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PUBLIC SERVANTS' SUPPORT TOWARD STATE GOVERNANCE IN TERENGGANU: FINDINGS FROM AN INTERNATIONAL GUEST LECTURE



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 Tuesday, 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 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.



INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON GNSS FEATURES ASSISTANT PROFESSOR FROM NTU AT GEOPHYSICS UNHAS



The Department of Geophysics, Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences (MIPA), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), organized an International Workshop titled *"Introduction to GNSS and Its Application"* on Tuesday 2 December 2025. The event featured Lujia Feng, an Assistant Professor from the Earth Observatory of Singapore, Nanyang Technological University (EOS-NTU), as the main speaker, and was moderated by Muhammad Taufiq Rafie, an Assistant Professor from the Department of Geophysics.

The workshop provided an in-depth introduction to the Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS), covering fundamental concepts, types of data generated, instrumentation, and examples of its current applications in Earth science. The program consisted of two 45-minute sessions, focusing on the basics of GNSS and its applications in monitoring Earth's surface dynamics.

In her presentation, Lujia Feng emphasized that GNSS data play a crucial role in precisely monitoring tectonic plate motion through measurements of relative positional changes with respect to satellites. Such data also serve as an essential basis for studying potential earthquake sources and supporting geological disaster mitigation.

The workshop was attended by 76 participants, including undergraduate and graduate students, as well as alumni of the Department of Geophysics. Participant enthusiasm was evident from the number of questions raised, particularly regarding opportunities for GNSS research development in Indonesia and its application in geological hazard mitigation.

Through this activity, the Department of Geophysics aims to advance the fields of geodesy and geodynamics within the academic community while opening opportunities to enhance research capacity through collaboration with global institutions such as NTU Singapore.



THREE LECTURERS FROM FIKP UNHAS PRESENT AT THE SUSTAIN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 2025 AT KYOTO UNIVERSITY, JAPAN



The 9th International Conference on Sustainable Future for Human Security (SUSTAIN 2025) was held on 18 November 2025 at Inamori Hall, Kyoto University, Japan, through a collaboration between Kyoto University and the Indonesian Student Association (PPI) Kyoto. The conference brought together researchers, academics, and practitioners from various countries to discuss innovations and solutions related to sustainability and human security issues. The event featured an opening session, plenary presentations, parallel sessions, and networking opportunities for participants.

Three lecturers from the Faculty of Marine Science and Fisheries (FIKP), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), participated as presenters, namely Prof. Shinta Werorilangi with a presentation entitled From Rivers to Estuaries: Plastic Waste Transport and Dispersion Mechanisms, Andi Alya Yusriyyah, M.Sc., with Bibliometric Analysis on the Potential of Marine Bacteria for Sustainable Plastic Biodegradation from 2010 to 2024, and Zabhika Dinda Istnaeni, M.Sc., with Integrating Remote Sensing and Fishery Data to Characterize Grouper Fishing Grounds in Spermonde Island, Indonesia.

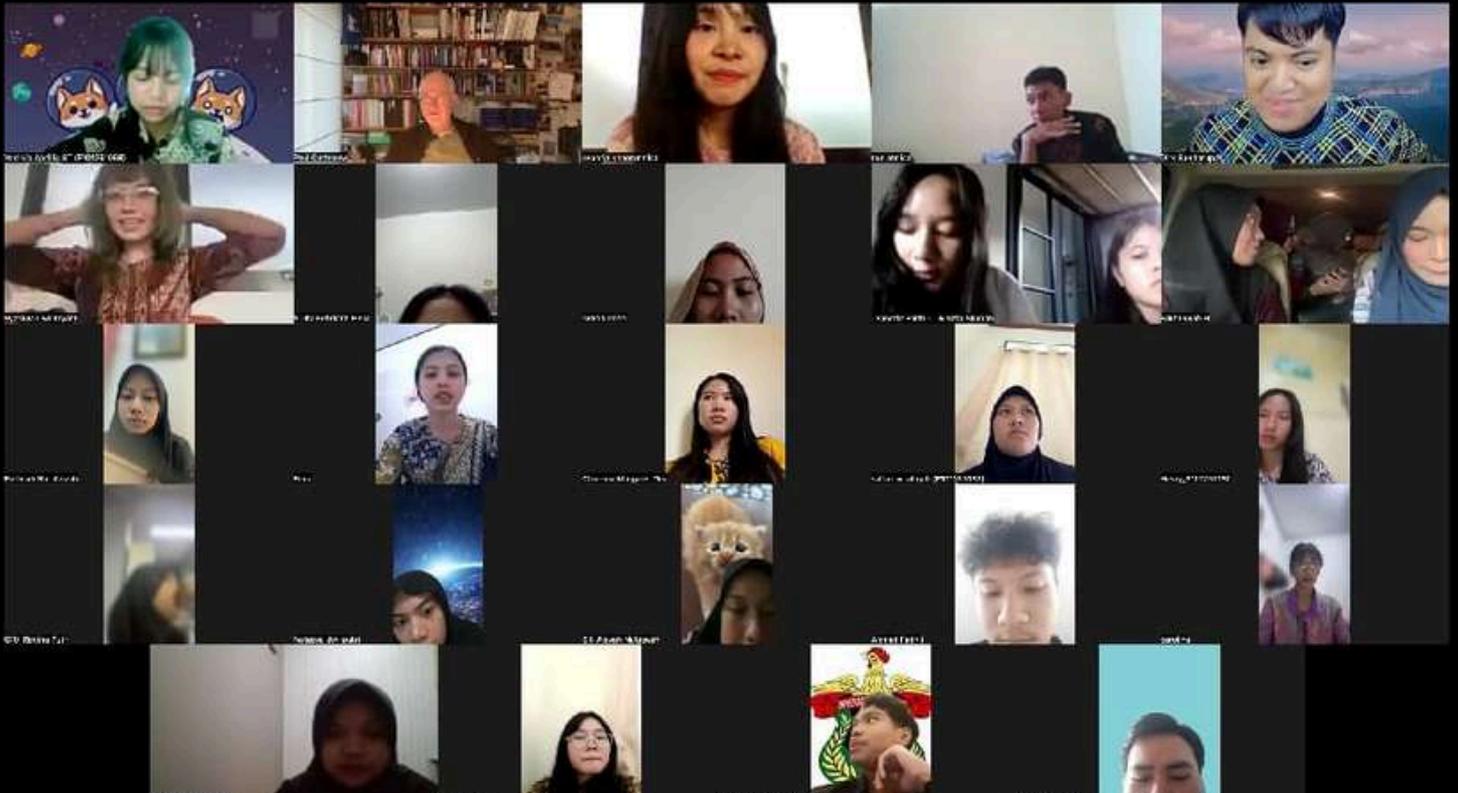
In addition to the presenters, Dr. Aidah A. Ala Husain from FIKP UNHAS also attended the conference as a participant and actively took part in the scientific discussions throughout the event.

The conference opened with remarks from Prof. Fumiharu Mieno and Dr. Hatma Suryatmojo as the organizing committee chairs and continued with a plenary session featuring four keynote speakers, namely Prof. Benjamin McLellan (Kyoto University), Prof. Suharman Hamzah (UNHAS), Prof. Masaki Takaoka (Kyoto University), and Asst. Prof. Julie de Reyes (Kyoto University). This was followed by parallel panel sessions divided into six groups: Sustainable Agriculture, Climate Change and Disaster Resilience, Social, Economic, and Political Dimensions of Sustainability, Sustainable Built Environment, Energy and Environment, and Sustainable Tropical Forest. The event concluded with closing remarks from Prof. Yasuyuki Kono.

The active participation of FIKP UNHAS in this international forum further strengthens UNHAS' contribution to global research efforts on sustainability, environmental challenges, and human security.



FINAL PRESENTATION & GLOBAL INSIGHT SESSION: STUDENTS ENGAGE WITH INTERNATIONAL PRACTITIONER PAUL CATTEEUW



The National and International Tourism course at Department of Tourism, Faculty of Cultural Science (FIB), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) successfully held its final presentation session featuring six student groups from the 2025 cohort on 6 December 2025. The event, titled Student Presentation & Global Insight with Paul Catteeuw, brought an exceptional collaborative experience for students as they presented their research and project outcomes, followed by an international sharing session led by Paul Catteeuw, an experienced global practitioner.

Moderated by Dr. Dirk Sandarupa, M.Hum., MCE, lecturer and tourism practitioner, the session highlighted the importance of integrating academic learning with real-world professional perspectives. Students showcased their final presentations, addressing various issues, trends, and development potentials in national and international tourism.

Joining live from Belgium, Paul Catteeuw offered valuable global insights on tourism, cultural perspectives, and cross-country learning opportunities. His reflections encouraged students to think beyond local boundaries and understand tourism as a dynamic, globalized field requiring cultural awareness and international collaboration.

According to Dr. Dirk Sandarupa, the involvement of external practitioners like Paul is crucial in shaping competitive and globally minded students. "Collaboration with international practitioners is not just valuable—it is essential. It allows students to gain firsthand understanding of global tourism practices, broaden their perspectives, and prepare themselves for real challenges beyond the classroom," Dr. Dirk emphasized.

The event concluded with an interactive dialogue, allowing students to engage directly with Paul Catteeuw, strengthening their confidence and communication skills in an international academic setting. This final presentation session embodies the commitment of the Tourism Program at UNHAS to fostering high-impact, globally oriented learning experiences—merging theory, practice, and international collaboration into one meaningful academic milestone.

Student Presentation & Global Insight

Paul Catteeuw

SABTU, 6 DESEMBER 2025

15:00 WITA (MAKASSAR)

09:00 WITA (BELGIUM)





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



Prof. Sukri Palutturi, Dean of the Faculty of Public Health (FKM) at Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), took part in a mayoral-level meeting organized by the WHO Western Pacific Regional Office (WPRO) together with the Alliance for Healthy Cities (AFHC). The event, held on 25–26 November 2025 at the Royale Chulan Penang in George Town, Malaysia, gathered representatives from Malaysia, Brunei, Singapore, and several other countries. The meeting served as a high-level platform to exchange insights and strengthen regional commitments toward advancing the concept of healthy cities.

The discussions began with a strong call from WHO to shift global and regional health systems away from reactive, disease-centered approaches. In the first plenary session, WHO emphasized that health services in many countries still focus mainly on treating illness rather than promoting overall well-being. A more comprehensive system that prioritizes health determinants—such as environment, behavior, and social structures—was described as essential for achieving sustainable improvements in community health. This message underscored the importance of reinventing health systems to be more preventive and holistic.

Further reinforcing this direction, the second plenary session introduced the idea of “weaving health into everyday life” through a setting-based approach. Countries and cities shared their experiences and innovations: Malaysia showcased its Smoke-Free Zones and senior-friendly programs; the Philippines highlighted its healthy market initiative; and Indonesia presented its Swasti Saba award system for cities meeting healthy city indicators. These examples demonstrated diverse progress yet also revealed varying levels of readiness and innovation among participating regions.

Common challenges surfaced throughout the discussions, including weak cross-sector collaboration, insufficient funding, and limited involvement from non-health sectors. Community participation was also recognized as an ongoing difficulty that needs more strategic attention. As populations continue to age in many countries, the forum dedicated time to exploring age-friendly city strategies and the prevention of noncommunicable diseases (NCDs). WHO also encouraged stronger engagement with international networks such as AFHC and the Asia-Pacific Tobacco-Free Cities Network to strengthen collective action.

During these exchanges, Prof. Sukri contributed several critical insights grounded in research and practical experiences. He noted that one of the major barriers to implementing healthy city programs is the lack of a comprehensive and shared understanding of the concept itself across sectors. He emphasized the need for continuous capacity building to align stakeholders with the core principles of healthy cities. In addition, he highlighted persistent institutional and funding limitations, pointing out that frequent changes in regional leadership often disrupt the continuity and sustainability of long-term healthy city initiatives.



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