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ADVANCING INTERNATIONAL MOBILITY: IO UNHAS COORDINATES ERASMUS PROGRAM PREPARATION



The International Office (IO) of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) recently held a coordination meeting to follow up on a letter from Erasmus concerning the mobility program for lecturers, administrative staff, and students. The meeting took place on Wednesday, 26 November 2025 at the PAIR Meeting Room.

The session was opened by the Head of IO, Andi Masyitha Irwan, Ph.D, and attended by all IO team members including Dra. Harniaty, Muhammad Ridwan, M.A., Haniek Khoirunnissa, M.Sc. Saaduddin, Ph.D., Khaeruddin, Ph.D., Nasrah, M.Hum., Kumara Tungga Dewa, S.S., Risti Juliani., Anugerah, S.I.Kom., and Erizal Zafhran Muyasasar, S.I.Kom. In her remarks, she encouraged the participants to thoroughly review and understand the guidelines and requirements of the Erasmus program in order to maximize participation opportunities.

The discussion concluded with several action points, including the completion of required templates and documents to be proposed to Erasmus. The team is now preparing the necessary materials to proceed with the application process.



THE HEALTH RESEARCH ETHICS COMMITTEE OF FACULTY OF DENTISTRY-UNHAS DENTAL HOSPITAL RECEIVED INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION FROM SIDCER-FERCAP



Komite Etik Penelitian Kesehatan (KPEK) or the Health Research Ethics Committee of the Faculty of Dentistry (FKG)-Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) Dental Hospital has officially received international recognition from the Forum for Ethical Review Committees in Asia and the Western Pacific (FERCAP). The certificate was personally received by the Chair of KEPK, Erni Marlina, drg., Ph.D., Sp.PM., Subsp.Inf.Im (K) together with the Secretary, Muhammad Ikbal, drg., Ph.D., Sp.Pros., Subsp.PKIKG (K) during the FERCAP Recognition Ceremony as part of the FERCAP Annual International Conference held from 23 to 26 November 2025 at the Eastin Grand Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand.

This recognition affirms that KEPK FKG-Rumah Sakit Gigi dan Mulut (RSGM) or Dental Hospital of UNHAS has met the international standards for ethical review of health research in accordance with the WMA Declaration of Helsinki, the WHO Standards and Operational Guidance for Ethics Review, and International Council for Harmonization (ICH)-Good Clinical Practice (GCP) Guidelines. This achievement strengthens the position of FKG-RSGM UNHAS as an institution committed to scientific research integrity and ethical research practice.

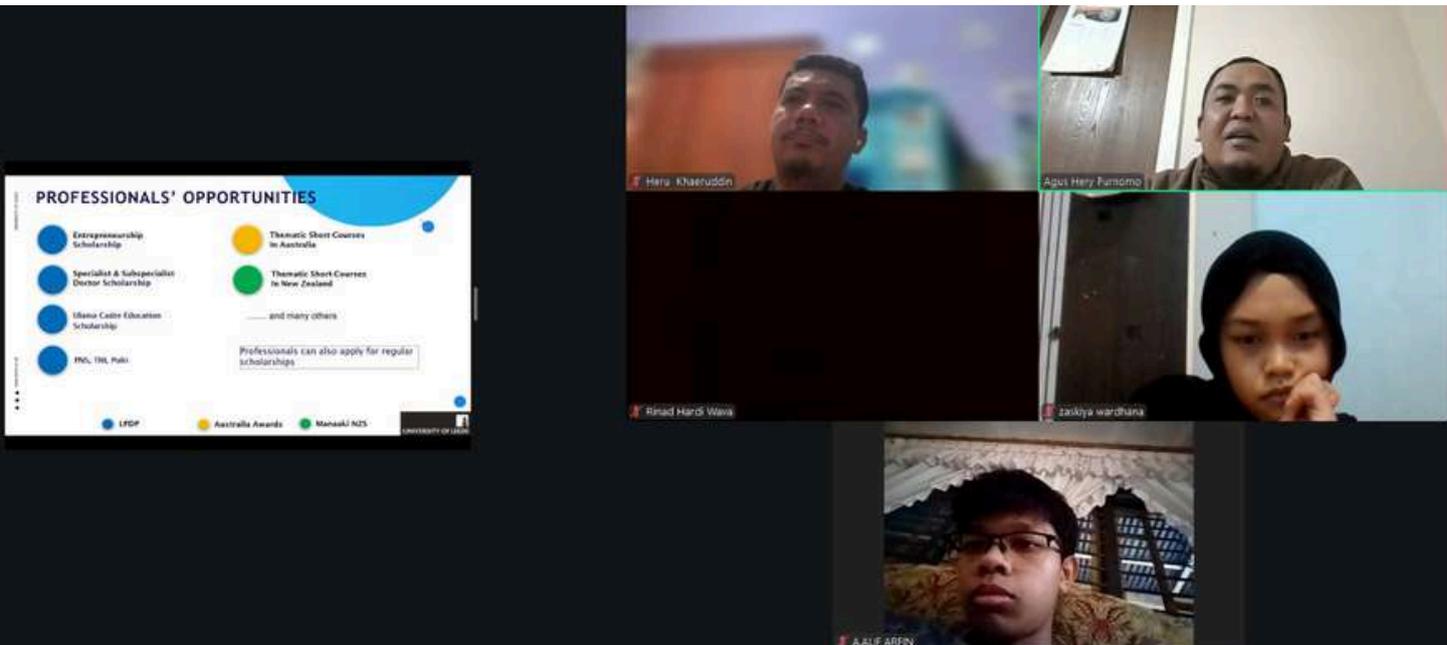
The Chair of KEPK expressed gratitude for the achievement and highlighted the dedication of all Committee members as well as the strong support from Faculty of Dentistry and UNHAS Dental Hospital. In line, the Secretary of KEPK stated that this recognition is a source of motivation to continue improving capacity and Quality by Design through ethics training for researchers, highlighting that the FERCAP recognition is not the end, but the beginning of the greater responsibility.

The Dean of FKG UUNHAS, Irfan Sugianto, drg., M.Med.Ed., Ph.D., Sp.RKG and the Director of RSGMP UNHAS, Dr. Andi Tajrin, drg., M.Kes., Sp.BM.M., Subsp.C.O.M. (K) expressed their appreciation, stating that this recognition enhances institutional reputation and confidence among international research partners as currently, only two dental faculty in Indonesia hold the FERCAP recognition. Moreover, the RSGMP UNHAS became the first teaching hospital with the recognition in Indonesia.

It is hoped that this milestone will pave the way for broader opportunities in ethical international research collaboration and strengthen the responsibility in academic research.



FRIDAY OUTBOUND CLINIC “BUILDING A SCHOLARSHIP CAREER : LESSON FROM THE PROFESSIONAL”



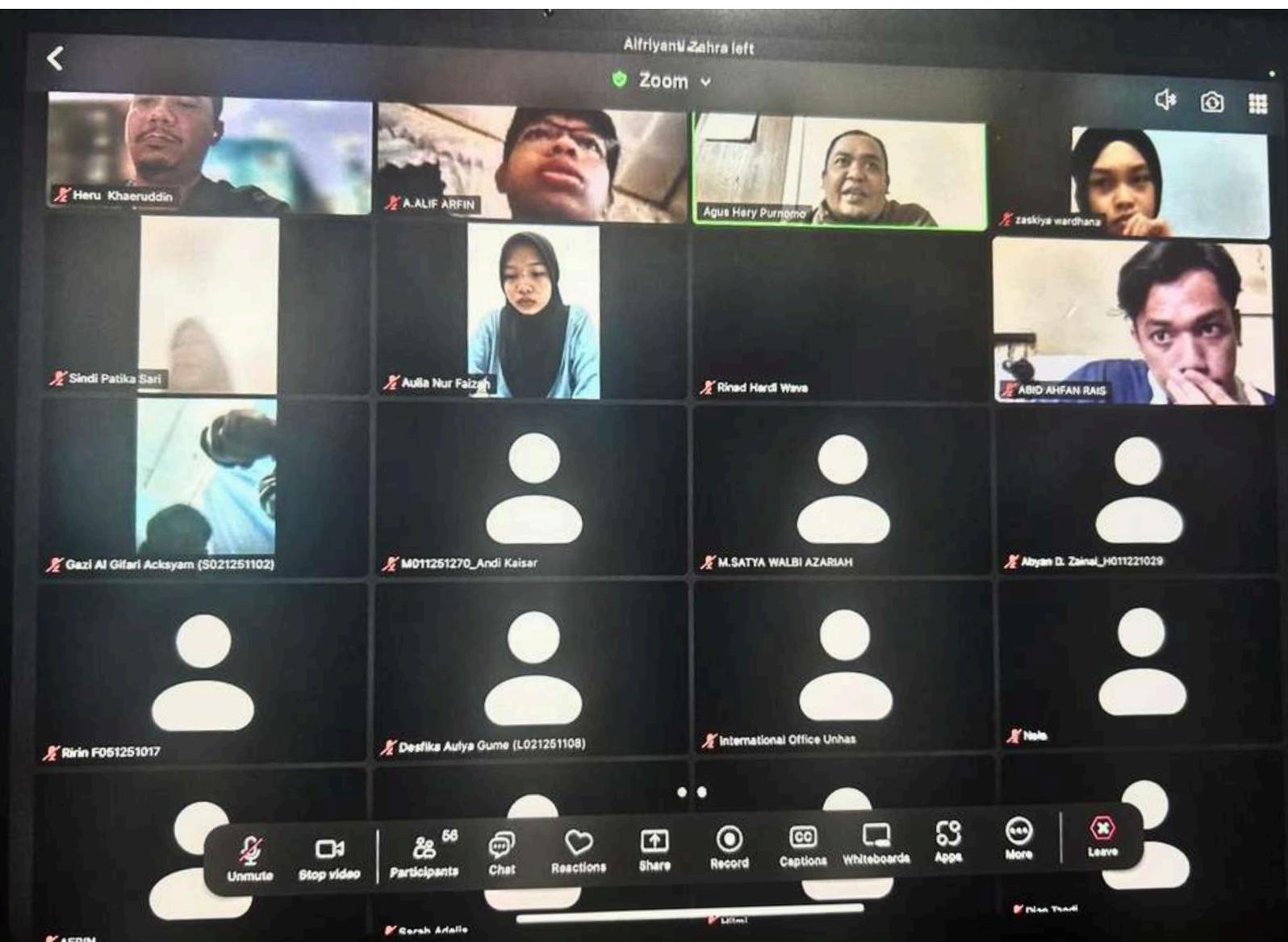
The International Office (IO) of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) successfully held another insightful session of the Friday Outbound Clinic on 28 November 2025, featuring Agus Hery Purnomo, ST., M.DisResDev., a PhD candidate at the School of Earth and Environment, University of Leeds, United Kingdom. In his presentation titled *“Building a Scholarship Career,”* Agus delivered an in-depth and inspiring discussion on scholarship preparation, challenges in Indonesia’s education system, and practical strategies for candidates aiming to pursue international study.

Agus opened the session by addressing the broader context of education in Indonesia. He highlighted several ongoing challenges such as uneven education quality, limited infrastructure, and issues related to teachers’ and lecturers’ welfare. Despite these obstacles, he emphasized that opportunities for Indonesian students are rapidly expanding. Leading universities worldwide now view Indonesia not only as a promising academic market but also as a strategic partner, resulting in more open doors for scholarship seekers.

Drawing from the latest trends and data, Agus provided an overview of major scholarship schemes available to Indonesians, including Lembaga Pengelola Dana Pendidikan (LPDP) or Indonesia Endowment Fund for Education Agency, Australia Awards, Manaaki New Zealand Scholarships, and various thematic short courses. He noted that competition has intensified each year, with the number of applicants increasing and passing thresholds—such as LPDP’s academic score requirements—becoming more demanding. This growing competition, he stressed, requires applicants to prepare more strategically and systematically.

Agus then explained the general phases of scholarship selection, which typically begin with administrative screening before progressing into academic tests, panel interviews, and eventually meeting specific university requirements. While each scholarship may differ slightly, he encouraged participants to familiarize themselves with all stages well in advance to avoid unexpected hurdles. A key focus of Agus's talk centered on what applicants must do before entering the "scholarship fight." He urged participants to study scholarship requirements thoroughly, set clear personal targets, and create or join supportive learning environments that encourage consistent academic improvement. According to him, mock interviews, academic exercises, and regular practice are essential, particularly because many applicants fail not due to lack of capability but rather because of insufficient English proficiency scores. He also addressed the current trend in which LPDP increasingly prioritizes Science Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) fields. For applicants from non-STEM backgrounds, he suggested constructing study plans that connect meaningfully to STEM-related issues in order to remain competitive.

In addition, Agus spoke directly to professionals pursuing scholarship paths. He highlighted the importance of strengthening academic writing, public speaking, time management, critical thinking, and research methodology skills. He encouraged professionals to be proactive in networking by reaching out to potential supervisors, fellow researchers, and university communities. This type of early engagement, he explained, can significantly strengthen scholarship applications and research proposals.



For those planning to pursue research-based degrees, Agus provided further guidance on crafting a strong study plan. Applicants should develop clear research objectives, identify meaningful research gaps, and articulate methodological approaches that align with available expertise at target universities. He recommended that prospective students regularly visit university websites to explore active research themes, available supervisors, and campus facilities to ensure their proposals align with institutional priorities. Before concluding, Agus also offered practical insights into academic and daily life in the United Kingdom. He described the diversity of English accents that may initially pose communication challenges, the more relaxed yet direct relationship between lecturers and students, and the UK's strong emphasis on work-life balance. He also noted that deep, independent learning is at the core of academic culture in the UK, making adaptability and self-discipline essential for success.

The session was moderated by Khaeruddin, Ph.D., from the IO Taskforce and brought together approximately 60 participants on Zoom, including students, staff, alumni, and members of the public. The active engagement throughout the discussion reflected the continuing enthusiasm of the UNHAS community to pursue international study opportunities. The Friday Outbound Clinic remains a flagship program of IO, designed to equip participants with knowledge, strategies, and motivation to explore global academic pathways. By featuring experienced scholars like Agus Hery Purnomo, the program continues to strengthen the international outlook and preparedness of the UNHAS academic community.

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SIT STUDY ABROAD EXPLORES TORAJA CULTURE AND GENDER ROLES THROUGH LECTURE IN MAKASSAR



Makassar, 25 November 2025 — School for International Training (SIT) Study Abroad, through the program International Honor Programs (IHP) Death & Dying: Perspectives, Practices & Policies, once again held an academic activity in Makassar featuring cultural researcher and Tourism Lecturer at Faculty of Cultural Sciences (FIB), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), Dr. Dirk Sandarupa, M.Hum., MCE, as the keynote speaker. The event took place at Hotel Ibis Makassar and was attended by international students from various countries.

During a lecture titled “Caste and Gender Roles in Toraja Society,” Dr. Dirk provided an in-depth explanation of the social structure of the Toraja community, caste perspectives within death rituals, and the transformation of gender roles in both domestic and ceremonial spheres. This session was an essential component in understanding the relationship between culture, death, and social dynamics within Indigenous communities in Indonesia.

The activity was led by I Made Yudiana, the Country Coordinator for the IHP Death & Dying Program, who expressed appreciation for Dr. Dirk’s academic contribution in broadening the students’ perspectives. He emphasized that local insights delivered by Indonesian cultural experts are crucial for building a more comprehensive understanding among international participants. The program implementation in Makassar was supported by Fadil Muhammad, S.Kel., M.Sc, a lecturer at Makassar State University (UNM), who served as the Program Coordinator for SIT in Makassar, ensuring the agenda ran smoothly and met international academic standards.

The lecture was moderated by Professor Dilpreet Singh, one of the core faculty members in the IHP program, known for his expertise in death studies, global health, and comparative cultures. With an engaging and interactive moderating approach, Prof. Singh facilitated productive dialogue between the speaker and the students.

SIT Study Abroad recognized this lecture as one of the most valuable sessions within the cultural exploration activities in Indonesia. Through Dr. Dirk's presentation, international participants gained deeper insights into the Toraja worldview of life and death, social symbolism, and gender dynamics within customary laws. "This session opened up a new perspective for us on how the Toraja community views life, death, family, and gender within their traditional context," stated one of the participants.

The event further strengthened academic collaboration between SIT and universities in South Sulawesi, such as UNM and UNHAS, while promoting Indonesian cultural diversity to the international community through scientific approaches and cross-cultural dialogue.





MPA UNHAS STRENGTHENS ACADEMIC COLLABORATION THROUGH INTERNATIONAL COLLOQUIUM ON POLICY AND GOVERNANCE AT USM PENANG



The Master of Public Administration (MPA) Study Program, Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), organized the *International Colloquium on Policy and Governance* at the School of Social Science, Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM), Penang on 24 November 2025. The academic forum was warmly welcomed by Dr. Ajrun Khalid, Coordinator of the Master of Public Administration (MPA), School of Social Science USM, accompanied by Prof. Kamaruzzaman bin Askandar, Dr. Muhammad Febriansyah, and MPA students from USM.

The event began with welcoming remarks from Dr. Ajrun Khalid, who expressed his appreciation to the MPA UNHAS delegation for the ongoing academic collaboration between the two institutions. The program then proceeded with the International Colloquium on Policy and Governance featuring research presentations by MAP UNHAS students. In this session, Maryam N. Aziza Latief and M. Akbar Hasyim presented their research titled *“Evaluating PT Vale Indonesia’s CSR Initiatives in Strengthening MSME Development in East Luwu Regency.”* This was followed by a presentation by Buli and Andi Mujahid M.Q on the topic *“Analyzing Public Value in the Implementation of the Legislative Functions of the Mamasa Regency Parliament.”*

Following the student presentations, the academic session continued with a lecture delivered by Nuralamsyah Ismail, S.Sos., MA, a lecturer in Public Administration at FISIP UNHAS, who presented *“Environmental Governance in Maritime Area: An Empirical Analysis on Community-Based Tourism Organization in Indonesia.”* The entire series of activities proceeded interactively through a discussion session involving USM MPA students and the faculty members of the School of Social Science, highlighting contemporary public policy challenges in Indonesia and Malaysia as well as potential future collaborative research.

The MPA UNHAS delegation was led by Prof. Dr. Gita Susanti, M.Si, Head of the Master of Public Administration Program, accompanied by faculty members: Prof. Dr. Badu Ahmad, M.Si, Dr. Amri Hans, M.Si, Drs. Lutfi Atmansyah, MA, Andi Ahmad Yani, M.Si, MPA, M.Sc, Irma Arianti Arif, M.Si, and Nuralamsyah Ismail, MA.

In her remarks, Prof. Dr. Gita Susanti, M.Si emphasized that this activity is part of MPA UNHAS' commitment as a FIBAA internationally accredited study program to strengthen internationalization and advance academic quality. She stated that such collaboration represents a concrete implementation of practice-based learning and global research engagement. She further explained that this agenda is part of the learning process for the Comparative Public Administration course, designed to broaden students' perspectives on public policy practices and governance across countries.

The program concluded with the presentation of future collaboration plans between UNHAS and USM, including the organization of joint international conferences and the initiation of collaborative research projects. This academic forum serves as a strategic step for MPA UNHAS in expanding international networks, building a global reputation, and enhancing academic contributions in the field of public policy and society.





INTERNATIONAL GUEST LECTURE HIGHLIGHTS POLICY PERCEPTION AND GOVERNANCE DYNAMICS IN TERENGGANU, MALAYSIA



The Faculty of Social and Political Sciences (FISIP), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), held an international guest lecture featuring Dr. Phil. Nor Azura A. Rahman from the School of International Studies, Universiti Utara Malaysia on 18 November 2025. The event, which took place at the Prof. Syukur Abdullah Auditorium, carried the theme "Perception and Support of Public Servants in the State of Terengganu toward the Terengganu State Government."

Dr. Nor Azura, in her presentation, shared extensive research findings on the perceptions, support levels, and factors influencing civil servants (penjawat awam) in Terengganu regarding the implementation of the state government's policies. The data presented forms part of a broader field study conducted with a team of researchers. These research findings are Firstly, high confidence in state leadership: There is a strong trust in the integrity and credibility of the Menteri Besar and EXCO from the respondents who are civil servants. It can be seen on the highest score of leadership perception among all indicator's measurements. Secondly, positive acceptance of state policies: Most respondents have a positive perception on the state's major policies that contribute to increasing public welfare, transparency, and communication with citizens of Trengganu state.

However, in terms of implementation level, the research identifies several obstacles in policy execution, including limited resources, time constraints, insufficient training, and external interference. The effectiveness of policy implementation should be supported not only by good design but also readiness of institutions. Then, research also finds that respondents have a lack of understanding of the Terengganu Sejahtera Master Plan (PITAS2030). The underscoring demands an improvement in communication across government organizations. Finally, the survey also showed the gaps perception across organizations such as federal agencies and government-linked companies (GLCS). Therefore, it is suggested the better inter-agency alignment in policy implementation.

The participants of the general stadium consisting of FISIP students and lecturers were enlightened on the dynamics of leadership and the relationship between civil servants and the government in Malaysia. At the same time, it is also a comparative study of the political system that prevails in Indonesia and Malaysia in the context of government, bureaucracy and the attachment of their citizens. This activity is a form of Fisip's commitment to strengthen the international cooperation network which will bring its academic community to enrich understanding of current governance issues that occur in fellow ASEAN member countries. Guided by Nuvida Raf, some audience delivered their curiosities to aspects of the survey indicators such as gender issues that could influence the differences respondents' views on policy of Malaysian government.



UNHAS PARTICIPATES IN THE 9TH SUSTAIN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE AT KYOTO UNIVERSITY, JAPAN



Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) proudly took part in The 9th SUSTAIN (Sustainable Future for Human Security) International Conference, held on 18 November 2025 at Kyoto University, Japan. This prestigious annual event brought together global experts, scholars, and practitioners to discuss advancing knowledge and solutions in the field of human security and sustainability.

A delegation of approximately 30 participants from UNHAS, consisting of academic staff, researchers, and student presenters, actively contributed to the conference sessions. Their participation reflects UNHAS' growing international presence and commitment to promoting research excellence on the global stage.

One of the main highlights of this year's conference was the inclusion of Prof. Suharman Hamzah, a distinguished expert from UNHAS, as one of the *key distinguished speakers*. Prof. Suharman, widely recognized for his expertise in sustainable and resilient infrastructure, delivered an insightful plenary talk titled: "Incorporating Infrastructure Asset Management with Human Security Engineering for Sustainable and Resilient Infrastructure."

In his presentation, Prof. Suharman elaborated on the strategic integration of infrastructure asset management with human security engineering—a multidisciplinary approach that emphasizes human well-being, safety, and long-term sustainability. He highlighted the importance of designing and managing infrastructure systems that are not only technically robust but also socio-environmentally resilient in the face of increasing global challenges. His session received strong interest from participants, fostering discussions on innovative policy frameworks, engineering approaches, and collaborative research opportunities.

The active participation of the Unhas delegation in SUSTAIN 2025 strengthens the university's role in international academic collaboration and demonstrates its continued commitment to contributing solutions for a sustainable and secure global future.



UNHAS PREPARES TO LAUNCH ARABIC LANGUAGE AND MIDDLE EASTERN STUDIES CENTER



The Directorate of Partnership held a Focus Group Discussion (FGD) regarding the official opening of the Center for Arabic Language and Middle Eastern Studies at Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) on Thursday, 27 November 2025, from 5:00 PM until the end of the session. The event took place at the Vice Rector IV Meeting Room, 6th Floor, Rectorate Building.

In his opening remarks, Prof. Dr. Ing. Adi Maulana, S.T., M.Phil, widely known as Prof. Adi, emphasized that the development of the Center has reached 80% completion. He also stated that the personnel structure involved in managing the Center has been identified, and for the time being, the Center remains under his direct supervision. Prof. Adi added that in the future, the Center will offer Arabic language courses not only for the UNHAS academic community but also for the general public in Makassar.

Participants of the FGD included Ansariadi, Ph.D. (Director of Partnership), Haeruddin, M.A. (Head of Arabic Language Study Program), Muhammad Ridwan, M.A. (Secretary of the International Office), and Fadlan Ahmad, M.Si (Head of Center). Also in attendance were Prof. Dr. Ir. Ahmad Munir, M.Eng., Ir. Masyhur Syafiuddin, representatives of the UNHAS Ikhtiar Mosque Management, and the Imam of UNHAS Mosque.

During the discussion, Mr. Ansariadi shared that Prof. Nahla, Advisor to the President of Al Azhar University, Egypt, is scheduled to visit UNHAS in early February next year to officially launch the Center. As known, the establishment of the Center is part of the collaboration between UNHAS and Al Azhar University. He further explained that the Center will serve as a Training Hub for Arabic Language Teaching, aiming to achieve international accreditation while expanding research funding opportunities with universities across the Middle East.

Mr. Ansariadi also highlighted that the Indonesian Embassy in Riyadh has released a list of Saudi Arabian universities interested in establishing cooperation and collaboration with Indonesian universities. The FGD concluded shortly before Maghrib prayer with great expectations that the Center will operate smoothly and achieve long-term success.



DRIVING SOLUTIONS THROUGH HEALTH LITERACY: FKM UNHAS PRESENTS AT AHLA 2025



In the inevitable world of academic activities, a nation's intellectual capacity is tested through its contribution to international scientific discourse. Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), through the Faculty of Public Health (FKM), has once again affirmed its strategic position in the regional and global knowledge map, particularly in Literacy, one of the crucial issues in Health. FKM UNHAS is actively participating in the 11th Asian Health Literacy Association (AHLA) Conference, held in Taichung, Taiwan. This conference serves as a barometer for the development of health literacy concepts and applications, brings together academics, researchers, and practitioners from a wide geographical spectrum, covering countries in Asia and Europe.

UNHAS's participation in the 11th AHLA Conference is not merely a symbolic presence, but a tangible demonstration of the depth of research relevant to contemporary health challenges at the local, national, and global levels. The UNHAS delegation, consisting of three lecturers and ten students from the Master of Public Health Study Program and the Doctor of Public Health Study Program. Three articles were accepted for presentation in the Plenary Session highlighting the recognition of the significance of FKM UNHAS's research findings. Prof. Dr. dr. Suriah, SKM, M.Kes, presented her research entitled 'Health Literacy to Stimulate the Intention of Prospective Brides in Stunting Prevention'. This work is crucial for Indonesia, which is striving to achieve its national stunting prevalence reduction target. By focusing on the health literacy of prospective mothers, this research offers strategic upstream interventions, in line with Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 3.2 (end all forms of malnutrition).

Meanwhile, Dr. Shanti Riskiyani, SKM, M.Kes, presented the results of her study, 'HIV Literacy and Social Support among High-risk Groups in Makassar'. This presentation highlighted the importance of comprehensive understanding of HIV/AIDS among high-risk groups. This research not only contributes to epidemic control efforts in Makassar and Indonesia but also enriches the global discourse on the interaction between health literacy, social support, and adherence to HIV treatment/prevention.

Another presenter was Nurhaya Nurdin, a PhD student in Public Health, who contributed a systematic literature review (Scoping Review) entitled 'A Scoping Review of Health Literacy Intervention for Informal Dementia Caregivers in Low and Middle Income Countries'. This review has significant implications for the international community, particularly in low and middle-income countries (LMICs). With the global ageing population, the burden of informal dementia care has become an urgent issue. Adequate health literacy for informal caregivers is a key factor in improving the quality of care provided to people with dementia. One additional article was presented through a Poster Presentation, complementing the academic contribution of FKM UNHAS.

The conference took place from 24 to 25 November 2025 at Chung Shan Medical University Hospital in Taichung. FKM UNHAS's active participation in this forum strengthened international networking, opened up opportunities for cross-border research collaboration, and ensured that the curriculum and research direction at UNHAS remained relevant to global health challenges. For UNHAS, this contribution raises its international academic reputation index and strengthens its recognition as a World Class University whose research is oriented towards solutions to complex social issues. For Indonesia, the presented research can form the basis for more effective evidence-based health policies, particularly in mitigating stunting and infectious diseases.

Ultimately, this active involvement reflects the philosophy that improving health literacy is a civic imperative, where individuals' ability to access, understand, evaluate, and apply health information effectively is an essential foundation for a resilient and competitive international community.



ENHANCING CULTURAL AND LANGUAGE SKILLS: UNHAS CONCLUDES INDONESIAN CLASS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS 2025



The International Office (IO) of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), through its Student Volunteers (STUVO), successfully organized the Indonesian Class for International Students, Batch 2025, on 28 November 2025. The program serves as a complementary learning platform to the *Bahasa Indonesia untuk Penutur Asing (BIPA)* course facilitated by the UNHAS Language Services Unit. This session marked the seventh and final class of the 2025 series.

Designed to strengthen practical language skills, the initiative provides international students with real opportunities to apply Indonesian in everyday interactions. By combining language learning with cultural engagement, the program encourages students to communicate confidently in social settings while gaining a deeper understanding of Indonesian culture from lived experiences and local perspectives.

This week's class was led by Muh Anugerah, S.I.Kom., staff of IO UNHAS, and supported by STUVO members Zulfiqri Saputra Samsul, Bashar Alatrash, Nayla Wijayanti, Aqilah Putri, Nadya Salsabila, Andi Milhan, Muammar Khadafi, and Rifkhy Arishall, who contributed actively to the preparation and facilitation of the session. Held at International Housing (RAMSIS), the agenda included a review of previous lessons, a post-test, and a sharing session in which participants reflected on their experiences throughout the seven-week program.

Interactive, practical, and culturally relevant lesson materials emphasized everyday expressions and real-world contexts. Participants were also introduced to common phrases from the Makassar dialect, enabling them to appreciate the linguistic diversity and cultural richness of their surrounding environment.

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



FEB UNHAS CO-HOSTS ICAME-X WITH MSU MALAYSIA: 400 AUTHORS JOIN A SHARED MISSION



Faculty of Economics and Business (FEB), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) and Management & Science University (MSU) successfully held the 10th International Conference on Accounting, Management, and Economics (ICAME-X) from 20 to 21 November 2025. The two-day event featured plenary sessions and parallel presentations under the theme “Trade Wars, Governance, and Blue-Green Economy: Pathways to Sustainability.”

ICAME-X Chairperson Rianda Ridho Hafizh Thaha, MBA, emphasized that this year’s co-hosting with MSU aims to strengthen academic collaboration. More than 400 authors participated, presenting papers for potential publication in international indexed journals and proceedings.

The conference opened at MSU with greetings from MSU Vice President of Research, Ybhg. Prof. Dr. Norfilza Mohd Mokhtar, highlighted the importance of research that supports policy and sustainability. Followed by the Rector of UNHAS, Prof. Dr. Ir. Jamaluddin Jompa, M.Sc, and the Dean of FEB UNHAS, Prof. Dr. Mursalim Nohong, SE, M.Si.

Plenary contributions from leading scholars set the tone for the conference, including (among others): Assoc. Prof. Bella Butler (Curtin University Perth, Australia), Prof. Dr. Lau Teck Chai (XJTLU Entrepreneur College Taicang, China), Assoc. Prof. Michael Cheah (Fordham University New York, US), Fitra Roman Cahaya, Ph.D. (University of Essex, UK), Prof. Dato' Dr. Mahmoud Kh. Mahmoud Al Msafir (University of Baghdad, Iraq), Prof. Dr. Zunirah Mohd Talib (MSU, Malaysia), and Prof. Dr. Ahmad Rajafi (IAIN, Manado). The sessions were facilitated by an experienced moderation team—Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hazlina, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Aza Azlina, both from MSU and Rakhmat Nurul Prima, S.E., M.Sc from FEB Unhas—ensuring focused discussion and audience engagement.

The afternoon transitioned to parallel sessions that began the presentation program for more than 100 authors, spanning completed studies, work-in-progress, and conceptual papers.

On day two, the conference expanded its parallel streams, continuing presentations by 380+ authors across accounting, management, and economics. Papers explored policy-relevant analyses of trade tensions and CBAM readiness, governance and transparency in organizations, digitalization for resilient business models, and blue-green pathways for sustainable supply chains and coastal economies.

The conference closed with acknowledgements to speakers, moderators, reviewers, and organizing committees from MSU and Unhas, reaffirming the event's role as a regional platform that links scholarship, policy, and practice.







LEARNING AMID THE KARST: EXPERIENCES OF CHINESE STUDENTS WITH *RUMAH BELAJAR ANAK SUNGAI*



Rammang-Rammang, a renowned karst region in Maros Regency, served as the field trip destination for a group of Chinese students currently studying in the Department of Indonesian Literature on Saturday, 29 November 2025. The activity was originally designed to explore the karst landscape and the social dynamics of the local community, but it developed into a much more meaningful learning experience. Accompanying the students were lecturers such as Dr. Muslimat, M.Hum. (Head of Indonesian Literature Study Program) and Dr. Indarwati, S.S., M.Hum (Secretary of Indonesian Literature Study Program) and were assisted by the student volunteers including Ipah Bahya, S.S., M.A. and Anita Damayanti, S.S., M.A.

Upon arriving in Salenrang Village, the group visited *Rumah Belajar Anak Sungai*, a community education center pioneered by Muhammar Ikhwan, also known as Iwan Bento. The center has long functioned as a learning and empowerment space for children and local residents through non-formal education programs integrating social, cultural, and environmental aspects. The students joining the event were Yang Yujie, Ge Huijie, Fang Min, Chen GUO, Li Yuxin, Chen Hong, Wu Suyan, Xu Xinlei, Sun Jingyuan, Jing Chunlu, Cui Xinyue, Ding Ruixin, Shen Yiang.

The students observed a variety of activities, including dance classes, Qur'an recitation, environmental discussions, and life skills development through English lessons and craft training. One program that particularly captured their interest was women's empowerment through the creation of recycled crafts from plastic packaging waste, which are functional and support household income.

The students participated directly in the process of making bags, table mats, and tissue holders from used plastic wrappers. Warm interactions occurred despite language barriers, and they expressed great appreciation for the community's creativity in transforming waste into valuable products, showcasing perseverance and strong commitment to community empowerment.

Through this visit, the students gained new insights into how community-based education and consistent small actions can drive social change. The field experience became a valuable lesson on cultural collaboration, creativity, and sustainability—surpassing the boundaries of a traditional classroom setting.



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