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STRENGTHENING INTERNATIONALIZATION: UNHAS DISCUSSES FRAMEWORK FOR INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM BOOK (IO)



The International Office (IO) of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) recently conducted a Focus Group Discussion (FGD) on the upcoming *International Program Book* design. The publication will comprehensively cover program activities implemented by various related units across UNHAS, including the Institute of Quality Assurance and Education Development (Lembaga Penjaminan Mutu dan Pengembangan Pendidikan – LPMPP), the Institute of Research and Community Development (Lembaga Penelitian dan Pengabdian Masyarakat – LPPM), the Directorate of Partnership, and other supporting units.

The discussion was led by Dr. Andi Masyitha Irwan, Head of IO, facilitated by Haniek Khoirunnissa, M.Sc. (IO Task Force), and moderated by Muhammad Ridwan, M.A. (IO Secretary). The event was also attended by representatives from related units, including Dr. Arifah, M.A., from the Faculty of Public Health's Task Force for Internationalization, whose insights contributed significantly to the development of the book's content.

During the session, Ms. Haniek presented a step-by-step guide outlining the process for compiling and structuring data from each unit. Participants were briefed on the required content and the standardized template to be used in the book. The collaborative discussion allowed participants to exchange ideas and align on the direction of the book's design and objectives.

Held on Monday, 20 October 2025, at the Partnership of Australia and Indonesia Research Centre (PAIR) meeting Room, 2nd Floor. The FGD concluded with an agreement to follow up by sending an official notification letter to all related units. Each unit will be responsible for preparing and submitting the required data to be integrated into the International Program Book, which is expected to serve as a comprehensive reference for UNHAS's internationalization initiatives.





UNHAS THORACIC, CARDIAC, AND VASCULAR SURGERY PROGRAM HOSTS GUEST LECTURE WITH CHINESE EXPERT



The Study Program of Thoracic, Cardiac, and Vascular Surgery, Faculty of Medicine, Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), held a Guest Lecture on Thursday, 16 October 2025, at the Mini Auditorium Prof. Solihin Wirasugena, International Class. The event was officially opened by the Vice Dean for Publication, Community Service, and International Affairs, Prof. Dr. dr. Rina Masadah, Sp.PA(K), M.Phil., DFM, and featured Prof. Wenlin Wang, MD, Founder and President of the Institute of Chest Wall Surgery (ICWS), China, as the keynote speaker. Also in attendance were the Head of the Thoracic, Cardiac, and Vascular Surgery Study Program, Dr. dr. Jayarasti Kusumanegara, M.Kes., Sp.BTKV Subsp.JD(K); the Secretary of the Program, Dr. dr. Umar Usman, Sp.BTKV Subsp.T(K); and faculty members Dr. Muhammad Nuralim Mallapasi, Sp.B., Sp.BTKV, Subsp.VE(K); Dr. Shiddiq Wiratama, M.Ked., Klin., Sp.BTKV.; and Dr. Ivan Joalsen, Sp.BTKV., Subsp.VE(K) from Abdoel Wahab Sjahranie General Hospital.

During his presentation, Prof. Wenlin Wang explained that chest wall reconstruction surgery is a medical procedure aimed at restoring the structure and function of the chest. He emphasized that implants used in the reconstruction are typically removed after three years of plate installation. Removing them earlier may lead to recurrent deformities, while keeping them longer could make removal more difficult. He further revealed that his institute performs more than 1,000 cases of chest wall reconstruction surgery each year, reflecting a significant volume of clinical practice. Prof. Wang also expressed that the institute welcomes medical specialists interested in learning and working on thoracic surgery cases.

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Prof. Rina Masadah expressed her appreciation for Prof. Wenlin Wang's visit to the Faculty of Medicine, UNHAS. She conveyed her hopes that the Guest Lecture would serve as a valuable learning opportunity for specialist training students to broaden their knowledge and insight in the field of thoracic surgery. "We also hope that this event will lead to future collaboration with the Institute of Chest Wall Surgery (ICWS), China, to enhance the competence of our specialist training program (MPPDS)," she added.





EXPLORING THE LINK BETWEEN HYGIENE AND HEALTH: UNHAS HOSTS DR. ABENA S. AMOAH FROM LUMC



The Faculty of Medicine (FK), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), once again organized an international Guest Lecture featuring Dr. Abena S. Amoah, a Senior Researcher from Leiden University Medical Center (LUMC), the Netherlands on 20 October 2025.

The event, held at the Prof. Amiruddin Auditorium, FK-UNHAS, was part of the Undergraduate Program in collaboration with the Department of Parasitology. The participants included undergraduate medical students from the 2022 cohort as well as residents from the Department of Parasitology.

In her lecture titled *"The Hygiene Hypothesis and Beyond: Changing Exposures and the Rise in Inflammatory Noncommunicable Conditions"*, Dr. Amoah presented a scientific discussion on the relationship between environmental changes, microbial exposure, and the increasing prevalence of inflammatory noncommunicable diseases in modern societies.

The event was also attended by the Vice Dean for Planning and Resources, Prof. dr. Firdaus, Ph.D., Sp.MK(K), along with several faculty members from the Department of Parasitology. The session became highly engaging during the discussion segment, as participants actively explored the concept of the hygiene hypothesis and its implications for global public health.

Through this activity, students were expected to broaden their understanding of the importance of maintaining a balance between hygiene, natural microbial exposure, and the immune system's function. Moreover, the Guest Lecture served as an important momentum to strengthen academic collaboration between UNHAS and LUMC, while further enhancing UNHAS's international recognition and reputation on the global stage.





GUEST LECTURE BY PROF. YUKIKO KURAMOTO EXPLORES GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS AND GENDER MAINSTREAMING AT FISIP UNHAS



The Department of Administrative Science, Faculty of Social and Political Sciences (FISIP), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), held a guest lecture featuring an international speaker, Prof. Yukiko Kuramoto, Dean of the Graduate School of Social Design Studies, Rikkyo University, Japan.

The lecture, titled *"Global Public and Private Partnership and Gender Mainstreaming"*, took place on Tuesday, 22 October 2025, from 09:00 to 10:30 a.m. Central Indonesia Time (CIT) at Prof. Syukur Abdullah Hall, FISIP UNHAS, and was moderated by Andi Ahmad Yani, M.Si., MPA., M.Sc., a lecturer from the Department of Administrative Science.

In her presentation, Prof. Kuramoto emphasized the importance of private sector engagement in supporting the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) at various levels—local, regional, and global. She highlighted that sustainable development is not solely the responsibility of governments but also requires the active participation of the private sector and civil society.

One concrete example she discussed was the Ajinomoto Koko Ghana Nutrition Program, or Ghana Nutrition Improvement Project (GNIP), launched in 2009 to address child malnutrition in Ghana. The initiative was developed by the Japanese company Ajinomoto through the production of Kokoplus—a corn-based fermented food enriched with essential nutrients for infants and sold at affordable prices to reach low-income families.

Furthermore, Prof. Kuramoto stressed the importance of gender mainstreaming in public policy at all levels of government. According to her, every stage of policy formulation, implementation, and evaluation must ensure equal participation regardless of gender. “The Kokoplus program in Ghana is an example of how gender mainstreaming is implemented. Women are actively involved in ensuring family nutrition, making them key agents of social change,” she added.

Prof. Dr. Alwi, M.Si., Head of the Department of Administrative Science, expressed that this event is part of the Department’s commitment to enhancing the quality of learning through the involvement of speakers from world-renowned universities. “We are committed to providing students with relevant and contextual learning experiences. The presence of Prof. Kuramoto inspires us to see how public administration transforms globally,” said Prof. Alwi.

Meanwhile, Prof. Dr. Gita, M.Si., Head of the Master of Public Administration Program at FISIP UNHAS, explained that the guest lecture is also part of the ongoing academic collaboration between UNHAS and Rikkyo University. “This activity is a follow-up to the double degree program implemented in collaboration with Rikkyo University. We hope this partnership will strengthen the academic and research capacity of our graduate students,” stated Prof. Gita.

In his opening remarks, Prof. Dr. Sukri, M.Si., Dean of FISIP UNHAS, expressed appreciation for the event. “This guest lecture represents a concrete step by FISIP UNHAS to expand its international network and integrate global perspectives into its teaching. The topic—public-private partnerships and gender mainstreaming—is highly relevant to the challenges of development governance in Indonesia,” concluded Prof. Sukri.

The event concluded with an engaging interactive discussion between students, faculty members, and Prof. Kuramoto, reflecting participants’ enthusiasm for issues of cross-sector collaboration and gender equality in global development.



INTERNATIONAL GUEST LECTURE: ADVANCES IN MR-GUIDED FOCUSED ULTRASOUND FOR TREMOR TREATMENT



The Department of Neurology, Faculty of Medicine (FK), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), organized an *international guest lecture* featuring a speaker from the Kaikoukai Healthcare Group, Japan, Dr. Takahiko Tsugawa, who presented the topic “*New Treatment for Tremor: MR-Guided Focused Ultrasound (MRgFUS).*”

The event was held in a hybrid format (online and offline) at the Department of Neurology meeting room and attended by 71 Neurology residents of the Faculty of Medicine, UNHAS. The lecture was officially opened by the Vice Dean for Publication, Community Service, and International Affairs, Prof. Dr. dr. Rina Masadah, M.Phil., Sp.PA(K), followed by a welcome remark from the Secretary of the Neurology Specialist Program, Dr. dr. Audry Devisanty Wuysang, Sp.N(K).

The event was also attended by representatives from Kaikoukai Healthcare Group, both from Japan and Indonesia, reflecting a shared commitment to strengthening academic and clinical collaboration between the two countries in the field of neurology and modern medical technology. The lecture and discussion session were moderated by dr. Rais Reskiawan, Ph.D. The participants showed great enthusiasm, as seen from the many questions and active discussions throughout the session.

In his lecture, Dr. Tsugawa presented the latest advancements in tremor management using MR-Guided Focused Ultrasound (MRgFUS) technology, which has been proven to be highly effective in treating tremors, including those caused by Parkinson's disease. This technology represents one of the most advanced non-invasive therapies in the world and is not yet available in Indonesia, making the session particularly insightful and valuable for all participants.

This event was made possible through the support of the Department of Neurology, Faculty of Medicine, UNHAS, under the leadership of Head of Department, Dr. dr. Jumraini Tammasse, Sp.N., Subsp.N.R.E(K) and Secretary of Department dr. Muhammad Yunus Amran, Ph.D, Sp.N, Subsp.NIIIOO(K), FINR, FIPM, FINA.

The guest lecture is expected to broaden academic perspectives, strengthen international networks, and open opportunities for research collaboration between the Faculty of Medicine, UNHAS, and the Kaikoukai Healthcare Group, Japan, particularly in developing non-invasive neuromodulation therapies for patients with neurological disorders.



UNHAS AND RIKKYO UNIVERSITY ESTABLISH ACADEMIC COOPERATION IN DOUBLE AND JOINT DEGREE PROGRAMS



The Faculty of Social and Political Sciences (FISIP), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), established an international academic collaboration with Rikkyo University, one of Japan's prestigious institutions with a legacy of more than 150 years.

The collaboration was formalized through the signing of an academic agreement for the Double Degree and Joint Degree programs between the Master of Public Administration (MAP) Program, Department of Administrative Science, FISIP UNHAS, and the Master of Social Development and Administration (MSDA) Program, Graduate School of Social Design Studies, Rikkyo University.

The signing ceremony took place at the Dean's Meeting Room, FISIP UNHAS, on Tuesday, 21 October 2025, and was attended by delegations from both institutions.

The Rikkyo University delegation was led by Professor Yukiko Kuramoto, Dean of the Graduate School of Social Design Studies, accompanied by Kosuke Otake (Assistant Manager, Organization for Global Initiatives), Noriko Kato (Education and Research Coordinator, Organization for Global Initiatives), and Dida Heryadi Salya (Rikkyo University ASEAN Office).

From FISIP UNHAS, attendees included Prof. Dr. Sukri (Dean of FISIP UNHAS), Prof. Dr. Suparman (Vice Dean for Collaboration and Research), Dr. Iqbal Sultan, M.Si. (Vice Dean for Resources and Finance), Prof. Dr. Alwi (Head of the Department of Administrative Science), Prof. Dr. Gita Susanti (Head of the Master of Public Administration Program), Dr. Safriadi, M.Si. (Head of Quality Assurance and Reputation Enhancement Unit of FISIP UNHAS), Drs. Lutfi Atmansyah, M.A., and Andi Ahmad Yani, M.Si., MPA., M.Sc. (Lecturers of the Department of Administrative Science, FISIP UNHAS).

In his remarks, Prof. Sukri stated that this collaboration marks a strategic step for FISIP UNHAS in strengthening its academic.



LEARNING FROM JAPAN, FKM UNHAS DISCUSSES FOOD SAFETY SYSTEMS IN SCHOOLS



The Department of Nutrition Science, Faculty of Public Health, Hasanuddin University (FKM UNHAS) held a guest lecture entitled *“Learning from Japan: Food Safety Management in School Feeding Systems”* on Thursday, 23 October 2025 in room K-225 on the 2nd floor of FKM UNHAS. The event was opened by Prof. Anwar Mallongi, S.KM., M.Sc., Ph.D., Deputy Dean for Partnership, Research, and Innovation at FKM UNHAS. In his opening remarks, Prof. Anwar emphasized the importance of cross-border learning to strengthen food safety systems in school environments in Indonesia.

The event was attended by over 100 participants, both in person and online via Zoom Meeting, including several participants from Japan. Also present was Prof. Dr. Ir. Dorothea Agnes Rampisela, Professor at the Faculty of Agriculture, UNHAS, who addressed issues related to food safety and nutrition for schoolchildren.

The main session featured speakers from Toyo Foods, namely Ms. Momoko Fujii (Registered Dietitian) and Mr. Kuriwaki Kei (Representative Director, International Child Nutrition Promotion Association), accompanied by two deputy directors of the company, Mr. Noro Shoji and Mr. Oki Yukata. In her presentation titled *"Hygiene Management About School Lunch Centers in Japan,"* Ms. Momoko Fujii explained how Toyo Foods—a school meal provider established in 1966—has maintained a track record of zero food poisoning incidents for 58 years. According to her, the key to success lies in the implementation of strict protocols from the raw material reception process, washing with a three-compartment method, to setting the cooking temperature to a minimum of 75°C for one minute to ensure food safety.

She also emphasized the "2-hour" rule, which states that food must be consumed within two hours after cooking. "Every 75 minutes, food can be exposed to unsafe temperatures," said Momoko. She added that hand hygiene is the most important aspect of the entire food processing process. "Washing hands before and after each stage of work is the key to preventing cross-contamination, especially in a tropical climate like Indonesia," she said. Additionally, Toyo Foods implements strict contamination control measures, including the use of different gloves and aprons depending on staff duties, and keeping kitchen doors closed during food delivery to schools.

Meanwhile, Mr. Kuriwaki Kei explained the sanitation standards for tableware in Japan's school lunch system. He described the cleaning process, starting with the use of detergent and warm water, rinsing with clean water that is changed regularly, and disinfecting with water heated to at least 85°C or a sodium hypochlorite solution for a certain amount of time. The cleaned utensils are then dried in a sterile area and stored in a closed cabinet, and may only be touched with clean gloves or tongs. The entire procedure refers to the guidelines of MEXT (Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology) and MHLW (Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare).

This activity supports the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly SDG 2 (Zero Hunger) and SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-being), which emphasize the importance of access to nutritious and safe food for school children. In addition, the collaboration between FKM UNHAS and Toyo Foods is also a concrete implementation of SDG 17 (Partnerships for the Goals), by strengthening international networks in the field of nutrition and public health. Through learning from Japan, FKM UNHAS is committed to developing an effective school food safety system in Indonesia. "We hope this experience will inspire the entire academic community to create healthy schools with safe, nutritious, and sustainable food distribution systems," said Prof. Anwar Mallongi, closing the event.



UNHAS LECTURER PARTICIPATES IN COMPUTATIONAL EARTH WORKSHOP IN ITALY



Andi Muhamad Pramata die, Ph.D, a faculty member at the Department of Geophysics, Faculty of Mathematic and Natural Sciences (MIPA), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), participated in the international workshop *"Computational Earth: Integrating Geology, Seismic Tomography, and Machine Learning"* held on Elba Island, Province of Livorno, Italy, from 13–15 October 2025. The event gathered around 50 participants, including seismologists, geophysicists, geologists, and computer scientists from various countries around the world.

The workshop was organized under the framework of the Multidisciplinary and Integrated Approach for geothermal exploration (MIGRATE) project, supported by the Swiss National Science Foundation and hosted by the University of Geneva's Crustal Deformation and Fluid Flow Research Group. The theme of the workshop focused on integrating passive seismic methods, seismic tomography, and machine learning for studying geothermal and crustal systems.

The program consisted of morning oral and poster presentation sessions and afternoon hands-on workshops. Morning sessions featured talks on several topics such as imaging geothermal and crustal structures through ambient noise tomography, monitoring subsurface velocity changes, and introducing generative models (a machine learning method). Meanwhile, the afternoon sessions engaged participants in practical training on manual and automatic dispersion-curve picking using convolutional neural networks, depth inversion from group velocity maps, body wave extraction from seismic ambient noise, and simulation-based inference for geophysical inversion tasks.

During the workshop, Dr. Pramatiadi had the opportunity to study advanced topics in seismology, particularly in ambient noise (microtremor) data processing, and to build research networks with colleagues from different countries. He also shared recent findings from the Solid Geophysics Laboratory through a poster presentation, highlighting the application of surface wave methods in assessing velocity changes of pre- and post-liquefaction areas in Palu, Central Sulawesi, and identifying low S-wave velocity layers in Mamuju City, West Sulawesi.



UNHAS FKM AND MAHIDOL UNIVERSITY, THAILAND DISCUSS ACADEMIC COLLABORATION AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR FURTHER STUDY FOR STUDENTS



The Faculty of Public Health (FKM), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) welcomed an academic visit from Mahidol University, Thailand, during a Collaboration Meeting held at the UNHAS Hotel, Makassar, on Thursday, 16 October 2025. This meeting is a follow-up to the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the two universities, initiated by Prof. Yahya Thamrin, S.KM., M.Kes., MOHS., Ph.D., Head of the Master's Program in Occupational Safety and Health at FKM UNHAS, during his visit to Mahidol University together with the Dean of FKM UNHAS, Prof. Sukri Palutturi, S.KM., M.Kes., M.Sc.PH., Ph.D., and the Head of the Occupational Safety and Health Department, Dr. dr. Masyita Muis, MS., in August 2025. Also present at this follow-up event at UNHAS were the Vice Dean II of the Faculty of Public Health, Prof. Atjo Wahyu, S.KM., M.Kes, and from Mahidol University, Thailand, Prof. Dr. Orawan Kaewboonchoo, Dr. Wisanti Laohaudomchok, B.Sc. (Occupational Health and Safety), and Dr. Sopa Chinwetkitvanich.

This meeting was an important milestone in strengthening academic relations between the two institutions, particularly in the field of Occupational Health and Safety. The discussion was productive and lively, covering opportunities for collaboration in joint research, lecturer and student exchanges, and scientific publications.

During the discussion session, the team from Mahidol University also introduced postgraduate programs and further study opportunities for FKM UNHAS students who are interested in continuing their education in Thailand. Mahidol University offers extensive opportunities for Indonesian students to join their international programs, with the support of modern research facilities and a multicultural academic environment.

Prof. Yahya Thamrin expressed his appreciation for this collaborative initiative and emphasized that international cooperation is part of FKM UNHAS' strategy to strengthen its academic capacity. "The collaboration with Mahidol University will open the way for our students and lecturers to gain global academic experience, especially in the rapidly developing field of occupational safety and health," he said. Meanwhile, Prof. Atjo Wahyu added that this collaboration is in line with the vision of FKM UNHAS to become a faculty that excels and is internationally competitive. "We hope that this meeting can be the first step towards the realization of joint research, student exchange, and dual degree programs in the future," he said.

The event concluded with a group photo session and the exchange of souvenirs between representatives from FKM UNHAS and Mahidol University. This meeting marks a concrete step in strengthening regional academic networks and opening new opportunities for FKM UNHAS students to engage on the international stage.





FACULTY OF NURSING UNHAS STRENGTHENS PARTNERSHIP WITH OKAYAMA UNIVERSITY THROUGH ACADEMIC VISIT AND COLLABORATIVE PROGRAMS



The Faculty of Nursing (FKep), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), had the honor of welcoming Professor Yoko Aihara from the Faculty of Health Sciences, Okayama University, Japan, as part of the ongoing academic collaboration between the two institutions on 20-25 October 2025.

Professor Aihara was warmly welcomed by the Dean of the Faculty of Nursing, Prof. Dr. Elly L. Sjattar, S.Kep., Ns., M.Kes, along with the Vice Deans of the Faculty of Nursing UNHAS: Syahrul, S.Kep., Ns., M.Kes., Ph.D.; Dr. Erfina, S.Kep., Ns., M.Kep.; and Dr. Takdir Tahir, S.Kep., Ns., M.Kes. Also present was the Faculty's Internationalization Team, led by Nur Fadilah, S.Kep., Ns., MN.

During her visit, Prof. Aihara discussed the evaluation of the current inbound program, which involves two students from Okayama University, as well as plans for future collaboration between the two faculties. The discussions focused on expanding both inbound and outbound student exchange programs and strengthening joint research collaborations.

As part of her academic engagement, Prof. Aihara delivered a guest lecture on the topic “Health Promotion: How Do We Promote Health Behaviours”, which was attended by faculty members and students. In addition to academic activities, Prof. Aihara visited several facilities, including UNHAS Teaching Hospital, the Griya Afiat Wound Clinic, and 12 Junior High School, where she observed the ongoing School Free Lunch Program.

The visit concluded with a mutual agreement between the Faculty of Nursing, UNHAS, and the Faculty of Health Sciences, Okayama University, to receive more students for internship and research programs in March 2026. This visit marks another significant milestone in strengthening the partnership between UNHAS and Okayama University, further fostering global collaboration in nursing education and research.



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