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## **IO UNHAS STRENGTHENS INTERNAL COORDINATION FOR INTERNATIONAL BOOK PROFILE COMPLETION**



The International Office (IO) of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) recently held a coordination meeting to finalize the International UNHAS Book Profile on Thursday, 18 December 2025, at the UNHAS Secretary Meeting Room. The meeting was officially opened by Andi Masyitha Irwan, Ph.D., Head of IO UNHAS, and was attended by all International Office staff members.

In her opening remarks, Dr. Citha emphasized the importance of maintaining strong focus and commitment to completing the book profile, as it is scheduled to be presented to the UNHAS Secretary. She highlighted that the finalization process requires close collaboration among team members to ensure accuracy, completeness, and high-quality content that reflects UNHAS's international profile.

During the meeting, Ms. Haniek Khoirunnissa, M.Sc., Project Manager of the International UNHAS Book Profile, presented an overview of sections that have been completed as well as those still requiring input. She encouraged all team members to promptly submit their respective information to support the timely completion of the book. The meeting continued through lunchtime and concluded with a shared commitment among IO staff to finalize the remaining tasks.



## HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN A STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM AT OKAYAMA UNIVERSITY, JAPAN



Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) continues to demonstrate their commitment to expanding international networks through the implementation of the Student Exchange for Undergraduate program in collaboration with Okayama University, Japan. This student exchange program was held from 13–19 December and was attended by 12 UNHAS students from several faculties, including the Faculty of Dentistry, Faculty of Medicine, Faculty of Public Health, and Faculty of Nursing. Two of the participants were students from the Faculty of Public Health, namely Najmul Janna and Nur Aura Syafrawa Rifai.

The program was accompanied by a faculty mentor from the Faculty of Public Health, UNHAS, who also serves as the Head of the Public Health Study Program, Hasnawati Amqam, SKM., M.Sc. She played an essential role in providing academic guidance and ensuring the achievement of students' learning objectives throughout their participation in the international program.

The activities began on 13 December with the students' departure from Makassar to Bali as a transit point before continuing their international flight to Japan. Upon arrival in Japan, participants were welcomed with a series of orientation sessions and introductions to the academic environment and local culture. This program was designed to provide international academic exposure while enriching the cross-cultural perspectives of UNHAS students.

During the program, Najmul Janna and Nur Aura Syafrawa Rifai, along with other participants, took part in academic visits to Okayama University. These activities included an introduction to campus facilities, presentations on the learning system and curriculum, and direct interactions with students and members of the academic community at Okayama University. Through these activities, participants gained firsthand insight into Japan's higher education system and its academic culture.

In addition to academic activities, the student exchange program was complemented by cultural introduction and city exploration activities. Participants had the opportunity to visit and learn about local culture in several areas, particularly in Okayama and Osaka. These activities included visits to educational destinations, cultural sites, and public areas that reflect the social and cultural life of Japanese society.

Through this series of activities, students not only gained academic knowledge but also valuable international experiences, such as improved cross-cultural communication skills, deeper understanding of Japanese culture, and strengthened independence, adaptability, and global-minded attitudes.

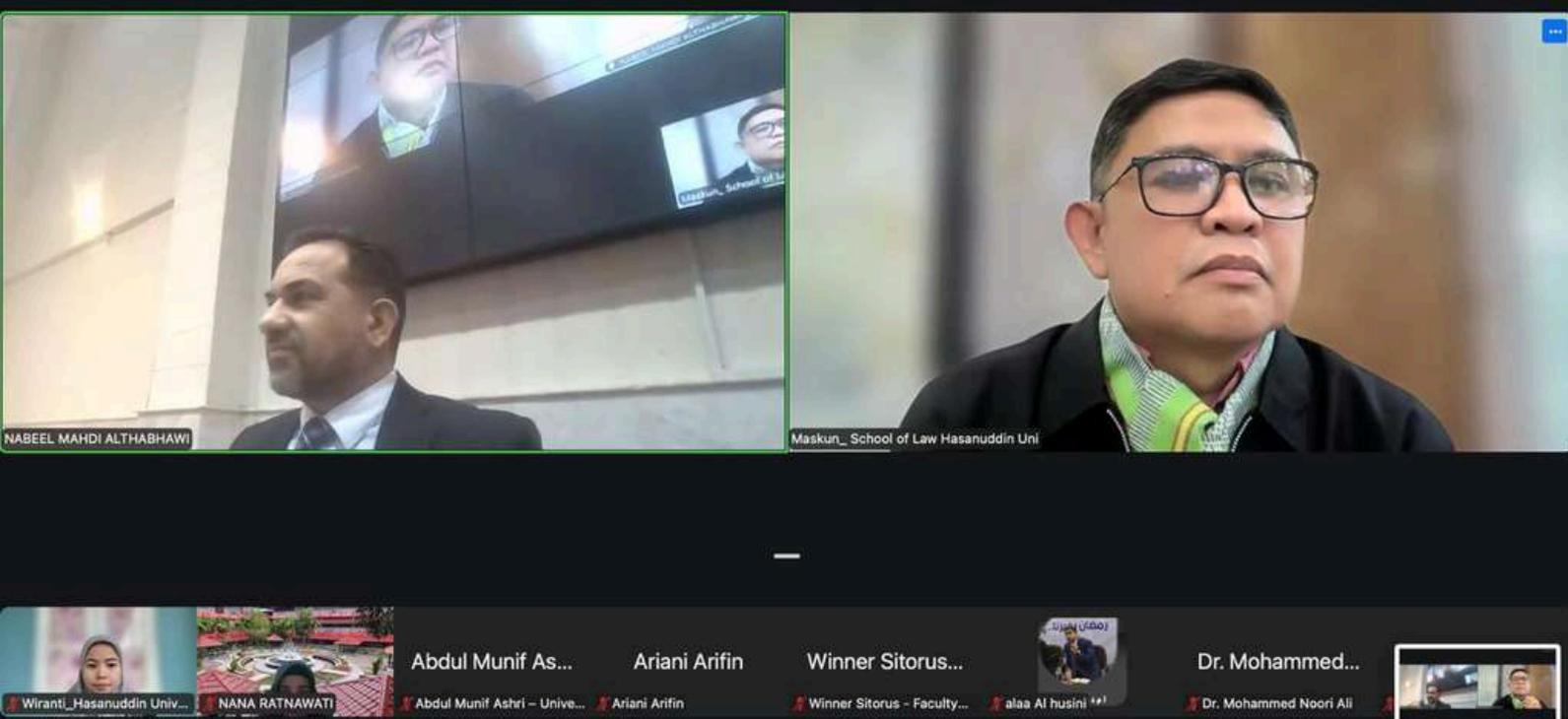
The Student Exchange for Undergraduate program between UNHAS and Okayama University aligns with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly SDG 4 (Quality Education) by enhancing students' access to inclusive and high-quality international higher education. In addition, the program supports SDG 17 (Partnerships for the Goals) by strengthening international collaboration between higher education institutions in the development of human resources.

From the perspective of Higher Education Key Performance Indicators (IKU), this activity directly contributes to IKU Point 3, which focuses on students gaining learning experiences outside the campus, particularly through international academic activities. Furthermore, the program also supports IKU Point 6, namely study program collaboration with world-class partners, with Okayama University serving as a reputable international higher education institution.

In the future, this collaboration is expected to continue and provide broader benefits for UNHAS students in preparing them to face global challenges and enhancing the international competitiveness of graduates.



## **FACULTY OF LAW UNHAS CONTRIBUTES TO INTERNATIONAL DISCOURSE ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE REGULATION**



The delegation of the Faculty of Law IFH, Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), participated in an international conference entitled “The Legal Regulation of Artificial Intelligence Applications”, hosted by the University of Kerbala in collaboration with UNHAS as a co-host. The conference also involved academic participants from several higher education institutions, namely the University of Kerbala, the University of Hilla, UNHAS, and Ilam University. The conference was conducted virtually on 20 December 2025.

The FH UNHAS delegation consisted of Prof. Dr. Maskun, S.H., LL.M.; Dr. Winner Sitorus, S.H., M.H., LL.M.; Dr. Ratnawati, S.H., M.H.; Ariani Arifin, S.H., M.H.; Wiranti, S.H., M.H.; and Abdul Munif Ashri, S.H., M.H. This participation formed part of FH UNHAS’s ongoing efforts to strengthen international academic networks and to contribute Indonesian legal scholarship to global issues.

During the conference forum, scholarly presentations were delivered by Prof. Dr. Maskun, S.H., LL.M. and Ariani Arifin, S.H., M.H. Their presentations addressed key challenges and future directions in the legal regulation of Artificial Intelligence, with particular emphasis on the need for an adaptive, equitable, and technology-responsive regulatory framework aligned with global technological developments.

Through its active participation both as a delegation and as a co-host, FH UNHAS aims to produce research outputs that meet international standards, particularly in the form of scholarly articles to be published in reputable international journals. This initiative aligns with FH UNHAS's vision of advancing research internationalization and enhancing the quality of faculty academic publications.

Participation in this international conference represents a tangible manifestation of FH UNHAS's commitment to responding to the rapid development of Artificial Intelligence through a critical, progressive legal approach oriented toward equitable global governance.



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## **FKM UNHAS LEADERSHIP VISITS OKAYAMA UNIVERSITY TO ADVANCE PUBLIC HEALTH COOPERATION**



Okayama, 12 December 2025 — Three members of the leadership of the Faculty of Public Health (FKM), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), conducted an official visit to the Department of Public Health, Faculty of Medicine, Okayama University, Japan, as a follow-up to the implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the two institutions. The delegation consisted of Prof. Anwar Mallongi (Vice Dean III), Dr. Wahiduddin (Vice Dean II), and Dr. Hasnawati Amqam (Head of the Undergraduate Public Health Study Program).

The FKM UNHAS delegation was received by Prof. Hideyuki Kanda, Head of the Department of Public Health, Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry, and Pharmaceutical Sciences. The meeting was conducted in a warm and productive atmosphere, with discussions focused on strengthening academic collaboration between the two institutions.

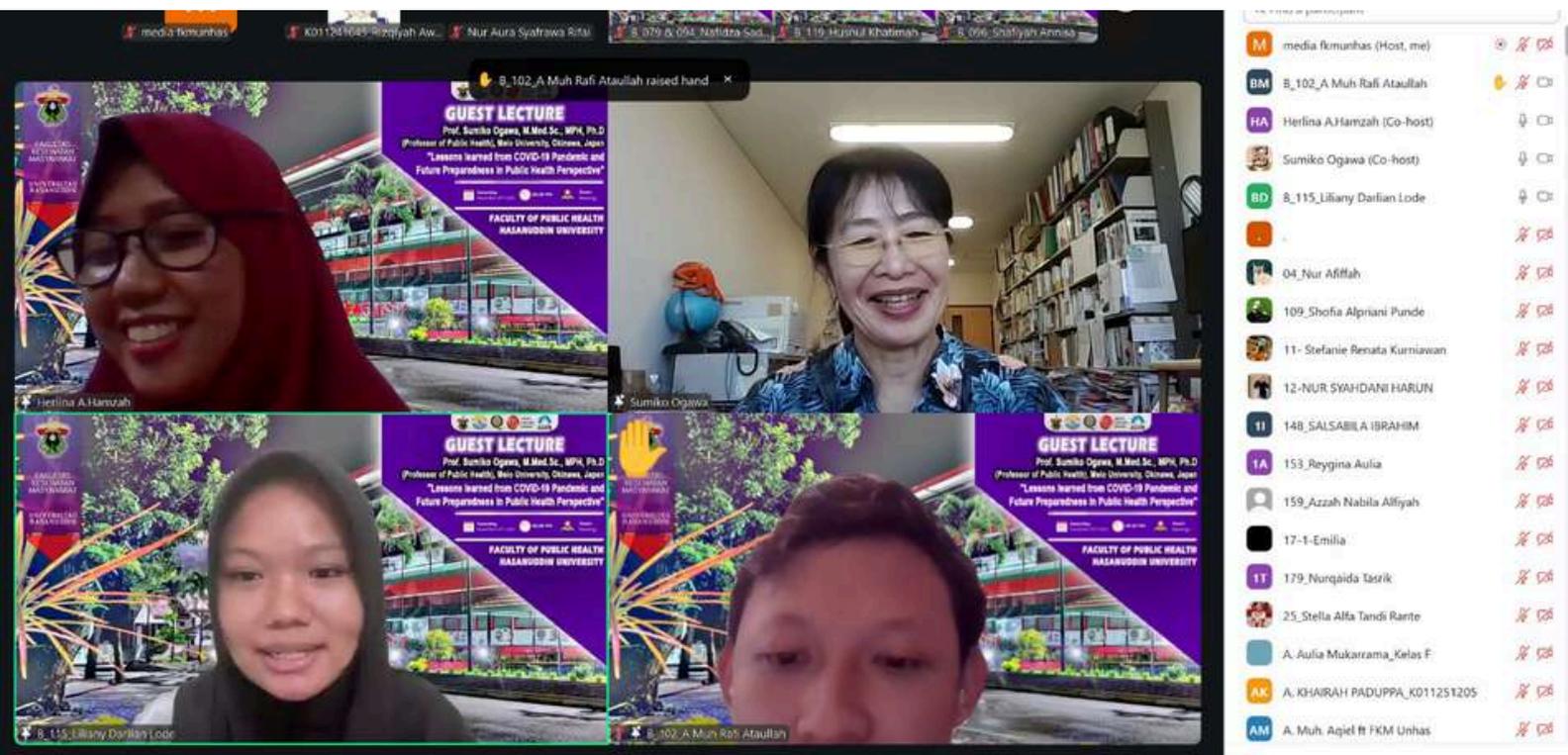
During the meeting, both parties agreed on three strategic areas of cooperation to be further developed. These include the initiation of a joint or double degree program at the master's level, which will be jointly designed by both departments to enhance the quality of postgraduate education and expand international learning opportunities for students. In addition, opportunities for master's level student exchange were discussed and agreed upon as a means to facilitate academic and research exchange, building upon similar undergraduate exchange programs that have already been implemented to ensure curriculum relevance and effective execution. The meeting also emphasized the strengthening of research collaboration in the field of public health, including comparative studies, joint publications, and research focusing on priority public health issues.

This collaborative agreement is highly relevant to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The enhancement of research collaboration and academic capacity directly supports SDG 3 on Good Health and Well-being, while the development of joint or double degree programs and student exchanges reflects a shared commitment to SDG 4 on Quality Education by providing inclusive and high-quality cross-border learning opportunities. Furthermore, the international partnership between the two institutions represents a concrete implementation of SDG 17 on Partnerships for the Goals, promoting inclusive and sustainable global collaboration.

As a follow-up, both parties agreed to continue discussions within their respective institutions to proceed with curriculum alignment, the development of joint academic guidelines, and the identification of priority research areas as the next technical steps. This visit reaffirms FKM UNHAS's commitment to strengthening global networks and enhancing the quality of the university's tridharma through international collaboration that aligns with the SDGs agenda and the evolving needs of public health development.



## **GLOBAL LESSONS FROM THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC HIGHLIGHTED IN INTERNATIONAL GUEST LECTURE AT FKM UNHAS**



The Faculty of Public Health (FKM), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) successfully organized an international guest lecture entitled “Lessons Learned from the COVID-19 Pandemic and Future Preparedness from a Public Health Perspective.” The event featured a distinguished expert from Meio University, Okinawa, Japan, Prof. Sumiko Ogawa, M.MedSc, MPH, PhD, and was enthusiastically attended by nearly 500 students and faculty members.

In her presentation, Prof. Ogawa emphasized that lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic serve as a fundamental foundation for building more resilient health systems. She highlighted that global collaboration, robust surveillance systems, and the strengthening of the health workforce are key elements in ensuring preparedness for future health threats.

Okinawa faces multiple vulnerabilities, including the highest poverty rate in Japan, the lowest GDP per capita, a high proportion of non-regular employment, a large number of working women due to low household income, and a heavy burden of social subsidies. These factors contribute significantly to public health vulnerabilities in the region. Interestingly, the COVID-19 positivity rate in Okinawa was higher among women than men, a pattern that differs from the national average in Japan. The speaker explained that this phenomenon is closely linked to women’s domestic roles and the high frequency of close physical contact among family members living in the same household.

Japan has developed the NERIMA Model, a highly effective vaccine distribution strategy that has since been adopted as a national best practice. Under this model, vaccines are stored in deep freezers at  $-80^{\circ}\text{C}$  at four centralized locations and then distributed in very small batches of 50–70 doses, allowing them to be fully administered within five days before expiration. The government leased specialized trucks to deliver these small vaccine batches to 250 local clinics. This approach enabled residents to access vaccines at nearby clinics, reduced mass gatherings, and helped clinics utilize vaccine doses efficiently. The strategy effectively combines population-based mass vaccination with an individual-based, clinic-centered approach. According to the speaker, when more than 60% of the population acquires immunity—either through vaccination or natural infection—the pandemic can be controlled at the regional level.

Prof. Ogawa also discussed the evolution of public health concepts, from community-level preventive public health to broader frameworks such as international health, global health, One Health, and planetary health. International health views health issues as geographically bounded and managed by individual countries, whereas global health addresses borderless challenges such as pandemics, global warming, and air pollution that cannot be controlled by national boundaries. The One Health approach emphasizes the close interconnection between human health and ecosystems, including animals, recognizing that many emerging pandemic-causing diseases are zoonotic. Meanwhile, planetary health focuses on the idea that human well-being derives from the health of the body, mind, and the environment.

The lecture also featured an interactive discussion session in which students actively raised questions regarding the role of younger generations in strengthening national health resilience. The Dean of FKM UNHAS, Prof. Sukri Palutturi, SKM, MKes, MScPH, PhD, stated that the event reflects FKM UNHAS's commitment to providing global perspectives and preparing graduates who are capable of addressing future global health challenges.

The image is a screenshot of a Zoom meeting interface. At the top, it shows the Zoom Workplace logo and a recording status. The main area is divided into three sections: a large video thumbnail on the left showing a woman in a red hijab and glasses (Herlina A. Hamzah), a smaller video thumbnail on the right showing a woman in a blue patterned shirt (Sumiko Ogawa), and a third video thumbnail at the bottom center showing a man in a red shirt and cap (Sukri Palutturi). A slide titled 'LECTURE' is visible in the background of the first video. On the right side, there is a 'Participants (275)' list with names and icons for each participant, including media Ikumunhas, Herlina A. Hamzah, Sumiko Ogawa, and Sukri Palutturi. The bottom of the screen shows the Zoom control bar with options for Audio, Video, Participants, Chat, React, Share, Host tools, AI Companion, Apps, Pause/stop recording, Show captions, More, and End.

Meeting Sumiko Ogawa's screen

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# → One Health

What is essential for "human" health ?

**Zoonotic health**  
...and Ecology health

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- Sumiko Ogawa (Co-host)
- Herlina A.Hamzah (Co-host)

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## CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

IS PROUDLY AWARDED TO

**Prof. Sumiko Ogawa, M.Med.Sc., MPH, Ph.D**

grateful recognition for invaluable contribution as GUEST LECTURE on "Lessons Learned from COVID-19 Pandemic and Future Preparedness in Public Health Perspective", held on November 29th 2023

Dean of Public Health Faculty,  
Prof. Sakri Palotturi, SKM., M.Kes., MSc.PH., Ph.D

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