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# THE RECTOR MESSAGE



Dear Colleagues and Partners,

Internationalization at Hasanuddin University is not conclusion, it is a strategic pathway to strengthen academic excellence, expand global learning, and generate knowledge that serves society. In a world shaped by shared challenges, universities must move beyond symbolic cooperation toward partnerships that are purposeful and impactful.

These initiatives presented in this edition reflect how UNHAS translates this commitment into action. From hosting international scientific forums and advancing science diplomacy to deepening research collaboration with leading global institutions, we continue to position UNHAS as an active contributor within the international academic community—particularly from Eastern Indonesia to the world. Equally important is our investment in students and young scholars. Through international mobility programs, global conferences, visiting lectures, and structured preparation, we are cultivating graduates who are academically strong, culturally agile, and prepared to lead in diverse global contexts. These experiences are essential in shaping future professionals who can think critically, collaborate across cultures, and respond to complex global issues.

Our collaborations in health, sustainability, technology, and social development demonstrate that international engagement must be aligned with real societal needs. By connecting research and education to global priorities such as public health, environmental sustainability, and inclusive development, UNHAS ensures that its internationalization agenda remains relevant and responsible. Finally, I extend my appreciation to the International Office, faculties, researchers, students, and our international partners whose dedication continues to strengthen UNHAS's global presence.

Moving forward, we will remain focused on deepening strategic partnerships, enhancing institutional capacity, and contributing knowledge that creates lasting value—locally, regionally, and globally."



*RECTOR OF HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY*

**JAMALUDDIN JOMPA**



## **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.



## 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 on 6 December 2025 featuring six student groups from the 2025 cohort. 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.

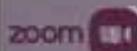
# Student Presentation & Global Insight

Paul Catteeuw

SABTU, 6 DESEMBER 2025

15:00 WITA (MAKASSAR)

09:00 WITA (BELGIUM)





## **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 to Fort Rotterdam offered participants insights into the region's cultural, historical, and natural heritage.



These two big events were fully supported by KONEKSI (Collaboration for Knowledge, Innovation, and Technology)—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 Institute for Research and Community Service 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 UNHAS International Office, Andi Masyitha 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 Umami 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.

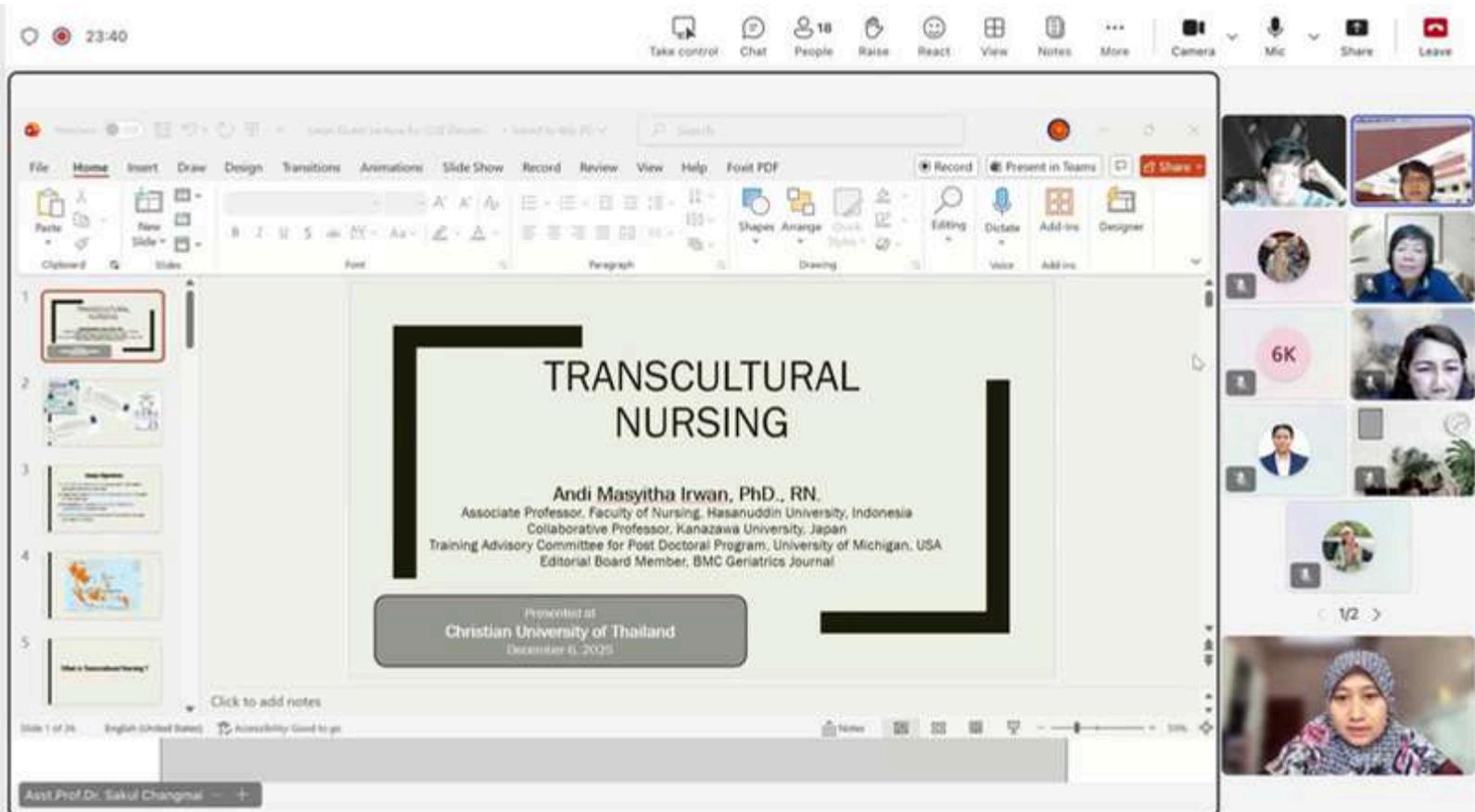
On the second day, participants attended panel discussions focusing on infectious disease control strategies, technology-based health surveillance, vaccine research trends, and recent scientific developments related to zoonotic diseases and vector-borne infections. In addition, a poster flash talk session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



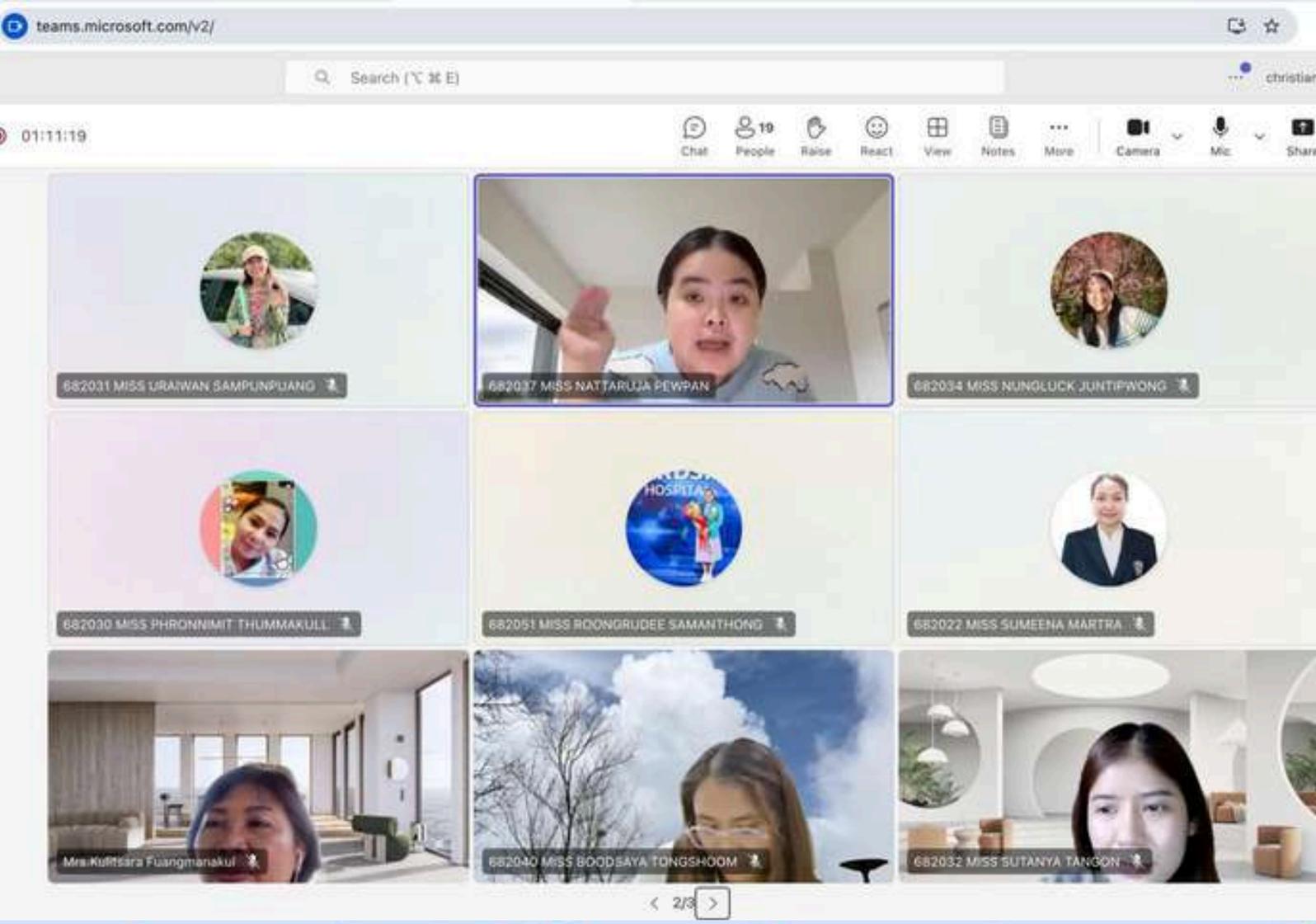
## PROMOTING TRANSCULTURAL NURSING EDUCATION THROUGH INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC COLLABORATION



On the 6<sup>th</sup> of 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 have 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.



## STRENGTHENING GLOBAL HEALTH EDUCATION: UNHAS–OKAYAMA UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC EXCHANGE AND COOPERATION



Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) continues to strengthen its international engagement through the Student Exchange for Undergraduate Program in collaboration with Okayama University, Japan, conducted in December 2025. This initiative reflects UNHAS's commitment to expanding global academic networks and providing students with meaningful international learning experiences that integrate academic, professional, and cultural perspectives.

The exchange program, held from 13 to 19 December 2025, involved 12 undergraduate students from the Faculties of Dentistry, Medicine, Public Health, and Nursing. Accompanied by three lecturers, including Hasnawati Amqam, S.KM., M.Sc., Head of the Undergraduate Public Health Study Program, the students received academic guidance throughout the program to ensure the achievement of learning objectives.

Academic activities at Okayama University included campus visits, orientation sessions, presentations on the Japanese higher education system, and direct interaction with students and faculty members. Through these engagements, UNHAS participants gained firsthand insight into Japan's academic culture while strengthening cross-cultural understanding and academic exchange.

A key highlight of the program was hands-on exposure to Japan's healthcare system. Under the supervision of Ns. Nurhaya Nurdin, S.Kep., Ns., MPH, students visited Tsubasa Community Clinic in Kurashiki, facilitated by Prof. Yoko Aihara and Assoc. Prof. Kosuke Kitabepu. The visit introduced participants to community-based and home-visit healthcare services, highlighting the central role of nurses in integrated patient-centered care.

The academic exchange was further enriched by a guest lecture delivered by Ns. Nurhaya Nurdin to approximately 50 nursing students at Okayama University. Titled "The Heart of Community Care: Nurses, Service, and Empowerment in Indonesia," the lecture showcased Indonesian community nursing practices and featured a documentary on Suster Rabiah, known as "The Floating Nurse" from South Sulawesi, which stimulated meaningful discussion and cross-cultural reflection.

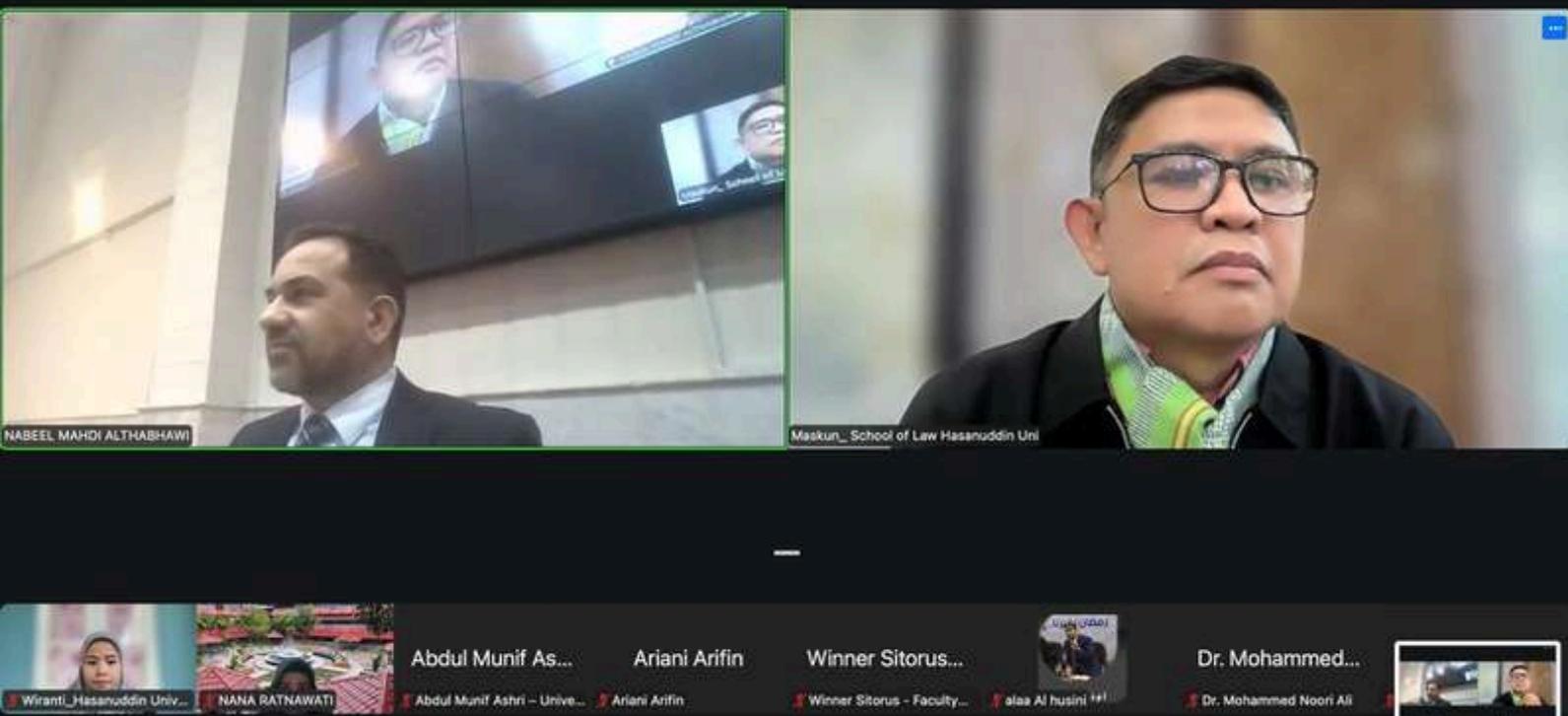


Alongside student activities, the collaboration was strengthened through an official visit by the leadership of the Faculty of Public Health (FKM) UNHAS on 12 December 2025. Discussions with Prof. Hideyuki Kanda, Head of the Department of Public Health, focused on advancing cooperation through the development of joint or double degree programs at the master's level, postgraduate student exchange, and expanded research collaboration in public health.





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



A delegation from the Faculty of Law (FH), 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. This conference 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 towards equitable global governance.



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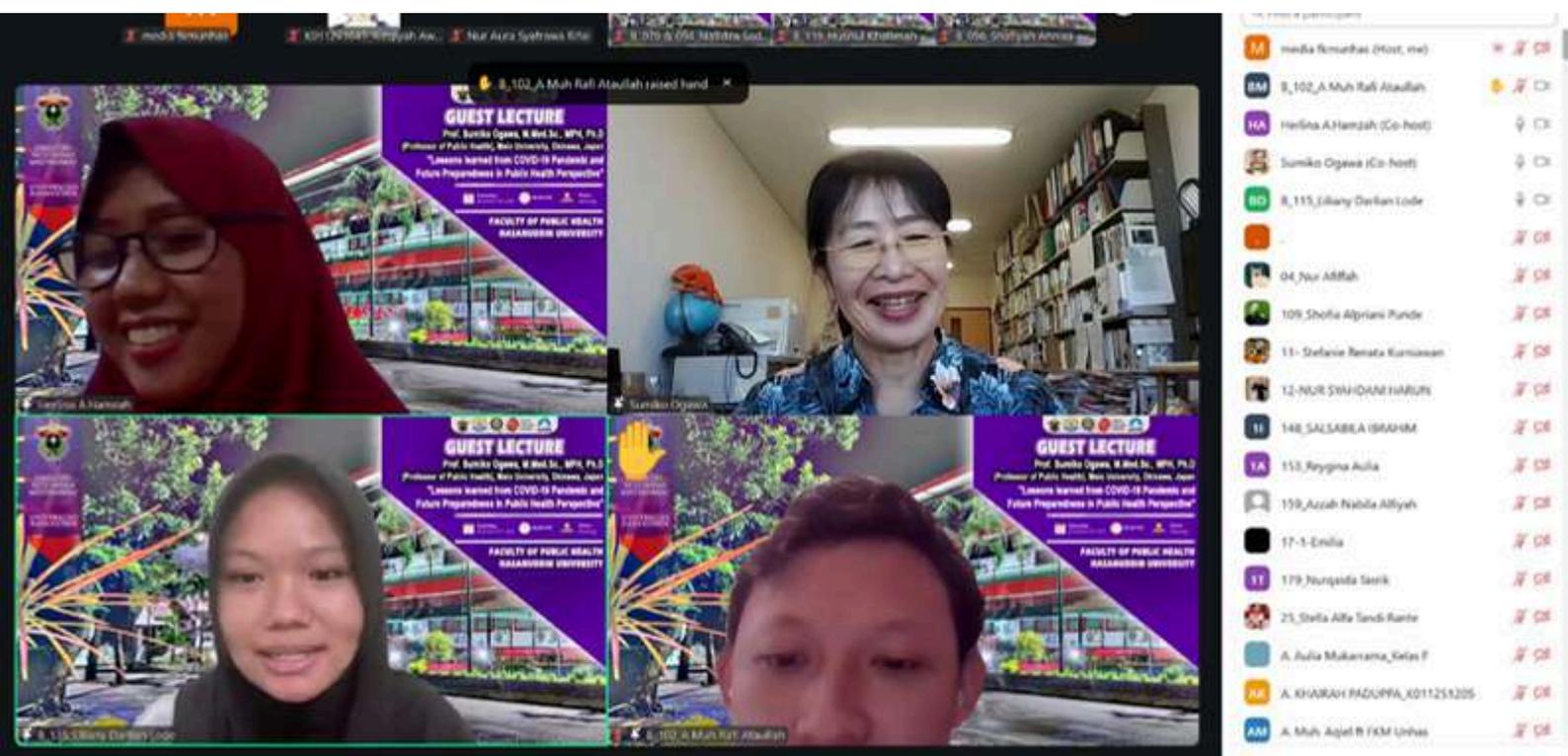
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## GLOBAL LESSONS FROM THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC HIGHLIGHTED IN INTERNATIONAL GUEST LECTURE AT FKM UNHAS



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 Mejo 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 shows a Zoom meeting interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with a Zoom logo, a meeting ID 'K011251218 A...', and the name 'Anugra Selfiyana'. Below this, there are several video thumbnails of participants. The main content area is split into two parts: on the left, a slide titled 'LECTURE' with a red background and a woman's face; on the right, a video of a woman with short black hair and glasses, identified as 'Suzuki Ogawa'. At the bottom, there's a control bar with icons for audio, video, participants, chat, react, share, host tools, AI Companion, apps, pause/stop recording, show captions, and more. On the right side, there's a 'Participants (275)' list with a search bar and a list of names and IDs, including 'media fernandes (host, me)', 'Helina A Hamzah (Co-host)', 'Sumiko Ogawa (Co-host)', 'SUKRI PALUTTURI UNHAS (Co-host)', 'Widya Anandiyah', '(A) (0011231181) Arissa Rizki Awalia', '002 Nafwa Septariani', '007 Nabila Fatmahan', '072 Helmy Pratno', '077 Herum Sabalia Savono', '068 Fidyia Bu Yu', '089 Lihnu Khotimah Rustam', '090 Andi Aisyah Septiani', '100 Erenhaprah Helen Sals', '102 A Muh Rafi Ataulah', '104 Nurul Hikmah NR', '105 Nurulika', '109 Shofia Alpriani Ponda', '113 Almah Nurul Fathiyah', and '114 Dwi Hafani Ihsan'. A red box with the number '34' is in the bottom right corner.

## 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.

## 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, 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.



## 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.



## “MBG FOR THE FUTURE OF THE NATION” WORKSHOP: COLLABORATION BETWEEN FKM UNHAS AND TOYO FOODS JAPAN STRENGTHENS THE FOUNDATION OF NUTRITION FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS



Makassar, 17 December 2025 — The Faculty of Public Health, Hasanuddin University (FKM UNHAS), held a workshop entitled “MBG for the Future of the Nation” on Wednesday, 17 December 2025, at Prof. Dr. H. Nur Nasry Noor, MPH Hall, 2nd Floor, FKM UNHAS. The workshop served as a strategic forum for international knowledge and experience exchange to support the implementation of Indonesia’s Free Nutritious Meal Program (Makan Bergizi Gratis/MBG) as a national priority program.

The workshop was attended by the Head of the Department of Nutrition Science, FKM UNHAS, Andi Imam Arundhana, S.Gz., MPH., PhD, who delivered the activity report, as well as the Dean of FKM UNHAS, represented by the Vice Dean for Planning, Resources, and Alumni Affairs, Prof. Dr. Atjo Wahyu, SKM., M.Kes. Also present were Executive Vice President & CEO of Toyo Foods Co., Ltd., Japan, Dr. Mizuho Ogikubo, PhD, along with the Toyo Foods delegation, Prof. Dr. Ir. Dorothea Agnes Rampisela, M.Sc., Professor at the Faculty of Agriculture, UNHAS, and Head of the Makassar Nutrition Fulfillment Service Office (KPPG), Handayani Syaukani, SKM., MPH.

The activity involved undergraduate and master's students from the Department of Nutrition Science, FKM UNHAS, as well as heads of SPPG kitchens in Makassar, as part of efforts to strengthen human resource capacity in nutrition services from an early stage.

The workshop aimed to enhance the understanding of academics, practitioners, and policymakers regarding the governance of safe, high-quality, and sustainable nutritious meal provision, while exploring lessons learned from international best practices in school meal management. This initiative reflects the role of higher education institutions in supporting human capital development toward Indonesia Gold 2045.

The material sessions were moderated by Ulfah Najamuddin, S.Si., M.Kes., PhD. The first presentation, titled "Advancing School Meal Quality: Insights from Japan," was delivered by Dr. Mizuho Ogikubo, PhD. In her presentation, Dr. Ogikubo shared the experience of Toyo Foods Co., Ltd., a Japanese food service company established in 1966 and widely recognized for its excellence in managing school lunch programs (Kyushoku).

Toyo Foods is well known for maintaining zero food poisoning incidents for more than 58 years of operation, achieved through the implementation of rigorous hygiene and food safety management systems. These systems include strict cold and hot chain management, sterile kitchen zoning to prevent cross-contamination, multilayered audits and quality control, and the active involvement of nutritionists in menu planning. The central kitchen model developed by Toyo Foods was highlighted as a relevant reference for the implementation of MBG in Indonesia, particularly in ensuring food safety and balanced nutrition for school children.



Beyond sharing best practices, Dr. Ogikubo also emphasized opportunities for human resource development collaboration, including internship opportunities for students of the Department of Nutrition Science, FKM UNHAS, in Japan, particularly under the supervision of Toyo Foods. This initiative is expected to provide students with valuable international exposure in institutional food service management, food safety, and nutrition.

The second session discussed the Regulatory Framework of the Nutrition Fulfillment Service Units (SPPG) in managing the Free Nutritious Meal Program (MBG), a national priority program. The presentation highlighted that the MBG is designed to reach students from early childhood education (PAUD) through senior high school/vocational school, as well as pregnant and breastfeeding women. The program aims to reduce stunting, improve health and cognitive development, strengthen local food security and economies, and build high-quality human resources. The MBG is implemented through SPPG units under the supervision of the National Nutrition Agency, local governments, and a digital system to ensure transparency and accountability.

Each session was followed by interactive discussions involving workshop participants, including heads of SPPG kitchens in Makassar and master's students in nutrition science. These discussions were further deepened through a Focus Group Discussion (FGD) involving the Hasanuddin University team, SPPG kitchen heads, and nutrition experts to explore implementation procedures of the MBG program and opportunities to adapt best practices from Japan to the Indonesian context.

Through this workshop, FKM UNHAS reaffirmed its commitment to actively contribute to strengthening nutrition policies and practices based on scientific evidence, while promoting cross-sectoral and international collaboration. The activity is expected to serve as an initial step toward developing a safe, effective, and sustainable MBG management model, while also opening pathways for student capacity development as future nutrition professionals with global competitiveness.



## 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. (Dr. Citha), 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.



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