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UNHAS HOLDS FGD TO FINALIZE KNB SCHOLARSHIP IMPLEMENTATION REPORT



The International Office (IO) of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) recently held a Focus Group Discussion (FGD) on Finalizing the Implementation of the Kemitraan Negara Berkembang (KNB) Scholarship Report on Tuesday, 7 October 2025, at Meeting Room A, 7th Floor, Rectorate Building. The discussion brought together representatives from the IO, the Directorate of Academic and Student Affairs, and the Financial Department.

Representing the Head of IO, Muhammad Ridwan, M.A., who serves as the IO Secretary, delivered the opening remarks. In his address, Mr. Ridwan—affectionately known as *Ridho*—emphasized that the KNB Scholarship serves as an important gateway for international students to pursue higher education at UNHAS. He also encouraged all participants to actively exchange perspectives, ideas, best practices, and challenges experienced in the implementation of the scholarship program thus far.

The FGD continued under the facilitation of Kumara Tungga Dewa, S.S., IO Staff for Mobility Program. Mr. Dewa presented the report template that needs to be completed as part of the discussion. Furthermore, the FGD aimed to produce a comprehensive report to be submitted during the Monitoring and Evaluation (Monev) process scheduled for November. The report is expected to provide a holistic overview encompassing financial management, academic and non-academic achievements of awardees, as well as the challenges encountered by UNHAS staff as the host institution.

The discussion concluded with optimism and a shared commitment to finalize the report promptly before the arrival of the Monev team from the Ministry of Higher Education, Science, and Technology. The participants expressed hope that this collaborative effort would further strengthen UNHAS's role as a key partner in advancing educational opportunities for international students through the KNB Scholarship program.





LEIDEN EXPERT IN MEDICAL EDUCATION DELIVERS GUEST LECTURE AND MENTORSHIP AT FACULTY OF MEDICINE UNHAS



The Faculty of Medicine, Hasanuddin University (FKUH), welcomed Assoc. Prof. Peter de Jong, Ph.D, Senior Advisor and Researcher at the Center for Innovation in Medical Education, Leiden University Medical Center (LUMC), the Netherlands.

On 6 October 2025, Prof. de Jong delivered a guest lecture on *"Obtaining Best Evidence in Medical Education,"* attended by lecturers and students of the Master of Health Professions Education (MPHE) program, which has been established since 2021. The session drew great enthusiasm, reflected in the lively discussion and in-depth questions posed to the speaker.

The program continued on 7 October 2025, with MPHE students participating in consultation and mentoring sessions focused on their research proposals and ongoing scientific publications. These sessions provided valuable opportunities for students to receive direct input from an international expert in the field of medical education.

According to Prof. Dr. dr. Rina Masadah, Sp.PA(K), M.Phil, DFM, Vice Dean for Publication, Community Service, and International Affairs, the visit brought significant benefits to both faculty members and students. "LUMC is a leading institution in medical education and has produced many experts in the field. Collaborations like this not only broaden academic perspectives but also enhance FKUH's international recognition and reputation," she stated.

Through this activity, it is expected that the collaboration between FKUH and LUMC will continue to strengthen, further positioning FKUH as a globally competitive institution in medical education.



FACULTY OF MEDICINE UNHAS RENEWS COLLABORATION WITH LEIDEN UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER, THE NETHERLANDS



The Faculty of Medicine (FK), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), has officially renewed its partnership with Leiden University Medical Center (LUMC), The Netherlands on 6 October 2025, continuing a collaboration that has been in place since 2016. This signing marks the third phase of cooperation between the two institutions in the fields of medical education and research.

The partnership between FK UNHAS and LUMC encompasses various activities, including undergraduate student exchange programs and visiting lectures. In this new phase, the collaboration will be expanded to include joint research initiatives and outbound student programs to LUMC. Since the beginning of this partnership, LUMC has regularly sent 8–10 students each year to FKUH to participate in research programs at the Department of Parasitology, focusing on studies of helminths (parasitic worms). This research project is part of LUMC's Half Minor curriculum.

The signing ceremony took place at the Gastro Center of Dr. Wahidin Sudirohusodo Hospital and was officiated by Prof. Dr.dr. Haerani Rasyid, M.Kes., Sp.GK(K), Sp.PD-KGH, FINASIM, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, UNHAS, and Prof. Dr. Alexandra Langers, Vice Dean of Education, LUMC. Also in attendance were LUMC representatives Prof. Dr. Marc Bruijnzeels, Guido de Wilde, and Afwan Afwandi.

In addition to the signing, Prof. Alexandra Langers, a specialist in Gastroenterology and Hepatology, engaged in scientific discussions and joint research planning with the team from the Department of Internal Medicine, Division of Gastroenterohepatology (GEH), and reviewed several clinical cases at the department.

Prof. Dr. dr. Rina Masadah, Sp.PA(K), M.Phil, DFM, Vice Dean for Publication, Community Service, and International Affairs, stated, *"The renewal of this MoU brings a positive impact by strengthening the international recognition and reputation of FK UNHAS."*



FACULTY OF NURSING UNHAS WELCOMES INBOUND STUDENTS FROM OKAYAMA UNIVERSITY, JAPAN



Faculty of Nursing, Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), welcomed two inbound students from Okayama University, Japan, during an official welcoming ceremony held in the Senate Room of the Faculty of Nursing on Monday, 6 October 2025. This event marked the beginning of a collaborative internship program scheduled to run from October 6 to November 6, 2025.

The welcoming ceremony was attended by the Vice Dean for Academic and Student Affairs of the Faculty of Nursing, Syahrul, S.Kep., Ns., M.Kes., Ph.D, also with Head of International Office UNHAS, Andi Masyitha Irwan, S. Kep., Ns., MAN., Ph. D, and lecturers and the international team of the UNHAS Faculty of Nursing. The event was highlighted by a speech from the Vice Dean, who expressed his delight and high hopes for the exchange of knowledge and culture over the coming month. Symbolically, the students were then welcomed as part of the extended family of the Faculty of Nursing through the presentation of temporary student cards, which will facilitate their access to various campus facilities and activities during their stay.

Following the reception session, the inbound students were invited on a tour of the faculty and university campus to introduce them to their new academic environment, including the laboratories and library. It is hoped that this will allow them to quickly adapt and carry out their internship with great enthusiasm.





UNHAS AND EDUCATIONUSA INTRODUCE U.S. STUDY OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH “DISCOVERING THE MIDWEST” INFO SESSION



The International Office (IO) of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), in collaboration with EducationUSA (EdUSA), successfully held an information session titled *“Discovering the Midwest: Your Gateway to U.S. Education”* on Thursday, 9 October 2025, at the Senate Room, 2nd Floor of the Rectorate Building. The session aimed to provide UNHAS students with valuable insights into studying in the United States, particularly in the Midwest region.

The event began with opening remarks by Dr. Andi Masyitha Irwan, Head of IO, who emphasized the importance of global exposure and the IO's commitment to supporting UNHAS students in accessing international education opportunities. The session was moderated by Dr. Khaeruddin, IO Task Force for Mobility Programs, who guided the discussion and engaged the audience throughout the session.

Two speakers were featured during the event: Fadhil Hidayat, EducationUSA Advisor, and Patrick Parnell, Director of International Services at Missouri State University (MSU). Mr. Parnell introduced MSU, represented by its bear mascot, and presented a range of topics including study programs, English proficiency requirements, on-campus housing, and student life for international students. His presentation captivated the audience, prompting an active question-and-answer session.

The event concluded with a lively photo session and the presentation of a token of appreciation, marking another meaningful step in strengthening UNHAS's commitment to fostering international collaboration and providing its students with pathways toward global education opportunities.





CONFUCIUS INSTITUTE OF UNHAS CELEBRATES MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL WITH A BLEND OF CULTURE AND HARMONY



The Confucius Institute of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) successfully held a Mid-Autumn Festival celebration on 2 October 2025, at the Mattulada Auditorium, Faculty of Cultural Sciences (FIB). The event presented a vibrant mix of cultural performances and interactive activities, offering an engaging experience for guests, lecturers, and students.

The celebration was attended by Prof. Idrus Paturusi, former Rector of UNHAS and founding Rector of the Confucius Institute; Prof. Dr. Eng. Adi Maulana, S.T., M.Phil (Vice Rector for Partnerships, Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Business) Prof. Dr. Muh. Nasrum Massi, Ph.D., Sp.MK(K) (Head of Institute of Research and Community Service (LPPM)) ; Prof. Dr. Andi Muhammad Akhmar, M.Hum, (Dean of FIB); Dr. Andi Masyitha Irwan (Head of International Office) along with faculty leaders, partner representatives, members of the local Chinese community (PSMTI), and more than 200 students.

In her welcoming remarks, Prof. Wu Xiaoling, Director of the Confucius Institute, expressed gratitude to UNHAS for its continued support and emphasized the Institute's role as a bridge for cultural and academic exchange. Prof. Akhmar reaffirmed the faculty's commitment to supporting the Institute's initiatives, while Prof. Adi encouraged students to seize opportunities to learn Mandarin and embrace cross-cultural understanding.

The event featured captivating performances including the graceful dance *"Sending to the Bright Moon"*, a Hanfu show *"Splendid China"*, a medley of Mandarin songs, and Tai Chi demonstrations. Traditional games such as *"The Peach Blossom Blooms"* and *"Newspaper Step"* invited lively participation, creating a joyful and interactive atmosphere. The celebration concluded with a group dance, symbolizing harmony and friendship between cultures.

Through this festival, Indonesian students gained valuable insights into traditional Chinese culture, strengthening mutual understanding and showcasing the cultural richness fostered by the Confucius Institute at UNHAS.



UNHAS LECTURER PRESENTS RESEARCH AT THE 10TH TURKISH CONFERENCE ON EARTHQUAKE ENGINEERING IN ISTANBUL

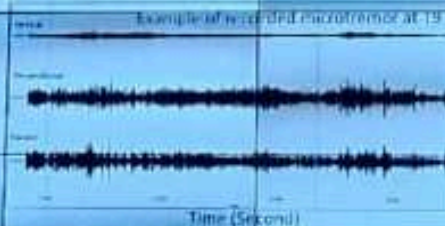


Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) proudly participated in the 10th Turkish Conference on Earthquake Engineering (10TCEE) from 8-10 October 2026, a prestigious international forum held every four years that brings together leading scientists, engineers, and researchers to advance knowledge in seismic risk, structural resilience, and earthquake mitigation. The conference took place at the İstanbul Technical University (ITU) Süleyman Demirel Cultural Center, organized by the Turkish Chamber of Civil Engineers and the Turkish Earthquake Foundation.

Representing UNHAS, Andi Muhamad Pramatiadi, Ph.D., from the Department of Geophysics, presented his research titled "Vibration Characteristic Estimation of Bili-Bili Dam, South Sulawesi, Indonesia Using Microtremor Observation." His study demonstrates the use of microtremor techniques to assess the dynamic behavior and structural integrity of the Bili-Bili Dam, a critical infrastructure in South Sulawesi. He emphasized the importance of seismic monitoring for large dam structures in tectonically active regions. Through microtremor analysis, his research provides valuable insights into potential seismic vulnerabilities and supports proactive disaster risk management. Participation in 10TCEE strengthens UNHAS's international presence and its commitment to advancing research in earthquake engineering and disaster resilience.

Microtremor (Ambient noise) Measurement

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- Microtremor Spectral Ratio (T3-T9 crest and bottom)
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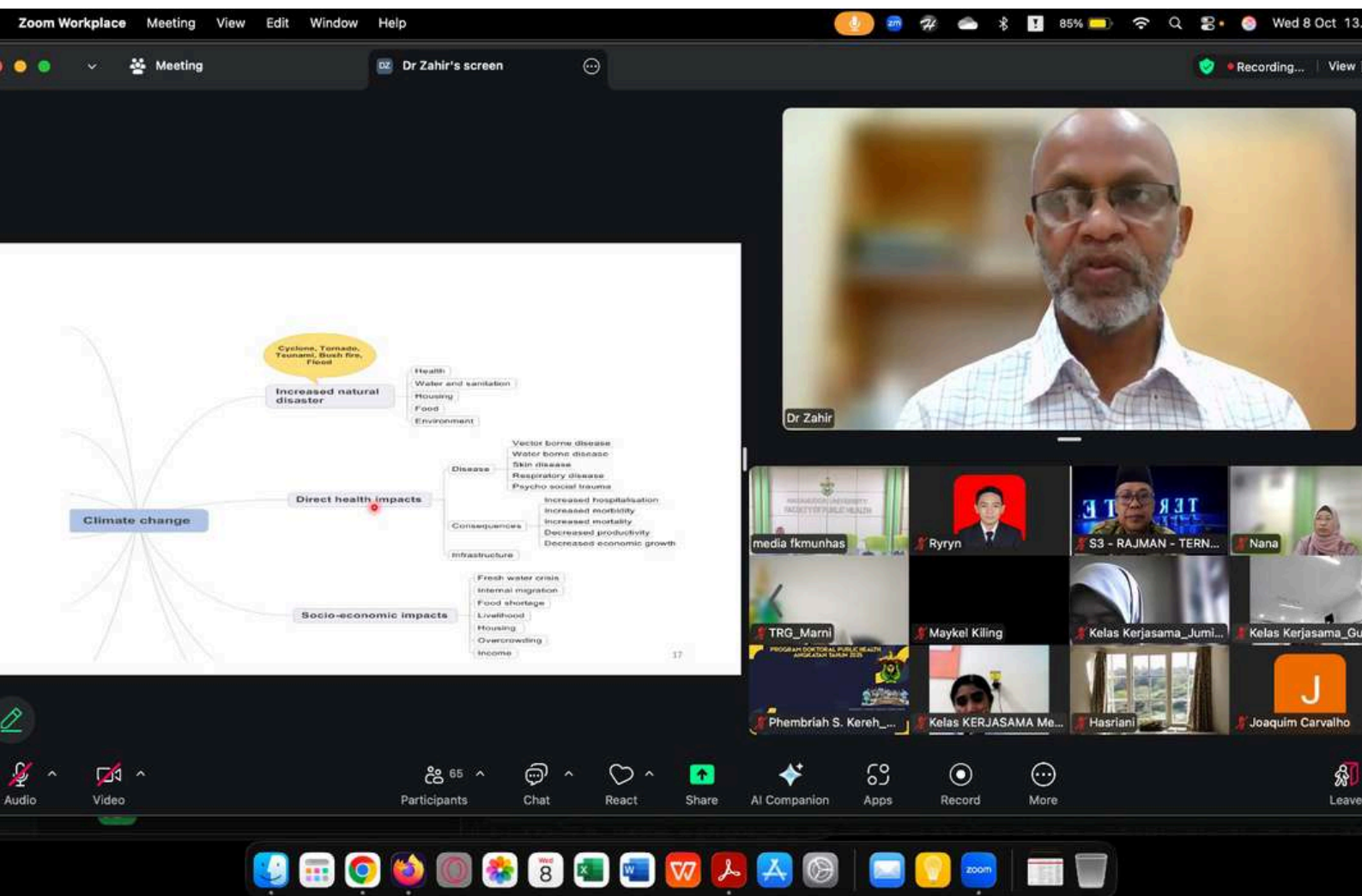
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FACULTY OF PUBLIC HEALTH UNHAS PRESENTS INTERNATIONAL EXPERTS TO DISCUSS THE IMPACT OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON PUBLIC HEALTH



The Faculty of Public Health at Hasanuddin University (FKM UNHAS) hosted an international guest lecture on Wednesday, 8 October 2025, under the theme "Environment, Climate Change and Health: Public Health Perspectives." The hybrid event took place in the Prof. Nur Nasry Noor Room (K-225) and was also accessible via Zoom, drawing participation from dozens of lecturers and students. The lecture featured Dr. Mohammad Zahirul Islam, Assistant Professor at North South University, Bangladesh, as the keynote speaker.

The session was officially opened by the Dean of FKM UNHAS, Prof. Sukri Palutturi, SKM., M.Kes., MSc.PH., Ph.D., who emphasized the importance of such forums in enriching global knowledge and understanding of public health challenges, particularly in the context of climate change.

Moderated by Dr. Hasnawati Amqam, SKM., M.Sc., Head of the Public Health Bachelor Study Program at FKM UNHAS, the discussion was highly interactive. Both in-person and online participants actively engaged in the Q&A session, sharing insights and exploring strategies for climate change mitigation and adaptation from a public health perspective.

In a compelling presentation, Dr. Zahirul underscored the profound connection between climate change and its far-reaching effects on public health. He called for robust cross-sector collaboration to confront this growing threat. Dr. Zahirul outlined the multifaceted health risks posed by climate change, including extreme weather events such as storms, floods, and heatwaves, as well as rising air pollution, the spread of infectious diseases, and disruptions to food supply chains. “These impacts are most acutely felt by vulnerable populations—children, the elderly, and low-income communities,” he noted.

He explained that health risks stem from a complex interplay of environmental hazards, exposure levels, and community vulnerability. Socioeconomic conditions and the strength of environmental governance play a critical role in building resilience against climate-related health challenges. According to Dr. Zahirul, climate change exerts both direct and indirect pressure on human health. Extreme temperatures heighten the risk of cardiovascular issues and heat-related fatalities, while polluted air worsens respiratory and heart diseases. Ecological shifts also accelerate the spread of vector-borne illnesses such as malaria, dengue fever, and chikungunya.

Indirect consequences include deteriorating water quality and reduced food availability, which may lead to malnutrition and outbreaks of diarrheal diseases. “Climate change is not merely an environmental concern—it’s a pressing public health crisis that touches every aspect of human life,” he emphasized.



Concluding his presentation, Dr. Zahirul advocated for proactive risk prevention through three key strategies: minimizing exposure, averting adverse health outcomes, and reinforcing health system responses. He stressed the need for adaptive environmental policies, early warning mechanisms, effective vector control, and comprehensive disaster preparedness training for medical personnel. "Climate change affects us all," he said, ending on a hopeful note. "But through collaboration and shared awareness, we can reduce its impact."

Through this guest lecture, FKM UNHAS reaffirmed its commitment to advancing academic and research contributions on environmental and global health issues, in pursuit of a resilient and sustainable society.

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151 – 200	Unhealthy
101 – 150	Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups

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51 – 100	Moderate
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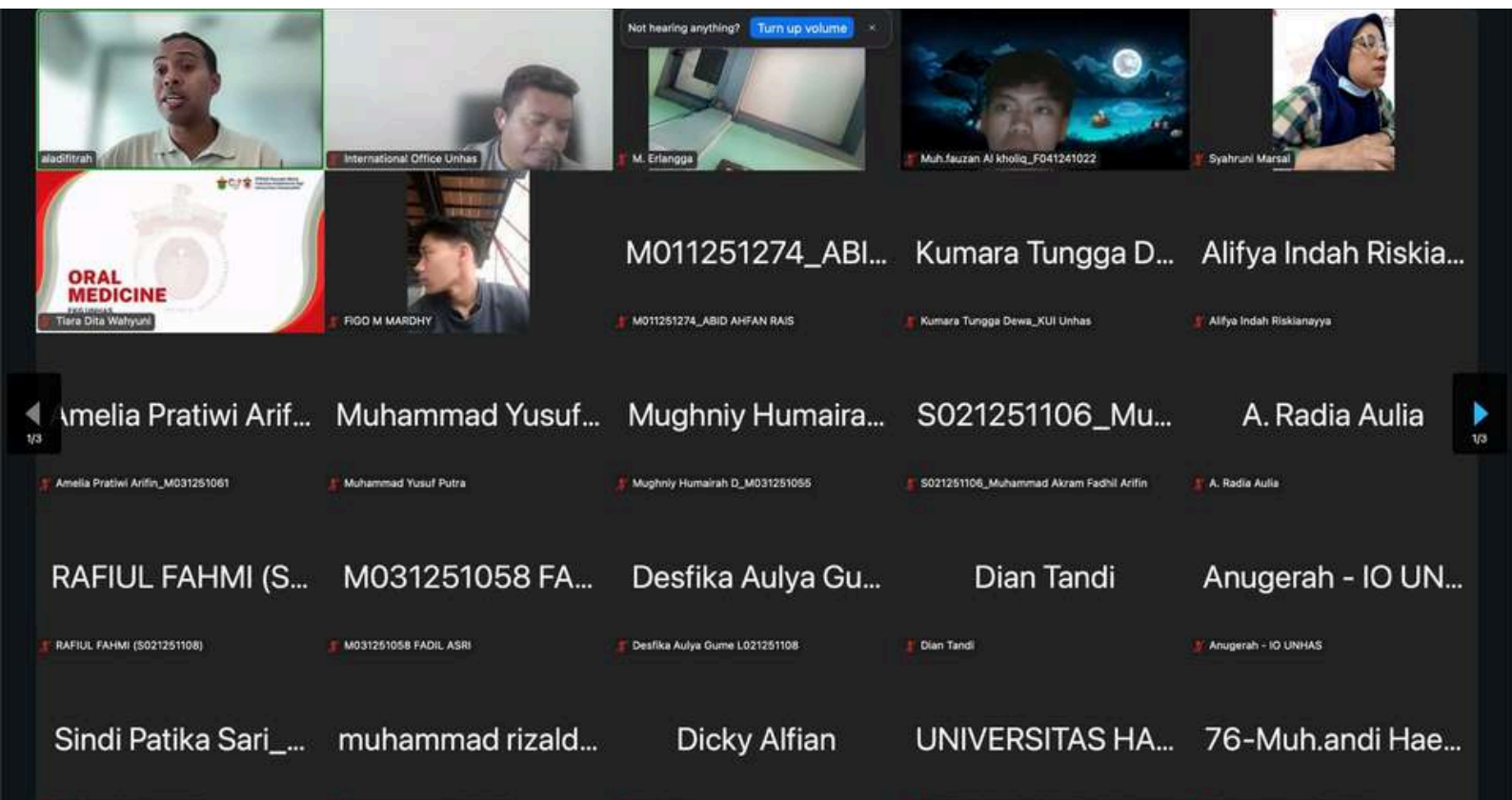
Air Quality Index

- The Air Quality Index, or AQI, is the system used to warn the public when air pollution is dangerous. The AQI tracks ozone (smog) and particle pollution (tiny particles from ash, power plants and factories, vehicle exhaust, soil dust, pollen, and other pollution), as well as four other widespread air pollutants.
- Current Conditions Dhaka city
- 175 AQI** (Sunday, 15 October 2023)
- 77 AQI** (Today 8 October 2025), 84 in Makassar
- Unhealthy**
- PM 2.5

<https://www.aqair.com/bangladesh/dhaka>



FRIDAY OUTBOUND CLINIC : FROM STORY TO SCHOLARSHIP; WRITING ESSAY WITH IMPACT



The International Office (IO) of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) held another inspiring session of the Friday Outbound Clinic on Friday, 10 October 2025. This event features Khaeruddin, Ph.D, IO Task force for Mobility Programs, and Al Adi Fitrah, M.App.Ling., M.Ed. as the keynote speaker. The session, titled “From Story to Scholarship: Writing Stories with Impact,” focused on equipping participants with practical strategies to craft strong and meaningful scholarship essays.

In his opening remarks, Dr. Khaeruddin emphasized the importance of the Friday Outbound Clinic as a platform for sharing experiences and knowledge that can motivate students to pursue global opportunities. He highlighted that writing a scholarship essay is not merely about answering questions but about telling a personal story that reflects one’s character, aspirations, and readiness to contribute to society.

Keynote speaker Al Adi Fitrah elaborated on how personal stories can be transformed into impactful narratives that align with scholarship missions and selection criteria. Drawing from his academic and professional experience, he provided valuable tips on structuring essays, using authentic voices, and maintaining coherence between personal background, goals, and the values upheld by scholarship programs. His engaging presentation and real-life examples encouraged participants to see their stories as a source of strength and inspiration.

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DISCOVERING A NEW HEALTH PARADIGM: FACULTY OF PUBLIC HEALTH UNHAS HOSTS PROF. MARC BRUIJNZEELS



On October 6, 2025, the Faculty of Public Health at Hasanuddin University (FKM UNHAS) welcomed Prof. Dr. Marc Bruijnzeels from Leiden University Medical Center, Netherlands, for an international guest lecture titled *"Population Health Management: The Solution For The Challenges in Healthcare"*.

Held in the Prof. Nur Nasry Noor Room (K-225) and attended by students and faculty, the event offered fresh insights into global health systems. FKM UNHAS Dean Prof. Sukri Palutturi in His welcome remark, emphasized the importance of international collaboration in strengthening academic capacity and driving innovation.

Moderated by Dr. Ansariadi, the session was interactive, with students raising critical questions about health system reform.

Prof. Marc highlighted key challenges—limited resources, fragmented systems, and underutilized technology—and called for a shift toward proactive, community-based care. He shared data showing that the health system is only a small part of the overall health ecosystem, its impact on public health is only about 20%. The rest is influenced by health behaviour (30%), the physical environment (10%), and socioeconomic factors (40%). This underscores the need for a people-centered, data-driven as well as proactive approach.

Prof. Marc also discussed the global move from volume-based to value-based healthcare. In this approach, the measure of success is no longer the number of medical services provided, but rather the quality of life and health outcomes achieved by patients.

He emphasized that this kind of transformation requires courage and innovation in thinking and acting. On a reflective note, he closed his presentation with a sentence that left a lasting impression on the participants: “If it did not work 10 times, there is no need for an 11th time — you need a new approach.” This sentence seemed to be a moral message for the academic world and health practitioners: don't be afraid to try new approaches, because change does not come from repetition, but from the courage to experiment. He closed with a powerful message: “If it didn't work 10 times, there's no need for an 11th—you need a new approach.”

The lecture reinforced FKM UNHAS' commitment to global academic engagement and its role in shaping Indonesia's health system. It also aligned with national efforts to reform primary care and promote preventive health strategies.

For many students, it was a rare opportunity to engage directly with a world-class academic. For faculty, it offered a moment of reflection on the relevance of research and practice. More than an academic forum, the lecture bridged knowledge and empathy—two pillars central to UNHAS's vision of building a healthy, empowered, and just society.



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