025). This initiative serves as a precursor to in-person meetings at Universiti Malaysia Sabah from August 31 to September 8, 2025, focusing on the theme “Planetary Health Future Leaders: Essential Leadership Skills to Tackle the Triple Planetary Health Crisis.”

With a focus on climate change, biodiversity loss, and pollution, IB OHSeM 2025 aims to cultivate young leaders equipped to tackle these pressing issues. The event is designed to empower participants with essential leadership skills that will prepare them for the challenges of planetary health.

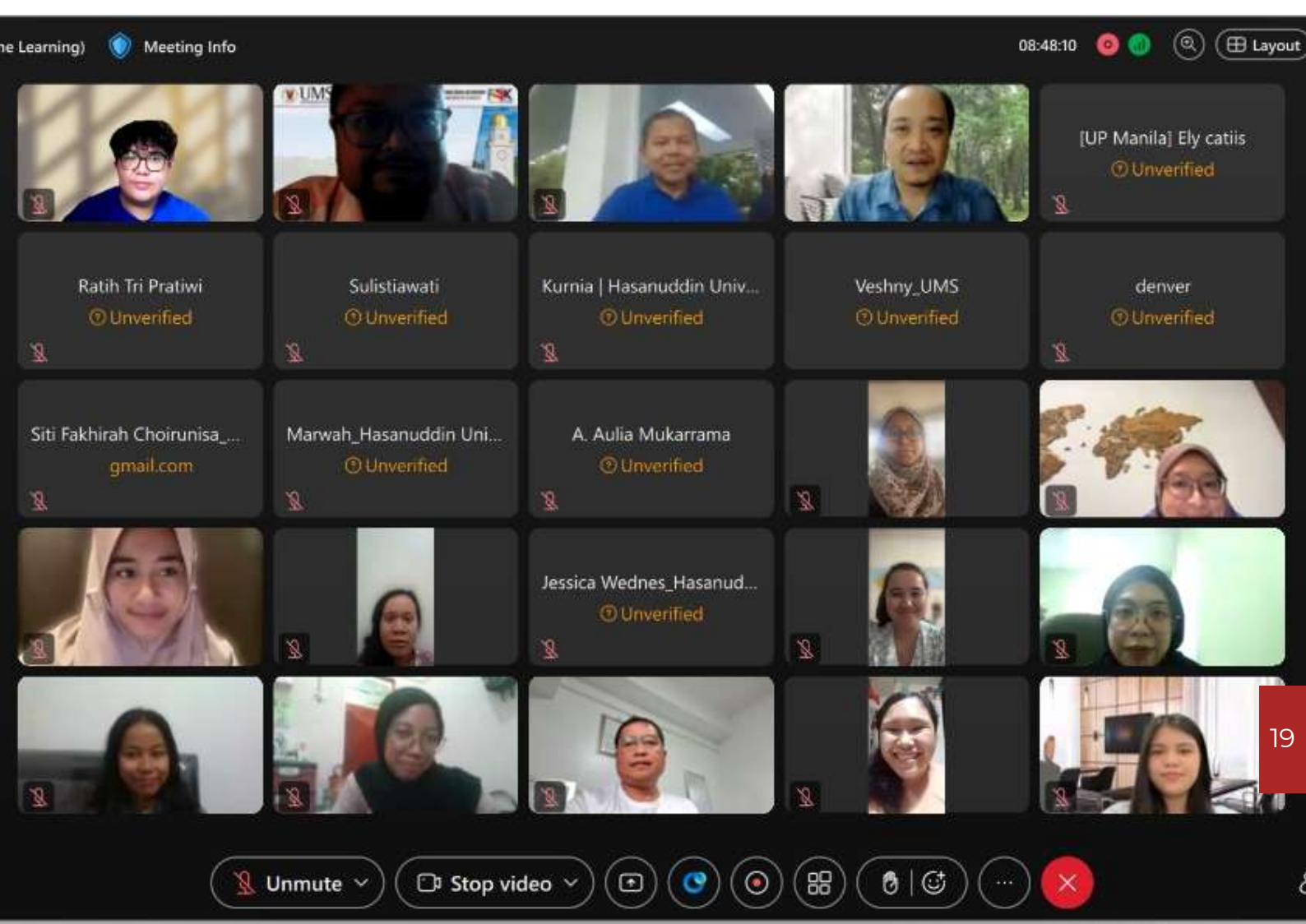
Over two days, participants in the Faculty of Public Health, Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) also engaged with insights from more than ten international experts, exploring the connections between human, animal, and environmental health within the One Health framework. Topics ranged from the impact of climate change on infectious diseases in Southeast Asia to the long-term effects of pollution on reproductive health.

Datuk Dr. Mohd. Yusof Hj. Ibrahim, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences at the University of Malaysia Sabah, highlighted the significance of the event as a platform for nurturing ethical and interdisciplinary future leaders committed to environmental sustainability. He emphasized the importance of collaboration across borders to effectively address these global challenges.

Key sessions included Dr. Trixie Marjorie Tangit discussing the integration of ancestral wisdom with modern innovation, while Prof. Ts. Dr. Muhammad Lokman Md Isa examined the concept of One Health and the critical role of biodiversity conservation. The dangers of climate change were addressed by Dr. Siti Aisah Mokhtar, who linked climate issues to the spread of diseases like dengue and malaria.

In addition, the event introduced the concept of adaptive leadership and the innovative use of technology, such as Prosocial AI for Planetary Health, as tools for achieving sustainability. These discussions provided participants with a well-rounded understanding of the intersection between technology and health.

In closing remarks, Prof. Sukri Palutturi, Dean of the Faculty of Public Health at UNHAS, emphasized that the lessons learned should inspire participants to be active custodians of planetary health. He expressed gratitude to all involved, acknowledging the spirit of collaboration that defined the event. As IB OHSeM 2025 transitions to face-to-face sessions in Sabah, it lays the groundwork for future leaders who are globally competitive and dedicated to sustainability. The event's collaborative efforts reflect a united stance in addressing planetary health crises through education and action.



UNHAS HOLDS ORIENTATION FOR 138 NEW INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS FROM 22 COUNTRIES



Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), through its International Office (IO), organized the International Student Orientation (ISO) for newly admitted international students of the 2025 intake. The opening session took place at the LPPM Auditorium of Unhas on Thursday, 4 September 2025. The orientation was mandatory for all new international students as it provided essential information related to Hasanuddin University's academic regulations as well as immigration requirements of the Republic of Indonesia.

For the academic year 2025/2026, Unhas has admitted a total of 138 international students from 22 different countries. At the opening session, 48 students were in attendance, while the remaining students were still in the process of obtaining visas and completing travel administration. Representing the Rector of UNHAS, the University Secretary, Prof. Ir. Sumbangan Baja, M.Phil., Ph.D., in his remarks emphasized that the growing number of international students reflects global recognition of Unhas' reputation. He expressed his hope that students will be able to adapt well while at the same time learning about Indonesia's cultural diversity, particularly the culture of Makassar.

The new international students are distributed across a wide range of academic fields, from science and technology, health, social humanities, to agriculture. Among the study programs chosen are Architecture, Nursing, Medicine, Information Systems, Management, Agriculture, Fisheries, and Cultural Sciences. This distribution demonstrates that Hasanuddin University is increasingly trusted as a multidisciplinary study destination, not only in health-related programs but also in engineering, economics, and the social sciences.

The orientation featured several presentations. The Head of IO, Dr. A. Masyitha Irwan, delivered a session on support services provided by the International Office. The Secretary of IO, Muhammad Ridwan, explained about health insurance. Prof. Risma Illa Maulany, Director of Academic Affairs, discussed academic regulations, scholarship schemes, and the integrity pact. Dr. Abdullah Sanusi, Director of Student Affairs, presented on student unions and student affairs regulations. Meanwhile, Dr. Saaduddin, a member of the International Office Task Force, spoke on immigration regulations and ITAS extension procedures.

The new international students of UNHAS in 2025 come from 22 countries. At the undergraduate level, they represent nations such as Timor Leste, Pakistan, China, Nigeria, Yemen, India, Madagascar, and Swaziland. At the master's level, students hail from Timor Leste, China, Pakistan, Iraq, Sierra Leone, Madagascar, Libya, Palestine, and Germany. At the doctoral level, international students include those from Timor Leste, China, Pakistan, Nigeria, Japan, Saudi Arabia, and Lebanon. In addition, non-degree students come from China and the Netherlands. Through the Developing Countries Partnership Scholarship (KNB) for Indonesian Language (BIPA), students also arrived from Bangladesh, Liberia, Somalia, Tanzania, Uganda, Pakistan, and Nigeria.

This program is expected to serve as an initial step for international students to become more familiar with the academic environment and culture of Hasanuddin University while also expanding their international networks. Hasanuddin University is committed to supporting these students to adapt, excel, and contribute to strengthening the image of Unhas as a world-class university.





STRENGTHENING TIES THROUGH PUBLIC DIPLOMACY: UNHAS HOSTS CONSUL GENERAL OF KOREA



On September 6, 2025, the Faculty of Cultural Sciences (FIB), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), held a public lecture on the theme *"Public Diplomacy: Building Bridges between Two Nations"*, delivered by Mr. Kang Wongjoon, Consul General of the Republic of Korea. In his lecture, Mr. Kang highlighted the importance of utilizing popular public figures as a medium of diplomacy, citing examples such as Shin Tae Yong, the former head coach of Indonesia's national football team, and Megawati, a volleyball player who has recently gained popularity in Korea.

Mr. Kang was accompanied on this visit by Mr. Le Hangsoon, Director of the Korean Foundation. Their arrival was warmly welcomed by the Dean of the Faculty of Cultural Sciences, Prof. Dr. Andi Muhammad Akhmar, along with the Vice Dean for Partnership, Research, Innovation, and Alumni Affairs, Dr. Wahyuddin, M. Hum. The event reflected the spirit of cultural exchange and the strengthening of relations between Indonesia and Korea.

Prior to the lecture, discussions were held regarding potential collaboration between Korea and the Faculty of Cultural Sciences, particularly focusing on the establishment of a Korean Language Study Program at UNHAS. At present, Korean language is offered only as an elective course in several study programs at the Faculty. The session also involved Mr. Muhammad Syahrur from the Korean Corner, who served as interpreter throughout the event.



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