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KIMI IV–INDONESIA–AUSTRALIA YOUNG SCIENTISTS FORUM STRENGTHENS SCIENTIFIC NETWORKS AND SCIENCE DIPLOMACY IN MAKASSAR



The 4th Indonesian Young Scientists Congress (Kongres Ilmuwan Muda Indonesia/KIMI IV) in conjunction with *The 1st Indonesia–Australia Young Scientists Forum* event, marked a strategic milestone in strengthening scientific networks and advancing science diplomacy in Indonesia. The international event was organized by the Indonesian Young Academy of Sciences (Akademi Ilmuwan Muda Indonesia/ALMI) in collaboration with Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) and took place at the UNHAS Hotel & Convention Ballroom, Makassar, from 8 to 10 December 2025.

In his keynote address, the Minister of Higher Education, Science, and Technology, Brian Yulianto, emphasized that KIMI IV serves as an important platform for building scientific alliances and partnerships. He noted that future scientific breakthroughs are unlikely to emerge from a single laboratory, but rather from strong networks and collaborations among thinkers across institutions and countries. According to him, scientific networks play a crucial role in transforming research outputs into solutions that can be widely implemented and deliver tangible benefits to society.

Echoing this view, the Vice Minister of Higher Education, Science, and Technology, Prof. Stella Christie, who officially inaugurated the event, highlighted the changing landscape of international research collaboration. She explained that scientists today no longer need to wait for formal institutional or ministerial mechanisms to initiate cooperation. Instead, direct encounters such as those facilitated by KIMI enable researchers to identify shared research questions and establish meaningful collaborations, particularly between Indonesian and Australian scientists working on similar issues ranging from coastal ecology and microbiology to women's economics.

Prof. Stella further underlined the government's renewed focus on research that responds to public needs. She stated that research agendas should be driven by pressing societal challenges, including environmental sustainability, public health, education, and food security. In this context, international collaboration is seen as the most effective way to accelerate solutions to global problems that cannot be addressed by any single country alone.

Meanwhile, the Australian Consul General in Makassar, Mr. Todd Dias, described the Indonesia-Australia young scientists forum as a significant foundation for strengthening scientific networks across Southeast Asia and Oceania. He noted that Makassar holds a strategic position as a growing scientific hub in Eastern Indonesia and that KIMI IV opens opportunities for expanded networking, data exchange, and long-term joint research initiatives between the two countries. In the same forum, ALMI Chair Dr. Lilis Mulyani highlighted Indonesia's strong pool of young scientists with advanced academic backgrounds, including many graduates of overseas universities, who share a common vision to contribute meaningfully to national development.

In addition to the scientific sessions, participants also took part in cultural and educational activities designed to showcase South Sulawesi's local heritage. The young scientists enjoyed an evening cruise aboard a traditional Phinisi boat sailing around the Makassar Strait, where they were served a variety of traditional Makassar dishes. The program was further enriched by excursions to the Leang-Leang Geopark in Maros Regency. The visit to Leang-Leang was facilitated by Ilham Alimuddin, Ph.D and Saaduddin, Ph.D. Another visit was to Fort Rotterdam, offering participants insights into the region's cultural, historical, and natural heritage.



These two big events were fully supported by KONEKSI (*Kolaborasi untuk Inovasi dan Ketahanan*)—an Australia-Indonesia partnership program that promotes collaborative research and innovation to strengthen social and economic resilience, with a strong commitment to gender equality, disability inclusion, and evidence-based policymaking—alongside UNHAS. This support reflects a shared commitment to fostering young scientists, advancing inclusive and impactful scientific collaboration, and strengthening the role of higher education institutions in addressing regional and global challenges.





INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON HEALTHY AGING: UNHAS NURSING FACULTY STRENGTHENS COLLABORATION WITH JAPAN



The Faculty of Nursing (FKep) Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), proudly held an International Seminar in collaboration with the Japan Medical Nursing Association (JAMNA) and supported by the Kaikoukai Healthcare Corporation, Japan, on Saturday, 6 December 2025, at the LPPM Hall, UNHAS. This program was part of an international academic initiative aimed at strengthening knowledge exchange and advancing multidisciplinary practices in healthcare. Carrying the theme "Promoting Healthy Aging Through Evidence-Based Rehabilitation and Multidisciplinary Care," the seminar provided a platform for sharing current insights and best practices related to elderly health management.

The event was attended by the Dean of FKep UNHAS, Prof. Dr. Elly Lilianty Sjattar, S.Kp., M.Kes, accompanied by the Vice Dean for Academic and Student Affairs, Syahrul, S.Kep., Ns., M.Kes., Ph.D; the Vice Dean for Partnership, Research, and Innovation, Dr. Takdir Tahir, S.Kep., Ns., M.Kes; and the Head of the International Office UNHAS, Andi Mayitha Irwan, S.Kep., Ns., MAN, Ph.D, along with physiotherapy lecturers and other academic staff.

The seminar featured distinguished speakers who shared their expertise in rehabilitation and geriatric care. Among the presenters were Kumazawa Kazuhide and Moriyama Yoshifumi (Japan Medical Nursing Association); Hiroki Yabe, RPT., Ph.D and Iida Taeko, OTR, MS (Seirei Christopher University), both adjunct and visiting lecturers at the FKep UNHAS; as well as Riskah Nur Amalia, S.Ft., Physio., M.Biomed., Ph.D from the FKep UNHAS.

Throughout the seminar, around 120 participants gained valuable knowledge on evidence-based rehabilitation, multidisciplinary approaches in elderly care, and innovations in promoting healthy aging. This program also served as an important opportunity to strengthen academic collaboration between UNHAS and partner institutions in Japan.

It is expected that the insights obtained from this seminar will enable participants to implement improved practices and contribute positively to enhancing the quality of healthcare services, particularly in supporting the well-being of the elderly population.



HANDS-ON CULTURAL LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS COMPLETION OF KOREAN LANGUAGE CLASS AT KOREA CORNER



The Korean Language Class at Korea Corner (KC) concluded with an interactive cultural session on Wednesday, 10 December 2025, led by Muhammad Syahrudin, Head of Korea Corner. The closing activity, centered on a Korean cooking class, created a welcoming and energetic learning environment, reflecting the strong enthusiasm of participants and the positive atmosphere fostered throughout the program.

Students took part in preparing several traditional Korean dishes, including *jumeokbap*, *bibimbap*, *odeng*, *japchae*, and homemade *kimchi*. Working collaboratively in groups, participants not only practiced culinary techniques but also applied newly learned Korean vocabulary in a practical setting. This hands-on approach enhanced language comprehension while promoting teamwork and cultural understanding.

Beyond cooking, the session included group singing and informal interactions with the instructor (*ssaem*), strengthening interpersonal connections and encouraging active participation. These moments contributed to a supportive learning environment and further motivated students to engage deeply with the Korean language and its cultural context.

The event concluded with a group photo session, marking the successful completion of the Korean Language Class. Overall, the activity served as a meaningful platform for cultural exchange, reinforcing Korea Corner's commitment to promoting international understanding through language education and experiential learning.





ENHANCING GLOBAL LEARNING: UNHAS NURSING FACULTY HOSTS TWO VISITING LECTURES WITH JAPAN PARTNERS



The Faculty of Nursing (FKep), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), has conducted two Visiting Lecture sessions delivered by Hiroki Yabe, PT., Ph.D and Iida Taeko, OTR., MS from Seirei Christopher University, Japan, as part of the ongoing academic collaboration between both institutions.

The first Visiting Lecture was held for the Physiotherapy Study Program on Monday, 8 December 2025, at 08:00 AM, carrying the topic: "The Importance of Multidisciplinary Team Care (MTC) Including Rehabilitation." This session was moderated by Yery Mustari, S.Ft., Physio., MClInRehab, and provided students with in-depth insights into the essential role of multidisciplinary collaboration in supporting effective rehabilitation outcomes.

The second Visiting Lecture was organized for the Master's Program and Medical-Surgical Nursing Specialist Program on Tuesday, 9 December 2025, at 08:00 AM, titled: "Beyond Physical Rehabilitation: Advancing Patient-Centered Multidisciplinary Care." This lecture was moderated by Ummi Pratiwi Rimayanti, S.Kep., Ns., MN., Ph.D, and highlighted holistic, patient-centered, and multidisciplinary approaches in advanced nursing practice.

Both lecture sessions offered valuable academic enrichment and strengthened the international partnership between UNHAS and Seirei Christopher University, enhancing global exposure and learning opportunities for students and faculty members.



INTERNATIONAL EXPOSURE AND RESEARCH EXCHANGE: MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH STUDENTS AT JITMM 2025



A total of 18 students from the Master of Public Health (MPH) programme participated in the Joint International Tropical Medicine Meeting (JITMM) 2025, held on 2–4 December 2025 at the Eastin Grand Hotel Phayathai, Bangkok, Thailand. The delegation was led by the Head of the Master's Programme in Public Health, Prof. Dr. Ridwan A., SKM., M.Kes., M.Sc.PH., who served as the head of the delegation.

This international conference brought together students, researchers, and public health practitioners from various countries to exchange research findings, scientific innovations, and strategic approaches to addressing tropical diseases at the global level.

The event commenced with an opening ceremony, followed by keynote addresses delivered by a panel of international experts highlighting recent developments in tropical disease research. The programme continued with a series of symposium sessions covering topics such as tropical disease diagnostics and innovations, genomic technologies for tropical diseases, and scientific poster presentations. The first day concluded with a welcome reception, providing participants with opportunities for professional networking and informal discussions.

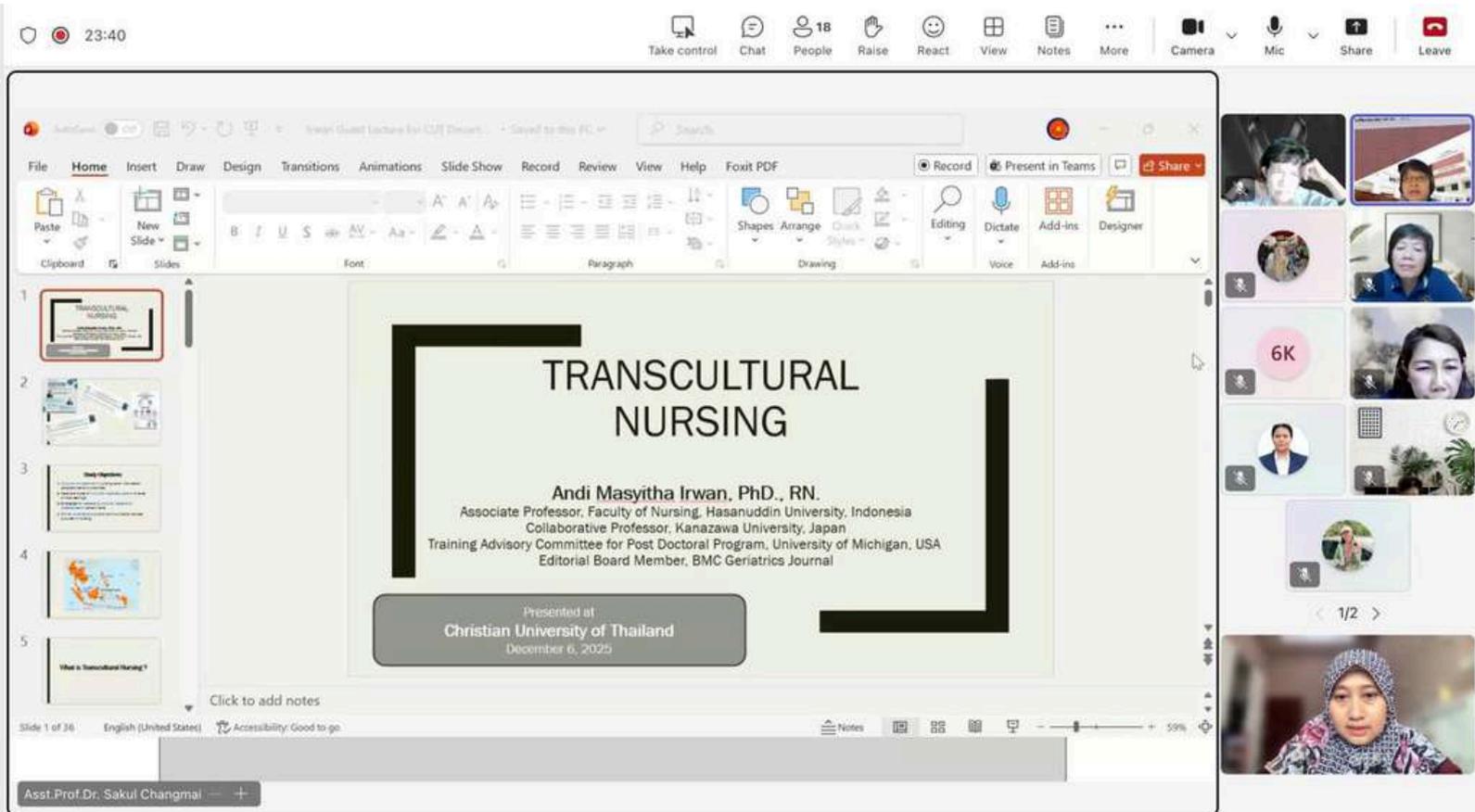
On the second day, participants attended panel discussions focusing on infectious disease control strategies, technology-based health surveillance, vaccine research trends, and recent scientific developments related to zoonotic diseases and vector-borne infections. In addition, a poster flash talk session was held to showcase the latest research findings presented by international delegates.

The final day of the conference featured strategic discussions on bridging research and public health for emerging diseases, advancing immunology, and recent developments in tropical medicine in Southeast Asia. The event concluded with a Closing Ceremony and a keynote speech entitled *"Unravelling the Complexity of Malaria Using Data-Driven Biology Approaches,"* delivered by a tropical disease research expert from Nanyang Technological University, Singapore.

Through their participation in JITMM 2025, students of the MPH gained valuable opportunities to broaden their scientific knowledge, strengthen international collaborative networks, and deepen their understanding of research concepts that contribute to the advancement of public health science. It is hoped that this experience will enhance academic quality, research capacity, and public health implementation in Indonesia.



PROMOTING TRANSCULTURAL NURSING EDUCATION THROUGH INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC COLLABORATION

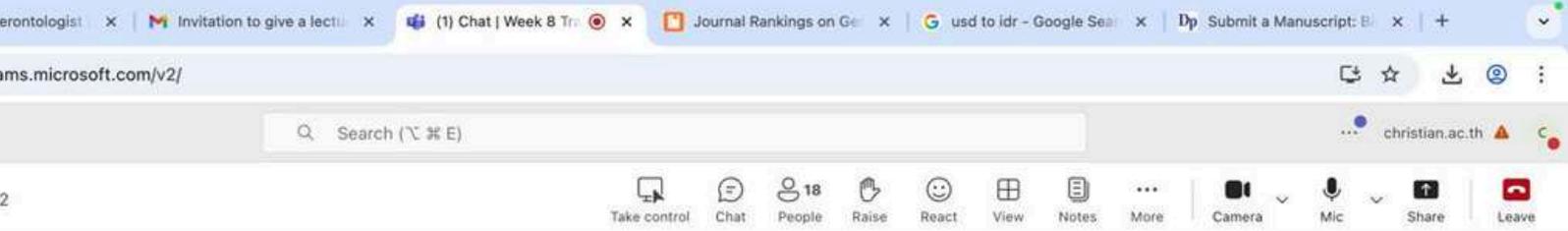
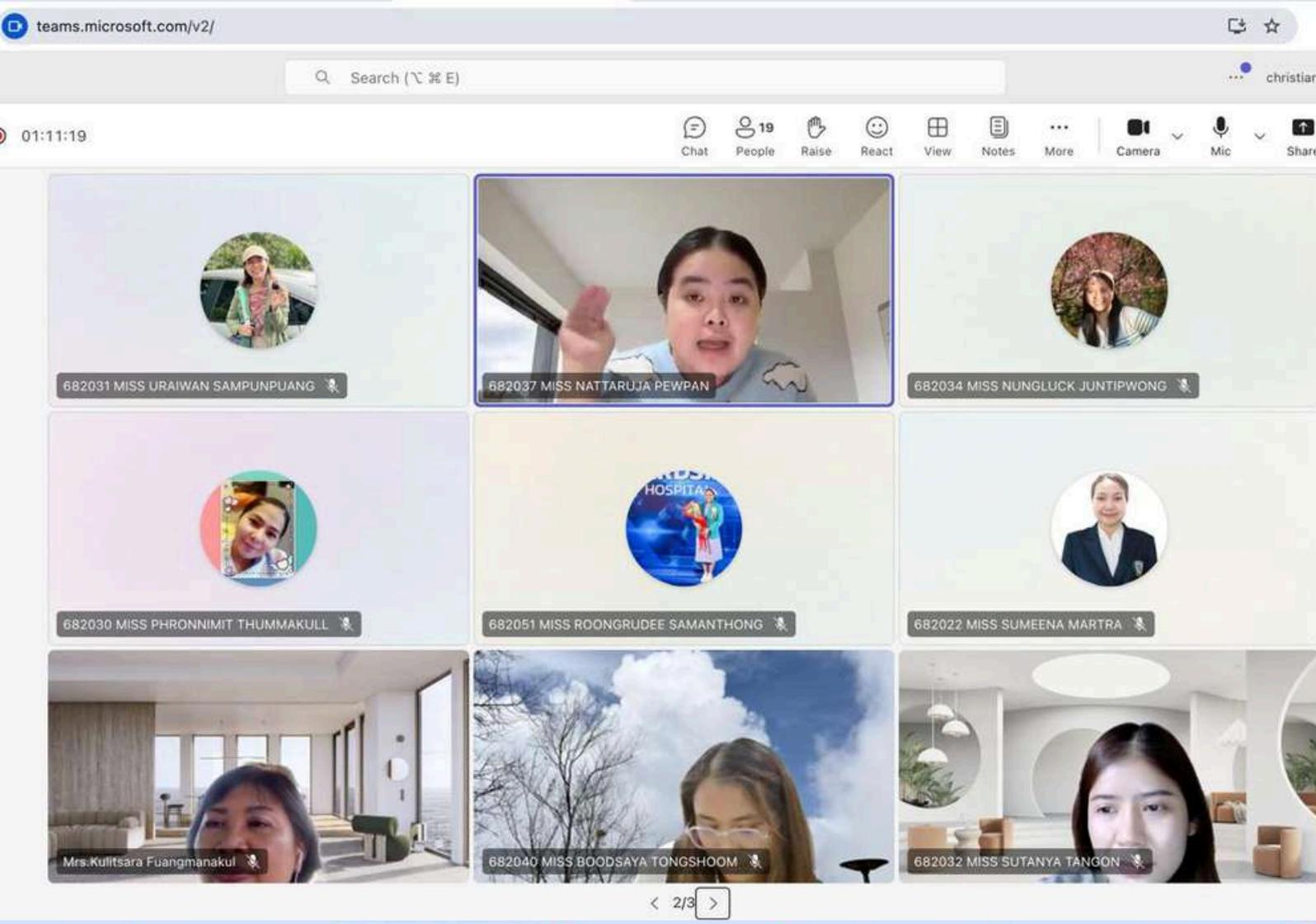


The screenshot displays a Zoom meeting interface. At the top, the Zoom toolbar includes icons for Take control, Chat, People (18), Raise, React, View, Notes, More, Camera, Mic, Share, and Leave. The main window shows a Microsoft PowerPoint presentation. The slide title is "TRANSCULTURAL NURSING". The presenter is "Andi Masyitha Irwan, Ph.D., RN.", with affiliations: Associate Professor, Faculty of Nursing, Hasanuddin University, Indonesia; Collaborative Professor, Kanazawa University, Japan; Training Advisory Committee for Post Doctoral Program, University of Michigan, USA; and Editorial Board Member, BMC Geriatrics Journal. The slide also states "Presented at Christian University of Thailand December 6, 2025". The Zoom meeting controls on the right show a grid of participants, a "6K" indicator, and a "1/2" page indicator.

On the 6 December 2025, a faculty member from the Faculty of Nursing (FKep), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), Andi Masyitha Irwan, Ph.D., delivered a guest lecture entitled *"Transcultural Nursing"* for Master of Nursing students at Christian University of Thailand (CUT), Thailand. The lecture lasted for two hours and consisted of a sharing session followed by a question-and-answer session.

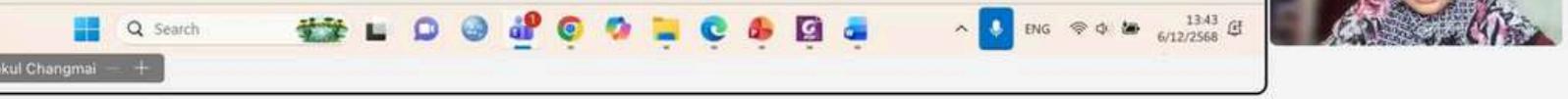
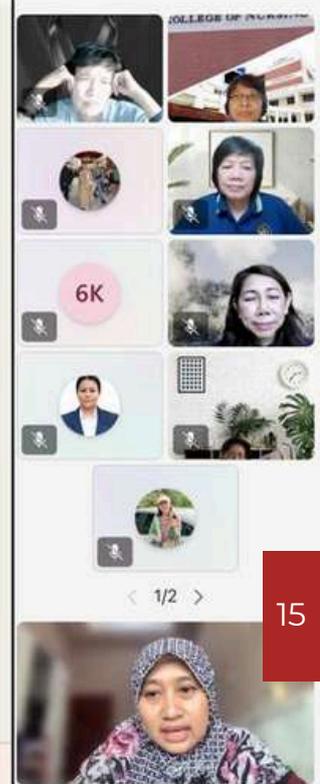
The majority of CUT's master's students are clinical nurses working in hospitals or public health centers. This background contributed to a lively and engaging discussion, as students actively shared their professional experiences related to transcultural nursing practices in clinical settings.

The collaboration between FKep UNHAS and CUT has been established for several years through exchange programs, research collaboration, and teaching series. In 2025, one of CUT's faculty members, Dr. Sakul Changmai, delivered a lecture to FKep UNHAS students entitled *"Health Promotion Programs in Thai Community Settings."* Furthermore, Dr. Sakul Changmai and Dr. Andi Masyitha Irwan has jointly published two research articles focusing on issues in older people's care.



Study Objectives

- **Cultural competence** in nursing care: Indonesian perspectives and practices
- Case examples of **culturally adapted care** in diverse clinical settings
- Strategies for **assessing cultural needs and preferences** in patient care
- **Ethical considerations** and communication across cultures in nursing



BUILDING GLOBAL READINESS: FACULTY OF NURSING UNHAS PREPARES STUDENTS AND LECTURERS FOR INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS



The Faculty of Nursing (FKep), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), held a Pre-Departure Training (PDT) for students and lecturers participating in the International Outbound Program on Friday, 12 December 2025. The activity took place from 08.00 to 15.00 in the Senate Room of the Faculty of Nursing, UNHAS.

The program was officially opened and attended by the Dean of the FKep, UNHAS, Prof. Dr. Elly L. Sjattar, S.Kep., Ns., M.Kes., accompanied by the Vice Dean for Academic and Student Affairs, Syahrul, S.Kep., Ns., M.Kes., Ph.D. The PDT served not only as a formal send-off for outbound students and lecturers, but also to equip participants with essential knowledge before undertaking international academic programs abroad.

The training covered several important topics delivered by the International Office team of UNHAS. The session on *Outbound Students and Lecturers as UNHAS Ambassadors* was presented by Andi Masyitha Irwan, S.Kep., Ns., MAN., Ph.D., Head of the International Office of UNHAS. Meanwhile, *Cross-Cultural Understanding* was delivered by Muhammad Ridwan, S.S., M.A., and *Dealing with Culture Shock* was presented by Dr. Saadudin, M.Sc.

In addition, students received academic preparation related to nursing through a session on *Advanced Nursing Practice*, delivered by Dr. Rosyidah Arfat, S.Kep., Ns., M.Kep.

Regarding the upcoming international outbound activities, two students and one lecturer will participate in a Student Exchange Program at Okayama University, scheduled for 14–29 December 2025. Furthermore, ten students and one lecturer will join the Sakura Science Program hosted by Yokohama City University, Japan, which will take place from 12–19 January 2025.



EXPANDING GLOBAL ACADEMIC ENGAGEMENT: FACULTY OF DENTISTRY HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY PARTICIPATE IN AVEP 2025 AT CHULALONGKORN UNIVERSITY



Students of the Faculty of Dentistry (FKG), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), continue to demonstrate their commitment to academic excellence and global engagement through their participation in the Academic Visit and Exchange Program (AVEP) 2025. This international academic exchange program was organized by the Faculty of Dentistry, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand, and held from 11–16 December 2025 in Bangkok, Thailand.

Carrying the theme “Emergency Dentistry,” AVEP 2025 highlights the importance of preparedness, clinical competence, and the integration of advanced dental technologies in the management of dental and oral emergencies. The program reflects the growing demand for future dentists who are not only clinically skilled but also capable of utilizing modern technology to support accurate diagnosis, efficient treatment planning, and rapid emergency response.

The delegates from FKG UNHAS, Naurah Athirah and Niu Xinyue, were given the opportunity to engage in a wide range of academic activities, including thematic lectures, group discussions, clinical visits, and hands-on workshops. Key topics such as Medical Emergencies in Dental Practice and Forensic Odontology were complemented by exposure to advanced clinical facilities and state-of-the-art technologies, including modern diagnostic tools and contemporary approaches to emergency dental care.

Beyond academic activities, AVEP 2025 also served as a platform for cross-cultural exchange and international networking. Participants took part in cultural visits and a one-day trip featuring destinations such as the National Museum and Wat Pho, as well as traditional Thai workshops, including Look Choop and Pa Mud Yorn. These activities were designed to enhance cultural understanding, global perspectives, and professional connections among dental students from diverse backgrounds.

Through AVEP 2025, participants are expected to strengthen their clinical competence, broaden their global outlook, and develop an appreciation for the role of advanced technology in modern and emergency dentistry. Ultimately, the program aims to prepare future dentists who are responsive, technologically informed, and globally minded, with a strong commitment to improving the quality of emergency dental care worldwide.



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