



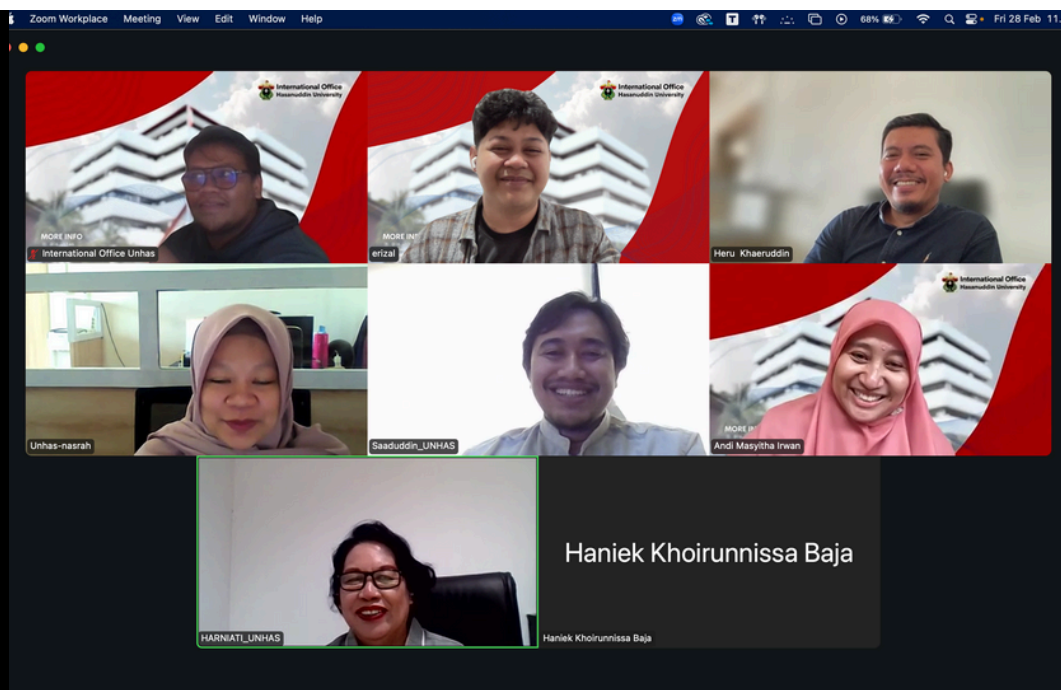
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HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY'S INTERNATIONAL OFFICE HOLDS COORDINATION MEETING ON EQUITY FUND PROPOSAL MECHANISM



The International Office (IO) of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) recently held a coordination meeting to discuss the submission and review process of proposals for four upcoming programs organized by the IO. The meeting took place through Zoom on Wednesday, 5 November 2025 from 1-3pm Makassar time. The main focus of the meeting was to establish a clear mechanism for the proposal review process conducted by reviewers appointed by IO.

There are four major programs scheduled for the implementation during the 2025–2026 period. The first is the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) International Conference/Seminar, followed by the Outbound and Inbound Student Program, which enables students to participate in workshops, training sessions, or academic sit-ins either abroad or at UNHAS. The final program discussed was the SDGs Summer Program, which aims to involve at least 5–6 international students out of the 20 participants required by the initiative.

The meeting also covered the use of a digital application designed to manage proposal submissions and reviews. This system ensures transparency and accessibility for all faculty administrators involved in the process. Through the application, administrators can monitor each stage—from proposal submission and review to approval and funding disbursement for academic staff, lecturers, and students. The meeting concluded with optimism that the application will continue to operate effectively and sustainably in supporting the university's international programs.

HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR PRESENTS RESEARCH FINDINGS AT THE PAN-AFRICAN ONCOLOGY CONFERENCE



The Faculty of Medicine (FK), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), once again demonstrated its presence on the international stage. One of its professors, Prof. Dr. dr. Rina Masadah, Sp.PA(K), M.Phil., DFM, who currently serves as the Vice Dean for Publication, Community Service, and International Affairs, participated in the 15th International Conference on Cancer in Africa, held from 1-6 November 2025, in Hammamet, Tunisia.

On this occasion, Prof. Rina Masadah presented her research titled "MUC5AC Protein Expression as a Potential Prediction of Metastasis in Mucinous Ovarian Carcinoma: Unveiling a New Biomarker in a Rare Cancer Subtype." The study highlights an important topic on the potential of a new biomarker for detecting metastasis in the rare subtype of mucinous ovarian carcinoma, which is expected to contribute to the advancement of diagnostic and therapeutic strategies for cancer in the future.

In addition, Prof. Rina Masadah also presented another paper titled “Home-Based Palliative Care Training for Cancer Patient’s Caregiver.” This research emphasizes the importance of home-based palliative care training for cancer caregivers to enhance patients’ quality of life and promote a more humane and sustainable care system.

Prof. Rina Masadah’s participation in this international oncology conference reflects the commitment of the FK UNHAS to strengthening its academic contributions in global health while enhancing the university’s recognition and reputation at the international level.



FACULTY OF VOCATIONAL STUDIES HOSTS THE 46TH ASIAN CONFERENCE ON REMOTE SENSING: STRENGTHENING ACADEMIC COOPERATION AND GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP



The Faculty of Vocational Studies, Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) proudly hosted the 46th Asian Conference on Remote Sensing (ACRS 2025) from 27-31 October 2025, in Makassar, Indonesia. Organized in collaboration with the Asian Association on Remote Sensing (AARS), the Indonesian Society for Remote Sensing (ISRS-MAPIN), and other partners, the conference brought together over 600 delegates from more than 30 countries, including scientists, policymakers, and researchers in the fields of remote sensing, geospatial science, and sustainable development. The opening ceremony, held at The Rinra Hotel, was inaugurated by Prof. Dr. Sumbangan Baja, representing UNHAS, who emphasized that hosting ACRS 2025 marked an important milestone for UNHAS in promoting global research and academic cooperation.

Distinguished guests included Prof. Kohei Cho of AARS, Prof. Christian Heipke of ISPRS, Dr. Agustan of ISRS, and Dr. Ilham Alimuddin as Chair of the Local Organizing Committee. The Mayor of Makassar, Munafri Arifuddin, welcomed the delegates and highlighted Makassar's role as a growing maritime innovation hub. In his remarks, Dr. Ilham stated that the conference served as a platform for collaboration and shared purpose, celebrating the spirit of partnership, innovation, and sustainability through science that transcends borders.

As the host, the Faculty of Vocational Studies positioned the ACRS 2025 as a milestone in advancing academic internationalization and strengthening vocational education. The event reflected UNHAS's strong engagement in global research networks and its commitment to linking education, technology, and industry through applied science. Throughout the five-day program, participants joined plenary sessions, technical presentations, exhibitions, and discussions on topics such as environmental monitoring, digital mapping, maritime observation, and disaster risk reduction. The industry showcase featured prominent organizations such as JAXA, RESTEC, Esri Indonesia, INHA University, and IEEE GRSS, supported by the Makassar City Government and the Maros Pangkep UNESCO Global Geopark.

Cultural exchange was also central to the event's success. The Welcoming Dinner and Cultural Night on 27 October 2025 featured performances from various countries, promoting friendship through cultural expression. A special VIP Cultural Dinner aboard the Phinisi Boat at Losari Beach showcased traditional Makassarese performances and local cuisine, symbolizing Makassar's maritime heritage and hospitality. These cultural activities reflected the conference's theme of unity through diversity, strengthening ties among delegates from different nations.

A field trip to Rammang-Rammang and Leang-Leang Archaeological Park, part of the Maros-Pangkep UNESCO Global Geopark, offered participants hands-on learning about the use of remote sensing and geospatial technology in sustainable tourism and environmental conservation. The Young Scholar Night also provided a space for students and early-career researchers to connect and build future collaborations.

In his closing remarks, Dr. Ilham Alimuddin expressed appreciation to all partners and participants, affirming that the success of ACRS 2025 demonstrated UNHAS's readiness to serve as a hub for international academic collaboration. The event concluded with the symbolic handover of the ACRS flag to India, the next host. The 46th ACRS in Makassar marked a significant step in Hasanuddin University's internationalization journey, combining scientific excellence, vocational education, and cultural diplomacy to promote sustainable global cooperation.





INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS VISIT MARINE SCIENCE LABORATORIES AT HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY



The Language Service Center (UPT Layanan Bahasa) of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) is currently conducting *Bahasa Indonesia untuk Penutur Asing* (BIPA) or Indonesian Language for Foreign Speakers for the 2025–2026 recipients of the Kemitraan Negara Berkembang (KNB) or Partnership of Developing Countries Scholarship. The program involves seven international students from various countries, including Bangladesh, Somalia, Liberia, Tanzania, Uganda, Pakistan, and Nigeria.

As part of their faculty introduction activities at UNHAS, the students visited the Marine Microbiology Laboratory and the Marine Ecosystem Breeding and Rehabilitation Laboratory at the Faculty of Marine Science and Fisheries (FIKP) on Wednesday, November 4, 2025.

During the visit, the students received an explanation about the available laboratory facilities and the research outputs produced by the faculty. The presentations were delivered by the Head of the Laboratory, Dr. Ir. Syafiuddin, M.Si., along with laboratory staff Huyyirnah, S.P., M.P., and Sitti Normawati, S.Pi., M.Si.

The visit was also attended by the Secretary of the FIKP Quality Assurance Group (GPM), Dr. Yayu Lanafie, M.Sc., the Head of Administration, Heads of Subdivisions, and several staff members from the UNHAS Language Center.



HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY'S FACULTY OF VOCATIONAL STUDIES EXPANDS INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION WITH TECRS, SAUDI ARABIA



The Faculty of Vocational Studies at Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) has developed an international collaboration with *The Environmental Center of Remote Sensing* (TECRS), Saudi Arabia, focusing on the fields of environment and remote sensing. The discussion and agreement took place on Wednesday, 5 November 2025.

The meeting was attended by Dr. Sultan H. AlSultan, Founder and CEO of The Environmental Center of Remote Sensing (TECRS), Saudi Arabia; Prof. Dr. Ida Leida M., SKM, MKM, MScPH — Vice Dean for Academic and Student Affairs, who also oversees collaboration affairs at the Faculty of Vocational Studies; Ir. Agustina Abdullah, S.Pt, M.Si, Head of the Quality Assurance Group (GPM); Dr. Nurfadillah JS, S.Pd, Head of the Remote Sensing and Geographic Information Systems (RS-GIS) Study Program; as well as several RS-GIS lecturers.

During the discussion, Prof. Ida emphasized that this collaboration is crucial for strengthening the academic capacity through initiatives such as guest lectures, industry internships, and collaborative research on topics including remote sensing, the application of artificial intelligence for land monitoring, and sustainable land management. The partnership aims at enhancing environmental ecosystems and supports data-driven environmental monitoring conducted both from Saudi Arabia and Indonesia—covering areas such as land-use change detection, disaster mitigation, and natural resource analysis.

In a separate statement, Dean of the Faculty of Vocational Studies, Prof. Dr. Ir. Muh. Restu, MP, affirmed that this partnership demonstrates the Faculty's tangible contribution to environmental development, remote sensing innovation, and human resource advancement. He added that the collaboration will equip professional instructors with valuable international experience and exposure.





FROM JAPAN TO ITALY: A CROSS-CONTINENTAL VISIT TO HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY'S MARINE MICROBIOLOGY LAB



On Tuesday, 28 October 2025, the Marine Microbiology Laboratory welcomed an international visit from Professor Takahiro Osawa of Yamaguchi University, Japan, accompanied by Stefano Vignudelli, a science enthusiast and researcher from Pisa, Italy. The visit highlighted the growing interest of global scientists in exploring the unique marine biodiversity and microbial ecosystems found in Indonesian waters. During their time at the laboratory, the visitors observed ongoing research activities and discussed various approaches to marine microbiology and environmental monitoring.

The delegation was warmly received and accompanied by Prof. Dr. Mukti Zainuddin, M.Si., and Dr. rer. nat. Elmi Nurhaidah Zainuddin, DES., who facilitated the discussion and exchange of ideas. This visit not only strengthened scientific relations between Hasanuddin University and its international partners but also opened opportunities for future joint research projects, knowledge sharing, and academic collaboration in marine science and biotechnology.

BRIDGING CIVILIZATIONS THROUGH KNOWLEDGE: IRAN-INDONESIA INTELLECTUAL DIPLOMACY BEGINS AT HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY



The spirit of academic diplomacy between Iran and Indonesia took a significant step forward at Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), Makassar, with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between UNHAS and Al Mustafa International University, Iran. The event, held at the Rectorate Building, marked the beginning of a new chapter of Iran-Indonesia intellectual collaboration in Southeast Asia. More than a formal ceremony, the partnership reflected a shared vision of how higher education can serve as a bridge between civilizations in an era of global digital transformation.

Following the MoU signing, the delegation from Al Mustafa International University participated in a Studium Generale at the Faculty of Cultural Sciences (FIB) UNHAS, entitled "The Strategic Role of Universities in Strengthening Educational, Research, and Cultural Networks Between Iran and Indonesia Amid the Stream of Digital Transformation." The session featured Ayatollah Prof. Dr. Ali Abbas, Rector of Al Mustafa International University, who is widely known for his contributions to Islamic studies, inter-civilizational dialogue, and global academic networks. The event gathered lecturers, researchers, students, and cultural practitioners eager to explore new dimensions of intellectual cooperation.

In his keynote speech, Prof. Ali Abbas emphasized that knowledge should not be limited to academic exchanges or publications, but should serve as a humanitarian bridge connecting societies across time and culture. He highlighted that both Iran and Indonesia share a deep-rooted intellectual heritage founded on love for knowledge, philosophy, and humanity. To strengthen these ties, he proposed several forms of collaboration, including joint research in philosophy, philology, inter-civilizational relations, and contemporary Islamic studies, faculty and student exchanges, joint academic conferences, and full scholarships for Indonesian students pursuing master's and doctoral studies in Qom, Mashhad, or Tehran.

The Dean of the FIB UNHAS, Prof. Dr. Andi Muhammad Akhmar, in his remarks, noted that the connection between the Bugis-Makassar and Persian civilizations has historical roots. Linguistic influences, philosophical expressions, and Sufi traditions reveal a long-standing intersection between these maritime-Islamic cultures. He affirmed that FIB UNHAS is ready to serve as Indonesia's "eastern gateway" for Iranology, Persian Studies, and intercultural academic diplomacy, positioning UNHAS as a regional center for cultural and intellectual collaboration.

He further observed that the study of Lontaraq manuscripts in Bugis culture shares parallels with Persian manuscript traditions, particularly in metaphorical structures, cosmological symbols, and the concept of the *insan kamil*—the perfected human. This reflection underscored how both civilizations uphold intellectual and spiritual pursuits that transcend geographical boundaries.

Haeruddin, S.S., M.A., Head of the Department of West Asian Literature, expressed pride in hosting the visit of the Al Mustafa Rector, describing it as more than an academic meeting—it was a form of recognition that UNHAS, especially its West Asian Literature Department, has now gained visibility on the global academic stage. The department has offered Persian language classes since 2023 and plans to send students to a Summer Course in Iran in 2026, further solidifying the partnership between the two nations through cultural and educational exchange.





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