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ACDS COMMUNITY VISIT: MALAYSIA ROADSHOW 2026 STRENGTHENS REGIONAL DENTAL COLLABORATION



The Abroad Community of Dental Students (ACDS) successfully conducted the ACDS Community Visit: Malaysia Roadshow 2026 on 16–19 January 2026, a regional academic and professional mobility program aimed at strengthening cross-border collaboration in dental education and student leadership across Southeast Asia. The program saw the participation of 20 selected dental student delegates from four countries, representing four major islands of Indonesia through leading public universities: Gadjah Mada University (Java), Mulawarman University (Kalimantan), Andalas University (Sumatra), and Hasanuddin University (Sulawesi). This diversity reflected ACDS's commitment to inclusive representation and equitable access to international academic exposure.

The roadshow was hosted by the Faculty of Dentistry (FKG), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) as the Host University Roadshow, with the Faculty of Dentistry, Universiti Malaya serving as the Host University Visit, and was jointly organized by ACDS and the Malaysian Dental Students' Association (MDSA) as the Host Program.

A key highlight of the program was the official academic visit to the Faculty of Dentistry, Universiti Malaya, where the ACDS delegation was formally welcomed by the Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry and the faculty leadership team. The visit included an institutional briefing, faculty tour, and university tour, offering participants firsthand insights into Malaysia's dental education system, academic infrastructure, and clinical training environment. This visit provided a platform for academic exchange and discussion on curriculum development, student mobility, and future institutional collaboration between Indonesian and Malaysian dental schools.

The delegation also took part in Dental Undergraduate Success Kit (DUSK) 9.0, organized by MDSA and held at IMU University which allowed participants to gain practical perspectives on career development and leadership beyond the clinical setting. The program featured a series of forums and discussions on entrepreneurship in dentistry, patient-centered care, behavioral management, oral health advocacy in the digital era, and professional resilience.



Moreover, ACDS delegates attended the 33rd Malaysian Dental Association Scientific Convention and Trade Exhibition (SCATE) 2026 at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre (KLCC). This participation allowed students to engage with cutting-edge research, emerging dental technologies, and global professional networks. The exposure reinforced the importance of research literacy and lifelong learning among future dental professionals.

Complementing the academic components, the program concluded with a Kuala Lumpur City Tour, providing participants with cultural and social immersion experiences. This activity enhanced intercultural understanding and fostered camaraderie among delegates from different educational and national backgrounds.

The ACDS Community Visit: Malaysia Roadshow 2026 stands as a strategic initiative to cultivate globally minded dental students who are academically competent, culturally aware, and prepared to contribute to regional and international dental communities. Through this program, ACDS reaffirmed its role as a bridge between Indonesian dental students and international academic platforms, while laying the foundation for sustainable collaboration with partner institutions in Malaysia and beyond.





FKG UNHAS SHOWCASES ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AT THE INTERNATIONAL DENTAL PHYSIOLOGY QUIZ



The Faculty of Dentistry (FKG), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), participated in the International Dental Physiology Quiz (IDPQ) on 17 January 2026 as part of its ongoing commitment to strengthening academic excellence and enhancing international exposure among undergraduate dental students. FKG UNHAS was represented by selected student delegates who competed in this international academic competition, which focuses on both fundamental and applied aspects of dental physiology. The programme provided students with an opportunity to benchmark their academic competencies against peers from other institutions while engaging in a competitive and intellectually stimulating environment.

Throughout the competition, the FKG UNHAS delegation demonstrated strong academic performance. One team successfully advanced to the Quarter-Final round, while another progressed further to the Semi-Final round. These achievements reflect the students' solid foundation in dental physiology, effective teamwork, and their ability to perform in accordance with international academic standards.

Beyond the competitive outcomes, participation in the IDPQ delivered significant academic and institutional benefits for FKG UNHAS. The students gained firsthand exposure to international assessment formats, engaged in scholarly interactions with faculty members and participants from other universities, and strengthened their confidence in representing the institution at the global level. At the institutional level, this participation supports FKG UNHAS's strategic objectives to enhance the quality of dental education through international academic engagement, encourage greater student involvement in global academic competitions, strengthen the faculty's international visibility and reputation, and cultivate future dental professionals equipped with strong scientific foundations and global perspectives.

Overall, FKG UNHAS's involvement in the International Dental Physiology Quiz represents a meaningful contribution to the faculty's continuous efforts to promote academic excellence and advance internationalization initiatives.



FACULTY OF ANIMAL SCIENCE, UNHAS STRENGTHENS INTERNATIONALIZATION THROUGH COLLABORATIVE POULTRY BREEDING RESEARCH WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS



The Faculty of Animal Science (FAPET), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) continues to strengthen their internationalization agenda through a collaborative research partnership with the Poultry Breeding research team from the University of Arkansas, United States. This collaboration is conducted under a collaborative research scheme funded by the Poultry Breeding *Thematic Research Group* (TRG) Program, chaired by Dr. Wempie Pakiding.

The University of Arkansas research team carried out a research visit to the UNHAS campus from 24 to 27 January 2026. During the visit, the team conducted field research at broiler production centers that serve as collaborative partners of the Faculty of Animal Science, UNHAS. The main focus of the study is a survey of the incidence of lameness in broiler chickens caused by a bacterial infection known as *Bacterial Chondronecrosis with Osteomyelitis* (BCO), a disease that can result in significant economic losses in the broiler industry.

The visiting research team was led by Prof. Douglas D. Rhoads, Director of the Center of Excellence Poultry Breeding, accompanied by Dr. Adnan Ali Khalaf Alrubaye, a senior researcher and Secretary of the Center of Excellence Poultry Breeding. They were also accompanied by two early-career researchers, Dr. Andi Asnayanti (postdoctoral researcher) and Dr. Dang Trieu (Ph.D. researcher), who actively supported the research activities during their stay in Indonesia.

The University of Arkansas is widely recognized as one of the world's leading research institutions and universities in poultry science, particularly in broiler production. Therefore, this collaboration is expected not only to produce joint research outputs but also to serve as a foundation for long-term cooperation between the two institutions.

As part of the visit, Dr. Adnan Ali Khalaf Alrubaye also delivered a public lecture at the Faculty of Animal Science, UNHAS. In his lecture, Dr. Adnan presented findings and recent developments from his research on lameness in broiler chickens, covering disease etiology, economic impacts, and potential control strategies through scientific approaches and improved poultry management practices. The lecture was warmly received by faculty members and students, especially those with interests in poultry health and production.

Looking ahead, this collaborative research initiative will be further strengthened through various follow-up programs, including capacity building for human resources, particularly young faculty members at the Faculty of Animal Science and UNHAS in general. On this occasion, Prof. Rhoads also outlined several opportunities for academic collaboration, including prospects for outstanding UNHAS students to pursue master's (M.Sc.) and doctoral (Ph.D.) studies at the University of Arkansas through various scholarship schemes, including *Lembaga Pengelola Dana Pendidikan* (LPDP) or Indonesian Education Endowment Fund).

Future collaboration plans also include the development of international collaborative research schemes focusing on key agricultural commodities that represent the core expertise of the University of Arkansas, particularly rice and poultry. Through this strategic partnership, UNHAS is expected to further strengthen its role in global research networks and make meaningful contributions to the advancement of science and sustainable food security.



UNHAS HOLDS FGD ON DATA COLLECTION FOR QS AND THE WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS



The Directorate of Reputation Enhancement, Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), held a Focus Group Discussion (FGD) on data collection for the Quacquarelli Symonds World University Rankings (QS WUR) and the Times Higher Education World University Rankings (THE WUR) on Sunday–Monday, 25–26 January 2026. The event took place at the Innovate Room, UNHAS Hotel and Convention, and was attended by faculty representatives and the International Office (IO).

The FGD was officially opened by Prof. Ir. Rohani Ambo Rappe, Ph.D., Director of Reputation Enhancement, who also delivered a comprehensive explanation of the methodologies used by both QS and THE ranking platforms. In her presentation, Prof. Rohani outlined the UNHAS ranking roadmap toward 2030, highlighting strategic projections and targets to be achieved in order to improve the university's global standing.

The discussion continued with presentations of existing data that had been submitted by faculties prior to the FGD. The review revealed that several faculties still needed to complete or refine data required for QS WUR and THE WUR submissions. Through this FGD, the Directorate of Reputation Enhancement emphasized the importance of data completeness and accuracy, and expressed its hope that all required data would be finalized before the official submission deadlines.





UNHAS RECTOR WELCOMES ALLIANCE FRANÇAISE FOUNDATION TO STRENGTHEN CULTURAL AND ACADEMIC COLLABORATION



The Alliance Française Foundation (AF) paid a courtesy visit to Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) and was warmly welcomed by the Rector of UNHAS, Prof. Ir. Jamaluddin Jompa, Ph.D., widely known as Prof. JJ, on Tuesday, 20 January 2028. The meeting took place at the Rector's Lounge and marked a continued commitment to strengthening cooperation between the two institutions.

The AF delegation comprised Jean-François Hans (Geography Delegation) and Julies Irrmann (Counselor of Partnership and Culture, Embassy of France in Jakarta). The representatives were accompanied by Prof. Dr. Ir. Ambo Tuwo, DEA, who serves as Honorary Counselor. The visit reflected the strong and ongoing partnership between UNHAS and Alliance Française.

The Rector was accompanied by Prof. Dr. Eng. Adi Maulana, S.T., M.Phil. (Vice Rector for Partnership, Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Business), Wahyuddin, S.S., M.Hum., Ph.D. (Vice Dean for Partnership, Research, Innovation, and Alumni, Faculty of Cultural Sciences), Dr. Andi Faisal, S.S., M.Hum. (Head of the Department of French Language and Literature), Masdiana, S.S., M.Hum. (Coordinator of Waroeng Prancis), and Muhammad Ridwan (Secretary of the International Office), and Dr. Zulkifli Tahir (Head of Sub Directorate of Partnership).

The visit aimed to further strengthen the long-standing collaboration between UNHAS and AF, particularly in the fields of culture, language, and education. At the conclusion of the meeting, Prof. JJ presented UNHAS souvenirs, including Hadin Chocolate, followed by a photo session to commemorate the occasion.



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STRENGTHENING GLOBAL COMPETENCE: UNHAS PHARMACY STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN TDTU SUMMER SCHOOL EXCHANGE PROGRAM 2026



Eight undergraduate students from the Pharmacy Study Program, Faculty of Pharmacy (FF), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) participated in the Ton Duc Thang University (TDTU) Summer School Exchange Program, held from 26 January to 2 February 2026 in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. The participating students were Ariel Apriansyah, M. Kahiril Ali Yahya, Cleo Darlene Eleanor Riedel, Anastasia Eugenia, Mutia Kaharuddin, Putri Ramadhani Bahar, Alfiah Fira, and Putri Septiani Basri.

This program forms part of UNHAS' ongoing commitment to academic internationalization and global student engagement. Throughout the program, participants were exposed to a series of high-impact international academic activities designed to broaden scientific insight, enhance research perspectives, and foster cross-cultural understanding.

A key component of the program was the international lecture series, delivered by distinguished academics from UNHAS. Prof. Muhammad Aswad presented a lecture entitled "*Combating Resistance with Antibiotic-Resistance Breaker: A Rational Drug Discovery*", highlighting rational drug discovery approaches to address the global challenge of antibiotic resistance, with particular emphasis on the concept of antibiotic-resistance breakers as an innovative therapeutic strategy.

In addition, Sukriani Kursia delivered an international lecture titled “Utilization of ATR-FTIR and Deep Learning for Detection of Microorganisms”. The lecture explored the integration of ATR-FTIR spectroscopy and deep learning algorithms as a rapid and advanced method for microorganism detection, emphasizing its applications in pharmaceutical and biomedical sciences.

The academic program was further enriched by the session “Insight from TDTU Researchers”, featuring PhD students from Taiwan and Ton Duc Thang University. During this session, the speakers shared their experiences in international research environments, interdisciplinary collaboration, and academic life as doctoral researchers, providing valuable perspectives for participating students.

Complementing the academic activities, participants also took part in a Vietnamese Traditional Music Instrument Workshop. This cultural session introduced students to traditional Vietnamese musical instruments, their historical and cultural significance, and hands-on practice, fostering deeper cultural appreciation and intercultural engagement.

Through participation in the TDTU Summer School Exchange Program 2026, undergraduate pharmacy students from UNHAS gained meaningful academic exposure, expanded international networks, and valuable cross-cultural experiences. The program is expected to strengthen students’ global competencies and contribute to the development of internationally minded graduates ready to engage in global academic and research communities.



STRENGTHENING INTERNATIONAL OFFICE COLLABORATION: NOBEL IO VISITS UNHAS FOR BENCHMARKING



The International Office (IO) of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) recently welcomed a delegation from the Nobel International Office (IO) Makassar, Indonesia, on Thursday, 27 January 2026. The visit was received by Muhammad Ridwan, M.A., Secretary of the UNHAS International Office, together with other IO staff members. The Nobel IO delegation consisted of Ahmad Ikram, S.T., M.M. (Director of Networking and Partnership), Muh. Alif, S.M. (Marketing Communication), and Mutialdy Handaling, S.Ikom. (International Office).

The purpose of the visit was to conduct a benchmarking session, particularly on the management of international student support services. The discussion covered key areas such as immigration matters, administrative assistance, and other support systems provided for international students. As the Nobel IO is currently managed by new personnel, the team sought insights and best practices from IO UNHAS to strengthen their institutional capacity in handling internationalization services.

Leading the delegation, Mr. Ahmad Ikram expressed his hope for stronger engagement and collaboration among international offices of universities in Makassar and surrounding areas. This aligns with earlier initiatives by IO UNHAS, which two years ago initiated coordination meetings among university international offices in the region. The visit concluded with a group photo session, marking a positive step toward enhanced inter-university cooperation in international affairs.





VOICES OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS – FROM BANGLADESH TO UNHAS

RAZOAN KARIM'S JOURNEY AS A FUTURE
ARCHITECTURE STUDENT

As the new year begins, the weekly news continues its effort to feature Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) international students who contribute positively to campus life. In this issue, we interviewed MD Razoan Karim, an international student from Bangladesh who will be majoring in the Architecture Study Program, Faculty of Engineering (FT) at UNHAS.

Mr. Razoan was born on 8 August 2005 and completed his high school education at Shahid Bulbul Government College, Bangladesh. Before enrolling at UNHAS, he was awarded the *Kemitraan Negara Berkembang* (KNB) scholarship, also known as the Partnership of Developing Countries, which is provided by the Government of Indonesia.

As part of the KNB requirements prior to starting his degree program, Mr. Razoan must complete one year of *Bahasa Indonesia untuk Penutur Asing* (BIPA), or Indonesian Language for Non-Native Speakers. He is currently in his second term of the BIPA program. The interview was conducted on Thursday, 26 January 2026, at the International Office. It was an impressive experience, as he demonstrated strong proficiency in Bahasa Indonesia.

Regarding campus life and cultural experiences, he shared that the BIPA program has helped him connect with the local community. He mentioned that when enjoying meals at local *warung* (food stall), he often greets people around him, which has significantly improved his Bahasa Indonesia skills. Despite these positive experiences, he acknowledged challenges, including language adaptation and transportation. After purchasing a used motorcycle, he hopes that in the coming semester he will be able to adapt more smoothly and fully enjoy campus life with his classmates.



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