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INTERNATIONAL OFFICE HOLDS FGD FOR THE FINALIZATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL REPORT BOOK



Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), through the International Office (IO), conducted a Focus Group Discussion (FGD) on the *Finalization of the International Report Book* on Monday, 7 October 2025, starting at 10.00 a.m. until completion. The discussion took place in the Secretary of University Meeting Room, 5th Floor of the Rectorate Building.

The session was officially opened by the Head of IO, Andi Masyitha Irwan, Ph.D., who delivered a brief introduction outlining the purpose of the meeting and the progress made since the initial discussion. In her remarks, she emphasized the importance of the report as a comprehensive reflection of UNHAS's internationalization efforts and as an accountability document for internal and external stakeholders.

Following the opening, Haniek Khoirunnissa, M.Sc, known as Ms. Haniek, as the Person in Charge (PIC) of the International Report, presented the current progress of the compilation process. Ms. Haniek explained the structure of the report, the types of data collected, and the remaining information needed to complete the document. Her presentation highlighted the collaborative efforts among faculties and units to ensure the accuracy and completeness of the data.

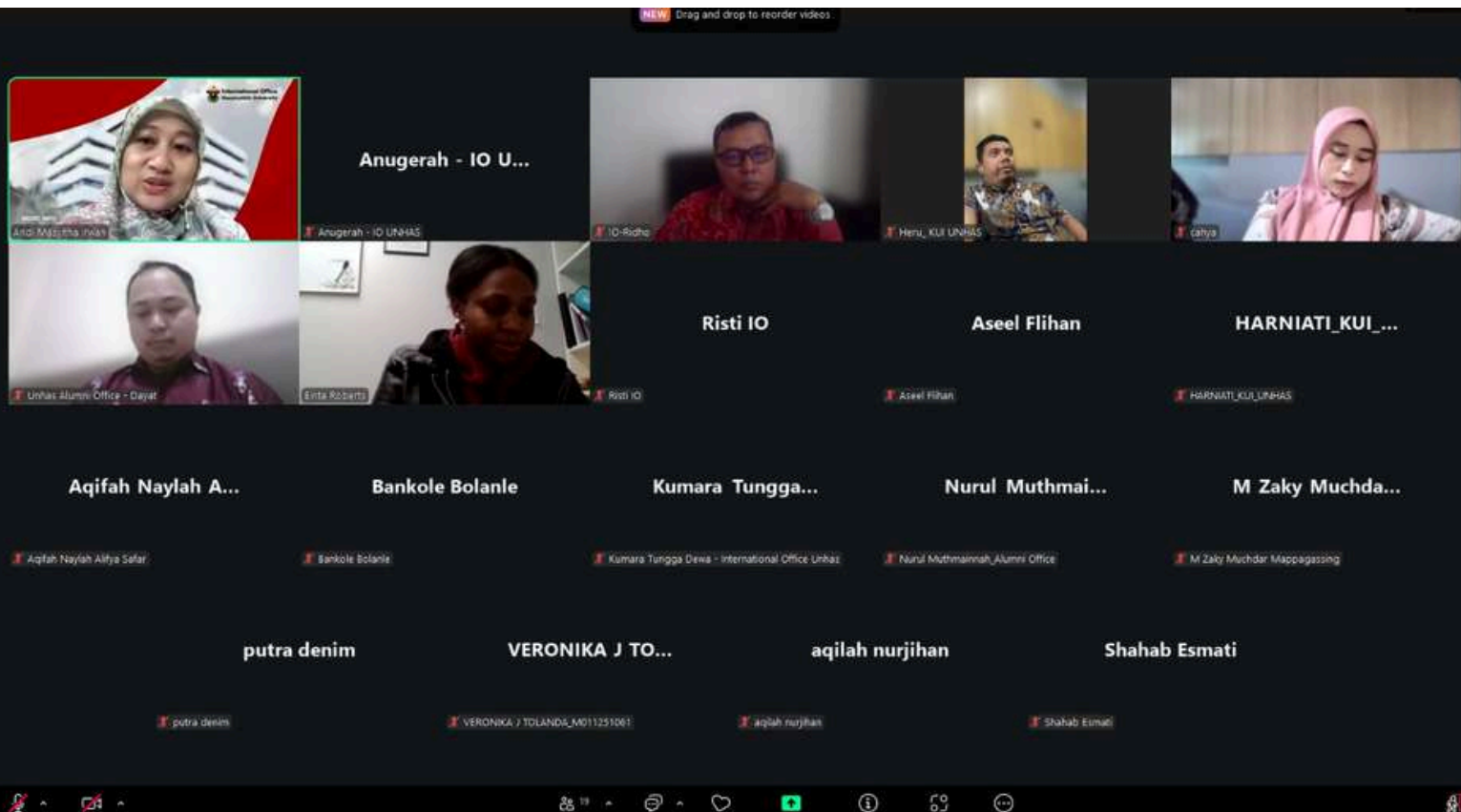
During the session, Prof. Ir. Sumbangan Baja, M.Phil., Ph.D, the Secretary of the University, provided constructive comments and feedback to further enhance the quality of the report. His insights focused on ensuring the consistency of data presentation, strengthening analytical narratives, and improving the overall readability of the publication.

The discussion concluded with an agreement to integrate the suggested revisions and continue coordination among the IO team and related university units to finalize the report. The International Report Book is expected to serve as an important reference and documentation of UNHAS's growing international engagement and achievements in 2025.





HOME COMING ALUMNI: UNHAS AND ITS U.S.-BASED GRADUATE RECONNECT THROUGH KNOWLEDGE SHARING



The International Office (IO) of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) recently held a special session with one of the alumni currently residing in the United States of America (USA). The event, titled “Home Coming Alumni,” took place on Friday, 7 November 2025, at 9:00 AM Makassar time. This edition of the session featured Ms. Binta Rosline Roberts, an alumna of the Master’s Program in Food Science and Technology, Faculty of Agriculture.

During the session, Ms. Binta delivered a presentation entitled “From Campus to Career: Navigating Challenges and Seizing Opportunities after UNHAS.” The session aimed to provide a platform for UNHAS alumni to share their post-graduation experiences, challenges, and opportunities with current international and local students.

The session was officially opened by Dr. Andi Masyitha Irwan, Head of IO, who expressed her gratitude and appreciation to Ms. Binta for dedicating her time to share valuable insights with the UNHAS academic community. In her talk, Ms. Binta recounted her career journey after completing her studies at UNHAS and offered practical and inspiring strategies for students to prepare for their future careers.

Toward the end of her presentation, Ms. Binta encouraged participants to “stay curious and keep learning,” emphasizing the importance of building meaningful connections, embracing change and personal growth, and defining success on one’s own terms. The session concluded with an engaging question-and-answer session moderated by Muhammad Ridwan, M.A., Secretary of IO, followed by the presentation of a Certificate of Appreciation to Ms. Binta as a token of gratitude.



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HOME COMING ALUMNI

From Campus to Career: Navigating Challenges and Seizing Opportunities after UNHAS



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FACULTY OF NURSING UNHAS HOLDS CLOSING CEREMONY FOR INBOUND STUDENTS FROM OKAYAMA UNIVERSITY, JAPAN



The Faculty of Nursing (FKeP), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), held a closing ceremony on 6 November 2025, marking the completion of the one-month inbound internship program for two nursing students from Okayama University, Japan. The program, which began on 6 October 2025, concluded successfully, highlighting a month of meaningful academic and cultural experience for students. The closing event was attended by the Vice Dean for Academic and Student Affairs, Syahrul, S.Kep., Ns., M.Kes., Ph.D, along with the international affairs team, institutional preceptors, student volunteers, and students preparing for the outbound program to Okayama University next December.

During the session, the Okayama students delivered presentations summarizing their learning experiences and reflections from their clinical placements at community health centers and hospitals in Makassar. They expressed gratitude for the warm hospitality and valuable support provided by faculty members, preceptors, and fellow students throughout their stay.

In his remarks, Dr. Syahrul congratulated the participants for completing the program and commended their active engagement during the internship. He emphasized that this exchange is part of the Faculty's ongoing commitment to promoting international collaboration and cross-cultural learning in nursing education. The atmosphere was warm and celebratory, reflecting the strong bond built over the past month between the Faculty of Nursing UNHAS and Okayama University.

This closing event not only marked the end of the 2025 inbound internship but also reinforced the partnership between the two institutions and paved the way for future academic exchanges and joint initiatives in the field of nursing.



PROF. BABATUNDE O. BAMGBOSE FROM NIGERIA CONDUCT RESEARCH COLLABORATION AND ACADEMIC EXCHANGE WITH FACULTY OF DENTISTRY, UNHAS



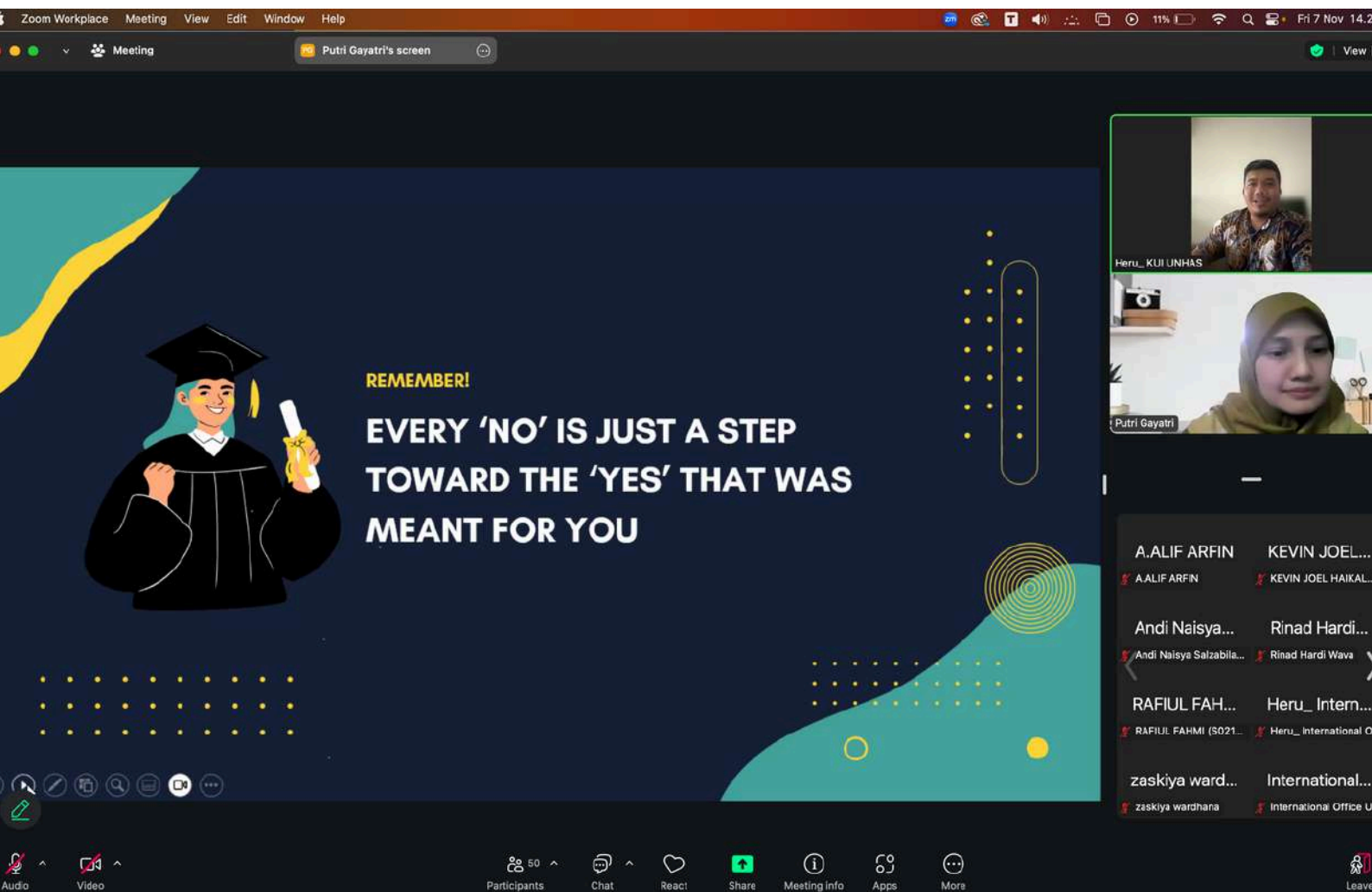
The Faculty of Dentistry (FKG), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) is honored to welcome Prof. Babatunde O. Bamgbose from Bayero University, Nigeria who will conduct a research collaboration and engage in academic activity during his visit for a year. Prof. Babatunde will conduct research titled "A study of Fourth Molar using Panoramic Radiograph: Clinical Significance and Prevalence in Indonesian Sub-Population." This study aims to identify the prevalence, clinical significance and associated pathologies of fourth molars among patients in Makassar, Indonesia.

In addition, Prof. Babatunde will also participate in academic activities, particularly in the field of dental radiology. He will serve as a guest lecturer for both dental radiology specialist students and undergraduate students. This collaboration is expected to become a platform to gain a broader knowledge in the field of dental radiology and also to open an opportunity for future partnership between the two universities.





FRIDAY OUTBOUND CLINIC: ACE YOUR SCHOLARSHIP INTERVIEW WITH DR. PUTRI GAYATRI



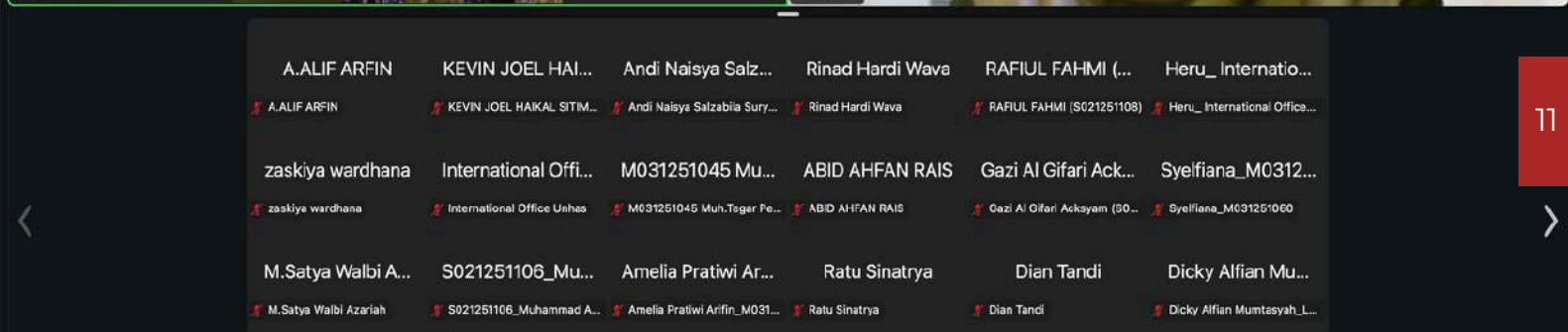
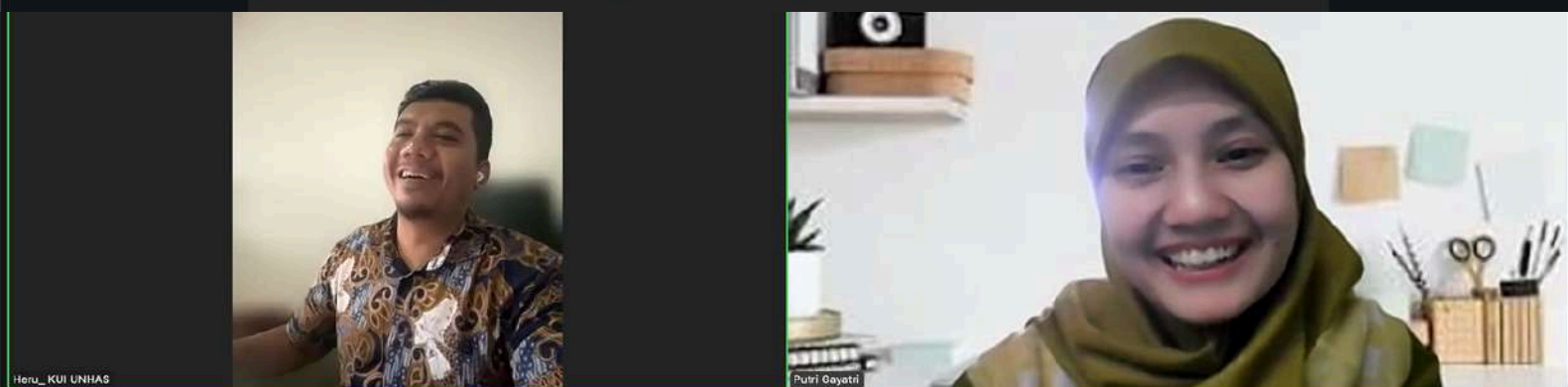
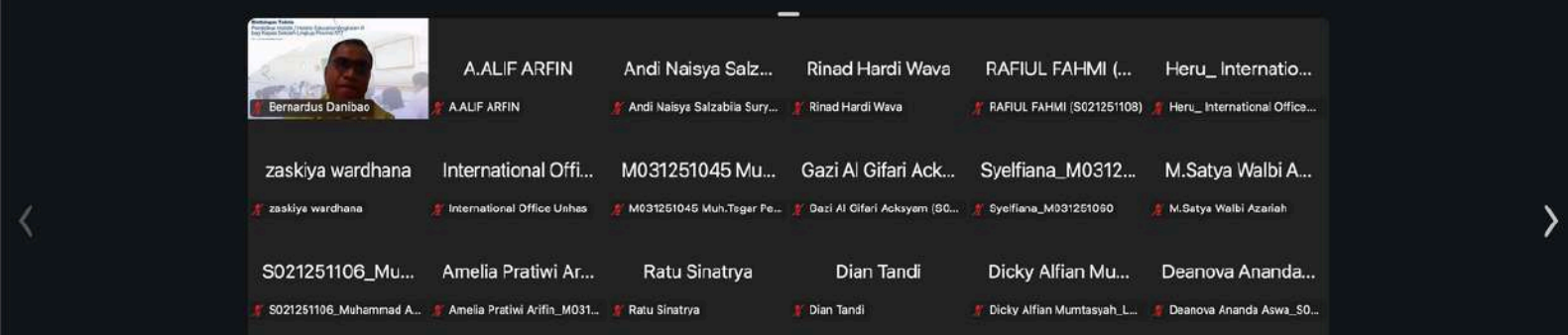
The International Office (IO) of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) successfully held another inspiring session of the Friday Outbound Clinic on 7 November 2025, featuring Putri Gayatri, S.Pd., M.Hum., Ph.D. as the guest speaker. The session, titled *"Ace Your Scholarship Interview,"* attracted around 60 participants, including students and staff from UNHAS, as well as alumni and members of the public. The event was moderated by Khaeruddin, M.Hum., Ph.D., a member of IO Taskforce, who opened the session by highlighting the importance of preparation and storytelling in scholarship interviews.

Dr. Putri, an alumna of an international scholarship program, shared valuable insights under the theme *"Tell Your Story, Win Your Dream."* She emphasized that scholarship interviews are not merely about academic scores or resumes, but about authenticity, motivation, and clarity of purpose. *"Interviewers don't read your GPA or your CV during the interview — they read you,"* she explained, encouraging participants to show their *best self* through personal stories, clear goals, and genuine passion.

Throughout the session, Dr. Putri guided participants to reflect on what their “best self” means — being prepared, personal, and positive. She also introduced the STAR framework (Situation, Task, Action, Result) to help participants structure their answers effectively. Using relatable examples, she demonstrated how to turn real-life experiences into compelling narratives that align with scholarship values.

The talk also highlighted how different scholarships, such as Chevening, LPDP (Indonesia Endowment Fund for Education) and Erasmus+, value distinct qualities from leadership and community impact to academic collaboration and global perspective. Understanding these priorities helps applicants tailor their stories accordingly. The session concluded with an encouraging reminder from Dr. Putri: “Every ‘no’ is just a step toward the ‘yes’ that was meant for you.”

Participants left the session inspired and better prepared to face their next scholarship interviews with confidence and authenticity.





INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION: FACULTY OF DENTISTRY, HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY AND NIIGATA UNIVERSITY ENHANCE PARTNERSHIP THROUGH ACADEMIC AND JOINT CONFERENCE

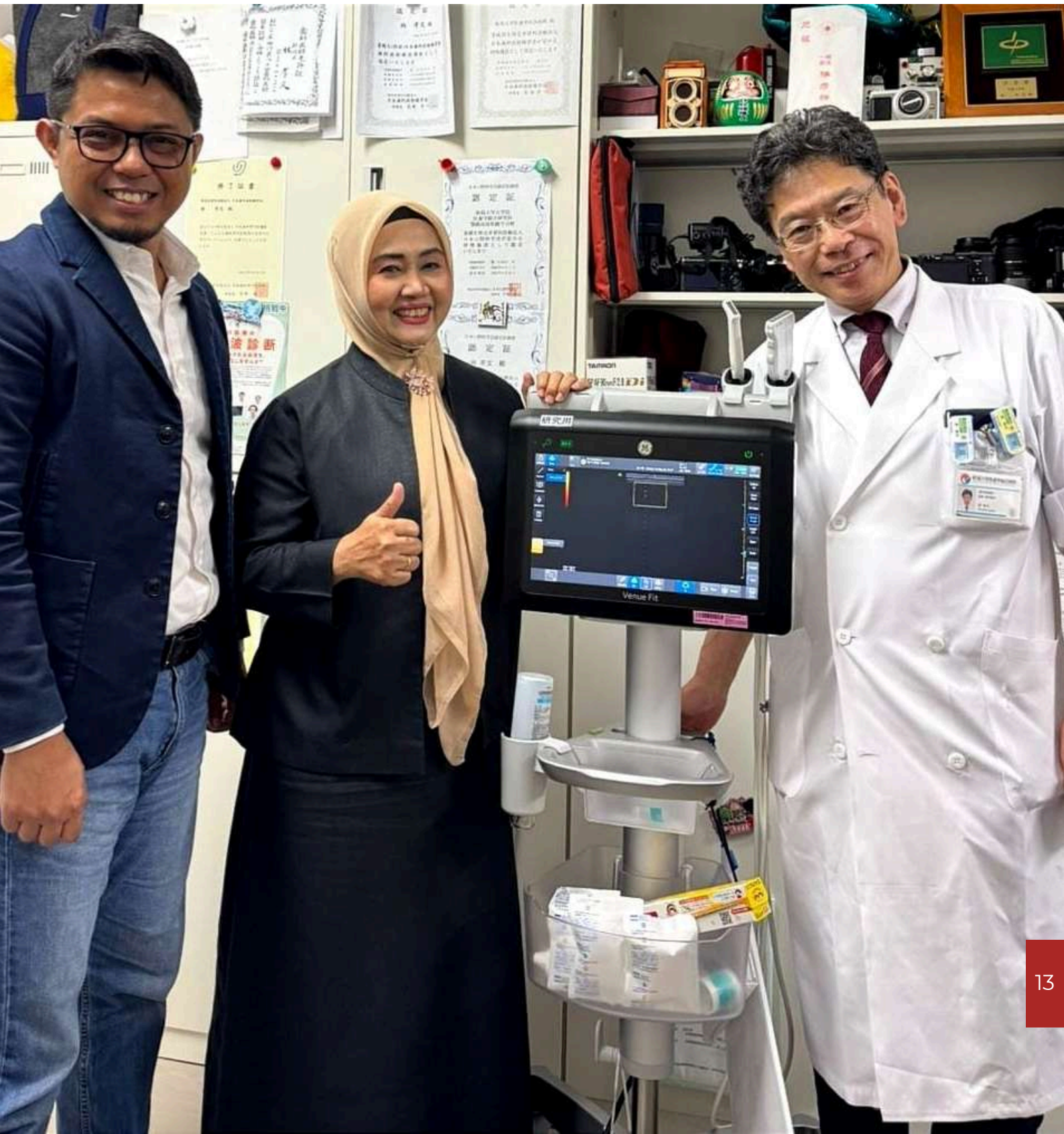


The Dean of Faculty of Dentistry (FKG) Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), Irfan Sugianto, drg., M.Med.Ed., Ph.D., Sp.RKG together with the Head of the Specialist Program in Dental Radiology, Prof. Dr. Barunawaty Yunus, drg., M.Kes., Sp.RKG., Subsp.Rad-D (K) conducted an official visit to Niigata University, Japan on 10-12 November 2025. During the visit, the delegation was warmly welcomed by the Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry Niigata University, Prof. Makoto Inoue, DDS., Ph.D.

This meeting marked an important step in strengthening the international collaboration between the two universities in academic and research activities in the field of dental radiology. On this occasion, one of the main discussion points was the plan to organize the 3rd Joint Symposium UNHAS and Niigata University which will be in conjunction with the National Dental Radiology Seminar that will be held in Makassar in June 2026.

Moreover, the delegation had an opportunity to meet with Prof. Takafumi Hayashi, Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology expert from Niigata University. The discussion included the sit-in program plan for dental radiology specialist students from Faculty of Dentistry UNHAS in August 2026. This program is expected to provide valuable learning experience to enhance the students knowledge on advanced imaging technology in oral and maxillofacial radiology.

Through this collaborative program, the two universities are confident about strengthening partnership to develop the quality of academic and research in dental radiology at the international level.





STUVO BATCH IV: NURTURING THE SPIRIT OF YOUNG GLOBAL VOLUNTEERS AT UNHAS



The International Office (IO) of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) once again held the Student Volunteer (STUVO) Training Batch IV on Saturday, 8 November 2025. This annual program is designed to strengthen the capacity, leadership, and global mindset of UNHAS students serving as international volunteers.

The one-day training was officially opened by Khaeruddin, Ph.D., representing the IO task force of UNHAS. In his opening remarks, he emphasized that being an international volunteer is not merely about assisting in activities, but also about cultivating empathy, intercultural communication, and social responsibility. He also encouraged UNHAS students to become ambassadors who represent the university's positive image on the global stage.

The training provided an engaging and inspiring learning atmosphere. Selected participants took part in a series of interactive sessions, including *How to Be an Effective Volunteer* delivered by Nirma Hasyim, S.IP., M.A., *Introduction to South Sulawesi Tourism Objects* by the Provincial Tourism Office of South Sulawesi, *Public Speaking* by Dr. Eddyman W. Ferial, M.Si., and *Hospitality Management* presented by Yovie from the UNHAS Hospitality Center (UHC).

After the lunch break, participants continued with *Fundamentals of Journalism* led by Nurul Hidayah, S.I.Kom., followed by an inspiring *Sharing Session* with Muhammad Aflahal Mukmin, a representative from STUVO Batch III, who shared his valuable experiences as a former volunteer.

In his statement, Dr. Khaeruddin reaffirmed that STUVO serves as a strategic platform to prepare students for global challenges. "We envision UNHAS students not merely as participants in international programs, but as active changemakers and outstanding representatives of Indonesia to the world," he remarked.

One of the highlights of the day was the sharing session with STUVO alumni, which offered participants firsthand insights into how volunteering experiences can bring positive impacts to the university, the community, and even international relations.



The event concluded with a reflection session, where STUVO Batch IV participants shared feedback and suggestions for future international programs under IO. The atmosphere at the closing was warm and full of enthusiasm, marking a renewed spirit among UNHAS young volunteers to continue contributing globally.

Through this program, UNHAS hopes to nurture a new generation of students who are adaptive, globally minded, and possess strong leadership values ready to build meaningful intercultural collaboration across borders.





FKM UNHAS STRENGTHENS GLOBAL COLLABORATION AT APACPH 2025 IN THAILAND



The Faculty of Public Health (FKM), Hasanuddin University UNHAS) actively participated in the 56th Asia-Pacific Academic Consortium for Public Health (APACPH) Conference 2025, held at Mae Fah Luang University, Chiang Rai, Thailand, from 4-7 November 2025. More than 100 participants from FKM UNHAS—including 23 lecturers, doctoral students, and young researchers—represented FKM UNHAS in the international forum, which brought together academics, researchers, and public health practitioners from across the Asia-Pacific region. Carrying the theme “Public Health Transformation: Resilience, Innovation, and Equity,” the conference served as a key platform for scientific exchange and collaborative development in addressing global health challenges.

Throughout the event, FKM UNHAS lecturers and doctoral students showcased a series of oral and poster presentations featuring their latest research across various strategic areas, including environmental health, disaster management, occupational safety and health, epidemiology, community resilience, coastal public health, hospital management and health system policy. Many studies presented were the result of national and international collaborative research, highlighting issues such as climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction—topics currently receiving global attention.

The participation of FKM UNHAS not only demonstrated academic contribution but also expanded opportunities for future collaboration with leading universities within the APACPH network, such as Mahidol University (Thailand), Yonsei University (South Korea), and the University of the Philippines. These discussions included prospects for joint publications, research partnerships, and student and staff exchange initiatives that will further strengthen global academic connectivity and enhance institutional research capacity.

The Dean of FKM UNHAS, Prof. Sukri Palutturi, SKM., M.Sc.PH., Ph.D., emphasized that attendance at APACPH is a strategic step in strengthening international academic reputation and expanding global scientific cooperation. He noted that participation in the conference aligns with UNHAS' commitment to achieving Indikator Kinerja Utama (IKU) or Key Performance Indicators and supports the university's vision of becoming a world-class institution. Prof. Sukri also highlighted that this engagement contributes to the implementation of several Sustainable Development Goals, including SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-being), SDG 4 (Quality Education), and SDG 17 (Partnerships for the Goals).

Supported administratively and financially by the university and faculty, the delegation's involvement affirms FKM UNHAS' role as a leading public health institution in Indonesia, actively contributing to global academic discourse and public health innovation. Their presence in Chiang Rai reflects a commitment not merely to attend but to play an active role in shaping the future of public health in a rapidly changing world.

Through research dissemination, network expansion, and academic diplomacy, FKM UNHAS continues to strengthen its presence on the international stage, affirming its dedication to global collaboration and advancing science that benefits local and global communities.





LEARNING BEYOND WORDS: UNHAS STUVO PROMOTES CULTURAL EXCHANGE THROUGH INDONESIAN CLASS



The International Office (IO) of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), through its Student Volunteers (STUVO), organized the Indonesian Class for International Students, Batch 2025, on 7 November 2025. The class serves as a complementary program to the *Bahasa Indonesia untuk Penutur Asing (BIPA)* or Indonesian Language for Non-Native Speakers course facilitated by the Language Services Unit of UNHAS.

This initiative, facilitated by the STUVO of IO, aims to provide international students with practical opportunities to apply what they have learned in the classroom and to enhance their communication skills in real-life contexts. By integrating language learning with cultural experiences, the program encourages students to engage confidently with local communities and to understand Indonesian culture from a more personal perspective.

This week's session was led by Zaky Muchdar, Andi Regina Putri, Fakhra Ayesha Tajrin, Andi Milhan, Zulfiqri Saputra Samsul, Rifhky Arishall, Nayla Wijayanti, Aqilah Putri, and Nadya Salsabila. The program was held at the International Housing (RAMSIS) and was fully managed by STUVO. The lessons covered prefixes, suffixes, senses, SPOK (Simple Sentence Structure), and conjunctions.

The materials presented were designed to be interactive, practical, and culturally relevant, focusing on everyday expressions and real-world situations. Participants learned not only modern standard Indonesian but also common Makassar dialect phrases, allowing them to appreciate the linguistic diversity and cultural nuances of their new environment.

Through this program, the STUVO of IO aims to build a supportive and inclusive atmosphere for international students, fostering stronger cross-cultural communication and deeper mutual understanding within the UNHAS community.





UNHAS DENTISTRY STUDENTS SHINE AS FINALISTS AT SEAADE-AIDITE SCEC 2025 TAIWAN



The SEA ADE-AIDITE Student Community Engagement Competition (SCEC) 2025 held from 7-9 November 2025 at the Taipei World Trade Centre, Taiwan. Muhammad Imran Taufiq and Anna Maria Ancilla Ningrum Elu, Faculty of Dentistry (FKG) Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) representatives proudly marked an outstanding achievement after successfully advancing to the final round in their first participation in this prestigious international event.

According to Imran and Anna, this Competition is part of the 36th South East Asia Association for Dental Education (SEA ADE) Annual Scientific Meeting as one of the distinguished platforms for students, researchers, and dental educators across Asia-Pacific region.

After a highly competitive selection process, the top 10 projects were chosen from 26 submissions representing Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Vietnam, Thailand, and Taiwan. The delegation from Faculty of Dentistry UNHAS was honored with the opportunity to present their project, titled: "One Dentist, One Family (ODOF): A local Wisdom-Based Dental Health Education Model for Children and the Elderly in South Sulawesi". Their project successfully secured a finalist position for their debut in this prestigious competition.

Imran and Anna shared that participating in the event was an extraordinary experience, not only as a competition but also a platform for learning and seeking future collaboration aimed at strengthening a community's oral health.



UNITING FOR CLIMATE RESILIENCE: FKM UNHAS HOSTS INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH FORUM



The Faculty of Public Health (FKM), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) reaffirmed its commitment to addressing global health challenges related to the climate crisis by organizing an International Guest Lecture titled *"Public Health in a Climate-Changing World: Rethinking Risk Across Species and Scales"* on Monday, November 10, 2025, in Makassar. The event was part of the commemoration of FKM UNHAS' 43rd anniversary and served as a strategic platform for strengthening international scientific networks. The session featured keynote speaker Prof. Dr. E.M. (Eileen) Moyer from the Department of Anthropology, University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands, a distinguished scholar known for her research linking health, ecology, and social justice.

The guest lecture was officially opened by Prof. Dr. Atjo Wahyu, S.KM., M.Kes., and Prof. Anwar Mallongi, S.KM., M.Sc.PH., Ph.D., who highlighted the need for interdisciplinary synergy in responding to the complex health impacts triggered by climate change. Support was also expressed by the Head of the Department of Epidemiology, Dr. Dian Sidik Arsyad, S.KM., M.KM., Ph.D., who emphasized that international academic forums such as this are vital for building global research collaboration and strengthening partnerships with European universities. He noted that the climate crisis demands integrated research efforts and strong policy alignment.

The Dean of FKM UNHAS, Prof. Sukri Palutturi, SKM., M.Kes., M.Sc.PH., Ph.D., stated that climate change has evolved into a multidimensional global challenge requiring cross-border cooperation. He affirmed that FKM UNHAS is committed to contributing through research, education, and advocacy grounded in scientific evidence. He also highlighted that the strengthening of global academic networks aligns with the institution's vision to take part in shaping future public health directions and to maintain its position as a progressive and globally connected academic institution.

The 90-minute discussion, moderated by Basir, S.KM., M.Sc., encouraged active participation from lecturers, students, and researchers who shared real experiences of climate-related public health issues across Indonesia. Topics discussed included increasing extreme temperatures, shifting rainfall patterns, rising cases of environment-based diseases such as dengue fever and diarrhea, and the growing threat posed by plastic pollution and microplastic exposure.

In her presentation, Prof. Eileen Moyer underscored that human health is inseparable from ecosystem health and urged participants to revisit public health through a cross-species ecological perspective. Participants concluded that collaborative international action, community-based research strengthening, and integrating environmental perspectives into national health policies are essential steps in mitigating the public health impacts of climate change. The guest lecture not only provided a platform for global knowledge exchange but also strengthened the role of FKM UNHAS as a center for innovation and partnership in sustainable public health development.



UNHAS HOSTS FIRST PRE-WORKSHOP FOR THE 2026 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON FLOURISHING HUMANITY, ADVANCING GLOBAL RESEARCH ON HUMAN WELL-BEING



Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) officially launched the first Pre-Workshop in preparation for the 2026 International Conference on Flourishing Humanity, marking the beginning of a three-stage workshop series leading toward the 24th International Conference on Indigenous Psychology. Organized by the Department of Psychology, Faculty of Medicine (FK), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), the workshop took place on 13–15 November 2025 at LPMPP UNHAS and the Senate Room of the Faculty of Medicine (FK), gathering scholars and academics committed to strengthening scientific understanding and fostering research collaboration ahead of next year's international forum.

The three-day workshop was led by Prof. Uichol Kim of Inha University, South Korea, a distinguished scholar in cross-cultural psychology and flourishing research. More than 60 academic participants attended, representing institutions such as Bosowa University, Universitas Negeri Makassar (UNM), Atma Jaya University, Universitas Surabaya (Ubaya), and Lembaga Administrasi Negara, along with academic representatives from UNHAS including the Department of Psychology as host, the Faculty of Public Health (FKM), and the Faculty of Social and Political Sciences (FISIP).

The workshop opened with a discussion on the scientific significance of flourishing research, grounded in findings from the Global Flourishing Study, a major international project led by Harvard University. The longitudinal study involved 200,000 participants across 22 countries using nationally representative samples and annual data collection across five waves. It measured indicators such as happiness and life satisfaction, meaning and purpose, mental and physical health, character and virtue, quality of social relationships, and financial and material stability. Remarkably, Indonesia ranked highest among all participating countries including Argentina, Australia, Brazil, China (Hong Kong), Egypt, Germany, India, Israel, Japan, Kenya, Mexico, Nigeria, the Philippines, Poland, Turkey, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Tanzania, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

These findings highlight a compelling paradox: although Indonesia does not lead in objective socioeconomic factors such as income, social protection, and infrastructure, it consistently demonstrates the highest levels of human flourishing. This raises a powerful scientific inquiry regarding the psychological, cultural, and social mechanisms that enable such flourishing, positioning Indonesia as a critical case in global flourishing research and reinforcing the importance of the workshop as an initial step toward uncovering these dynamics.



Throughout the discussions, Prof. Kim facilitated intensive academic exchange, guiding participants in conceptual and methodological development related to themes of flourishing and well-being, stress and depression, and leadership and work values. These themes were designed to bridge personal, interpersonal, and organizational dimensions of well-being, encouraging research ideas that are both theoretically grounded and contextually relevant.

To support continuity and strengthen preparation toward the 2026 international conference, the organizing committee announced two upcoming workshops: a Data Analysis Workshop in January 2026 focusing on statistical and computational approaches, and a Publication Preparation Workshop in June 2026 to guide participants in producing manuscripts suitable for reputable international journals. The program concluded with a shared commitment among participating institutions to collaborate in building a solid scientific foundation for the International Conference on Flourishing Humanity, scheduled for November 2026. This initiative marks an important milestone in advancing global understanding of flourishing, with Indonesia positioned as a central contributor to the emerging research landscape. Stay tuned and join our next workshop and international conference.



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