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UNHAS INTERNATIONAL OFFICE PROMOTES STUDY OPPORTUNITIES AT UNSW AUSTRALIA



The International Office (IO) of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) continues their efforts to provide valuable information on study abroad and scholarship opportunities for the UNHAS academic community. In collaboration with the International Development Program (IDP) Australia, IO held another information session featuring a representative from the University of New South Wales (UNSW), Australia. The event took place on Friday, 12 September 2024, at the Senate Room, 2nd Floor of the Rectorate Building, and was attended by around 200 participants, including students, lecturers, and staff.

The session was officially opened by Prof. Sumbangan Baja, Ph.D., Secretary of UNHAS, and accompanied by the IO Squad Team, including Dra. Harniati (Head of the Foreign Affairs Division), Haniek Khoirunnissa Baja, M.Sc. (Chair of the Committee), Khairuddin, Ph.D. (IO Task Force), and other staff members. Representatives from IDP Australia and UNSW delivered presentations on academic opportunities at UNSW, which attracted strong interest from participants eager to explore future study options abroad.

Currently, many UNHAS lecturers have pursued graduate studies at leading Australian universities such as Curtin University, the University of Newcastle, the University of Melbourne, the University of Queensland, James Cook University, and the University of Technology Sydney. However, none have yet graduated from UNSW. This session was therefore seen as a valuable opportunity for UNHAS academics to consider UNSW as their destination for further studies. The event concluded with a token exchange and a group photo session.



UNHAS SHOWCASED AT IPEKA UNIVERSITY EXPO (IVERSE) IN BALIKPAPAN



The International Office (IO) in collaboration with the Public Relations and Promotion Office of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) recently took part in the IPEKA Iman, Pengharapan dan Kasih) University Expo (IVERSE), held from 12–13 September 2025 at IPEKA Christian School, Balikpapan, East Kalimantan.

The IVERSE is a series of university expos organized by IPEKA, bringing together leading universities—both public and private, domestic and international—to introduce their programs to IPEKA students. This year marked UNHAS' second participation, following its previous involvement at IPEKA Christian School Makassar, which was warmly appreciated by the organizers. In recognition, IPEKA generously provided airline tickets and accommodation for two UNHAS representatives to join the Balikpapan event.

During the two-day expo, enthusiasm and strong interest were evident among IPEKA students. UNHAS was represented through a booth exhibition and also received the opportunity to present in classroom sessions. On the first day, UNHAS conducted three scheduled classroom sessions; however, due to Friday prayers overlapping with the expo schedule, many students were redirected to explore the UNHAS booth instead.

The second day of IVERSE opened the exhibition to a wider audience, attracting not only students but also parents and the local community of Balikpapan. This provided greater opportunities for engagement and for UNHAS to connect with potential future students. Representing UNHAS at the event were Dr. Ahmad Bahar (Promotion Office) and Muhammad Ridwan, M.A. (IO Secretary). Both expressed their hope that more students from IPEKA and across Balikpapan would consider UNHAS as their destination for higher education. UNHAS extends its gratitude to IPEKA for the warm invitation and support. See you again, Balikpapan!



FROM CHOPSTICKS TO YUKATA: UNHAS STUDENTS DELVE INTO JAPANESE CULTURE



Fifty students and lecturers from the Japanese Literature Department, Faculty of Cultural Sciences (FIB) at Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) gathered at Meiji Restaurant in Makassar on 6 September 2025 for a practical workshop titled “Understanding Japanese Dining Etiquette.” The session was led by Lussy Novarida Ridwan, Head of the Association of Indonesian Japanese Language Teachers (AGBJI).

Participants received hands-on training in the details of Japanese dining, including the correct way to hold chopsticks, proper seating, and other polite behaviors at the table, practicing the etiquette during a meal. The cultural immersion was deepened as students had the opportunity to wear traditional Yukata. One student expressed that the direct, practical experience was far more impactful than learning from books or films.

According to Head of Committee Taqdir, S.Pd., M.Hum, the event was designed to provide students with essential cultural knowledge for future direct interactions with Japanese people, emphasizing respect for both the food and the host.

This workshop is a key part of a larger initiative by the department, which is celebrating its 20th anniversary. It is one of 14 events scheduled for 2025, organized with support from the Eurasia Foundation. This international collaboration reflects UNHAS' commitment to global academic exchange and the importance of cross-cultural understanding in higher education.

The ultimate goal of such programs is to prepare students to be more than just language experts. By teaching crucial social skills, the department aims to develop them into globally competitive cultural ambassadors who can effectively bridge communication between Indonesia and Japan, where etiquette is a vital part of professional and social identity.





SAGA UNIVERSITY STUDENTS JOIN SHORT-TERM INTERNSHIP AT FT UNHAS



The Faculty of Engineering (FT), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), officially welcomed a group of inbound mobility students from Saga University, Japan, as part of the Short-Term Internship and Summer Program running from 8 to 23 September 2025.

A total of eight students from different levels (undergraduate, master's, and doctoral) and diverse study programs—such as Civil Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, and Informatics Engineering—are participating in this program. They are accompanied by two professors: Prof. Oshikawa Hideo and Dr. Mishima Yuichiro from the Faculty of Science and Engineering, Saga University.

The official reception took place at the Dean's Meeting Room, Faculty of Engineering UNHAS, located in the Center of Technology (CoT) Building, Bontomarannu Campus, Gowa Regency, in a warm and friendly atmosphere. The presence of the Saga University delegation marks an important milestone in strengthening academic ties between the two institutions.

Over the course of more than two weeks, the students and professors will engage in a series of academic and enrichment activities. The agenda includes joint guest lectures with UNHAS and Saga University professors, collaborative workshops on engineering and cross-cultural topics, laboratory visits and research group discussions in the Departments of Civil, Environmental, and Informatics Engineering, as well as field trips to various infrastructure projects, environmental sites, and urban development areas in and around Makassar. The program will conclude with student presentations summarizing their learning outcomes and experiences at UNHAS.

The Dean of the Faculty of Engineering UNHAS, Prof. Dr. Eng. Ir. Muhammad Isran Ramli, ST., MT., highlighted the significance of the program. "The presence of students and professors from Saga University is a concrete manifestation of our commitment to the internationalization of higher education at the Faculty of Engineering UNHAS. Through this program, we aim to provide cross-cultural academic experiences while also strengthening joint research collaborations. This is in line with the spirit of 'Kampus Berdampak' (Impactful Campus) promoted by UNHAS," he remarked.

Meanwhile, one of the accompanying professors from Saga University, Dr. Mishima Yuichiro, expressed his appreciation. "We are very grateful for the warm welcome extended by the Faculty of Engineering UNHAS. This program provides our students with the opportunity to learn directly from professors, laboratories, and the infrastructure context of Makassar and Gowa. We hope this collaboration will continue to grow in the form of joint research, faculty exchanges, and student mobility in the future," he said.

This welcoming event marks an integral part of FT UNHAS's internationalization efforts while also supporting the celebration of UNHAS's 69th Dies Natalis.



ISNPC 2025: ADVANCING NATURAL PRODUCT CHEMISTRY FROM LOCAL RESOURCES TO GLOBAL SUSTAINABILITY



The Department of Chemistry, Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences (FMIPA), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) successfully held the International Seminar on Natural Product Chemistry (ISNPC) 2025 with the theme “Natural Resources Biotechnology: From Local to Global for Sustainable Life.” The event took place on 11–12 September 2025 at the UNHAS Hotel and Convention, Makassar. ISNPC 2025 featured scientific discussions across various topics in natural product chemistry, ranging from extraction and bioactivity testing to chemical ecology, medical chemistry, computational approaches, biomaterials, pharmacognosy, biotechnology, and industrial applications.

The seminar presented distinguished keynote speakers, including Prof. Teruna J. Siahaan, Ph.D. from the University of Kansas, USA; Dr. Tan Lik Tong from Nanyang Technological University, Singapore; Prof. Dr. Jalifah Latip from Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, Malaysia; Prof. Dr. Nunuk Hariani Soekamto, M.S. from UNHAS; and Prof. Muhammad Aswad, M.Si., Ph.D., Apt. from UNHAS, Indonesia. This year’s seminar attracted 166 participants, consisting of 102 oral presenters, 28 poster presenters, 23 virtual presenters, and 16 general participants, representing both domestic and international institutions.

As part of its program, ISNPC 2025 was also held in conjunction with the Congress of the Indonesian Natural Product Chemistry Association (HKBAI), further strengthening collaboration among researchers and practitioners. In addition, participants were welcomed with a special dinner hosted at the Makassar Mayor's Hall, providing an opportunity to promote cultural and academic exchange. The event was opened by the Rector of UNHAS, Prof Dr. Ir. Jamaluddin Jompa, M.Sc. and formally closed by Dr. Muhammad Zakir, Dean of Mathematics and Natural Science Faculty, who expressed appreciation for the active participation and emphasized the importance of continuing international cooperation in natural product chemistry.

ISNPC 2025 is expected to contribute not only to the advancement of scientific knowledge but also to the development of innovative and sustainable applications of natural resources, in line with global efforts toward sustainable life.





BRIDGING CULTURES, SCIENCE, AND FRIENDSHIP: UNHAS-KU SUMMER PROGRAM 2025 OFFICIALLY CONCLUDES IN BULUKUMBA



After being held from 31 August to 12 September 2025, the Hasanuddin University - Kanazawa University (UNHAS-KU) Summer Program 2025 officially concluded with a warm closing ceremony at Same Resort, Bulukumba.

This year marked the first implementation of the program, involving 20 participants from 7 countries. The participants consisted of 8 students from Kanazawa University, Japan, and 12 students from UNHAS, including both local and international students. The international participants represented Afghanistan, Nigeria, Sudan, Tanzania, and Yemen, showcasing the truly global spirit of the program.

The closing ceremony was officially led by the Head of the International Office of UNHAS, Andi Masyitha Irwan, S.Kep., Ns., MAN., Ph.D. In her remarks, she expressed hope that this program would not only bring benefits to all participants but also serve as a pioneer for future collaboration between UNHAS and KU in the field of summer programs.

The agenda also featured short reflections from participant representatives: Aoi Kimoto from KU and Said Sadallah Said from Tanzania, UNHAS. Both shared their gratitude and memorable experiences during the program, emphasizing the importance of cross-cultural understanding, collaboration, and friendship.

To close the evening, all participants joined in a karaoke session while enjoying traditional Sarabba (a traditional spiced ginger drink from South Sulawesi) and fried banana and cassava, leaving behind laughter and cherished memories.

Following the conclusion, the participants will return to Makassar, while students from Kanazawa University will directly proceed to Sultan Hasanuddin International Airport for their departure.







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