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## A BRIDGE OF KNOWLEDGE: UNHAS STUDENTS GAIN HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE AT JAPAN'S OKAYAMA UNIVERSITY



The *Unhas–Okadai Exchange 2025* once again marked a meaningful chapter in international academic collaboration between Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), Indonesia, and Okayama University, Japan. Held from 15 to 19 December 2025, the program brought together students and lecturers for a series of academic, professional, and cultural engagements, reinforcing a shared commitment to global health education.

The UNHAS delegation consisted of 12 students and 3 lecturers from four health faculties—Dentistry, Medicine, Nursing, and Public Health—who were warmly welcomed by 8 students and 2 lecturers from Okayama University. Core academic activities took place at the Faculty of Health Sciences, providing a platform for knowledge exchange and cross-cultural learning.

A key component of the program was the hands-on exposure to Japan’s healthcare system. Two UNHAS nursing students, Nurul Jawhar Ilahi and Nur Nirmala Dwi Putri, accompanied by their supervising lecturer, Ns. Nurhaya Nurdin, S.Kep., Ns., MPH, visited the Tsubasa Community Clinic in Kurashiki. Facilitated by Prof. Yoko Aihara and Assoc. Prof. Kosuke Kitabepu, the visit offered firsthand insight into Japan’s integrated, home-visit-based healthcare services. Participants observed how nurses function as a crucial link between patients, families, and the health system, with care deeply centered on patient needs.

The exchange reached a special highlight when Ns. Nurhaya Nurdin—also known as Ns. Aya—delivered a 100-minute guest lecture to approximately 50 second-year nursing students at Okayama University. Titled *“The Heart of Community Care: Nurses, Service, and Empowerment in Indonesia,”* the lecture blended academic insight with lived experience, presenting Indonesian nurses not only as healthcare providers but as “health creators” who build trust, health literacy, and community empowerment, particularly in remote areas.

The lecture’s emotional core was a short documentary on Suster Rabiah, famously known as *“The Floating Nurse”* from South Sulawesi. For more than 30 years, she has served as the primary healthcare lifeline for residents across 25 small islands in the Sapuka region, navigating geographical barriers with limited resources. Her story illustrated how dedication, innovation, and compassion can overcome vast challenges in healthcare access. The presentation sparked a lively and heartfelt discussion, reflecting a warm and meaningful exchange of perspectives between Indonesian and Japanese students.

Beyond the lecture hall, the delegation also toured Okayama University Hospital and the Simulation Center, where advanced technology and state-of-the-art equipment support simulation-based learning. According to Ns. Nurhaya, these facilities play a crucial role in building confidence and competence among nursing students and early-career nurses through efficient systems and immersive training environments.

Now in its fourth iteration, the UNHAS–Okayama University exchange program has grown into more than a short academic visit. It serves as a tangible bridge connecting knowledge, compassion, and global perspectives in healthcare education. The partnership is expected to continue expanding, contributing to the development of future healthcare leaders and strengthening health education in both Indonesia and Japan.



## ACDS HOST DENT:TALK ON GLOBAL COMMUNICATION SKILLS



Abroad Community Dental Students (ACDS) of Faculty of Dentistry (FKG) Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) successfully organized DENT:TALKS-Building Global Confidence, a webinar designed to equip exchange students with essential communication skills in international academic and professional environments. Held on 17 December 2025, the session highlighted the importance of effective communication as a key for future global dentists.

This insightful session presented an international expert Prof. Omar Rodis, M., DDS., Ph.D, Professor from Tokushima University along with SEP Tokushima Student Volunteers. Through the session participants gained valuable insights into understanding cultural differences in communications, strategies to speak confidently in multilingual settings, and techniques to craft messages that resonate with global audiences.

This webinar reflected the ACDS's commitment to support dental students to grow both personal and professional. Through this initiative, it is hoped to continue as a platform for dental students to enhance global competences and confidence for international academic exchange and future careers.

























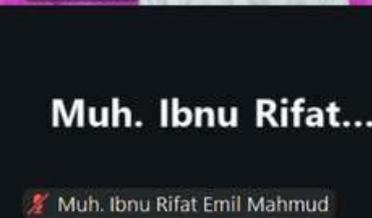



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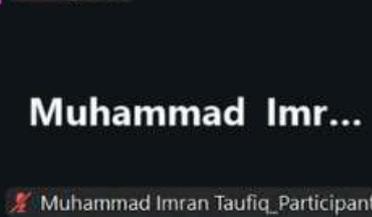















## UNHAS PROFESSOR ELUCIDATES SUSTAINABLE BOXFISH DOMESTICATION STRATEGIES AT TSUKUBA UNIVERSITY, JAPAN



Continuing Hasanuddin University's (UNHAS) momentum of global academic outreach, Prof. Dr. Ir. Joeharnani Tresnati, DEA, a prominent professor from the Aquatic Resources Management (MSP) Study Program, delivered a comprehensive public lecture at Tsukuba University, Japan, on December 17, 2025. Her presentation, titled "The Ecological Role of Macroalgae in the Food Habits of Boxfish (Family Ostraciidae) and Domestication Opportunities through the Integrated Multi-Trophic Aquaculture (IMTA) System," explored the intricate relationship between marine flora and the dietary patterns of the boxfish, which locally known in Indonesia as *ikan kudu-kudu*. This academic engagement marks a significant milestone in UNHAS's efforts to bridge fundamental ecological research with innovative, sustainable aquaculture technologies on an international platform.

During the session, Prof. Joeharnani highlighted the significant economic potential of the boxfish, noting its high demand both as a premium seafood commodity, famed for its savory white meat, and as a highly sought-after ornamental species for marine aquaria. To address the challenges of meeting market demand while ensuring environmental integrity, she proposed the implementation of the Integrated Multi-Trophic Aquaculture (IMTA) system. This approach is projected to enhance production efficiency and sustainability by creating an eco-integrated ecosystem where various species interact synergistically, thereby minimizing waste and optimizing resource utilization through natural ecological processes.

This guest lecture was strategically organized as part of the International Publication Quality Improvement Program (PKPI), specifically designed for students within the Master-to-Doctorate Program for Excellence (PMDSU). Beyond the immediate transfer of scientific knowledge, the initiative serves a broader institutional purpose: to elevate the standards of scientific publications at the global level and to solidify the research alliance between UNHAS and Tsukuba University. By fostering these high-level academic exchanges, UNHAS aims to strengthen its international networks and expand student exchange opportunities at both the Master's and Doctoral levels, ensuring a continuous flow of expertise between Indonesia and leading Japanese academic institutions.



## FACULTY OF DENTISTRY UNHAS STRENGTHEN GLOBAL HEALTH COLLABORATION THROUGH ACADEMIC VISIT TO OKAYAMA UNIVERSITY



Six students from the Faculty of Dentistry (FKG) Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) took part in an academic visit to Faculty of Health Science, Okayama University Japan on 17 December 2025 along with health science program students from Faculty of Medicine, Faculty of Nursing, and Faculty of Public Health of UNHAS.

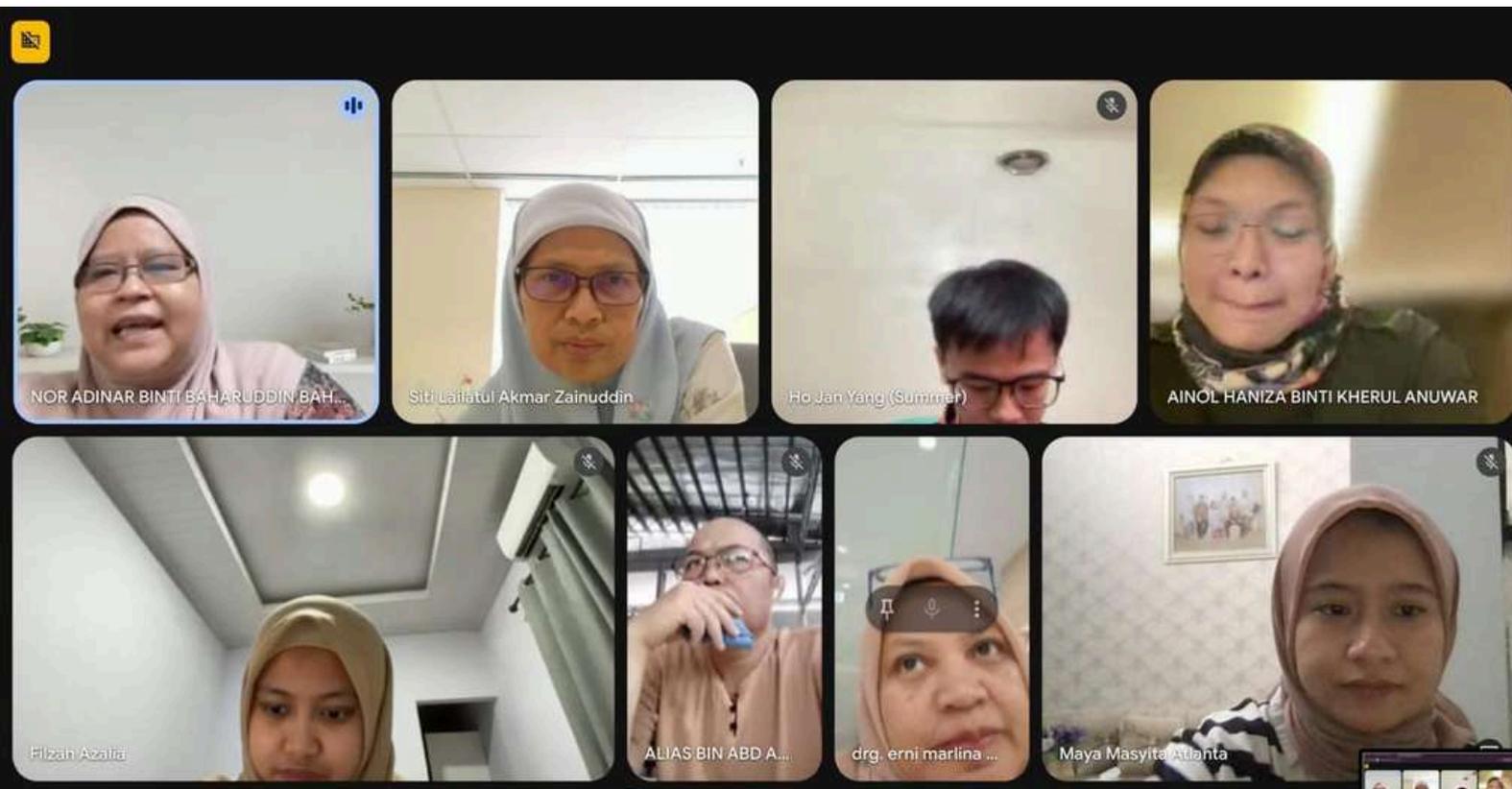
This visit was part of the student exchange program between the two universities, aimed to strengthen international cooperation and expand students' academic experience in the field of health sciences. This visit followed the previous exchange, when students from Okayama University visited UNHAS on 25-28 August 2025.

The visit began with an official welcoming session at Okayama University, led by Dean of Faculty of Health Sciences, Professor Sitoshi Hirohata, together with Professor Toshihiro Iguchi from Department of Radiological Technology and Professor Kosuke Kitabepu from Faculty of Nursing Okayama University. In his remarks, the Professor highlighted the importance of international academic exchange in improving students skills, cross-cultural understanding, and global perspective in health sciences.

In addition, the students visited the Dental School of Okayama University, where the students were introduced to the academic system, learning facilities, and clinical training environment. This visit allowed the student to gain a better understanding of dental education and practice in Japan.



## MARKING THE END OF 2025 WITH GLOBAL RESEARCH MILESTONE: FACULTY OF DENTISTRY UNHAS PARTNERS WITH HARVARD UNIVERSITY, KING ABDUL AZIZ UNIVERSITY, AND UNIVERSITY MALAYA.



The Faculty of Dentistry (FKG) at Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) is collaborating on two research projects to combat oral infection diseases, involving Harvard University, King Abdul Aziz University, and Malaysian researchers from University Malaya. The first project, starting in mid-December 2025 and planned for 2026, focuses on odontogenic infections. It will be conducted in four phases, aiming to produce assessment reports, intervention pilots, policy briefs, manuscripts, and stakeholder discussions, supervised by Dr. Lilli Gordon and Dr. Razan Baabdullah, with Drg. Yossi Yoanita leading at FKG UNHAS.

The second project involves Malaysian universities, including Universiti Sains Malaysia and International Medical University, discussing integrated research on oral health characteristics. Prof. Dr. Sri Oktawati from UNHAS will adapt and validate self-rated oral health status questionnaires from Malaysia for interpretation in Bahasa. This collaboration has been ongoing through reciprocal visits and virtual meetings.



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*Warm Season's Greetings and  
Best Wishes for the New Year!*

**May the year ahead be filled with new opportunities,  
growth, and shared achievements.**

**Best Regards,  
Prof. Dr. Ir. Jamaluddin Jompa, M.Sc.  
Rector of Hasanuddin University**

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