



International Office
Hasanuddin University



WEEKLY NEWS

27 - 31 OCTOBER, 2025 ISSUE #147



internationaloffice@unhas.ac.id



unhas.ac.id/intnews/



io.unhas

UNHAS HOLDS SOCIALIZATION ON EQUITY FUNDING PROGRAM 2025-2026



The International Office (IO) of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) held a Socialization of the Enhancing Quality Education for International University Impacts and Recognition (EQUITY) Funding Program for 2025-2026 on Friday, 31 October 2025, at The Institute for Quality Assurance and Learning Development (LPMPP) UNHAS Ballroom. The event was attended by faculty leaders, administrative staff, and members of IO. The session was officially opened by the University Secretary (SEKUN), Prof. Sumbangan Baja, M.Phil., Ph.D, accompanied by Dr. Andi Masyitha Irwan, Head of International Office, and Prof. Rohani Ambo Rappe, Director of Reputation Enhancement. The session was moderated by Muhammad Ridwan, M.A, Secretary of IO.

In his opening remarks, Prof. Sumbangan emphasized that the EQUITY funding is expected to contribute significantly to UNHAS's internationalization efforts, particularly in enhancing institutional reputation and performance in global university rankings. He noted that achieving a position among the world's top 500 universities is one of UNHAS's strategic goals.

Following this, Prof. Rohani Ambo Rappe, Director of Reputation Enhancement, provided a detailed explanation of the EQUITY program and its expected outcomes. She covered international ranking systems such as the *Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Rankings*, *QS World University Rankings (WUR)*, and *QS Asia University Rankings (AUR)*. Through EQUITY funding, it is expected that UNHAS's participation in these rankings will see a positive impact.

The next presentation was delivered by Dr. Andi Masyitha Irwan, Head of IO, who outlined the EQUITY programs managed by her office. She began by explaining the funding scheme for lecturers delivering oral presentations at international conferences focusing on the *Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)*. She clarified that this funding will not overlap with existing conference support schemes, as EQUITY funding specifically targets SDG-related themes.

Dr. Masyitha also elaborated on the *outbound and inbound programs* for students, including outbound mobility for UNHAS students to partner universities abroad, and inbound funding support for international students from UNHAS's partner universities. The final program managed by IO is the *SDGs-based Summer Program*. Proposals for all four EQUITY programs will be submitted through the online system at www.apps.unhas.ac.id.

To support the implementation of the system, A. Ais Prayoga, S.T., M.Eng., was invited to present a technical demonstration. He explained that each faculty administrator will be given an account to upload the required documents. The workflow involves several linked accounts — the faculty admin, IO admin, reviewer, and finance office. Once the faculty admin uploads the proposal, it will be reviewed and processed sequentially through these accounts. He emphasized that all submission progress can be monitored transparently by the faculty admin, ensuring accountability and traceability throughout the process.

The same proposal procedure applies to all four programs managed by IO. After Mr. Ais's presentation, a question-and-answer session followed. One of the participants asked whether EQUITY funding could also be allocated to Master's or Doctoral students presenting papers at international conferences abroad. Dr. Masyitha clarified that the funding does not cover such activities, nor does it fund student competition participation, but it supports students involved in *sit-in programs, workshops, and training*.

The socialization session was officially closed by Dr. Masyitha, who expressed her hope that the EQUITY system would continue sustainably in the coming years, regardless of future management transitions.





MALAYSIAN EXPERTS DELIVER GUEST LECTURE ON PREVENTIVE PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY AT UNHAS



The Faculty of Dentistry (FKG), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), organized a virtual guest lecture for the *Preventive and Dental Care in Children* course on Tuesday, 28 October 2025. The session featured two invited experts from Malaysia — Dr. Norashikin Abu Bakar from the Centre of Paediatric Dentistry & Orthodontic Studies, Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM). and Dr. Soi Parannoy from MAHSA University. Both lecturers have long-standing collaborations in academic and clinical teaching in the field of dentistry.

During the session, Dr. Norashikin Abu Bakar delivered a lecture on *“Preventive and Interceptive Orthodontics for Children.”* The lecture was held via Zoom from 1:00 to 2:30 PM (Central Indonesia and Malaysia Time) and was attended by faculty members and students of FKG UNHAS. The interactive session provided valuable insights into pediatric orthodontics, emphasizing early preventive care and intervention in children’s dental health.

This activity was part of the Faculty of Dentistry's international program, which requires every course to invite two international speakers to deliver topics aligned with the course curriculum. The event was arranged by the International Affairs Office of the Faculty of Dentistry, UNHAS, and reflects FKG's strong commitment to fostering global academic collaboration and enhancing students' exposure to international expertise in dental education.

INTERNATIONAL CLASS GUEST LECTURE



"For Preventive and Dental Care
in Children Course"

Speaker:

Dr. Norashikin Abu Bakar

(Centre of Paediatric Dentistry
& Orthodontics Studies
Universiti Teknologi MARA (UITM), Malaysia

**"PREVENTIVE AND INTERCEPTIVE
ORTHODONTIC FOR CHILDREN" "**



Tuesday, October 28th, 2025
1.00 - 2.30 PM (Central Indonesia
and Malaysia Time)



INTERNATIONAL CLASS GUEST LECTURE

"For Preventive and Dental Care In Children Course"

Speaker:

Dr. Sai Prannoy

MAHSA University, Malaysia

**"EARLY CHILDHOOD CARIES: PREVENTION
AND MANAGEMENT"**

Arranged by:
International Affairs Office
of Mahsa University

Dr. Sai Prannoy



DEPARTMENT OF MICROBIOLOGY UNHAS HOLD GUEST LECTURE ON GLOBAL ISSUE OF ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE



The Faculty of Medicine (FK), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), through the Department of Microbiology, organized an international academic event titled *Guest Lecture* with the theme “Antimicrobial Resistance in The Netherlands,” presented by Prof. Steven Thijsen, MD., Ph.D. The event, held on Wednesday, 29 October 2025, was officially opened by Prof. Dr. dr. Rina Masadah, Sp.PA., M.Phil., DFM, Vice Dean for Publication, Community Engagement, and International Affairs of the Faculty of Medicine UNHAS. In her opening remarks, Dr. Rina emphasized that this guest lecture is part of the Faculty’s efforts to strengthen international academic collaboration and broaden the academic community’s perspective on global health issues, particularly antimicrobial resistance (AMR).

Prof. Rina highlighted that antimicrobial resistance is a global challenge that requires interdisciplinary and international collaboration. Through this activity, participants were given the opportunity to learn directly from the Netherlands’ experience, a country recognized for its excellent antimicrobial resistance control system.

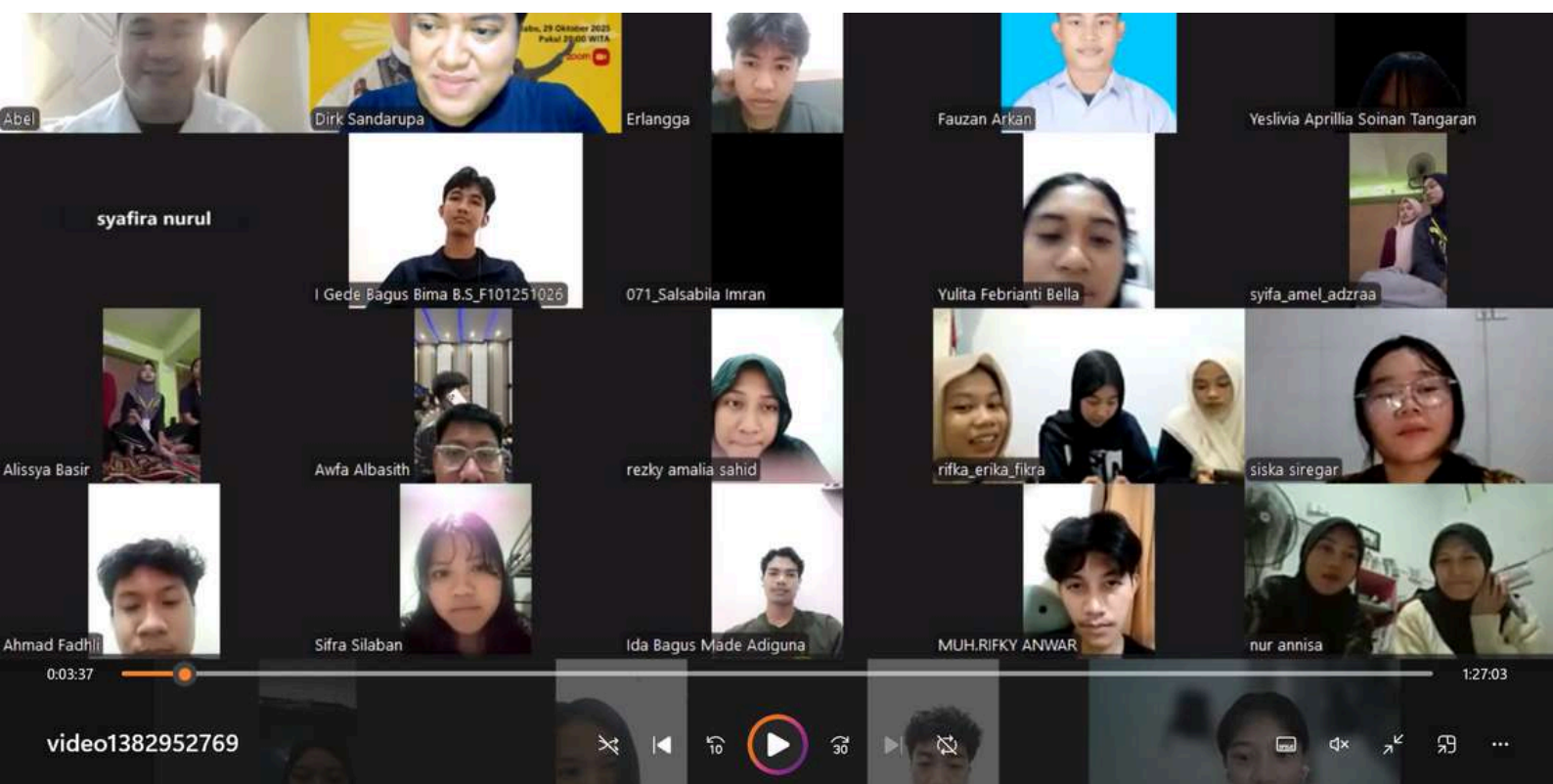
During the lecture session, Prof. Steven Thijsen, a clinical microbiology expert from the Netherlands, discussed the current situation of antimicrobial resistance in his country and outlined the strategies implemented by the Dutch government and health institutions to address this pressing issue. He underscored the importance of prudent antibiotic use, enhanced laboratory surveillance, and collaboration among healthcare professionals, researchers, and the public to curb the rise of antimicrobial resistance.

The event was attended by undergraduate medical students, participants of the Specialist Medical Education Program (PPDS), and lecturers from the Faculty of Medicine UNHAS. Participants demonstrated high enthusiasm during the interactive discussion session, engaging in comparative dialogue about antimicrobial resistance control policies in Indonesia and the Netherlands. Through this event, the Faculty of Medicine and the Department of Microbiology UNHAS reaffirmed their commitment to advancing medical science through research-based learning and international collaboration in facing global health challenges.





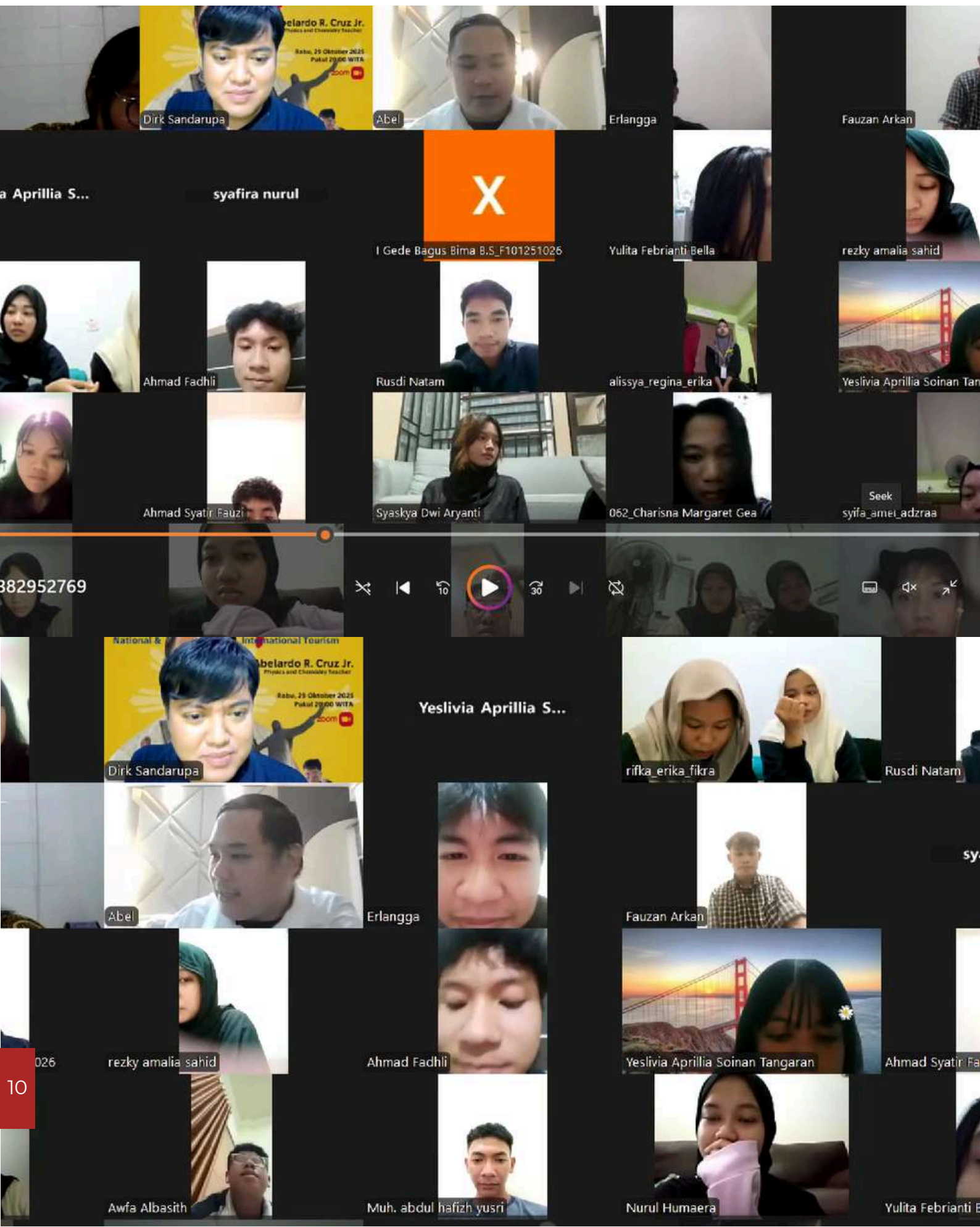
EXPLORING PHILIPPINE TOURISM: A CROSS-CULTURAL LEARNING EXPERIENCE FOR TOURISM STUDENTS OF UNHAS



The Tourism Study Program of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) once again provides an inspiring international learning opportunity through a special online lecture titled *“National & International Tourism: The Philippine Experience.”* The session features Mr. Abelardo R. Cruz Jr., a Physics and Chemistry teacher from the Philippines, who shares valuable insights on international tourism in the Philippines as well as his personal experiences living in Indonesia. This class is part of the *National and International Tourism* course series designed for Tourism students of the 2025 batch. It aims to broaden students’ understanding of tourism from both national and global perspectives through direct engagement with international speakers.

Guided by Dr. Dirk Sandarupa, M.Hum., MCE, lecturer and tourism practitioner, the session encourages students to actively engage in discussions about the development, challenges, and cultural dynamics of Philippine tourism, and how these experiences relate to Indonesia’s tourism landscape. The online class will take place on Wednesday, 29 October 2025, at 20:00 CIT via Zoom, as part of the faculty’s initiative under the Impactful Diktisaintek program to foster cross-cultural understanding and global competence among tourism students. “Learning directly from practitioners abroad gives our students a broader and comparative insight into how tourism operates across different cultural and national contexts,” said Dr. Dirk Sandarupa.

This event reflects the commitment of UNHAS's Tourism Study Program to connect students with global perspectives and to strengthen international academic collaboration in the field of tourism.



EXPLORING BANGLADESH: UNHAS'S INTERNATIONAL OFFICE PRESENTS THE G-SERIES CULTURAL SHARING SESSION



As part of Hasanuddin University's (UNHAS) ongoing internationalization efforts, the International Office (IO) recently held its monthly event, the Geography Series (G-Series), featuring Bangladesh on Friday, 31 October 2025, at the Prof. Basri Hasanuddin, M.A. Hall, Doctoral Program, Faculty of Economics and Business (FEB).

The G-Series serves as a platform for UNHAS international students to introduce their home countries through PowerPoint presentations before the university's academic community, particularly local students. The initiative aims to foster cross-cultural awareness and understanding while also giving local students the opportunity to practice their English communication skills.

This month's presenter was Mr. Mohd Rozwan, an international student from Bangladesh currently studying Bahasa Indonesia as part of his one-year Partnership for Developing Country (KNB) Scholarship program. Mr. Rozwan began his presentation by playing his country's national anthem and went on to share various aspects of Bangladeshi culture, including its traditions, cuisine, and unique customs.

To make the session more engaging, he also brought and served orange juice to the audience members who attended his presentation. Representing the IO, Ms. Harniaty (popularly known as Ms. Arni) presented a token of appreciation and merchandise to Mr. Rozwan for his enthusiastic participation and contribution. She expressed gratitude for his effort in introducing Bangladesh to an audience of approximately 80 students.

The event concluded with hopes that both international and local students would continue to actively participate in upcoming G-Series sessions, strengthening intercultural understanding and fostering a globally minded academic environment at Hasanuddin University.





BRIDGING CULTURES THROUGH LANGUAGE: UNHAS INTERNATIONAL OFFICE AND STUVO ORGANIZE BAHASA CLASS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



The International Office (IO) of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), in collaboration with the Student Volunteers International Office (STUVO) Batch 4, recently organized a Bahasa Class on 31 October 2025. A dynamic and engaging session aimed at introducing international students to the fundamentals of the Indonesian language.

This week's session was coordinated by Rifkhy Arishall, Anis Abdullah, and Zulfiqri Saputra Samsul as Persons in Charge (PIC), along with Nayla Wijayanti, Muammar Khadafi, and Andi Regina as part of the STUVO.

The program serves as a bridge for international students to adapt more easily to daily life in Indonesia while deepening their understanding of local culture and social values. Through a series of interactive lessons, participants are guided in mastering basic expressions, greetings, and cultural nuances that reflect Indonesia's warmth and diversity.

Beyond being a language-learning activity, the Bahasa Class also serves as a valuable training platform for the Student Volunteers. Held once a week at the Student Dormitory (RAMSIS) Hall of UNHAS, each session combines structured language instruction with creative learning methods. Volunteers integrate fun activities and interactive games during practice sessions, making the learning process lively, enjoyable, and highly engaging for participants. By taking active roles as facilitators and instructors, volunteers enhance their communication, leadership, and intercultural skills.

Throughout the session, the classroom was filled with energy and laughter as students practiced speaking Indonesian. The cheerful atmosphere turned the classroom into a space of genuine cultural exchange and friendship. Participants expressed their excitement and appreciation for the opportunity to learn the language in such a friendly and supportive environment.

According to the IO, this initiative is part of UNHAS's broader mission to promote inclusivity and strengthen international engagement on campus. The program also highlights the collaborative spirit between local and international students, a reflection of the university's dedication to nurturing a welcoming and globally connected academic environment.

Through programs like this, the IO continues to demonstrate its commitment to creating an inclusive and globally minded academic atmosphere which is one that values language, culture, and collaboration.





CROSSING CONTINENTS FOR KNOWLEDGE: UNHAS LECTURER BRIDGES INDONESIA AND TÜRKİYE IN GLOBAL TOURISM CONGRESS



Aqilah Nurul Khaerani Latif, lecturer from the Department of Tourism, Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), represented Indonesia at the 6th International Congress on Tourism, Economy, and Business (ICTEBS) held in Bandırma, Türkiye, from 30 October to 1 November 2025. The congress, hosted at Hotel Grand Asya, gathered international scholars and practitioners to discuss recent developments in tourism, economy, and business. Aqilah was the sole delegate from Indonesia, presenting her research and building academic connections between Indonesia and Türkiye.

"I am honored to represent UNHAS and Indonesia. This congress is not only about research presentation but also about building bridges between countries that share rich cultural and tourism potential," Aqilah said.

The event featured keynote lectures from international experts, including Assoc. Prof. Dr. Figen Karadogan (Governors State University, USA) and Dr. Rita Baleiro (University of Algarve, Portugal). Discussions covered topics such as sustainable tourism, community-based initiatives, digital marketing, and post-pandemic recovery.

Participants also joined a field excursion to the Kapıdağ Peninsula, visiting heritage and sustainable tourism sites such as Kyzikos Ancient City and Zeytinli Island. Aqilah noted that the trip provided valuable insights into integrating community and environmental awareness in tourism development —lessons she hopes to apply in Indonesia.

The congress organizers, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Tülay Polat Üzümcü and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Samet Çevik, praised UNHAS's participation, highlighting its contribution to international academic diversity and collaboration. Despite logistical challenges, Aqilah emphasized that her participation reflected the resilience and ambition of young Indonesian academics. "Every challenge was worth it. The experience strengthened my confidence and expanded UNHAS's global network," she said.

ICTEBS 2025 concluded with a renewed commitment to cooperation among universities from the UK, Nepal, Türkiye, and Indonesia, through joint research and student exchanges. Aqilah's participation underscored UNHAS's mission to promote globally engaged scholars and advance Indonesia's visibility in international academic forums.



INTERNATIONAL OFFICE SUPER TEAM

SUMBANGAN BAJA
MUHAMMAD RIDWAN
NASRAH
KUMARA TUNGGa DEWA
HANIEK KHOIRUNNISSA BAJA
MUH ANUGERAH

ANDI MASYITHA IRWAN
ABIGAIL MARY MOORE
CAHYA AULIA RAMDHANI A. R
KHAERUDDIN
SAADUDDIN
ERIZAL ZHAFRAN M EDISON