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UNHAS AND KANAZAWA UNIVERSITY SUMMER PROGRAM REPORT DISCUSSED IN FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSION



The International Office (IO) of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) recently held a Focus Group Discussion (FGD) to finalize the report of the Hasanuddin University – Kanazawa University (UNHAS-KU) Summer Program 2025. The meeting took place on Friday, 3 October 2025, at the Secretary Meeting Room, 5th floor of the Rectorate Building. The session was led by Dr. Andi Masyitha Irwan, Head of the International Office, and attended by all IO staff along with several support staff involved in media coverage.

During the FGD, participants reviewed the overall structure and content of the UNHAS-KU report, which covered various activities starting from the participants' arrival to the send-off ceremony. Dr. Andi Masyitha, fondly known as Dr. Citha, expressed her gratitude to the team for their dedication and efforts in completing the report successfully. She highlighted the importance of teamwork and accuracy in reflecting the program's outcomes and impact.

Later in the meeting, Prof. Sumbangan Baja, M.Phil, joined the discussion and conveyed his appreciation to the IO team for their hard work. He encouraged everyone to continue improving the quality of internationalization efforts at UNHAS. The session concluded with a group photo and light refreshments featuring *Empek-Empek Palembang*, creating a pleasant and collegial atmosphere to end the productive meeting.





AUSTRALIAN PRACTITIONERS SHARE INSIGHTS ON GLOBAL TOURISM WITH UNHAS STUDENTS



The Tourism Study Program of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) successfully held an international guest lecture at the Arsyad Arsyid Lecture Hall, located near the UNHAS Rectorate Building on 1 October 2025. The event featured two guest speakers from Australia, Christopher (Producer and Filmmaker) and Lizzie, who shared their experiences and insights into the real practices of the tourism industry in Australia. With the theme *"How to Design Attractive Tour Packages for the International Market: The Case of Australia,"* the session provided students with a valuable opportunity to learn how to create compelling tourism products for global travelers.

Moderated by Dr. Dirk Sandarupa, M.Hum., MCE, a lecturer and tourism practitioner, the lecture aimed to expand students' perspectives on travel business management and expose them to the practical aspects of designing tour packages that meet the expectations of international markets. The presence of Christopher and Lizzie was warmly welcomed by the Tourism students of UNHAS, especially those from the Class of 2023, who actively participated throughout the discussion. They asked thought-provoking questions about tourism development in Indonesia from the viewpoint of Australian visitors, gaining new perspectives on how global travelers perceive destinations and cultural experiences.

The interactive nature of the session encouraged dynamic exchanges between the students and speakers. Instead of a one-way lecture, the activity was designed as an engaging two-way learning process. Students were divided into small groups, allowing them to interact directly with the guest experts, exchange ideas, and receive practical feedback on their proposed tour package concepts. Their participation was also assessed as part of the Travel Business Management course, adding academic value to the experience.

Beyond classroom learning, the event became a meaningful platform for bridging theoretical knowledge with real-world practices in the tourism industry. It also strengthened students' cross-cultural communication skills and inspired them to think innovatively in developing competitive tourism products that meet the expectations of international markets. The guest lecture not only enriched the students' understanding of global tourism dynamics but also highlighted UNHAS's commitment to providing internationally oriented learning experiences that prepare its graduates to compete and collaborate on the global stage.



INTERNATIONAL OFFICE (IO) UNHAS WELCOMED THE LEIDEN UNIVERSITY INDONESIA REPRESENTATIVE



On Friday, 3 October 2025, The International Office (IO), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) warmly welcomed a representative from Leiden University, Mr. Afwandi, during his official visit to Makassar. The visit aimed to further strengthen academic cooperation, explore new opportunities for collaboration, and promote access to Leiden University's vast Indonesian collections.

Representing Leiden University's IO, Mr. Afwandi met with key members of UNHAS's IO, including Andi Masyitha Irwan.,Ph.D (Head of IO), Muhammad Ridwan, M.A., (Secretary of IO), Haniek Khoirunnissa Baja, M.Sc., and Khaeruddin.,Ph.D (IO task forces). The meeting served as a platform to discuss shared academic interests, partnership programs, and potential future initiatives.

During the session,Mr. Afwandi introduced Leiden University's wide range of resources that support research and cultural exchange, such as the Leiden University Libraries Catalogue and the Digital Collections, which provide open access to Indonesia-related manuscripts, historical archives, and rare materials. He also highlighted Leiden University's ongoing collaborations with Indonesian institutions—including National Research and Innovation Agency (BRIN), National Library of Indonesia (Perpusnas), and National Archives of the Republic of Indonesia (ANRI) in digitizing important manuscripts such as the *La Galigo*, *Hikayat Aceh*, and *Panji Stories*, many of which are part of UNESCO's Memory of the World Register.

In his presentation, Mr. Afwandi emphasized the role of the Leiden University Office in Indonesia, which was established in 2015 to facilitate research partnerships, scholarship funding, alumni networking, and academic branding in the region. He also shared updates about the Leiden University, Delft University of Technology, and Erasmus University (LDE-BRIN) Writing Academy on Sustainable Urbanisation, as well as Leiden's cooperation with Indonesian scholarship programs such as Indonesia Endowment Fund for Education (LPDP), Ministry of Education, Culture, Research, and Technology (Kemdikbudristek), and Ministry of Religious Affairs (Kemenag).

Following this presentation, Andi Masyitha Irwan.,Ph.D also presented about UNHAS, which highlighted the university's long standing history, diverse faculties, and notable achievements in education, innovation and international collaboration. The presentation showcased UNHAS's commitment to global engagement through various international programs and partnerships across Asia, Europe, and beyond.

The visit concluded with an engaging discussion on future collaborations between Leiden University and UNHAS, particularly in the areas of joint research, exchange programs, and manuscript studies. This visit reflects Leiden University's continuous commitment to building meaningful academic bridges with Indonesian universities—fostering knowledge exchange, research collaboration, and mutual understanding across cultures.





FACULTY OF VOCATIONAL OF UNHAS HOLDS INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON THE INNOVATIVE ROLE OF APPLIED BACHELOR OF DENTAL THERAPY



The Applied Bachelor of Dental Therapy Study Program, Faculty of Vocational Studies (FV), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), organized an international seminar themed *"Enhancing the Role of Dental Therapist in the Era of Innovation and Technology."* The event took place at the Scientific Meeting Hall, Vocational Faculty, on Friday, September 26, 2025.

The seminar was officially opened by the Vice Dean for Academic and Student Affairs, Prof. Dr. Ida Leida. In her remarks, Prof. Ida highlighted the importance of this seminar as a platform to enhance knowledge, skills, and innovation for dental therapists by drawing on international perspectives. Prof. Ida also expressed her hope that this event would strengthen national and international collaborations among students, educators, and practitioners. The organizing committee chair, Nur Aedah AR, S.Tr.Kes., M.KG., delivered the activity report, followed by a speech from the Head of Study Program, Drg. Zilal Islamy Paramma, Sp.Ort., Subsp.DDTK(K).

In the first session, the seminar featured two international speakers: Ms. Fatimah Rahman, who presented *"The Role of Dental Therapist in Global Oral Health,"* and Ms. Jeevaretnam A/P Sockalingam, who spoke on *"The Challenge of Dental Therapist Career Abroad."* The session was moderated by Muh. Firdaus Tullah, S.Tr.Kes., M.Tr.TGM.

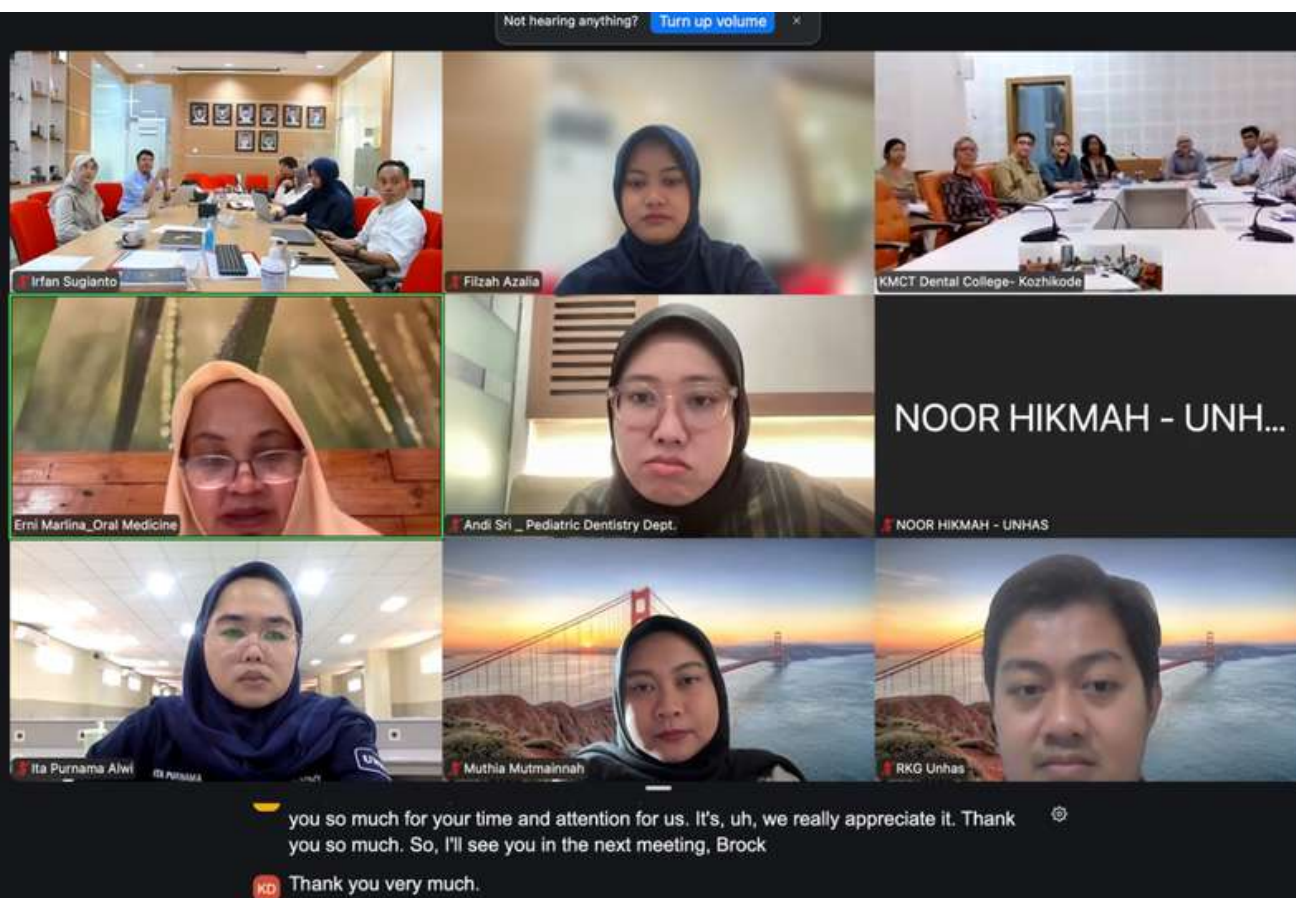
The second session presented national speakers: Dr. Bambang Sutomo, with the topic *"National Policy and the Strategic Role of the Collegium in Ensuring the Quality of Higher Health Education,"* and Yonan Heriyanto, with the topic *"Head of Indonesian Dental Health Institution in Higher Education."* The session was moderated by Ainun Ayu Yuniar. Through this event, the Faculty of Vocational Studies at UNHAS hopes to generate breakthroughs in strengthening the role of applied bachelor graduates in dental therapy, while also paving the way for greater contributions of dental therapists on the global stage.

The seminar, held in collaboration with the Ministry of Health, was attended by 408 online participants and 232 onsite participants, consisting of dental and oral therapy practitioners, lecturers, and students from various regions.





STRENGTHENING GLOBAL TIES: FKG UNHAS INITIATES COLLABORATION WITH KMCT DENTAL COLLEGE, INDIA



Following the UNHAS team's visit to India in early 2025, the Faculty of Dentistry (FKG), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) officially initiated an academic collaboration with Kunhitharuvai Memorial Charitable Trust (KMCT) Dental College, India. The partnership marks a new chapter in expanding international cooperation within the dental sciences. KMCT Dental College, which operates under one of the largest educational institutions in Kerala, India, shares a strong commitment to academic excellence and innovation. This shared vision forms a solid foundation for future collaboration between the two institutions.

A recent Zoom meeting held on Monday, 29 September 2025, brought together key representatives from both sides, including the Vice Dean for Academic and Student Affairs, the Vice Dean for Partnership, Research, and Innovation, the Head of the Undergraduate Study Program, and representatives from 12 study programs within FKG UNHAS. The discussion focused on concrete next steps, including organizing expert lectures from both faculties, conducting online webinars for each study program, and preparing for joint research initiatives.



WARM WELCOME DINNER FOR NEW CHINESE STUDENTS AT UNHAS



Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) extended a warm welcome to three new Chinese students who are set to begin their studies at the university. The Vice Rector for Academic and Student Affairs, Prof. drg. Muhammad Ruslin, M.Kes., Ph.D., Sp.BM(K), hosted a welcome dinner in their honor on Sunday, 6 October 2025, at UNHAS Hotel and Convention. These students are Chen Yixi majoring in Dentistry, Li Yuqin majoring in Nursing and Ma manjoring Metallurgical Engineering.

Joining the event were Prof. Dr. Risma Illa Maulany, S.Hut., M.Nat.Rest. (Director of Academic Affairs), Nurul Ichsani, S.Sos., M.I.Kom (Head of Sub-Directorate of Admission Office), and a representative from the International Office, Dra. Harniati (Head Division of Foreign Cooperation). The gathering provided an opportunity for meaningful interaction between the university leaders and the new students, symbolizing UNHAS's commitment to fostering a supportive and inclusive academic environment.

The dinner also reflected the university's dedication to embracing South Sulawesi's hospitality culture, ensuring that international students feel welcomed and valued as part of the UNHAS family. The evening concluded on a warm and friendly note, with all attendees expressing hopes that the new students will quickly feel at home and thrive in their academic journey at UNHAS.

These three students were also warmly welcomed by the Rector of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), Prof. Jamaluddin Jompa, Ph.D., along with other university leaders, on Monday, 6 October 2025, at the Rector's Meeting Room, 8th Floor, Rectorate Building. The official reception reflected UNHAS's warm hospitality and commitment to supporting international students.



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