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UNHAS HOSTS A GENERAL LECTURE ON “PILGRIMAGE TOURISM” BY UNIVERSITY OF SZEGED, HUNGARY



The International Office (IO) of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) held a general lecture by the University of Szeged under the title of “Pilgrimage Tourism”. This general lecture was conducted in collaboration with the Tourism Destination Vocational Program, Undergraduate Tourism Study Program, and Master in Tourism Planning. The general lecture was held in the Faculty of Vocational Study Meeting Room on Wednesday, May 10, 2023. The general lecture was also conducted in a hybrid way, as vocational students were mostly in Selayar island.

The general lecture started with a welcome remark by Prof. Sumbangan Baja, UNHAS Secretary. He explained the UNHAS initiative in establishing the tourism program in his statement. It began with the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Regency of Selayar Island in 2021. UNHAS saw the potential of tourism in Selayar. Therefore, the program was established. In the first year, UNHAS welcomed 20 students, all based on the island. The following year, 25 students were accepted; some came from other islands in Indonesia, such as Sumatra and Java. Prof. Sumbangan continued his remark and hoped that both universities may have established a collaboration in developing tourism programs.

After the remark, Prof. Bertalan Puztai, the Head of the Tourism and Catering Bachelor Program at the University of Szeged University, mainly explained pilgrimage tourism and its examples in different religions like in Islam, a pilgrimage to Ka'bah in Mecca Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and other measures of different faiths.



HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY AND THE WORLD BANK HOLD A PUBLIC DISCUSSION ABOUT ECONOMIC GROWTH AND TRANSFORMATION



Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) through the Center for Development Policy of *Lembaga Penelitian dan Pengabdian Masyarakat* (LPPM) or the Institute of Research and Community Development, together with the World Bank (WB) and *Bursa Pengetahuan Kawasan Timur Indonesia* (BaKTI) or Eastern Indonesia Knowledge Exchange, held a public discussion entitled Dissemination Events of the Indonesia Economic Prospects with the topic of "Trade for Growth and Economics Transformation" The activity occurred at 2 p.m. Central Indonesia Time (CIT) in the Senate Meeting Room, UNHAS Tamalanrea Campus, on Wednesday, May 10, 2023.

This public discussion presented several speakers from the WB, namely Habib Rab (Lead Economist, World Bank Office Jakarta), Wael Mansour (Senior Economics at the Macroeconomics, Trade, and Investment Global Practice and Macroeconomics Cluster Lead World Bank Office Jakarta), Csilla Lakatos (Senior Economist at the Macroeconomics, Trade, and Investment Global Practice World Bank Office Jakarta), and Indira Maulani Hapsari (Senior Economist at the Macroeconomics Trade and Investment Unit World Bank Office Jakarta).

Starting the activity, the Secretary of the University, Prof. Sumbangan Baja, M.Phil, Ph.D., delivered remarks representing the Rector of UNHAS, said that the WB in Indonesia exists as a financial institution to maintain the stability of growth and long-term economic recovery through strategies and targets achievements for Indonesia in various sectors.

Through this public discussion, Prof. Sumbangan expressed his gratitude and appreciation for the opportunity for UNHAS to provide a space for joint discussion in discussing various challenges the economic sector is facing, including in helping to improve the quality of education and supporting the government's efforts to achieve sustainable development goals (SDGs).

"This forum is the best momentum for mutual discussion between researchers, the government, experts, and students to share their experiences regarding economic issues and policies to present the best solutions and strategies" explained by Prof. Sumbangan.

On the same occasion, Habib Rab (Lead Economist, World Bank Office Jakarta), in his speech, stated, in general, the realization of trade potential for Indonesia's economic development. Based on the WB Indonesia data report on economic conditions, Indonesia is projected to experience strong growth of 5.2 percent in 2022 thanks to the reopening of the economy after COVID-19, which is maintained at an average rate of 4.9 percent.

After the remarks, the activity was then continued with a public discussion session with the three speakers, and also attended by Drs. Muhammad Yusri Zamhuri, MA., Ph.D., (Director of SDGs Center and Lecturer of FEB UNHAS) as a discussant. The session was guided by Muhammad Irdam Ferdiansah SE, M.ACC., Ph.D., Ak., CA (Subdirectorate of Student Affairs, Directorate of Student Affairs and UNHAS Career Preparation, also a lecturer at the Faculty of Economic and Business (FEB), UNHAS) as the moderator. In general, the speakers discussed Indonesia's prospects for solid growth amid conditions of macroeconomic stability. The international trade system can be a pending driver in economic transformation and growth for Indonesia. UNHAS public discussion with the WB and BaKTI went smoothly, with a discussion and question and answer session until 5 pm CIT.



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Prof. Sumbangan Baja - UNHAS Secretary





TWO UNHAS STUDENTS WIN SILVER MEDALS IN THE RUSSIAN MATHEMATICS OLYMPIAD



Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) Makassar students made another achievement in the North Countries Universities Mathematical Competition (NCUMC), namely the International Mathematics Olympiad, which was held in Russia at the end of March 2023. Ferdi and Zidan Nadif Ramadhan, students in the Mathematics Study Program at the Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences (MIPA), won a silver medal (second place).

Ferdi explained that this international competition was held online and offline at ITMO University, Russia. This competition consists of two categories, namely individual and team. "We took part in this competition online and took part in two categories, individual and team. But for the team, we are ranked seventh," explained Ferdi, a 2020 batch student. Furthermore, Ferdi explained that the competition he was participating in only consisted of one test stage. After conducting the test, the organizers immediately issue the scores and rank them. As for the preparation for the competition, Ferdi admitted that he had no unique practices because he was preparing for the MIPA National Olympiad. However, Ferdi realized that he had experience and training in this event.

"The challenge was that we participated in this competition online, so we were less challenged. Maybe in the future, the campus can accommodate us to take part in the competition offline in Russia" Ferdi hoped. Nevertheless, Ferdi admitted that he received much help from the Mathematics Department, MIPA on the supervision, especially from Dr. Andi Muhammad Anwar S.Si, M.Si. "The alumni also always help us study on the olympic material, as we know that olympic material is higher than class material," he added. Ferdi hopes that in the future, UNHAS can continue to provide support both financially and in terms of coaching.



UNHAS STUDENTS JOIN AN EXCHANGE PROGRAM AT TOKYO UNIVERSITY



The student exchange program held at Tokyo University of Marine Science and Technology (TUMSAT), Tokyo, Japan, in 2023 is one of the collaborative programs with the Faculty of Marine Science and Fisheries (FIKP), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS). The Student Exchange Program was attended by two students from the Aquaculture Study Program named Andi Raihan Mahardika Ramadhan and Asyhabul Qaffi. This program was carried out for approximately six months. During the activity, students were guided by Ir. Muhammad Iqbal Djawad, M.Sc., Ph.D. (UNHAS), and Prof. Masato Endo, Ph.D. (TUMSAT).

The Student Exchange program consisted of studying various courses at TUMSAT regarding aquaculture and also Japanese language courses, as well as carrying out multiple activities at the Fish Culture Laboratory, which focused on studying the Aquaculture System Recirculation Technology and the Reproduction of *Tilapia* fish. Japan is a developed country in various aspects, including education. Therefore, Japan can be a place for student exchange to gain knowledge, train mindset, and build innovation. With such an advanced education system, Japan is one of the destination countries to gain understanding and build students' character. The output resulting from the student exchange program is to broaden the student insights that can be applied to the education system in the home university, which further will provide changes in terms of human resources that can then offer innovation and change for the nation.





UNHAS CORNER : INTRODUCING MANDARIN LANGUAGE CENTER (CONFUCIUS INSTITUTE) HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY

The Mandarin Language Center was established in cooperation between Confucius Institute and Hasanuddin University (UNHAS). The signing of the collaboration between the Director of the Chinese UNHAS or *Pusat Bahasa Mandarin* (PBM) and UNHAS in February 2011. Then in October 2015, UNHAS officially opened the "Chinese Culture Activity Center (CCAC)" on the 3rd floor of UNHAS Central Library.

PBM UNHAS is the only Confucius Institute in Eastern Indonesia. It has a Chinese Culture Activity Center as a space for Chinese language and culture learning classes. In addition, it has a head office on Sunu Street and a learning space at the Faculty of Cultural Sciences.

Active in commemorating Chinese holidays such as Chinese New Year, Dragon Boat Festival, Autumn Festival, and World Mandarin Language Commemoration. In addition, every year, PBM UNHAS holds a Chinese speech competition which is often called "Chinese Bridge," as well as a place for the Chinese Language Proficiency Test or often called "Hanyu Shuiping Kaoshi (HSK)," and Chinese Listening Proficiency Test, "Hanyu Shuiping Kaoshi Kouyu (HSKK)."

Prof. Wu Xiaoling, a Director from China, and Dr. Ria Rosdiana Jubhari, M.A., Ph.D., the Director from Indonesia, have brought excellent progress to UNHAS. The hope for the future is that students from various faculties can be exposed to Chinese cultures to create mutual tolerance and openness, given the potential for cooperation between the two countries that are very strong.

Currently, Mandarin language courses at basic to advanced levels are being attended by UNHAS students and the general public. Learning for afternoon and evening hours takes place at CCAC, while the evening class takes place on Sunu Street.



FACULTY OF ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS (FEB) UNHAS PRESENTS PUBLIC LECTURE AND INDONESIAN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT MOBILITY (IISMA) MODULE SESSION BY UNIVERSITY OF SZEGED DELEGATES



On Wednesday, May 10, 2023, Dr. Peter Kovacs gave a guest lecture at the Senate Room of the FEB, Hasanuddin University (UNHAS). Kovacs is an academician from the University of Szeged, Hungary. This guest lecture was a follow-up to the cooperation agreement between the two faculties discussed last year.

This guest lecture was attended by FEB lecturers and dozens of postgraduate students in various study programs at FEB. The course was moderated by Daniella Cynthia Sampepajung, S.E., M.Sc. (FEB Lecturer), attended by the Dean of FEB, Prof. Dr. Abdul Rahman Kadir. This guest lecture discussed "Implementing Civic Statistics in Business Education: Technology in Small and Large Classrooms." The guest lecture went very well where the lecturers and students actively responded to Kovacs' questions and asked questions in English.

Furthermore, in another room called Global Development Learning Network (GDLN) FEB, another University of Szeged representative, Dr. Pusztai-Varga Ildikó, also delivered a session for the IISMA module to FEB undergraduate students. The session was attended by dozens of undergraduate students in various study programs at FEB, especially international class students. Hermita Arif, S.E., CiFP., M.Com moderated this session. This guest lecture discussed the Introduction to IISMA Module. The resource person explained how to live in Hungary and illustrated the courses that can be undertaken in the IISMA program. Fellow undergraduate students joining the session were enthusiastic and active. This could be seen during the question and answer session. Many of them raised their hands to propose the questions to the speaker.

The public lecture and IISMA module lasted until 12 noon Central Indonesia Time (CIT). After that, they continued with lunch, and the University of Szeged delegations were expected to have a university-level meeting at the Rectorate building until the afternoon.





UNHAS STUDENT PARTICIPATES IN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BY NATIONWIDE UNIVERSITY NETWORK INDONESIA (NUNI) AT BINA NUSANTARA UNIVERSITY (BINUS)



The International Community Development (ICDP) is a new program held by Nationwide University Network Indonesia (NUNI) and hosted by Bina Nusantara University (BINUS) from May 8-13, 2023. This year is their second year in organizing, which is different from last year. There will be five parts to this program.

These five parts will be held in different cities, namely Jakarta, Bandung, Semarang, Malang, and the last part will be Bali. They do in these several cities as BINUS has branches in those cities except Bali which will be the event's highlight. In this part, the participants come from Passage to ASEAN (P2PA), NUNI members, and BINUS. Gurpreet Kaur, a student from the Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, also a student volunteer at the International Office represented UNHAS. There were 15 participants, consisting of three NUNI members, five P2PA members, and seven BINUS students. All of the NUNI members and P2A stayed in the BINUS Square (Dormitory).

In this program, the participants were divided into three large groups that would get different *Usaha Kecil dan Menengah* (UKM) or Small and Medium Enterprises, and we would assist them with the design thinking process. Sonia joined ZANTE group, a home industry engaged in leather bags. ZANTE was established in October 2021 and makes a product based on the request and is customized. The ZANTE's owner, Ms. Sussy, is a person who has no business background, but her hard work and constant desire to learn have continued and have made ZANTE sustainable to this day. So the participants were there to help develop ZANTE's market through social media because ZANTE's customers are just word of mouth (connections).

Sonia felt so content and honored to be in this program and have the opportunity to meet fourteen other motivated students and the facilitators who cared about us. The participants also went to Kota Tua as a part of the programs. The participants could visit many museums. That way, this event helped them give something back to the community where they will help to develop.





GET ACQUAINTED WITH INTERNATIONAL STUDENT : HANNADI SHAHEEN

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS FROM FACULTY OF MEDICINE

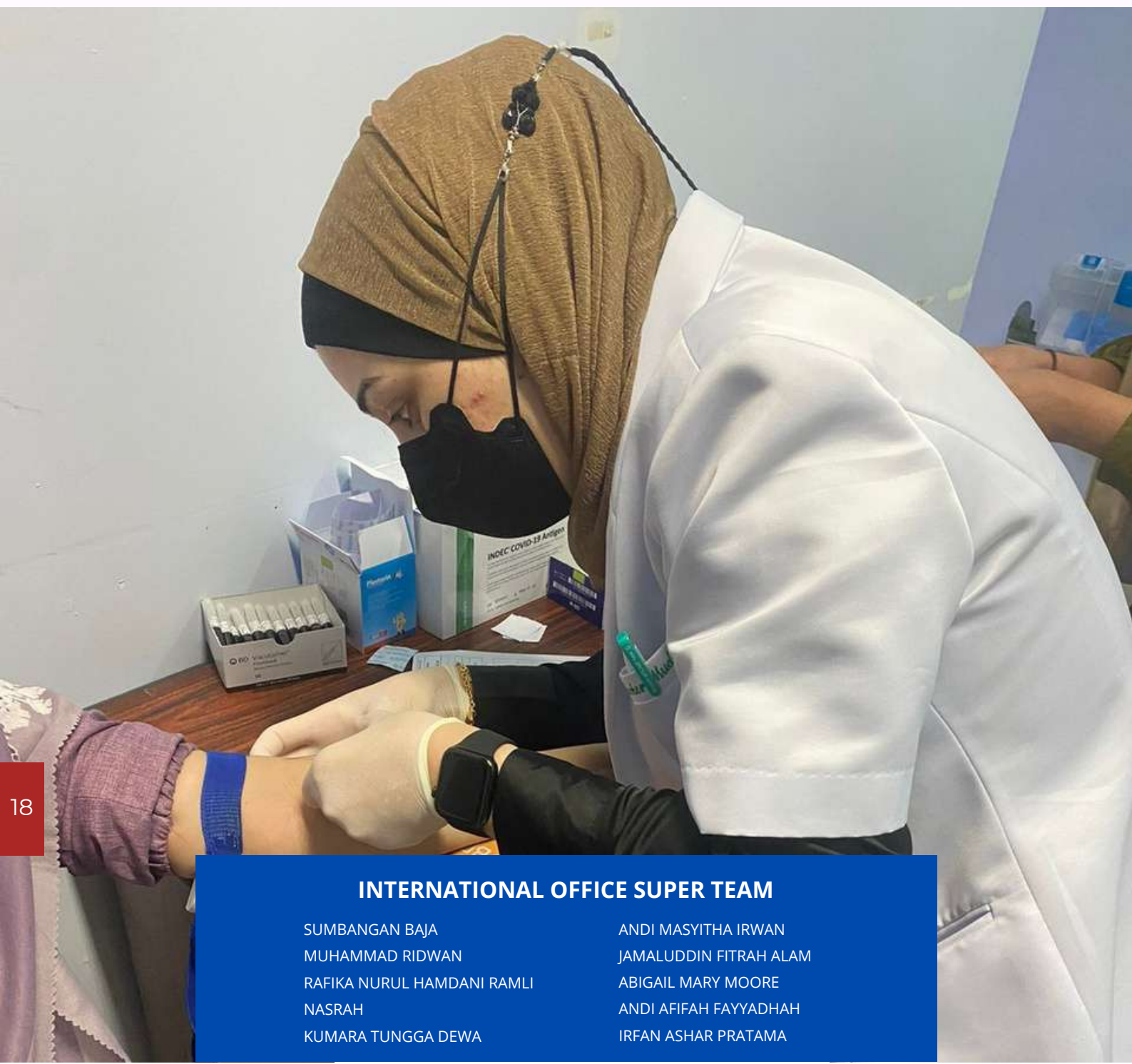


Hanadi Shaheen, well known as Hannadi, was born in Deir el Balah, Gaza, Palestine, on February 2, 2000. She has five siblings, and she is number 5 in her family. She is a student of the Faculty of Medicine (FK). Hannadi was admitted to FK in 2018, and most recently, she achieved her S.Ked, a title for a student graduating with a bachelor's in medicine. Hannady is currently in her co-assistant phase in the hospital.

The International Office (IO) had a short conversation with Hannadi. She started talking about her journey to study in Makassar. She did not know anything about UNHAS. Her brother registered to study in Ukraine. On his way to Ukraine, he met someone who told him to attend the FK UNHAS. His brother eventually came to Makassar and recommended her to also come to Makassar. She decided to come, and she was amazed at the development of medicine at this university, including the curriculum, facilities, etc. She enjoyed studying when Covid-19 was endemic and engulfed all parts of the world. As the learning process was conducted online, she decided to come back to Palestine and did not participate in any student activity.

After Covid 19 was no longer an epidemic, she returned to Makassar for graduation. Before graduation, she participated in one student organization called *Himpunan Mahasiswa Islam* (HMI), or Moslem Students Association. It is interesting to know about her involvement in this organization, as we all know it is only for Indonesians. There are two reasons why she joined the organization quite late: her Bahasa Indonesia is in her early study stage. She didn't speak the language as well as the student organization; for instance, Calceus Medical Team did not approach her to participate because of the language barrier. Secondly, she was in Palestine during the pandemic and was not involved in any student organization.

When she talked about her recommendation for a better UNHAS, she started saying that international accreditation needs to be improved more and more. With certification, it will attract more international students to come to continue their studies here. In addition, UNHAS should also think of international student organizations in which these students can improve their critical thinking. Lastly, "I am thrilled to be a student of FK and hope my expertise may benefit humankind, especially my people in Palestine." Hannadi closed the conversation.



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