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## UNHAS INTERNATIONAL OFFICE FORGES STRATEGIC ALLIANCE WITH SELAYAR REGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL PROGRAM 2026



The International Office (IO) Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) has officially commenced the foundational phase for the International Cultural Program (ICP) 2026 by conducting an extensive three-days working visit to Selayar Island from 7 to 9 February 2026. This mission served a dual purpose: to evaluate the island's logistical and aesthetic suitability for international participants and to secure high-level administrative synergy with the Selayar local Government.

The delegation, led by Khaeruddin, Ph.D. (IO Task Force) alongside a specialized team including Kumara Tungga Dewa, S.S., Muhammad Anugerah, S.I.Kom, Cahya Ramadhani, S.I.Kom, Erizal Zhafran Muyazzar Edison, S.I.Kom., and Risty Juliani (Staff), dedicated the weekend to an intensive survey of the region's premier destinations. On Saturday and Sunday (7-8 February), the team visited Baloiya Beach, Sunari, Norsyia and Museum, assessing their potential as primary hubs for cultural workshops and maritime activities. Simultaneously, a technical sub-team explored the Pasik Gusung area, specifically focusing on the local mangrove ecosystem. This assessment is vital for the International Cultural Program (ICP)'s recurring themes of sustainability and maritime heritage, ensuring that the 2026 curriculum can offer hands-on environmental education to global students.

The diplomatic highlight of the visit occurred on Monday, 9 February 2026, at the Selayar local government office. The UNHAS delegation was received by Assistant 1 and Assistant 2, representing the local leadership. Demonstrating the regency's serious commitment to the program, the meeting was attended by a comprehensive assembly of department heads (Tourism and Culture, Maritime and Fisheries, Transportation, Health, and Environmental Affairs) as well as local environmental activists.

The discussions were highly collaborative, with local officials providing specific recommendations on how to integrate Selayar's unique "Community-Based Tourism" (CBT) and its rich maritime history into the ICP 2026 agenda. The Selayar Regency Government expressed strong support for the initiative, noting that such international exposure is essential for the region's long-term tourism branding. While the local government has signalled their endorsement, the delegation's findings and the meeting's outcomes will be formally reported to the Regent of Selayar, who was traveling during the visit.

This partnership aligns with UNHAS's broader mission of internationalization, bringing global perspectives to local communities while showcasing South Sulawesi's cultural heritage to the world. The visit concluded with a formal exchange of souvenirs and a group photo session, marking the official start to ensure that Selayar will become a world-class host for international students and cultural ambassadors in ICP 2026.







## **UNPACKING THE ROOTS OF INDONESIAN ECONOMIC SOVEREIGNTY: A COLLABORATIVE PUBLIC LECTURE WITH ANU AND FEB UNHAS**



The Faculty of Economics and Business (FEB) at Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) recently served as a vibrant hub for intellectual discourse by hosting a public lecture featuring Dr. Arianto Patunru from the Australian National University (ANU) Indonesia Project. Held on Thursday, 5 February 2026, in the Senate Room, the event gathered a distinguished audience of lecturers alongside undergraduate and postgraduate students for an in-depth exploration of Indonesia's fiscal identity. The lecture, titled "Nationalist Political Economy in Indonesia: History, Institutions, and Persistent Economic Nationalism," provided a critical framework for understanding the ideological pillars that continue to define the nation's economic landscape.

Dr. Patunru guided the audience through an analytical journey, beginning with the historical roots of Indonesian economic thought, which are deeply intertwined with the colonial struggle and the subsequent drive for total economic sovereignty. He emphasized how these historical sentiments were eventually codified into key institutions, most notably Article 33 of the 1945 Constitution, which mandates state control over vital resources for the collective welfare. By connecting past milestones to contemporary trends, the session illuminated why protectionist leanings often persist as a dominant policy preference, even in an era defined by global digital trade and international integration.

Central to the discussion was the observation that Indonesia's economic trajectory is characterized by a persistent swing between liberal and protectionist policies. Dr. Patunru noted that the country does not adhere to a single consistent path; rather, it fluctuates between periods of high openness to global markets and phases of withdrawal where protectionist measures are implemented to shield domestic industries from foreign competition. This inconsistency is further complicated by the high prevalence of rent-seeking behavior, where business elites with close ties to political power seek to accumulate wealth through the manipulation of the economic and political environment. Instead of driving growth through innovation, these actors often rely on securing special licenses, monopolies, or import quotas that benefit a narrow group of interests.

These economic patterns are mirrored in a political landscape described during the lecture as a resilient yet flawed democracy. While Indonesia has successfully maintained its democratic framework since the Reformasi era, the system remains compromised by the influence of old-guard elites and interest coalitions. These forces often act as a barrier to the deep legal and economic reforms necessary for modernization. Furthermore, Indonesia's economic identity is uniquely shaped by the political values of Pancasila. Rather than following a purely capitalist model of profit and loss, the nation emphasizes "People's Economy" (*ekonomi kerakyatan*), a dominant role for the state via State-Owned Enterprises, and social justice principles that are frequently invoked to justify restrictions on foreign ownership and maintain nationalist control over resources.

The interactive nature of the event allowed for a robust exchange of ideas between the speaker and the FEB UNHAS academic community. Participants engaged in a high-level debate regarding the balance between maintaining a nationalist stance and the necessity of attracting foreign investment to fuel domestic growth. This dialogue underscored the importance of academic collaboration between UNHAS and the ANU Indonesia Project, highlighting a shared commitment to elevating local research through global scholarly engagement. The lecture concluded with a forward-looking perspective on how Indonesia might navigate its nationalist heritage while evolving within the complex web of modern international political economy.



## **UNHAS AND POLISAS STRENGTHEN TIES THROUGH VIRTUAL MOU AND MOBILITY COLLABORATION**



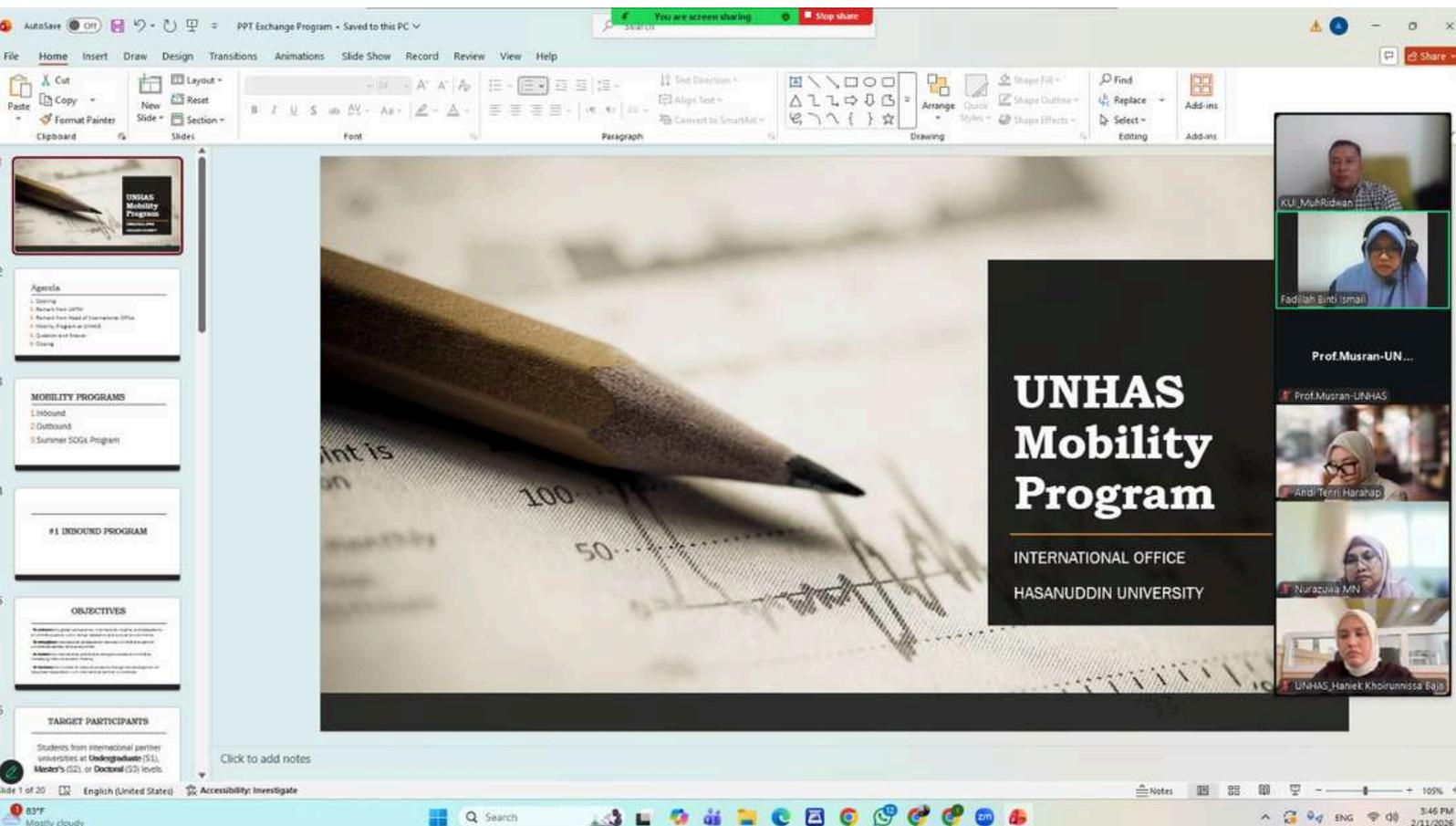
Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), through its Directorate of Partnership, officially solidified a new international collaboration with Politeknik Sultan Haji Ahmad Shah (POLISAS), Malaysia. The partnership was formalized during a virtual Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signing ceremony held on Thursday, 5 February 2026. The ceremony was attended by key UNHAS representatives, including Ansariadi, Ph.D. (Director of Partnership), Zulkifly Tahir, Ph.D. (Head of Sub-Directorate of International Partnership), and Muhammad Ridwan, M.A. (Secretary of the International Office). They were joined by Dr.rer.nat. Ir. Zainal, S.TP., M.FoodTech. (Vice Dean for Academic and Student Affairs, Faculty of Agricultural Technology) and Dr. Agustina from the Faculty of Vocational Studies. Representing POLISAS was Mr. Hisamuddin bin Mohd Tamim, who led the Malaysian delegation. The historic signing was witnessed by a number of academic staff members from both institutions, marking a shared commitment to future academic excellence.

Immediately following the signing, on Monday, 9 February 2026, the International Office (IO) convened a strategic discussion to outline a series of mobility programs scheduled to run through August 2026. These initiatives include an SDGs Conference, Inbound and Outbound exchanges, and an SDGs Summer Program. This second session saw expanded participation from UNHAS leadership, including Andi Masyitha Irwan, Ph.D. (Head of IO), Prof. Ida Leida Maria (Vice Dean for Academic and Student Affairs, Faculty of Vocational Studies), Dr.rer.nat. Ir. Zainal, S.TP., M.FoodTech. (Vice Dean for Academic and Student Affairs) and Prof. Dr. A. Nurfaidah Rahman, S.TP., M.Si. (Head of Food Science and Technology Study Program) from the Faculty of Agricultural Technology.

The mobility programs are set to receive significant financial backing from Enhancing Quality Education for International University Impacts and Recognition (EQUITY) Program via the *Lembaga Pengelola Dana Pendidikan* (LPDP) or Indonesia Endowment Fund for Education, ensuring robust support for participating students. The meeting concluded with a commitment from both the Faculty of Agricultural Technology and the Faculty of Vocational Studies to finalize program proposals, paving the way for a seamless exchange of students between UNHAS and POLISAS.



# UNHAS AND UTHM BOLSTER ACADEMIC COLLABORATION THROUGH LPDP-FUNDED MOBILITY PROGRAMS



Following an initial visit from Universiti Tun Hussein Onn Malaysia (UTHM) on 4 February 2026, Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) through its International Office (IO) initiated a follow-up virtual meeting on 9 February 2026. This meeting served as a strategic step to deepen the partnership between the two institutions, specifically focusing on the expansion of student and faculty mobility. Representing UNHAS were Muhammad Ridwan (Secretary of IO) and Haniek Khoirunnissa, M.Sc. (IO Task Force and Lecturer at the Faculty of Economics and Business).

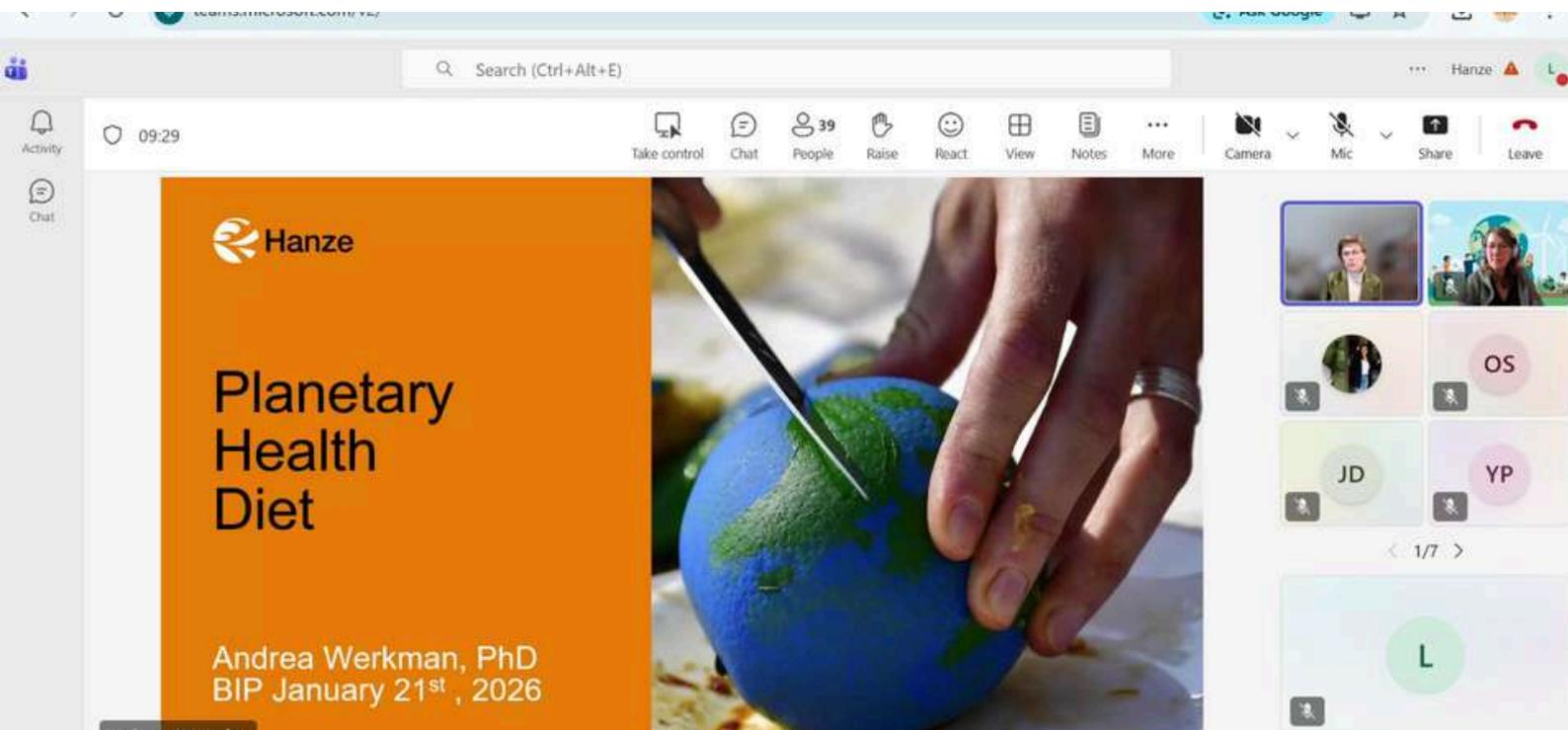
The discussion saw significant participation from the Faculty of Economics and Business (FEB), including Dr. Sabir, S.E., M.Si (Vice Dean of Academic and Student Affairs) and Dr. Musran Munizu, SE., M.Si., M.A.P. (Vice Dean of Partnership, Research, Innovation, and Alumni), alongside several faculty members. Meanwhile, from UTHM were Dr. Nurnazwa, Dr. Fadilah Ismail and Dr. Ruzaimah. The primary objective was to explore the diverse mobility programs offered by both universities, ensuring that the collaborative framework aligns with the academic goals of both UNHAS and UTHM.

A key highlight of the meeting was the integration of the Enhancing Quality Education for International University Impacts and Recognition (EQUITY) Program, funded by the *Lembaga Pengelola Dana Pendidikan* (LPDP). As the IO is currently tasked with implementing these funded mobility initiatives, it is essential for internal faculties at UNHAS to capitalize on this opportunity. The funding is designed to facilitate both inbound and outbound programs with global partners, with UTHM identified as a priority collaborator for these international exchanges.

The session proved highly productive, with both parties reaching a mutual agreement to facilitate student exchanges in the coming months. The meeting concluded with a commitment from the Faculty of Economics and Business to prepare formal proposals for the mobility program. Once these proposals undergo the review and approval process, the exchange activities are expected to be executed smoothly, further strengthening the international ties between Indonesia and Malaysia.



## **FACULTY OF NURSING, UNHAS, PARTICIPATED IN A BLENDED INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMME (BIP) AT HANZE UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES, GRONINGEN, THE NETHERLANDS**



This activity was conducted as a Blended International Programme (BIP), combining online and offline learning modalities. The programme was designed to enhance participants' understanding of Planetary Health issues while strengthening international academic collaboration and cross cultural learning experiences. A total of four students from Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) participated in this programme.

The programme was conducted during Weeks 2–5 of 2026 (approximately 5 hours per week), consisting of an online phase and on-site activities in Groningen from 2 to 6 February 2026. This blended structure allowed participants to engage in continuous learning, preparation, and collaboration prior to the on-site activities.

During the online phase, the programme consisted of two main sessions delivered via Microsoft Teams. In the first session, all participants and lecturers from various countries gathered to attend lectures presented by academic staff with professional expertise in their respective fields. The topics covered included an introduction to the Groningen campus, self-introductions by representatives of each participating country, and discussions of practical examples related to Planetary Health.

Following the plenary session, participants were divided into small interdisciplinary groups consisting of six to seven members under the supervision of two lecturers from Groningen. These groups engaged in collaborative discussions, case analyses, and project-based learning activities. The group work initiated during the online phase was continued intensively during the offline sessions in Groningen, fostering deeper academic exchange and intercultural collaboration.

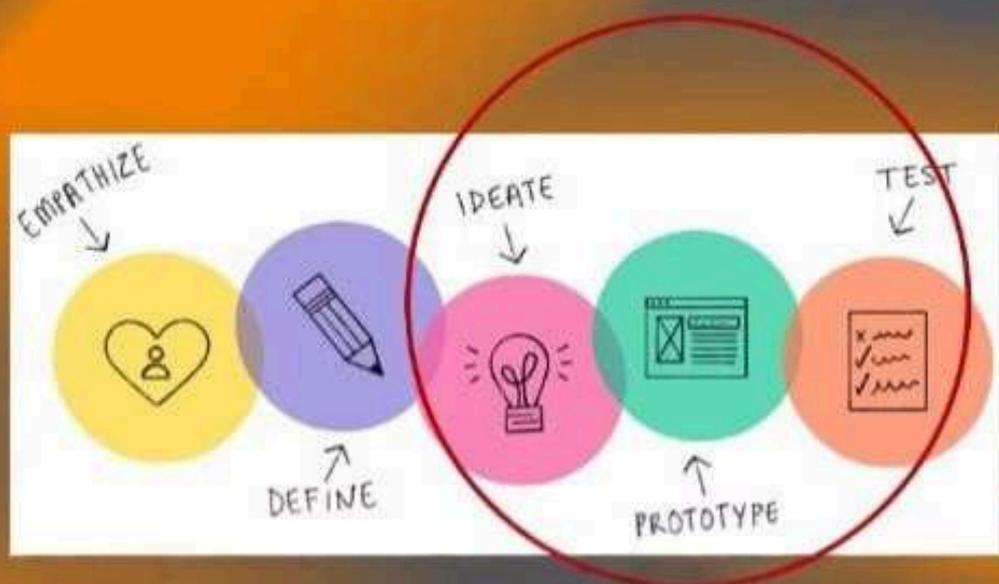
Throughout both the online and offline components, participants were actively involved in a range of academic assignments, including the preparation and delivery of presentations, critical journal reviews, and the creation of vlogs related to Planetary Health. In addition, several educational games were conducted during the offline sessions to encourage interaction and engagement. Participants who joined the programme online were also actively involved in the offline activities through Microsoft Teams, ensuring inclusive participation for all.

The UNHAS students actively contributed to discussions by presenting contextual examples of environmental and public health challenges in Indonesia, particularly those related to climate change, environmental sustainability, and their impact on community health. These perspectives enriched the cross-country dialogue by offering insights from a Southeast Asian and developing country context, thereby strengthening comparative analysis and global understanding of Planetary Health issues.

The programme was attended by participants from ten countries, namely Germany, Belgium, Albania, Switzerland, Tenerife, Norway, Indonesia, Kosovo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and the Netherlands. This diverse international composition created a collaborative academic environment and broadened participants' global perspectives on sustainability and health.

***"What can healthcare professionals do to make a real difference — not just for individual and public health, but for the health of our planet too?"***

**Groningen**



Upon completion of the programme, participants fulfilled all academic requirements and received certificates of participation. The experience not only strengthened students' competencies in global health and interdisciplinary collaboration but also opened opportunities for future academic cooperation, joint research initiatives, and continued engagement between UNHAS and Hanze University of Applied Sciences.

Overall, the Blended International Programme provided a valuable platform for academic exchange, interdisciplinary learning, and international networking. This participation reflects the Faculty of Nursing UNHAS's commitment to internationalization, global engagement, and the integration of Planetary Health principles into nursing education. Through structured learning activities and collaborative academic tasks, participants developed a deeper awareness of global health challenges and the importance of sustainable and evidence-based solutions within the Planetary Health framework.



## **CPCD UNHAS CONTRIBUTES TO STRATEGIC DISCUSSIONS AT SOUTHEAST ASIA–JAPAN SECURITY DIALOGUE 2026**



The Center for Peace, Conflict & Democracy (CPCD) at Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) has further solidified its strategic role in regional peace and security through its active participation in the Southeast Asia–Japan Security Dialogue on 9–11 February 2026. Themed "Connecting the Seas, Engaging Partners," the event was organized by the Centre for International Relations Studies (CIReS) at the University of Indonesia in collaboration with the Sasakawa Peace Foundation (SPF) Japan. The forum convened a prestigious group of security analysts, academics, policy practitioners, and military representatives from Indonesia, Japan, the Philippines, Singapore, and Vietnam to navigate the increasingly complex security dynamics of the Indo-Pacific.

Representing CPCD UNHAS, Agussalim Burhanuddin attended as a guest speaker. In addition to his role as a researcher at CPCD, he is a senior lecturer in the Department of International Relations at the Faculty of Social and Political Sciences (FISIP) UNHAS. His participation reflects the international recognition of CPCD's contributions to peace studies, security diplomacy, and research-based public policy. The dialogue brought together approximately 20–30 experts to discuss maritime security, the transformation of warfare through digital technology and artificial intelligence, and defense diplomacy aimed at building transparency and mutual trust between nations.

Agussalim Burhanuddin served as a key panelist for a session titled "Maritime Security and Economic Prosperity: Safeguarding Supply Chains in a Connected World." He shared the stage with distinguished experts, including Navy Capt. Keitaro Ushirogata from the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force, Hoang Do from the Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam, and Air Chief Marshal (Ret.) Chappy Hakim from the Indonesian Air Power Studies Center. This session emphasized maritime security as the foundation for regional economic stability and the necessity of cross-border cooperation to maintain the resilience of global supply chains.

In his presentation, "Securing Indonesia's ALKI II as a Strategic Sea Corridor for Resilient Supply Chains," Agussalim highlighted the critical role of *Alur Laut Kepulauan Indonesia* (ALKI) or the Indonesian Archipelagic Sea Lanes within the regional maritime architecture. He advocated for an inclusive security approach rooted in regional collaboration involving state actors, civil society, and the academic community. Furthermore, he emphasized integrating human security perspectives and social stability into maritime policy as essential pillars for sustainable peace in Southeast Asia.

The involvement of CPCD UNHAS in this forum is part of its ongoing commitment to amplifying Indonesia's academic voice in regional security discourse. This engagement not only expands CPCD's international network but also reinforces its position as a leading hub for peace studies and public policy that actively drives dialogue and policy-based research. Through its participation in the Southeast Asia-Japan Security Dialogue 2026, CPCD Unhas continues to champion peace-building and research that contributes to a resilient and stable Indo-Pacific region.



## INAUGURATION OF WINSLOW ENGLISH CLUB (WEC) MANAGEMENT BOARD 2025–2026



Winslow English Club (WEC) officially inaugurated its Management Board for the 2025–2026 period in a formal and well-organized ceremony held at the Faculty of Public Health (FKM), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) on 11 February 2026. The inauguration marked the beginning of a new leadership term and served as a strategic momentum to strengthen the organization's contribution to student development.

The inauguration was formally officiated by the Dean of FKM UNHAS, on behalf of Prof. Sukri Palutturi, S.KM., M.Kes., M.Sc.PH., Ph.D. The ceremony consisted of the reading of the pledge by the newly appointed management board and the symbolic conferment of the official organizational vest, representing official recognition, responsibility, and commitment to the organization.

Winslow English Club (WEC) is a faculty-based student activity unit under the Faculty of Public Health, UNHAS. WEC actively supports the vision and mission of the Faculty of Public Health and UNHAS toward internationalization by strengthening students' English proficiency in academic writing, public speaking, and professional communication. Through these efforts, WEC prepares students to participate in international academic forums, global collaborations, and cross-border public health initiatives.

A total of 40 management board members were officially inaugurated for the 2025–2026 period, led by Ash Habul Kahfi Fahlefi as the Chairperson of Winslow English Club. Under this new leadership, WEC is expected to further enhance students' English communication skills and foster a competitive academic environment aligned with global standards in public health.

Through its programs and activities, Winslow English Club is expected to consistently contribute to the development of globally competent students. The organization is anticipated to strengthen the international outlook of the Faculty of Public Health, UNHAS, while supporting sustainable student development and academic excellence in the years to come.



## UNHAS AND CICEEA EXPLORE STRATEGIC CAREER PARTNERSHIPS FOR STUDENTS



On Thursday, 12 February 2026, Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) welcomed a delegation from the China-Indonesia Cultural and Educational Exchange Association (CICEEA) at the Faculty of Medicine (FK). The welcome ceremony was led by the Secretary of the UNHAS, Prof. Sumbangan Baja, Ph.D., M.Phil, and focused on exploring future collaborations between the two institutions. The meeting was moderated by Andi Masyitha Irwan, Ph.D. and attended by a diverse group of UNHAS representatives, including drg. Irfan Sugianto, M.Med.Ed., Ph.D., Sp.RKG. (Faculty of Dentistry), Prof. dr. Agussalim Bukhari, M.Clin.Med., Ph.D., Sp.GK(K) (Vice Dean of Academic and Student Affairs, FK), Prof. dr. Firdaus Hamid, Ph.D., Sp.MK(K) (Vice Dean of Planning and Human Resources, FK), and Ahmad Yasir Baida, Ph.D. (Faculty of Engineering).

The primary aim of the visit was to establish a recruitment pipeline for UNHAS students and alumni to be hired by the numerous Chinese-invested companies currently operating and growing in Indonesia. High-level university officials joined the discussion to support this initiative, including Dr. Abdullah Sanusi, MBA (Director of Student Affairs) and Prof. Ida Leida Maria (Vice Dean of Faculty of Vocational Studies). The International Office (IO) was also heavily represented by Andi Masyitha Irwan, Ph.D. (Head of IO), Dra. Harniati (Head Division of Foreign Affairs), and Muhammad Ridwan, M.A. (IO Secretary), ensuring a comprehensive institutional approach to the partnership.

Representing CICEEA, Hu Huibin, PhD. and Susilo, M.Pd., D.Ed. Head of Jakarta State University (UNJ) International Office, the delegation noted that many Chinese companies, particularly those located in South Sulawesi, are in dire need of talented graduates from across the country. A major requirement highlighted during the meeting was Chinese language proficiency. In response, UNHAS officials showcased the university's Mandarin and Chinese Culture Study Program, which specifically prepares students to meet these linguistic and professional standards.

To further strengthen these skills, UNHAS highlighted its active 2+2 program with Nanchang University, which allows students to spend two years at UNHAS and two years in China. This international academic path ensures that graduates are well-equipped for the "golden opportunities" presented by the growing industrial sector. The meeting concluded with a shared vision of success, aiming to empower UNHAS alumni to thrive within the international business landscape in the years to come.





**GLOBAL FACULTY  
SPOTLIGHT:  
ABIGAIL MARY MOORE**

In this week's issue, we are proud to continue our series Global Faculty Spotlight to allow our international faculty to share their unique perspectives and contributions to our academic community. We are honored to profile Dr. Abigail Mary Moore, a dedicated educator and researcher whose life and career represent a remarkable bridge between cultures and disciplines. Originally from England and raised in a multi-cultural environment, Dr. Moore brings a wealth of expertise to Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), holding a PhD in Fisheries Science and an extensive background in global biodiversity and maritime navigation.

Since joining the UNHAS Graduate School (SPS) in 2021, she has become an integral part of the academic community, contributing her vast field experience to the Environmental Management and Agribusiness programs. Beyond the classroom, Dr. Moore is a vital member of the Coral Reef Rehabilitation and Sustainability (CORES) and Aquatic Macro-Megafaunal Biodiversity and Conservation (AMBioC) thematic research groups, where she focuses on marine conservation and fostering critical thinking in the next generation of scientists.

Dr. Moore's journey is defined by an international perspective, having grown up between England and France. Her academic path is equally diverse, spanning a B.Sc. in Ship Science from Southampton (1979), an M.Sc. in Global Biodiversity from Hull (1998), and a doctorate in Fisheries Science from UNHAS (2019). Before committing to academia in Indonesia—where she has served as a volunteer and lecturer since 1999—she managed small businesses and held professional qualifications in sailing and SCUBA diving, providing her with a unique "sea-level" view of marine science.



Beyond her impressive credentials, Dr. Moore's daily impact is felt most keenly in the classroom, where she describes her transition into the UNHAS academic culture. She notes that lecturing at the post-graduate level is less about rigid instruction and more about facilitation and developing critical thinking. She finds great value in the varied backgrounds of her students, noting that "we all learn a lot from each other." Her involvement in Thematic Research Groups (TRGs), such as the CORES group, allows her to mentor students in specialized fields while participating in an exciting, collaborative research model.

This impact is further strengthened by the way she weaves decades of practical field experience into her curriculum. Her multi-cultural background and history with conservation-related NGOs allow her to provide nuanced feedback to students. By bridging the gap between theoretical science and professional practice, she ensures that her students are prepared for the complexities of real-world environmental management.

Looking toward the future of the university, she identifies key growth areas where UNHAS can bridge the gap between academia and the industrial sector. Dr. Moore fully supports goals for increased internal and external collaboration, citing existing work with Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) programs. She envisions a future where UNHAS leverages its strong alumni network and multi-disciplinary teams to expand the scope and impact of these professional partnerships.

Reflecting on her specific role, Dr. Moore clarifies that she serves as a dedicated overseas lecturer rather than adjunct faculty. While her early contributions often focused on helping Indonesian scientists navigate English as the global *lingua franca*, she has welcomed a shift toward deeper supervisory roles. She notes that while AI tools have changed the nature of language-related tasks, the need for human mentorship and capacity building remains more vital than ever.

To conclude our conversation, Dr. Moore offers a powerful charge to the student body on how to navigate an increasingly complex world. She urges students to adopt a "life-long learning" mindset, seizing every club, research project, and public lecture available to them. "Dare to dream," she advises, "but be prepared to work hard... and keep an open, skeptical, and questioning mind." Her final reminder is one of resilience: "When God closes a door, He opens a window—but you have to look for it."



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