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THE RECTOR MESSAGE



Over the past month, our university has welcomed distinguished delegations, hosted high-level academic events, and fostered new international collaborations. From groundbreaking research partnerships in marine science and medicine to student exchanges with world-class universities across Asia and Europe, UNHAS is increasingly recognized as a hub of excellence, bridging local wisdom with global knowledge.

These achievements reaffirm our commitment to create an advance scientific discovery as well as tangible benefits for society. Whether through vocational innovation, biodiversity conservation, medical research, or international cultural exchange, we remain dedicated to nurturing future leaders who are globally connected and locally grounded.

I personally extend my sincere gratitude to our students, faculty, staff, and partners whose dedication and collaboration make these milestones possible. Together, let us continue to strengthen UNHAS' role in addressing the challenges of our time and contributing to a more sustainable, inclusive, and innovative future.

RECTOR OF HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY

JAMALUDDIN JOMPA

UNHAS HOSTS STRATEGIC MEETING WITH TSUDA UNIVERSITY AHEAD OF JWG ANNUAL EVENT



As part of the Japan Working Group (JWG) Annual Meeting held at Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) from Thursday to Saturday, 10–12 July 2025, the International Office (IO) successfully hosted a bilateral meeting with Tsuda University (TU), Japan. The JWG 2025, which took place at UNHAS Hotel and Convention Center, welcomed around 30 university presidents from Japan. The bilateral meeting with TU—a university renowned for its focus on building the capacity and competency of Japanese women—was held prior to the JWG opening ceremony, located in the Inspiring Room of the hotel on 10 July 2025.

The meeting was led by the Secretary of UNHAS, Prof. Sumbangan Baja, Ph.D., and moderated by Dr. Andi Masyitha Irwan, Head of the IO. The session was also attended by members of the IO Team. During the meeting, several key topics were discussed, starting with a presentation from the President of Tsuda University, Dr. Yuko Takahashi, who introduced the university profile. One highlight of her presentation was a slide showing a newly printed Japanese currency sheet featuring the image of TU's founder—an iconic figure in Japanese education history. The meeting was also attended by Junko Nii, International Exchange Support Coordinator of Tsuda University, who provided additional insights into TU's international collaboration initiatives.

In response, UNHAS presented its international engagement efforts by showcasing a video of the 2024 International Cultural Program (ICP), as part of its promotion of student exchange opportunities. The Head of the IO explained that the 2024 ICP was joined by 66 students from 33 countries, while the 2025 program welcomed 55 students representing 25 countries. The video and data emphasized UNHAS's commitment to strengthening its global outreach and cultural exchange initiatives.

The meeting concluded with an exchange of tokens and a group photo session. Both institutions expressed their enthusiasm for further collaboration, aiming to foster stronger academic and cultural ties between UNHAS and Tsuda University, as well as between Indonesia and Japan more broadly.



RECONNECTING WITH ROOTS: KANAZAWA UNIVERSITY VISITS UNHAS



Following the bilateral meeting with Tsuda University on Thursday, 10 July 2025, the International Office (IO) of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) continued their engagement series by hosting Kanazawa University (KU), Japan, on Saturday, 12 July 2025. The meeting was held in Room A, 4th Floor of the Rectorate Building at the UNHAS Hotel and Convention. This session was considered particularly special due to the long-standing emotional ties between KU and UNHAS, notably through Andi Masyitha Irwan, Ph.D., the current Head of the IO and a KU alumna.

This meeting also marked a reciprocal gesture, following the IO team's visit to KU in February 2025. The KU delegation comprised four representatives, including the Vice President of Kanazawa University, Professor Noriko Hasebe, along with her companions, Professor Fumiyuki Ishii, Assistant Professor Pratiwi Kadarisman Hana and Mr. Hideki Yamamoto expressed appreciation for the warm welcome and conveyed enthusiasm for fostering more collaborative projects between the two institutions. From UNHAS, several alumni of KU who now serve as faculty members also attended, including Saldy Yusuf, Ph.D. (Faculty of Nursing), Yenny Yusuf, Ph.D., and Siti Arifah, Ph.D. (Faculty of Medicine), as well as Ira Taskirawati, Ph.D. (Faculty of Forestry).

During the meeting, Andi Masyitha Irwan, Ph.D. expressed her heartfelt gratitude and reaffirmed UNHAS's strong commitment to further collaboration. She also shared updates on the upcoming UNHAS-KU Summer Program, in which eight KU students are scheduled to participate from the end of August to early September 2025. The KU Vice President expressed appreciation for the warm welcome and conveyed enthusiasm for fostering more collaborative projects between the two institutions.

The session provided a valuable platform for KU alumni to share both the challenges and opportunities they experienced after graduating. Most highlighted their continued engagement with former KU professors, particularly in joint research activities. Their stories underscored the deep academic and personal bonds that continue to connect both universities.

The meeting concluded with a symbolic photo session and an exchange of tokens between the two institutions, reinforcing the spirit of mutual respect and long-term cooperation.



FACULTY OF NURSING WELCOMES DELEGATION FROM ALICE LEE CENTRE FOR NURSING STUDIES, NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE



The Faculty of Nursing (FKep) at Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) had the honor of hosting a delegation from the National University of Singapore (NUS), Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, Alice Lee Centre for Nursing Studies, on Tuesday, 1 July 2025. The delegation, led by Dr. Syaikh Ihsan, comprised 14 students and was warmly welcomed by the Dean, Prof. Dr. Ariyanti Saleh, S.Kp., M.Si., along with the Vice Deans of FKep, UNHAS.

During their visit, the NUS students were given a tour of the FKep, where they explored various educational facilities and engaged in discussions with members of the nursing student organization at UNHAS.

A highlight of the program was the presentation of Project IRIS by the NUS delegation. This overseas community engagement initiative, in collaboration with YKAKI (Yayasan Kasih Anak Kanker Indonesia or Indonesian Foundation for Children with Cancer) in Makassar, features the Teddy Bear Hospital, a creative, play-based program designed to help children with cancer feel more comfortable in medical settings.

Prof. Dr. Ariyanti Saleh hopes that this visit will serve as an opportunity to explore the potential for future collaboration between the two institutions. Additionally, Syahrul, S.Kep., Ns., M.Kes., Ph.D., Vice Dean for Academic and Student Affairs, shared information about the student exchange program conducted by UNHAS and FKep this year. He extended an invitation to the NUS delegation, expressing hope that students from NUS would participate in the program.



PROF. STELLA CHRISTI DECLARES COMMITMENT AS 'MOTHER AND SPOKESPERSON' FOR INDONESIAN VOCATIONAL EDUCATION



Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), through the Faculty of Vocational Studies, proudly welcomed the Vice Minister for Science and Technology, Prof. Stella Christi, Ph.D., during her official visit on Monday, 7 July 2025. This visit underscored UNHAS' strategic role in advancing research, fostering innovation, and enhancing international collaboration—particularly with China—through vocational education initiatives.

During her time at UNHAS, Prof. Stella met the university leaders and academic staff to hear presentations on flagship research in metallurgy and marine resources. These sessions provided insight into UNHAS' innovation potential and reaffirmed the ministry's commitment to supporting the downstreaming of research outputs into practical solutions for national development. In her keynote address, Prof. Stella emphasized that university-based research must move beyond laboratories to generate tangible impact in society. She stressed that this transformation must be prioritized as part of the ministry's broader strategic agenda.

A key moment during the visit was the official inauguration of the ASEAN-China Centre of Excellence for Metallurgy and Marine Resources. This university-wide initiative will serve as a platform to enhance multidisciplinary research, education, and innovation in collaboration with Chinese academic and industrial partners. It is expected to accelerate advancements in key sectors critical to national and regional development.

Prof. Stella also witnessed the signing of two cooperation agreements between the Faculty of Vocational Studies and two major industrial partners: PT Indonesia Morowali Industrial Park (PT IMIP) and PT Huayou International Mining. These agreements reaffirm UNHAS' dedication to linking academic excellence with industry needs. The collaboration focuses on the Applied Undergraduate Program in Extraction Metallurgy Technology and is structured as a scholarship and employment bond program. Each company will provide full four-year scholarships for 40 prospective students. Upon graduation, these students will be directly recruited to work at the respective companies. The program not only ensures clear career pathways but also helps meet the increasing demand for skilled professionals in Indonesia's industrial sector.

During her visit, Prof. Stella also met the leaders of The Indonesian Vocational Higher Education Forum of *Forum Pendidikan Tinggi Vokasi Indonesia* (FPTVI), where she conveyed her strong personal commitment to advocating for vocational education. She expressed appreciation for the forum's work and declared her willingness to act as the "Mother and Spokesperson" for vocational higher education in Indonesia. In this meeting, the FPTVI presented a series of national initiatives ranging from curriculum development aligned with industry demands, capacity building for vocational educators, and network strengthening among institutions to address evolving technological and industrial challenges.



Prof. Muh. Restu, M.P., Chair of the FPTVI, expressed his deep appreciation of Prof. Stella's engagement and support, calling it a new source of energy to further advance an adaptive, collaborative, and impactful vocational education system. The gathering also served as a moment of internal consolidation for the FPTVI to align future strategic plans and explore deeper collaborations with ministries and the business sector.

Rector of UNHAS, Prof. Dr. Ir. Jamaluddin Jompa, M.Sc., opened the event by highlighting UNHAS' consistent performance on national and global stages. He noted that UNHAS remains the only Legal Entity State University (PTNBH) in Eastern Indonesia and continues to earn recognition, from winning National Student Science Week (PIMNAS) 2024 and entering the Top 1000 Global Universities to securing the most funded Student Creativity Program (PKM) proposals for 2025. He stated that these achievements reflect the university's commitment to fostering innovation, supporting job creation, and contributing to economic growth.

Prof. Dr. Eng. Ir. Adi Maulana, ST., M.Phil., Vice Rector for Partnerships, Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Business, also shared UNHAS' active engagement with Chinese institutions to support national strategic objectives. The visit of Prof. Stella Christi marked a significant milestone in deepening synergy between UNHAS and the central government. With her strong support and leadership, stakeholders in vocational education, including the FPTVI, remain optimistic in playing a greater role in strengthening Indonesia's innovation ecosystem and shaping a highly skilled, future-ready workforce.



MARINE SCIENCE IN ACTION: UNHAS STUDENT STUDIES CORAL ZONES IN WAKATOBI NATIONAL PARK



Muhammad Lutfi Maradhy, a master's degree student in Marine Science at Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), is currently conducting his dissertation research on Hoga Island, located within the Wakatobi National Park. The research spans one month, from 6 July to 2 August 2025, and is carried out in collaboration with the international research organization Operation Wallacea.

Lutfi's study, entitled "Community Structure of Hard Corals Based on Ecological Zones (Reef Flat, Reef Crest, and Reef Slope) in Hoga Island, Wakatobi National Park," aims to examine how hard coral communities vary across different reef ecological zones. His work will contribute valuable scientific insights to inform the conservation and management of marine ecosystems. "Hoga Island is one of the best locations in Indonesia to study coral reef dynamics directly in the field. I'm grateful for the opportunity to conduct my research here," said Lutfi.

In the field, Lutfi is not working alone. He is collaborating with Emma Novak, a Ph.D. candidate from Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand. He is also conducting parallel research with three undergraduate students from the United Kingdom: Carlos and Skye from the University of Southampton, and Ella from the University of York. “This cross-national collaboration brings a wealth of new perspectives. We learn from one another—about research approaches, data collection methods, and even the research cultures of our respective countries,” he added.

With full support from Operation Wallacea, Lutfi has access to research facilities, field logistics, and technical guidance throughout the research process. He hopes that the findings of this study will contribute scientifically to the effective management of marine conservation areas, particularly in Wakatobi, which is renowned as one of the world’s marine biodiversity hotspots.



YANO KAZUHIKO, DEPUTY MINISTER OF MEXT JAPAN VISITS THE JAPAN CORNER AT UNHAS LIBRARY



The Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) Library welcomed a special visit from the Deputy Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science, and Technology (MEXT) of Japan, YANO Kazuhiko, and his staff on Wednesday, 9 July 2025, as part of a series of educational and cultural cooperation tours between Japan and Indonesia. Their visit focused on the Japan Corner, a symbol of the long-standing partnership and cultural exchange between UNHAS and the Japanese government.

The group was received by the Director of the Japan Corner, Meta Sekar Puji Astuti, M.A., Ph.D., Prof. Ir. Suharman Hamzah, Ph.D. (Secretary of the UNHAS Research and Community Service Institute), Prof. Ir. Dorothea Agnes Rampisela, M.Sc., Ph.D. (Professor in the Department of Soil Science, Faculty of Agriculture), apt. Anshar Saud, S.Si., M.Farm. (Secretary of the UNHAS Library), as well as a number of librarians, teaching staff from the Department of Japanese Literature, and the staff of the International Office of UNHAS.

During the visit, the Deputy Minister expressed his deep appreciation for UNHAS' commitment to fostering academic cooperation and introducing Japanese culture to the campus community through the Japan Corner.

Meanwhile, the Director of the Japan Corner, Meta Sekar Puji, Ph.D., expressed her delight at the visit by the Deputy Minister and his entourage. She noted that the Japanese reading corner still appears modest and requires serious attention for development. Meta also showcased a collection of new books and scholarly magazines donated by the Japanese Embassy, which will soon be processed and displayed for reading. She expressed her hope that the Japan Corner will become not only a space for educational literacy but also a center for cultural and learning activities that strengthen bilateral relations. "This visit is both an honor and a motivation for us to continue developing programs that bridge culture, science, and cooperation between nations," Meta said.

The Deputy Minister of MEXT Japan praised the friendly, informative, and lively atmosphere of the Japan Corner. He also stated that his party will continue to support educational programs, student exchanges, and the provision of learning resources such as books, audiovisual media, and Japanese language training, including discussions on Japanese language, history, literature, and popular culture books available to the UNHAS academic community.

During the visit, the group was invited to explore several other International Corners, such as the Korea-Indonesian Cultural Corner and the French Corner, located on the second floor of the library, and the Chinese Cultural Activity Center (CCAC) on the third floor. Several visitors to the Japan Corner also had the opportunity to engage in direct dialogue with guests, demonstrating their enthusiasm for Japanese culture and the growing interest in learning Japanese among students.

Furthermore, before returning to the UNHAS Hotel & Convention, the Deputy Minister's group took the opportunity to pose for a photo in the lounge of the UNHAS Library as a token of appreciation for this academic visit. This group photo concluded the friendly visit. This activity emphasized that the Japan Corner is not merely a supplementary facility, but a concrete representation of active and ongoing international cooperation. Since its inauguration, the Japan Corner has become a popular alternative space for students to learn more about Japan, both in terms of language and culture.

This visit is expected to strengthen the relationship between UNHAS and the Japanese government, particularly MEXT. The UNHAS Library will continue to strive to maintain this collaborative spirit through inclusive and sustainable cultural literacy and international education services.





GLOBAL EXPERT ON PAIN MANAGEMENT VISITS UNHAS FOR INTERNATIONAL LECTURE



The Faculty of Medicine (FK) Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) held a prestigious international scientific event in the form of a Visiting Lecture, featuring a world-renowned expert in pain research, Prof. Andrew SC Rice, MBBS, MD, FRCP, FRCA, FFPMRCA. He is a Professor of Pain Research at Imperial College London and currently serves as President of the International Association for the Study of Pain (IASP), a global multidisciplinary organization with thousands of members from over 100 countries.

The lecture, titled "Update on Clinical Management of Neuropathic Pain and Potential Research Topics in Indonesia," was held on Saturday, 12 July 2025, from 9:00 to 11:00 AM (Central Indonesia Time), in the 5th Floor Auditorium of the UNHAS FK Building. The event was organized in collaboration with the Indonesian Pain Society, the official representative of IASP in Indonesia.

In his presentation, Prof. Rice elaborated on the latest approaches in the clinical management of neuropathic pain, including advances in pharmacological therapies, interventional technologies, and diagnostic challenges—particularly in developing countries. He also emphasized the importance of developing contextually relevant local research aligned with the unique characteristics of the Indonesian population and encouraged opportunities for multidisciplinary global collaboration in chronic pain research.

The event was attended by prominent academic leaders including Prof. Dr. Firdaus, Ph.D., Sp.MK(K), Vice Dean for Planning, Resources, and Alumni; Dr. Andi Alfian Zainuddin, M.KM, Vice Dean for Student Affairs and Alumni; and Dr. Andi Muhammad Takdir Musba, Sp.An-TI., KMN, Head of the Specialist Medical Education Program Center. The academic community of the Faculty of Medicine also participated, including lecturers, medical specialists, and residents from various medical disciplines.

The session concluded with an engaging interactive discussion, highlighting the sustained relevance of pain management as a strategic issue that warrants ongoing development, particularly in the context of healthcare services and medical research in Indonesia.



EVIDENCE-BASED COASTAL MANAGEMENT HIGHLIGHTED IN SEAGRASS WORKSHOP HOSTED BY UNHAS



Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), in collaboration with Project Seagrass and the Seagrass Restoration & Ecosystem Services Research Group, and supported by Synchronicity Earth, held a workshop aimed at strengthening the conservation of seagrass ecosystems across Southeast Asia.

Prof. Rohani Ambo Rappe, representing UNHAS, presented the development of seagrass research in Indonesia, including the focus on seagrass rehabilitation studies and contributions to scientific publications since the 1970s, in a statement delivered in Makassar on Friday, 18 July 2025. She emphasized the importance of evidence-based research in supporting sustainable coastal management policies. "Seagrass ecosystems face complex pressures and require strategic approaches grounded in collaboration, scientific knowledge, and local wisdom,"

Seagrass, known in Indonesian as *lamun*, is a flowering marine plant that thrives in shallow coastal waters. Unlike seaweed, to which it is often mistakenly compared, seagrass has distinct biological characteristics. Seagrass plays several critical ecological roles—it serves as a food source for various marine organisms, stabilizes seabeds, and provides habitats and breeding grounds for numerous marine species.

In addition, seagrass is also known in many communities as a valuable commodity used in the production of various goods. Prof. Rohani explained that the workshop participants discussed major threats to seagrass, as well as the conservation challenges from ecological, institutional, social, and economic dimensions. They also highlighted the importance of understanding land-sea interactions and governance fragmentation.

The discussions further focused on identifying specific scientific needs tailored to local contexts, aligning knowledge gaps with global initiatives such as the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science, and enhancing co-production of knowledge to generate relevant and applicable science. According to her, Project Seagrass also contributes to several Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly those related to marine ecosystem protection and the well-being of coastal communities.

Furthermore, this workshop marks the inaugural forum of the Seagrass Global Challenge Fund program, which aims to provide funding and capacity-building support for organizations actively engaged in seagrass conservation. The event also served as a platform for sharing knowledge, experiences, and cross-country strategies to reinforce science-based and community-driven conservation actions. Several organizations and institutions participated as partners in this initiative, including Project Seagrass, the Foundation for Community Empowerment and Nature Conservation Education (YPEKA), Forum Kahedupa Toudani (FORKANI), Community Centered Conservation (C3A Philippines), the Seagrass Restoration and Ecosystem Services Research Group (SESREG-UNHAS), and Cardiff University.



SCOTLAND-INDONESIA RESEARCH COLLABORATION TARGETS DIABETIC EYE DISEASE



The Faculty of Medicine (FK) at Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) continues to expand its international collaboration network by partnering with The University Court of The University of St Andrews, Scotland. This partnership focuses on eye disease research, particularly the assessment of diabetic retinopathy in low- and middle-income countries.

The meeting between the two institutions took place at the Faculty of Medicine, UNHAS and was attended by leaders and researchers from both parties. Representing the FK UNHAS were Prof. Dr. dr. Rina Masadah, M.Phil, DFM, Sp.PA(K), Vice Dean for Publication and Community Engagement; Dr. dr. Andi Alfian Zainuddin, M.KM, MCE, Vice Dean for Partnership, Research, Innovation, and Alumni; dr. Muhammad Abrar Ismail, M.Kes, SpM(K), Head of the Department of Ophthalmology; and Prof. Dr. dr. Habibah S. Muhiddin, SpM(K). Attending from the University of St Andrews were Dr. Obaid Kousha and Dr. Oliver James Kemp, who are currently conducting research at UNHAS.

The ongoing research project is titled “Methods of Assessment of Diabetic Retinopathy in Low- and Middle-Income Countries: A Scoping Review” and will run for six months. The project is being carried out at the UNHAS Teaching Hospital as well as several affiliated hospitals of FK UNHAS.

Beyond research collaboration, the partnership will also include community service activities, student exchange programs, and academic supervision for residents enrolled in the Specialist Medical Education Program (PPDS) in Ophthalmology.

In her remarks, Prof. Rina Masadah emphasized that this collaboration is a strategic step for the FK UNHAS in enhancing its national and international visibility and reputation. “This partnership is very important for the Faculty of Medicine to elevate both the faculty’s and UNHAS’s overall reputation,” she stated.

Through this collaboration, it is hoped that innovations and significant contributions in addressing eye diseases, especially in resource-limited settings, will emerge—further strengthening FK UNHAS’ position as a leading and globally competitive medical education institution.



FKG UNHAS AND RSGMP HOST SIDCER-FERCAP TEAM FOR HEALTH RESEARCH ETHICS ACCREDITATION



The *Komite Etika Penelitian Kesehatan* (KEPK) or Health Research Ethics Committee of the Faculty of Dentistry (FKG) and the Dental and Oral Hospital for Education (RSGMP) at Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) welcomed an international surveyor team from the Strategic Initiative for Developing Capacity in Ethical Review - Forum for Ethical Review Committees in Asia and the Western Pacific (SIDCER-FERCAP), as part of the international recognition process for health research ethics based on global standards.

The opening session of the accreditation process took place on Wednesday, 16 July 2025, at 9:00 AM Makassar time in the Molar Room of FKG UNHAS. The session was attended by university and faculty leaders, KEPK administrators, and members of the academic community.

The SIDCER-FERCAP surveyor team included Prof. Cristina E. Torres, Ph.D. (FERCAP Coordinator, Philippines), Prof. Edlyn B. Jimenes (University of the Philippines), Prof. drg. Tri Wibawa, Ph.D., Sp.MK(K) (KEPK FK-KMK, Gadjah Mada University, Indonesia), and Harnawan Rizky, S.Si., MOHRE (Health Polytechnic or *Poltekkes* Jakarta II, Indonesia).

SIDCER-FERCAP is a partnership program of the World Health Organization (WHO) through the Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases (TDR). The program aims to enhance the capacity and accountability of ethics committees through recognition based on the quality of ethical review and effectiveness in ensuring research ethics compliance in line with international standards.

The opening ceremony was attended by Prof. Muhammad Ruslin, drg., M.Kes., Ph.D., Sp.B.M.M., Subsp.Ortognat-D(K), who represented the Rector of UNHAS in his capacity as Vice Rector for Academic and Student Affairs. Also present were drg. Irfan Sugianto, M.Med.Ed., Ph.D., Sp.RKG, Dean of the FKG UNHAS; drg. Andi Tajrin, M.Kes., Sp.B.M.M., Subsp.C.O.M. (K), Director of the RSGMP UNHAS; drg. Erni Marlina, Ph.D., Sp.PM., Subsp.Inf(K), Chair of the KEPK FKG-RSGMP UNHAS; and drg. Muhammad Ikbal, Ph.D., Sp.Pros., Subsp. PKIKG (K), Secretary of the KEPK FKG-RSGMP UNHAS. Also in attendance were the Vice Deans of the FKG UNHAS, Vice Director of the RSGMP UNHAS, Chair of the Quality Assurance and Reputation Enhancement Task Force, Senate Chair, Department and Study Program Heads, KEPK reviewers and staff, and participants of the International Course on Surveying and Evaluating Ethical Review Practices.

In his opening remarks, the Dean of the FKG UNHAS, drg. Irfan Sugianto, emphasized that this activity reflects the FKG UNHAS's strong commitment to upholding ethics in health research. He expressed hope that the UNHAS FKG and RSGMP will continue to grow into highly credible institutions that support ethical and high-quality research.

The event was officially opened by Prof. Muhammad Ruslin, who stated that the FKG UNHAS's participation in the SIDCER-FERCAP recognition program marks a significant step forward in reinforcing accountable and globally standardized research governance. The SIDCER-FERCAP recognition process is scheduled to take place from 16 to 18 July 2025.



FIKP UNHAS SENDS OFF STUDENTS FOR SUMMER COURSE PROGRAM IN HOGA



Makassar, 15 July 2025 — The Faculty of Marine Science and Fisheries (FIKP) at Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) held an official send-off ceremony for students selected to participate in the Summer Course Hoga 2025. The event took place in the Senate Room, 2nd Floor of the FIKP building, and was attended by lecturers, program supervisors, and student participants. The session served as a final coordination and preparation ahead of the departure for Hoga Island in Southeast Sulawesi, where the summer course will be held.

The Summer Course Hoga 2025 is scheduled to run for two weeks, from 19 July to 2 August 2025. The program includes a combination of classroom sessions and intensive fieldwork, with a special focus on tropical marine ecology. Participants will also engage in underwater field activities such as diving-based biodiversity assessments and reef health monitoring. This hands-on experience is designed to provide students with a deeper understanding of marine science, conservation methods, and interdisciplinary research in a real-world setting.

The send-off was attended by several academic staff members who are also part of the Opwall Hoga 2025 Task Force, including Prof. Dr. Ahmad Faizal, ST., M.Si. (Advisor), Dr. Ir. Shinta Werorilangi, M.Sc. (Team Leader), Dr. Widyastuti, S.Kel. (Secretary), and field supervisors Dr. Ir. Aidah Ambo Ala Husain, M.Sc., Dr. Yuyu Anugrah La Nafie, ST., M.Sc., and Jamaluddin Fitrah Alam, S.Pi., M.Si., Ph.D. The lecturers offered encouragement and reminders for students to uphold academic integrity and safety protocols while representing UNHAS.

The students participating in this year's program include Gracella, James Nicholas Pratama Afandy Palebangan, Kristopel Hutasoit, and Nur Ikhlasul Amal. These students will join peers from other institutions in a collaborative and immersive learning environment. The Summer Course Hoga 2025 represents FIKP UNHAS' ongoing commitment to advancing global education, fostering student exchange, and building capacity in marine science research through experiential and cross-cultural learning initiatives.



CROSS-BORDER ACADEMIC COLLABORATION: UKM MEDIA STUDENTS JOIN INTERNSHIP PROGRAM AT UNHAS



The Faculty of Social and Political Sciences (FISIP) at Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) officially welcomed four students from the International Industrial Training Program organized by the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities (FSSK), Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM), Malaysia, on Monday, 21 July 2025. The four students, who are from the Media and Communication Studies Program, will undertake a two-month industrial internship with various partners in the Department of Communication Science at FISIP UNHAS.

The welcoming ceremony took place at the FISIP Dean's office and was led by the Dean of the FISIP UNHAS, Prof. Dr. Phil. Sukri and attended by the Vice Dean for Academic and Student Affairs, Prof. Dr. Hj. Hasniati, M.Si., as well as the Head of the Department of Communication Science, Prof. Dr. Muh. Akbar, M.Si.

In his remarks, Prof. Sukri emphasized that this program is part of the implementation of international cooperation between the FISIP UNHAS and the FSSK UKM in the fields of education and student exchange, while also contributing to the university's key performance indicators (IKU) in the area of internationalization. "This program is highly beneficial for both UNHAS and UKM students, as it helps build international networks and strengthen practical competencies in media communication. We hope such activities will continue to grow in the future," said Prof. Sukri.

During the program, the UKM students will undergo industrial training with various partners of the Department of Communication Science, such as UNHAS TV, radio stations, and media design studios. These placements aim to provide relevant field experience and expand international professional networks.

Prof. Dr. Muh. Akbar, as the Head of the Department of Communication Science, warmly welcomed the Malaysian students. He highlighted the importance of this collaboration as part of efforts to build a stronger academic reputation and broader global partnerships. "The presence of UKM students is a strategic step to strengthen our international networks. UKM is one of the top universities in the world, ranked #138 in the QS World University Rankings 2025. This collaboration brings academic and professional value to both institutions," explained Prof. Akbar.

Following the welcome ceremony, the UKM students visited UNHAS TV, their first internship placement site. They will be involved in media production and practical communication activities under the guidance of local lecturers and professionals. This program is expected to serve as a platform for knowledge, cultural, and skill exchange between Indonesian and Malaysian students, while also strengthening the academic relationship between the two institutions through ongoing collaboration.



FACULTY OF FORESTRY UNHAS HOLDS BCTB 2025 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE: HIGHLIGHTING MULTIDISCIPLINARY APPROACHES IN BIODIVERSITY FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



The Faculty of Forestry, Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) reaffirmed their institutional commitment to advancing scientific inquiry and collaboration in tropical biodiversity through organizing the Biennial Conference on Tropical Biodiversity (BCTB) 2025. The conference was held on 23 July 2025 in a hybrid format, combining virtual sessions via Zoom and in-person gatherings at the Research and Community Engagement Center (LPPM), UNHAS Tamalanrea Campus, Makassar, Indonesia.

Carrying the theme “Mainstreaming Multidisciplinary Approaches to Biodiversity Studies for Sustainable Development,” BCTB 2025 served as an academic forum for scientific exchange, policy dialogue, and international collaboration. The conference brought together researchers, academics, practitioners, and policymakers from diverse disciplines and institutions, both national and international, to explore current challenges and opportunities in biodiversity conservation.

In his official report, Fatwa Faturachmat, S.Hut., M.Hut., Chair of the BCTB 2025 Organizing Committee, conveyed his appreciation to all collaborating partners and sponsors who contributed to the event, particularly Kalla Group as the main sponsor. He also emphasized that this year's conference represented a significant step in strengthening international cooperation, highlighting the active involvement of four institutional partners: Tomsk Polytechnic University (Russia), Mindanao State University – Maguindanao (Philippines), Universiti Teknologi MARA (Malaysia), and Universitas Sumatera Utara (Indonesia).

This biennial academic event aimed to catalyze the integration of scientific approaches, including ecology, resource management, biotechnology, social sciences, and public policy, into formulating strategies to address biodiversity-related challenges and support tropical biodiversity conservation more comprehensively, in alignment with the goals of sustainable development.

In his opening remarks, Prof. Dr. Ir. Jamaluddin Jompa, M.Sc., Rector of UNHAS, emphasized that tropical biodiversity is a global asset that must be protected and preserved through multidisciplinary approaches to address pressing global environmental issues. He also highlighted the importance of scientific innovation and institutional partnerships in addressing climate-related and anthropogenic pressures on biodiversity.



One of the main agendas of the conference was a plenary session featuring six distinguished invited speakers from various countries and academic backgrounds. Dr. Veera Singham from Universiti Sains Malaysia presented insights on the implications of climate change for plant pests and diseases. Dr. Antonio Di Martino from Tomsk Polytechnic University, Russia, discussed the transformation of industrial waste into environmentally friendly materials. Prof. Dr. Mohd Hafiz Hanafiah from Universiti Teknologi MARA, Malaysia, addressed the sustainable use of forest ecosystems for ecotourism. Andang Suryana Soma, Ph.D., from UNHAS, Indonesia, explored ecological disaster management practices in South Sulawesi. Prof. Dr. Mohammad Basyuni from Universitas Sumatera Utara, Indonesia, presented research on the bioprospecting potential of mangrove ecosystems in Indonesia. The session concluded with Prof. Dr. Christoph Klein from Georg-August-University Göttingen, Germany, who emphasized the importance of systematic monitoring of forest resources.

The one-day conference also included parallel scientific sessions, thematic panel discussions, and the launch of selected academic publications. BCTB 2025 attracted participation from representatives of seven countries, namely Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Japan, Russia, Germany, and Belgium, reflecting a shared global commitment to tropical biodiversity research and sustainability.

As articulated in the closing session, BCTB 2025 is envisioned as a strategic foundation for the development of actionable, science-based recommendations that can inform biodiversity policy at national and international levels. Moreover, it is expected to reinforce international research networks and foster long-term collaboration in support of biodiversity-based sustainable development.





FIKP UNHAS AND VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OF WELLINGTON LAUNCH COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH ON CORAL REEF REGIME SHIFTS IN WAKATOBI



The Faculty of Marine Science and Fisheries (FIKP) at Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) officially commenced a collaborative research project with Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand, focusing on the ecological consequences of slow regime shifts in coral reef ecosystems on 19 July 2025. The study is led by PhD candidate Emma Jane Novak under the supervision of Prof. James Bell, in close partnership with Dr. Jamaluddin Fitrah Alam of FIKP UNHAS, who serves as the Indonesian counterpart. Field activities are based on Hoga Island, Wakatobi, and are scheduled to run from 19 July to 2 August 2025.

The research investigates how gradual changes in reef composition—particularly the shift from coral to sponge-dominated ecosystems—affect reef function, fish communities, and trophic structures within the Wakatobi Marine National Park. Unlike the rapid collapses observed in other parts of the world, the reefs in Wakatobi have experienced a slower and more subtle transition over the past two decades. Understanding this "slow shift" is critical for developing predictive ecosystem models and informing future conservation strategies in marine protected areas.

Initial fieldwork began on 20 July 2025 with equipment testing and preliminary deployment of underwater cameras, photogrammetric surveys, and ecological assessments around Hoga Island. These surveys aim to quantify sponge abundance, reef complexity, and fish assemblages in both coral- and sponge-dominated environments. Particular attention is being given to barrel sponges, which have reportedly increased in dominance on Wakatobi's sediment-influenced reefs. A master's student from the Marine Science program at UNHAS also took part in the field activities, contributing technical support and data collection.

On 21 July 2025, the research team visited the Kaledupa office of the Wakatobi National Park Authority. During the visit, Ms. Novak and Dr. Jamaluddin delivered a formal presentation outlining the research objectives, methods, and ethical protocols. The meeting also served as an official request for SIMAKSI (research permit) approval, ensuring the research aligns with the park's conservation policies. Following constructive dialogue, the park authority granted the permit, enabling full-scale research activities to begin.

The following day, on 22 July, two staff members from the Wakatobi National Park Authority joined the research team in the field to observe and assist with equipment testing, including the deployment of Baited Remote Underwater Video (BRUV) systems. Their presence ensured coordination between research activities and park management while fostering shared learning on monitoring tools for marine biodiversity.



With SIMAKSI approved and field coordination strengthened, data collection continued intensively through to 2 August 2025. Core research methods included BRUV deployments across shallow and deep reef zones, roving snorkel surveys for ray assessments, seagrass habitat mapping, and high-resolution photogrammetric surveys. These integrated methods provide a comprehensive understanding of predator presence, benthic community shifts, and structural habitat changes—laying the foundation for long-term ecosystem modeling.

Wakatobi has seen a notable decline in top predators such as sharks, although rays remain relatively common. By assessing predator populations along depth gradients, the study seeks to evaluate whether deeper reef areas serve as refuges that mitigate species loss in shallower, more disturbed zones. This is a key component of testing the deep reef refugia hypothesis (DRRH) in the Wakatobi context.

Equally important is the shift in benthic composition. As coral cover declines, sponges have emerged as dominant reef builders. This transformation could significantly affect nutrient cycling, fish behavior, and overall reef resilience. The research explores how these changes impact ecological roles, from the availability of refuge space for juvenile fish to broader trophic interactions and structural complexity.

The data collected will contribute to the development of high-resolution 3D reef models, which will support future comparative studies and long-term monitoring. These models, along with behavioral and biodiversity data, are expected to form the basis of several scientific publications and provide actionable insights for local and regional reef management.

This collaboration underscores UNHAS's growing role in global marine science and its commitment to fostering international academic partnerships. The research in Wakatobi serves as a compelling example of how joint efforts between institutions can generate critical knowledge to address today's complex environmental challenges.



UNHAS ADVANCES BLUE ECONOMY COOPERATION AT MARINE SYMPOSIUM IN CHINA



Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), through the Faculty of Marine Science and Fisheries (FIKP), reaffirmed its academic leadership and tangible contributions on the international stage. In commemoration of the 75th anniversary of China-Indonesia diplomatic relations, FIKP UNHAS played an active role in the Joint Symposium on China-Indonesia Marine Ecological Ranching and Achievements Exhibition on China-Indonesia Project, held from 1-3 July 2025, at Shanghai Ocean University (SHOU), China.

Ahead of the symposium, the Rector of UNHAS, Prof. Dr. Jamaluddin Jompa, M.Sc., and the Dean of FIKP UNHAS, Prof. Dr. Safruddin Hasyim, M.Si., held a closed meeting with the President of SHOU to discuss strengthening and expanding their existing collaboration, including continued efforts in talent cultivation, joint research, and increased staff and student mobility.

During the symposium, Prof. Jamaluddin Jompa served as a keynote speaker, opening the main session with a presentation entitled Strategic Development of Artificial Reefs and Sea Ranching for Marine Resource Enhancement in Spermonde. In his talk, Prof. Jompa emphasized that scientific collaboration between Indonesia and China is crucial for coastal ecosystem recovery and science-based marine food security.

The symposium also marked a milestone reflecting four years of intensive collaboration among FIKP UNHAS, SHOU, and Guangdong Ocean University (GDOU), particularly in the areas of marine ranching and artificial reef development. Since 2022, the talent cultivation program has trained hundreds of Indonesian students, alumni, and government practitioners in marine ecosystem rehabilitation techniques. The partnership has also provided master's and doctoral scholarships for FIKP alumni to pursue advanced studies in China.

One notable achievement from this collaboration is the successful deployment of 200 artificial reef units in the waters of Bonetambung, South Sulawesi, covering an area of three hectares. These units include concrete cubes, pyramid structures, and metal cages filled with coconut husks. Since 2024, joint teams from UNHAS, SHOU, and GDOU have conducted regular monitoring of biodiversity and biomass enhancement in the area.

In addition to the Rector, four FIKP UNHAS academics were invited as speakers. Dr. Syafyudin Yusuf, a senior lecturer in coral reef ecology, delivered a presentation entitled Best Practice and Current Implementation of Artificial Reefs, highlighting various reef restoration methods and their successful applications in Indonesia.

Dr. Inayah Yasir addressed the importance of ecosystem connectivity in her session Beyond the Reef: Understanding the Importance of Adjacent Ecosystems in Supporting Coral Reef Communities, stressing that coral reef health depends heavily on the presence of supporting ecosystems such as seagrass beds and mangroves.

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Prof. Dr. Andi Niartiningasih presented on The Role of Artificial Reefs in Supporting the Conservation of Endangered Species, demonstrating how artificial structures serve as habitats for endangered marine species like giant clams and benthic invertebrates. Contributing to the scientific exchange, Dr. Jamaluddin Fitrah Alam presented the results of biomass dynamics and energy flow modeling around artificial reef units using a system dynamics modeling approach, in a session entitled Projecting New Marine Life through Artificial Reef Structures.

The event was also attended by Prof. Dr. Safruddin Hasyim, M.Si. (Dean of FIKP), Prof. Dr. Ahmad Faizal (Vice Dean for Partnership, Research, and Innovation), Prof. Dr. Shinta Werorilangi Kristanto (Head of FIKP's International Office), and Prof. Najamuddin, an expert in capture fisheries. With more than 40 academics, researchers, and government officials from both countries in attendance, the symposium not only strengthened international networking but also served as a platform for technology and knowledge exchange to support blue economy development and sustainable marine conservation in the Asia-Pacific region.

Through its active participation in this forum, FIKP UNHAS reaffirmed its commitment as a center of excellence in tropical marine science and a strategic partner in international collaborations for ecosystem restoration and capacity building in Indonesia's marine sectors.





INTERNATIONAL ENRICHMENT: FKG UNHAS STUDENTS EXPERIENCE CLINICAL AND ACADEMIC LEARNING IN MALAYSIA



Students from the Faculty of Dentistry (FKG), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), officially began their international enrichment program in Malaysia on 30 June 2025. The program was being held at two prestigious institutions: MAHSA University (30 June – 14 July) and Malaya University (30 June – 19 July).

The enrichment program is designed to provide students with international academic exposure through a variety of activities, including lectures, clinical observations, laboratory sessions, community service projects, and an in-depth look into interprofessional education practices at each university.

This year marks the third consecutive year of the collaboration between FKG UNHAS and Universiti Malaya, while the program is being held at MAHSA University for the first time. The new partnership with MAHSA opens another pathway for FKG UNHAS students to engage with different healthcare education systems abroad.

Representing FGK UNHAS and accompanying the students during the program are Andi Sri Permatasari, drg., Sp.KGA and Windhy Ekawardhani, S.Pd. Both faculty members expressed their appreciation for the warm welcome extended by the host universities. Students and faculty were welcomed by Prof. Dato' Dr. Mohamed Ibrahim Bin Abu Hassan, Dean of Faculty of Dentistry at MAHSA University with other faculty members. On 1 July 2025, the group is scheduled to meet Prof. Dr. Firdaus Hariri, Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry at the Universiti Malaya.

"This program offers an excellent opportunity for our students to gain early clinical exposure and observe international dental education practices firsthand," said drg. Andi Sri Permatasari. "The experience not only enhances their academic understanding but also prepares them to become globally-minded professionals."

The enrichment program is expected to broaden the students' perspective on healthcare delivery and academic collaboration. With structured learning in both classroom and clinical settings, the students will benefit from international best practices and foster connections that may support future professional development. Through this initiative, FKG UNHAS continues its commitment to globalizing its dental education and preparing students to thrive in an increasingly interconnected world.



GLOBAL LEARNING FOR LOCAL IMPACT: UNHAS STUDENTS AT NTUA, GREECE



Students from the Faculty of Animal Science at Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) — Gabriella Romaito Manalu, Andi Nurazizah Taufiq, Fadli Hasdin, and Andi Mu Nurcholis Pasha — are currently immersed in a prestigious international training program hosted by the National Technical University of Athens (NTUA), Greece. This enriching academic endeavor is a key component of the Enhancing Sustainable and Green Leather Technology in Indonesia (ELEGTEG) initiative, which is generously supported by the European Union's Erasmus+ program. The initiative is designed to promote sustainable industrial practices and foster international collaboration in the field of leather technology.

Held from 28 June to 12 July, 2025, the training program at NTUA offers a comprehensive curriculum focused on cutting-edge sustainable leather processing technologies. Participants were delving into advanced topics such as green chemistry, eco-friendly tanning methods, waste management strategies, and circular economy principles. Through a combination of theoretical instruction and practical laboratory sessions, students are gaining firsthand experience with innovative techniques that aim to minimize environmental impact and enhance resource efficiency in the leather industry.

One of the highlights of the program is the opportunity for students to engage in collaborative workshops and interdisciplinary discussions with leading international experts, researchers, and industry professionals. These interactions not only broaden their academic horizons but also cultivate a global perspective on sustainability challenges and solutions. The training emphasizes real-world applications, encouraging students to think critically and creatively about how to implement green technologies in Indonesia's leather sector.

This international experience represents a significant milestone in the academic journey of UNHAS students. It enhances their technical competencies, cross-cultural communication skills, and professional networks, preparing them to become future leaders in sustainable industrial development. Moreover, the program reinforces UNHAS's commitment to global engagement, academic excellence, and environmental stewardship.

The ELEGTEG initiative itself is a collaborative effort involving a consortium of 10 institutions, including three Indonesian universities, European academic partners, and industry stakeholders. Its overarching goal is to build capacity in green leather technology, promote knowledge exchange, and support the development of environmentally responsible practices across the leather value chain in Indonesia.

By participating in this program, students are not only contributing to the advancement of sustainable leather technology but also playing a vital role in shaping a more eco-conscious future for Indonesia's industrial landscape.



COMPLETING AN INTERNATIONAL ELECTIVE JOURNEY AT HKU FACULTY OF DENTISTRY: A STORY OF LEARNING, CULTURE, AND POTENTIAL COLLABORATION



From 1 to 7 July 2025, Muhammad Imran Taufiq and Andi Muhammad Ayodhya Chandra, two professional program students from the Faculty of Dentistry (FKG), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), successfully completed the Incoming Elective Study Program at the Faculty of Dentistry, The University of Hong Kong (HKU). Ranked 2nd globally in the QS World University Rankings by Subject, HKU's dental school offered an invaluable opportunity for the students to experience clinical education at a world-class institution.

Throughout the program, both students participated in the clinical observations across various specialized departments, including endodontics, prosthodontics, periodontology, oral diagnosis, and pediatric dentistry. These sessions provided them with hands-on insight into HKU's integrated and patient-centered approach to dental education, guided by esteemed professors and clinical staff. Their exposure to advanced clinical procedures and multidisciplinary collaboration highlighted the importance of early action and continuous innovation—an ethos that aligns with HKU's commitment to excellence in oral health care.

Beyond academic engagement, the elective program also promoted cultural understanding, fulfilling its objective of international exposure. The students explored iconic landmarks such as Victoria Peak and the Star Ferry, strolled through historical trails in Wan Chai, and embarked on a full-day cultural trip to Macau. These experiences offered them a richer appreciation of dentistry in a global context, deepening their understanding of how culture and community shape healthcare delivery.

A particularly meaningful highlight of the program was a courtesy meeting with Professor Jin Lijian, Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry at HKU. In a warm and insightful exchange, Professor Jin welcomed the students to his office and shared HKU-Dent's vision as a global hub for dental collaboration. "Tomorrow's dentistry starts today," he emphasized, underlining the importance of building strong academic partnerships, nurturing clinical talent, and advancing high-impact research. He also recognized UNHAS as one of Indonesia's premier dental institutions and acknowledged the significant potential for future collaborations between the two faculties. As a gesture of goodwill, Professor Jin personally presented the students with official souvenirs from HKU, symbolizing the beginning of what promises to be a strong and enduring academic relationship.

This elective study program not only marked the successful completion of a one-week academic exchange but also served as a powerful step toward strengthening international academic cooperation. It represents the beginning of a broader vision: to build bridges across borders, foster meaningful collaborations, and empower the next generation of dental professionals to lead with skill, insight, and global awareness.





FOUR INTERNATIONAL CLASS STUDENTS FROM FACULTY OF DENTISTRY UNHAS JOIN ENRICHMENT PROGRAM AT OKAYAMA UNIVERSITY



Four students from the International Class of the Faculty of Dentistry (FKG), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), are currently participating in an enrichment program at the Dental School, Okayama University. The program runs from 30 June to 24 July 2025, and offers a comprehensive academic and clinical experience.

During their stay, the students are engaged in various academic activities including clinical observations, joint lectures, practical training, and laboratory work. This program is part of the FKG's commitment to providing international exposure and advanced learning opportunities to its students.

The group was warmly welcomed by Yukinori Maruo, DDS., Ph.D during the official welcoming ceremony. The students were accompanied by Prof. Dr. Nurlindah Hamrun, drg., M.Kes and Prof. Dr. Mardiana Adam, drg., MS who represented the FKG and attended the welcoming event to support the students and strengthen academic collaboration between the two institutions.

This enrichment program marks another step forward in the long-standing partnership between UNHAS and Okayama University, aiming to enhance global competencies in dental education.



FOSTERING SUSTAINABILITY AND LEADERSHIP: UNHAS DELEGATES AT UBD-AUN SUMMER CAMP 2025



Three students from Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) —A. Nurul Izzah (Faculty of Agriculture), Muhammad Adib Mapparaga (Faculty of Engineering), and Andi Muhammad Geryl Amirawan (Faculty of Marine and Fisheries Sciences)—participated in the Universiti Brunei Darussalam - ASEAN University Network (UBD-AUN) Summer Camp 2025 hosted by UBD from 14 to 28 June, 2025. This year's camp, themed "Green Stewardship: Preserving Biodiversity and Advancing Sustainable Development," brought together 163 students from 38 universities across ASEAN+3 to explore the intersection of environmental sustainability, innovation, and regional collaboration.

The program offered a multidimensional learning experience through lectures, workshops, and field visits, all designed to deepen participants' understanding of biodiversity conservation and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly Goals 13 (Climate Action), 14 (Life Below Water), and 15 (Life on Land). Sessions were led by UBD faculty and invited experts, covering key topics such as climate resilience, sustainable land use, and digital innovation for environmental monitoring. These academic engagements encouraged critical thinking on global challenges and local solutions while fostering interdisciplinary dialogue.

The program's framework—Elevate, Transform, Discover, and Agent of Change—guided students through a journey of personal and academic growth. The UNHAS delegates actively contributed to discussions, collaborated on group projects, and demonstrated strong intercultural communication throughout the camp. Their diverse academic backgrounds enriched the interdisciplinary approach, underscoring the value of collaboration in tackling sustainability challenges.

The International Office (IO) of UNHAS commends the three delegates for their outstanding participation and representation. Their involvement in the UBD-AUN Summer Camp 2025 reflects the university's commitment to global engagement, sustainable development, and youth empowerment. With the insights, skills, and networks gained through this experience, these students are now well-positioned to contribute meaningfully to both local initiatives and international collaborations.





UPM AND UNHAS STRENGTHEN HEALTH COLLABORATION THROUGH INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR



SELANGOR - Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) through the Institute for Social Science Studies (IPSAS) together with the Faculty of Public Health (FKM) Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) successfully held an International Joint Seminar. This international seminar was entitled "Strengthening Health Systems: A Comparative Policy Study in Malaysia and Indonesia - Challenges and Solutions".

This activity took place at the Youth Arena, Universiti Putra Malaysia, Selangor, 8 July 2025. This activity became a strategic platform for the exchange of knowledge and experience between two leading institutions in the field of public health. The event was opened at 9am by the Director of IPSAS UPM, Prof. Haslinda, who delivered a warm welcome and expressed her hope for continued collaboration between the two countries.

In her brief remarks, Prof. Haslinda hoped that this seminar would be an important momentum to build a common understanding in strengthening the health systems of both countries. As the first keynote speaker, Prof. Dr. Haslinda Abdullah from Universiti Putra Malaysia presented "The Overview of Mental Health Issues Among Malaysian Youth," which was welcomed enthusiastically by the seminar participants.

The next session was filled by Dr. Muhammad Yusran Amir, SKM, MPH from UNHAS who explained the challenges of health policy in Indonesia, as well as Assoc. Prof. Dr. Haliza Abdul Rahman from Universiti Putra Malaysia who highlighted health policy in Malaysia. All sessions were complemented by interactive discussions that opened space for collaboration across countries, disciplines, and generations.

The event was closed with a group photo session and the hope that the results of this seminar can become the initial foundation for collaborative research and policy formulation with real impact in the future. "This activity is an important milestone in strengthening academic networks and developing evidence-based health policy solutions and local experiences of each country," said Prof. Haslinda.



ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH STUDENTS FROM UNHAS EXPAND NETWORKS AND KNOWLEDGE AT MAHIDOL UNIVERSITY, THAILAND



Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) strengthened its position in the global academic society by sending 31 Master of Environmental Health students to Mahidol University, Thailand. From 7 to 8 July 2025, the delegation from the Faculty of Public Health (FKM) UNHAS participated in an intensive benchmarking and training programme discussing “Environmental Health Technology, Management, and Sustainability” at one of the best campuses in Southeast Asia.

For two full days, the participants engaged in a series of academic discussions, presentations, and workshops addressing the latest innovations in sustainable environmental health technology and management. The highlight of the visit was an in-depth workshop session on “Health Risks Assessment (HRA)” led by Assoc. Prof. Suphaphat Kwonpongsagoon, PhD, a leading expert from the Faculty of Public Health, Mahidol University.

In her presentation, Assoc. Prof. Kwonpongsagoon emphasised how vital data-driven innovations are in managing environmental health issues holistically and sustainably, especially in the Southeast Asian region, through the HRA approach. She explained how HRA can be the backbone in identifying, evaluating, and managing health risks stemming from environmental factors, providing a comprehensive picture for effective policies and interventions.

Prof. Dr. Anwar Daud, M.Kes, as the Chair of the UNHAS Environmental Health Postgraduate Study Program, emphasized the relevance of this event in encouraging the improvement of curriculum and research quality in the field of environmental health. "We see a lot of potential for research collaboration, especially in the development of environmental quality monitoring technology and sustainable management systems, as well as the analysis of potential hazards and various chemicals and microbes that can be studied in both countries," he said. Prof. Anwar, who is also a doctoral alumnus of Mahidol University, added, "Mahidol University has a long experience that can be an inspiration for the development of our programme in the future."

In line with Prof. Anwar's remarks, Prof. Dr. Sukri Palutturi, PhD, the Dean of FKM UNHAS, stated that this activity was a valuable forum for knowledge exchange between the two institutions. The hope is that this visit can expand international networks and open doors to wider academic collaboration, ranging from student and lecturer exchanges, to joint research, and the development of collaborative scientific publications.

Mahidol University, as a leading university in Asia, is known for its strong commitment to the development of public health science based on innovation and sustainability. This benchmarking activity is part of UNHAS' ongoing efforts to support the internationalisation programme and the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) targets, particularly in the field of environmental health. This step marks UNHAS' commitment to continue to innovate and contribute in creating a healthier and more sustainable environment in the future.

Hopefully, activities like this event pioneered by Prof. Dr. Anwar Daud, SKM, M.Kes, EHS and Prof. Anwar Mallongi, SKM, M.Sc, PhD will expand and spread throughout the world as manifestations of a World Class University.



BRIDGING BORDERS: UNHAS NURSING STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN GLOBAL CLINICAL EXCHANGE



Two students from the Professional Nursing Study Program at Hasanuddin University (UNHAS)'s Faculty of Nursing recently completed the 2025 Global Basic and Clinical Practice Exchange Program, held from July 13 to 28, 2025. This prestigious international program was hosted by Kanazawa University, Japan, and brought together nursing students from UNHAS (Indonesia), Kanazawa University (Japan), and Taipei Medical University (Taiwan).

During the two-week exchange, students engaged in clinical rotations at Kanazawa University Hospital and its affiliated health centers. Activities included hands-on learning, direct clinical observation, and interdisciplinary discussions, providing participants with valuable practical experience while promoting cross-cultural and academic exchange.

The program covered a wide range of nursing areas, including care of the elderly, surgical nursing, maternal and mental health, hospice and pediatric care, dialysis, and chemotherapy. Participants also visited community care centers, offering insights into patient care beyond the hospital setting.

One of the participants, Muh. Gunawan, expressed his appreciation, stating “We are very thankful to the Faculty of Nursing and UNHAS for their support. We also appreciate Kanazawa University for giving us this wonderful opportunity to improve our skills and learn about healthcare from a global perspective.”

This exchange program is part of a longstanding partnership between the Faculty of Nursing at UNHAS and the School of Health Sciences at Kanazawa University, established in 2014. Beyond student exchanges, the collaboration also includes joint research initiatives and faculty visiting lecturer programs, further strengthening academic ties and fostering global competence in nursing education.





GEOPHYSICS DEPARTMENT LECTURER PARTICIPATES AS EXTERNAL COLLABORATOR AT INVEST WORKSHOP, EARTH OBSERVATORY OF SINGAPORE (EOS), NANYANG TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY (NTU)



Singapore – July 2025. Dr. Muhammad Taufiq Rafie, S.Si., M.T., a lecturer from the Department of Geophysics, Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences (MIPA), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), took part in the Integrating Volcano and Earthquake Science and Technology (InVEST) workshop, held on 24 July 2025 in Singapore. The workshop carried the theme: "Researching Together to Promote Resilience to Geohazards in Southeast Asia".

Organized by the Earth Observatory of Singapore (EOS), Nanyang Technological University (NTU), the workshop brought together EOS Principal Investigators, research fellows, and their external collaborators to present current research progress and discuss future research directions. The event also provided a platform to delve into key InVEST research themes and scientific questions, fostering new ideas and strengthening ongoing and future collaborative research.

During the workshop, Dr. Taufiq was appointed to collaborate with Dr. Lujia Feng on a study focusing on tectonic deformation in Sulawesi Island. His participation in this prestigious event underscores UNHAS's growing role in international geoscience collaboration and its commitment to world-class research.

Through active participation in high-level scientific forums like the InVEST workshop, UNHAS strengthens its presence within the global research community. It also showcases the university's commitment to addressing pressing geohazard issues through collaborative, interdisciplinary research. This milestone reinforces UNHAS's vision to become a world-class university that contributes significantly to solving real-world challenges, especially those relevant to Southeast Asia's vulnerability to natural disasters.





BLUECYCLE: UNHAS STUDENT CHAMPIONS PLASTIC WASTE SOLUTION AT REGEN ASIA SUMMIT

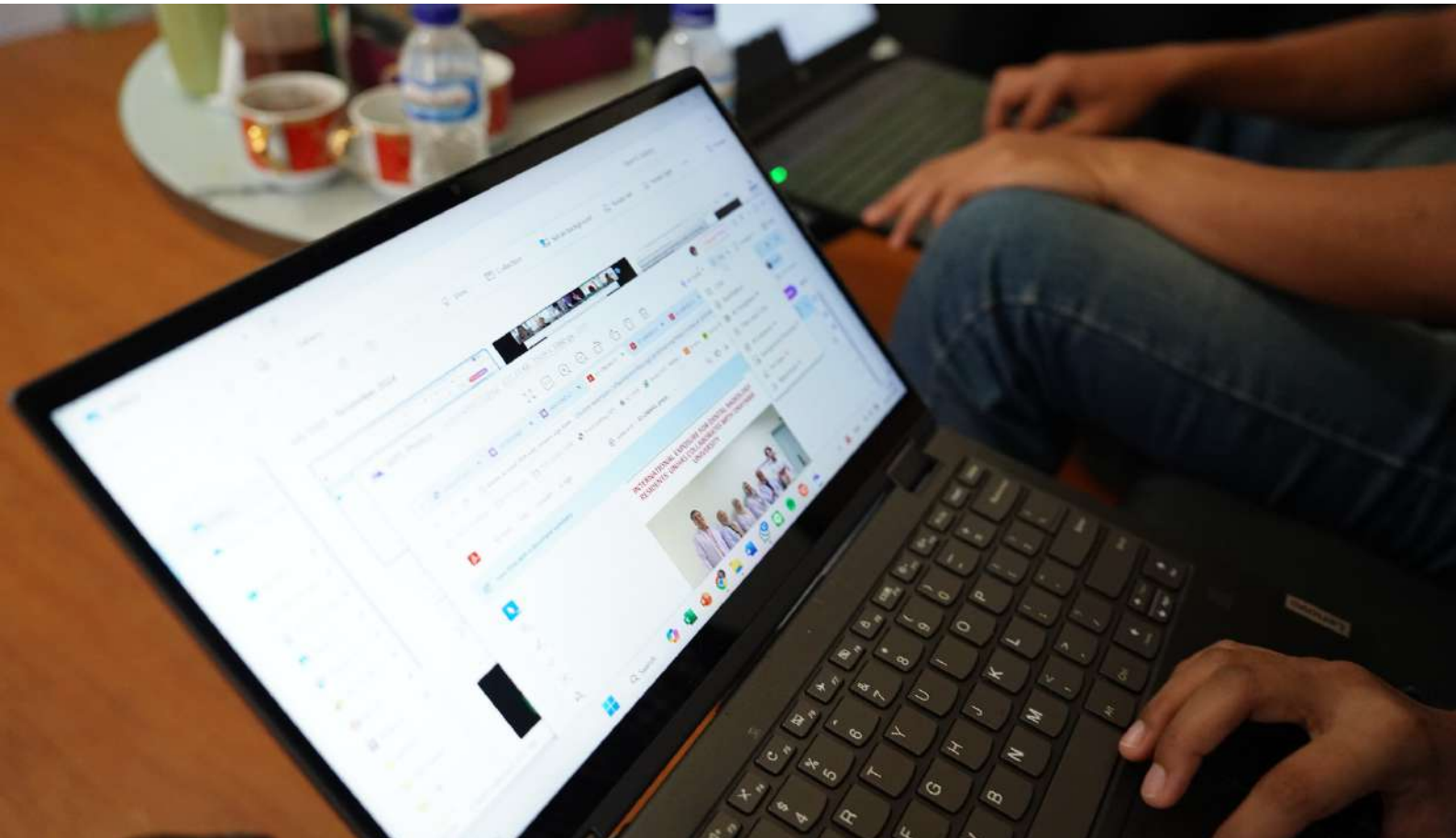


A student of the Physiotherapy Study Programme at the Faculty of Nursing, Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), Muh. Syafiq Fahrezi, was selected as Project Leader at the Regen Asia Summit (RAS) 2025 and Asian Undergraduate Symposium (AUS) international forum which was held from 3rd to 19th July 2025. The event was organised by the National University of Singapore (NUS) and took place offline from Thursday to Monday.

The prestigious forum brings together hundreds of students from various Asian countries. They collaborate to formulate innovative solutions related to ecosystem regeneration, sustainable development, and community empowerment. Syafiq successfully made it into the top 40 ideas selected from hundreds of proposals. He leads a multinational team consisting of students from the Philippines, Laos, Malaysia, and Indonesia.

The student proposed the BlueCycle Project, which focuses on empowering PKK mothers around the Citarum River. The programme utilises plastic waste to produce economically valuable products, thereby supporting environmental conservation while increasing family income. "This is not just an environmental project, but also an effort to create new resources from something previously considered waste," he said. Furthermore, the student expressed gratitude that the idea, born from a local issue, received recognition at the international forum. "We hope the BlueCycle Project can serve as a catalyst for similar initiatives supporting the SDGs in the future," he concluded.

INTERNATIONAL OFFICE GATHERS STRATEGIC INTERNATIONALIZATION DATA FROM APRIL-JUNE 2025



The International Office (IO) of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) successfully concluded their Updating Data for Internationalization Program on Friday, 4 July 2025. The session was held at the IO Meeting Room and marked the culmination of a comprehensive data collection process spanning April to June 2025. The program was led by Haniek Khoirunnissa, M.Sc., who serves as the Task Force for Database and Scholarship, and was supported by other IO staff members and a dedicated team of IO Student Volunteers (Stuvo).

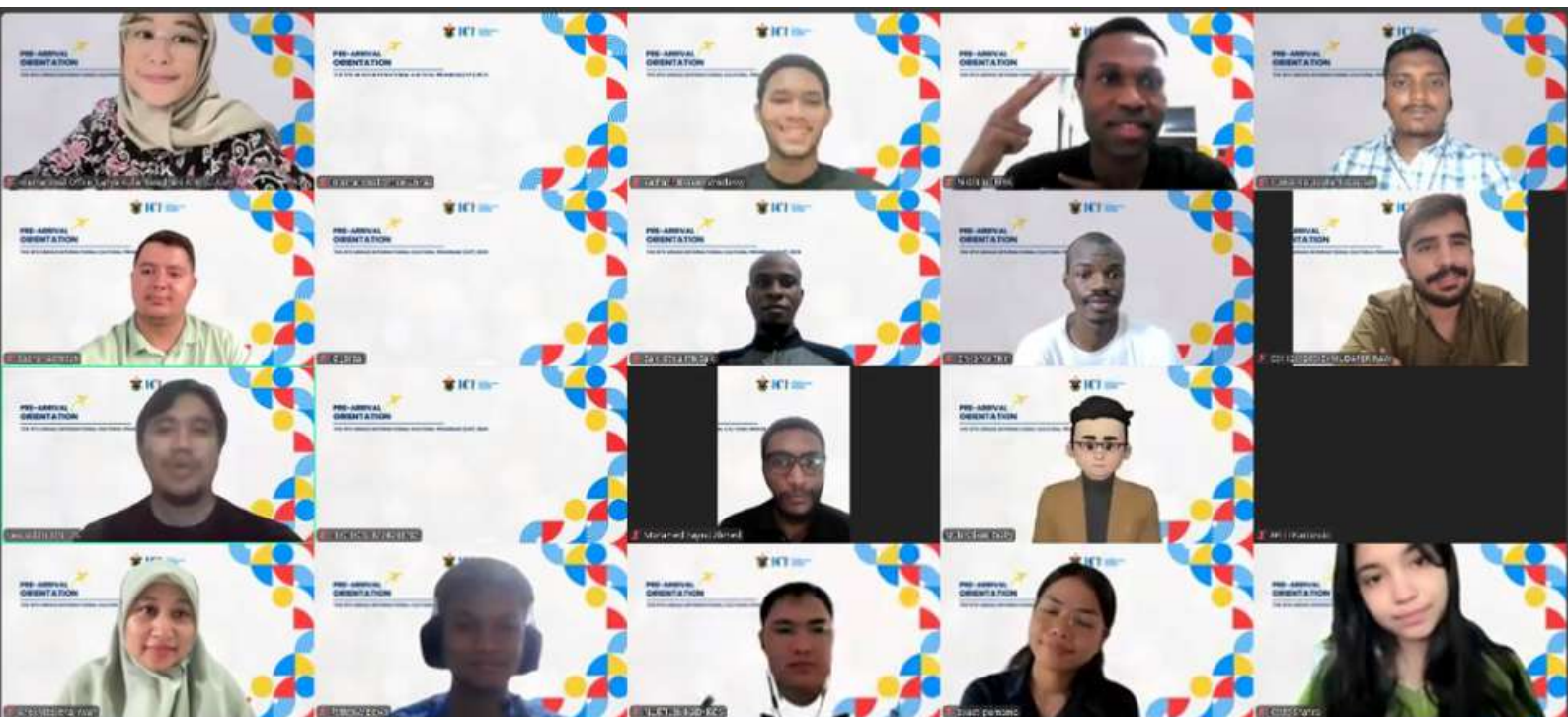
To ensure detailed coverage, the student volunteers were divided into three groups based on the months—April, May, and June. Each division was responsible for exploring weekly news and updates related to outbound activities involving students, lecturers, and other academic communities. This included short visits, short courses, exchange programs, and various forms of international academic mobility. Their work aimed to quantify and record these activities for strategic reporting purposes.

In parallel, the volunteers also gathered data on inbound mobility. This involved identifying international students, lecturers, and researchers visiting UNHAS for diverse academic reasons—ranging from public and guest lectures to public discussions and joint research initiatives. These efforts provided a clearer picture of UNHAS’s international academic collaborations during the reporting period.

The results of this data updating program will be compiled into formal reports to be submitted to the Directorate of UNHAS Reputation Enhancement. The findings will play a key role in shaping the university’s internationalization strategies, measuring global engagement, and strengthening UNHAS’s visibility in the international academic landscape.



GETTING READY: UNHAS GUIDES ICP PARTICIPANTS AHEAD OF ARRIVAL



As the 8th International Cultural Program (ICP) draws near, the International Office (IO) of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) conducted a Pre-Arrival Orientation (PAO) session for selected participants. The orientation took place on Friday, 11 July 2025, at 2:00 PM Makassar time via Zoom. The session aimed to ensure that all participants were fully prepared for the program, particularly in terms of their travel documents, personal items, and health-related necessities.

The meeting was led by Saaduddin, Ph.D., commonly known as Mr. Saad, who serves as the ICP Project Coordinator. He outlined several key points of the orientation, focusing on preparation before departure, including passports, visas, medication, and other personal needs to support a smooth arrival and participation in the program.

Dr. Saad also shared details about the accommodations during the ICP. Participants will be staying at UNHAS Hotel and Convention during their campus activities, while the field trip segment will take place at the Center for Environmental Education in Puntondo, Takalar Regency. In Puntondo, students will experience a camping-style setup, providing opportunities to explore maritime life and local coastal culture firsthand.

The session concluded with an engaging Q&A, followed by a virtual group photo session. The orientation marks an important milestone in welcoming international participants to a meaningful cultural and educational experience in South Sulawesi.



FRIDAY OUTBOUND CLINIC: PATHWAYS TO STUDY AND SCHOLARSHIPS IN AUSTRALIA



The Friday Outbound Clinic (FOC), organized by the International Office (IO) of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), was successfully held on Friday, 18 July 2025, at 2:00 PM Central Indonesia Time. The session featured two distinguished speakers: Thi My Linh Nguyen, Ph.D, International Student Support Officer at the University of Newcastle, Australia, and Mr. Hung Truong, a scholarship expert specializing in higher education in Australia. The event was moderated by Khaeruddin, Ph.D, a task force of the IO UNHAS.

The session opened with a warm and nostalgic conversation between the moderator and Dr. Linh, who reflected on their time working together as PhD students at the University of Newcastle. This personal connection created an inviting and relatable atmosphere for participants. Dr. Linh then shared her journey as an international student, from the initial challenges she faced adjusting to a new environment, to her academic milestones, and ultimately to her current professional role at the university. Her story provided valuable insight into the resilience and adaptability required to succeed abroad, inspiring attendees with her determination and achievements.

Following her presentation, the session continued with insights from Mr. Hung Truong, who offered a detailed overview of scholarship opportunities available in Australia. He highlighted Australia as an ideal destination for international students due to its quality of education, diverse culture, and support systems. Mr. Hung guided the participants through the process of identifying suitable scholarships, crafting strong application essays, and selecting potential universities across various Australian states.

The event, which lasted for approximately one hour, was attended by nearly 30 participants, consisting mostly of students who were interested in studying abroad. The session concluded with an engaging Q&A session, where participants eagerly asked questions related to university application processes, visa requirements, and opportunities to work part-time while studying in Australia. Both speakers provided practical answers and encouragement, which made the discussion highly relevant and informative.

Overall, this edition of the FOC provided valuable knowledge and motivation for students to explore study opportunities in Australia. The session not only strengthened the participants' understanding of scholarship pathways but also reinforced the importance of perseverance and preparation in pursuing international academic goals.

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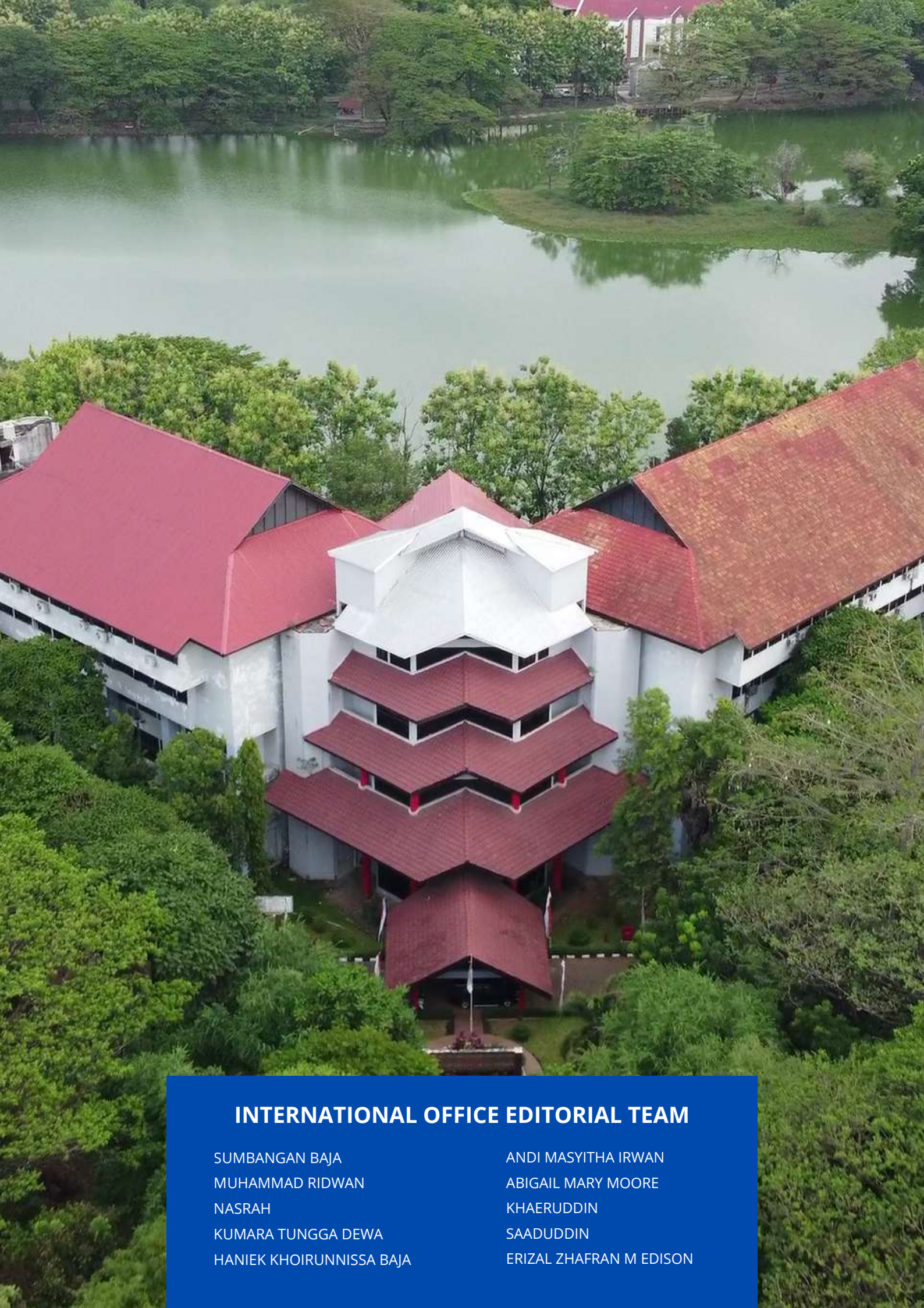
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