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EXPANDING GLOBAL REACH: HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY FACULTY OF MEDICINE CONSISTENTLY IMPLEMENTS STUDENT EXCHANGE WITH KANAZAWA UNIVERSITY



The Faculty of Medicine (FK) at Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) continues to demonstrate their commitment to strengthening international networks through the sustained implementation of a student exchange program with Kanazawa University, Japan. This program serves as a concrete example of cross-border academic collaboration, focusing not only on knowledge exchange but also on clinical experience and intercultural understanding.

As part of the ongoing program, FK UNHAS is hosting two students from Kanazawa University, Taiki Kawabata and Kosuke Mitsui. Both students began their academic activities at FK UNHAS on 13 April and will continue until 1 May 2026. During their stay, they have actively participated in various academic and clinical activities within the faculty, as well as in affiliated teaching hospitals and several community health centers (Puskesmas) in Makassar.

The exchange program is designed to provide a more comprehensive understanding of infectious and tropical diseases commonly found in Indonesia. In practice, the two students have undertaken clinical rotations across several major departments, including Internal Medicine, Pediatrics, Pulmonology and Respiratory Medicine, and Obstetrics and Gynecology. Through these rotations, they have gained hands-on experience in diagnosing and managing cases that are relatively rare in Japan.

In addition to academic and clinical activities, Taiki Kawabata and Kosuke Mitsui also participated in a community service program organized by the Doctoral (PhD) Program of the Faculty of Medicine, UNHAS, in Sidenreng Rappang (Sidrap) Regency. Their involvement in this initiative provided them with direct experience in community healthcare services, while also enriching their understanding of public health conditions in regional areas.'

The Vice Dean for Publication, Community Service, and International Affairs of the Faculty of Medicine UNHAS, Prof. Dr. dr. Rina Masadah, Sp.PA(K), M.Phil., DFM, stated that this inbound student exchange program has been consistently implemented over the past several years. She emphasized that the program not only offers academic benefits to participating students but also contributes to strengthening institutional partnerships and supports UNHAS's broader internationalization efforts.





UNHAS HOLDS INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON STRENGTHENING MEDICAL CHECK-UP SERVICES IN COLLABORATION WITH MAHKOTA MEDICAL CENTRE MALAYSIA



Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) through the Healthy Program and the Campus Occupational Health and safety Division, organized an International Workshop: Strengthening Medical Check-Up (MCU) Services under the UNHAS Healthy Program in collaboration with Mahkota Medical Centre Malaysia, held at the UNHAS Hotel & Convention.

This event is part of UNHAS's commitment to strengthen modern, comprehensive, and internationally standardized campus health services. Through this workshop, UNHAS promotes the development of MCU services that focus not only on routine examinations but also on promotive and preventive efforts to sustainably maintain the health of the academic community including lecturers, students and university's staff.

This MCU program is part of the UNHAS Health Program initiated by the UNHAS Rector, Prof. Dr. Ir. Jamaluddin Jompa, M.Sc. It is implemented by Division III, specifically the Directorate of Human Resources, through the Sub-Directorate of Occupational health and safety in collaboration with the UNHAS Teaching Hospital.

The workshop was officially opened by the Vice Rector for Human Resources, Alumni, and Information Systems, Prof. Dr. Farida Patittingi, S.H., M.Hum.,. The workshop was attended by the representatives from Mahkota Medical Centre Malaysia, namely Dr. Ram Kumar, Dr. Shum Weng Yoon, and Ms. Norhayati Ahmad. The presence of these leaders and speakers serves as a tangible manifestation of international collaboration aimed at enhancing the quality of healthcare services within the university environment.

During the event, speakers from Mahkota Medical Centre shared the hospital's experiences and innovations in developing technology-based Medical Check-Up (MCU) services and patient-centered care. Participants gained insights into the importance of MCU as an initial step for early detection of various health risks, regular monitoring of physical condition, and support for improving quality of life.



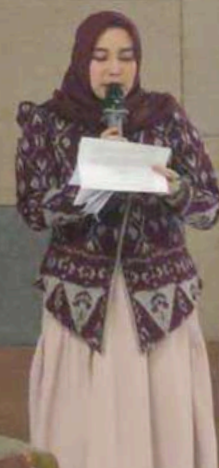
The modern MCU services introduced in this workshop not only cover basic examinations but also screenings for the risk of heart disease, diabetes, cancer, kidney disorders, digestive health, and evaluations of lifestyle and mental health. This approach is considered highly relevant in supporting the creation of a healthy, productive, and responsive campus environment that addresses individual health needs.

In addition, Mahkota Medical Centre also offers opportunities for strategic collaboration through a health and leisure membership card program designed for the UNHAS academic community. Through this program, participants can enjoy various benefits and advantages, such as priority access to healthcare services, discounts on medical check-ups, and additional amenities that enhance patient comfort during their medical examinations in Malaysia.

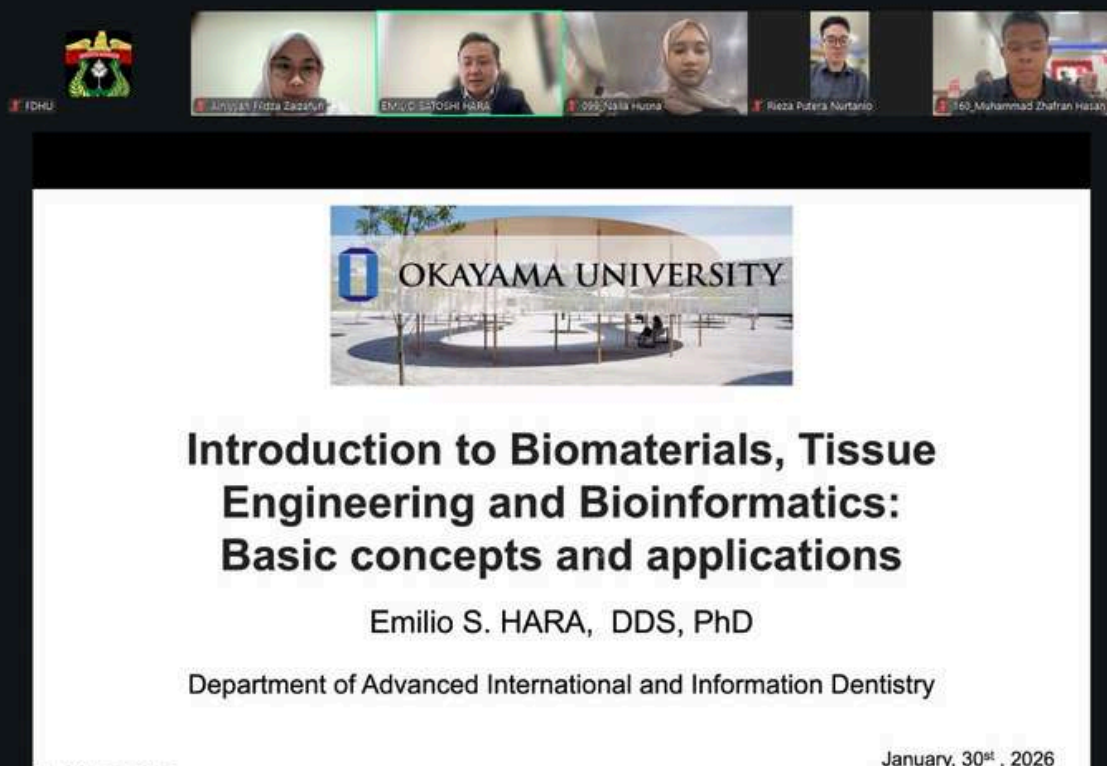
This card program also provides added value in the form of easy access to cross-border services, including administrative support, medical service information, and the potential for integration with campus health programs. This initiative is a concrete example of strengthening international collaboration to provide more inclusive, accessible, and globally standardized healthcare services for the UNHAS academic community.

The workshop was interactive and met with great enthusiasm from the participants. The ensuing discussions fostered an exchange of ideas regarding the development of campus health services, ideal medical check-up standards, and opportunities for further collaboration in the field of international health. The event was also skillfully facilitated by Wahyuni Aras, S.AP., M.I.Kom., who served as the master of ceremonies, ensuring the event remained orderly, warm, and communicative throughout.

In this workshop, UNHAS hopes to strengthen the implementation of the UNHAS Sehat Program (Healthy UNHAS Program) as part of campus development that prioritizes the health, safety, and well-being of the academic community. This event is expected to serve as a strategic step toward realizing higher-quality, easily accessible MCU services that are focused on early disease prevention.



GUEST LECTURE HIGHLIGHTS ADVANCES IN DENTAL MATERIALS AND TECHNOLOGY

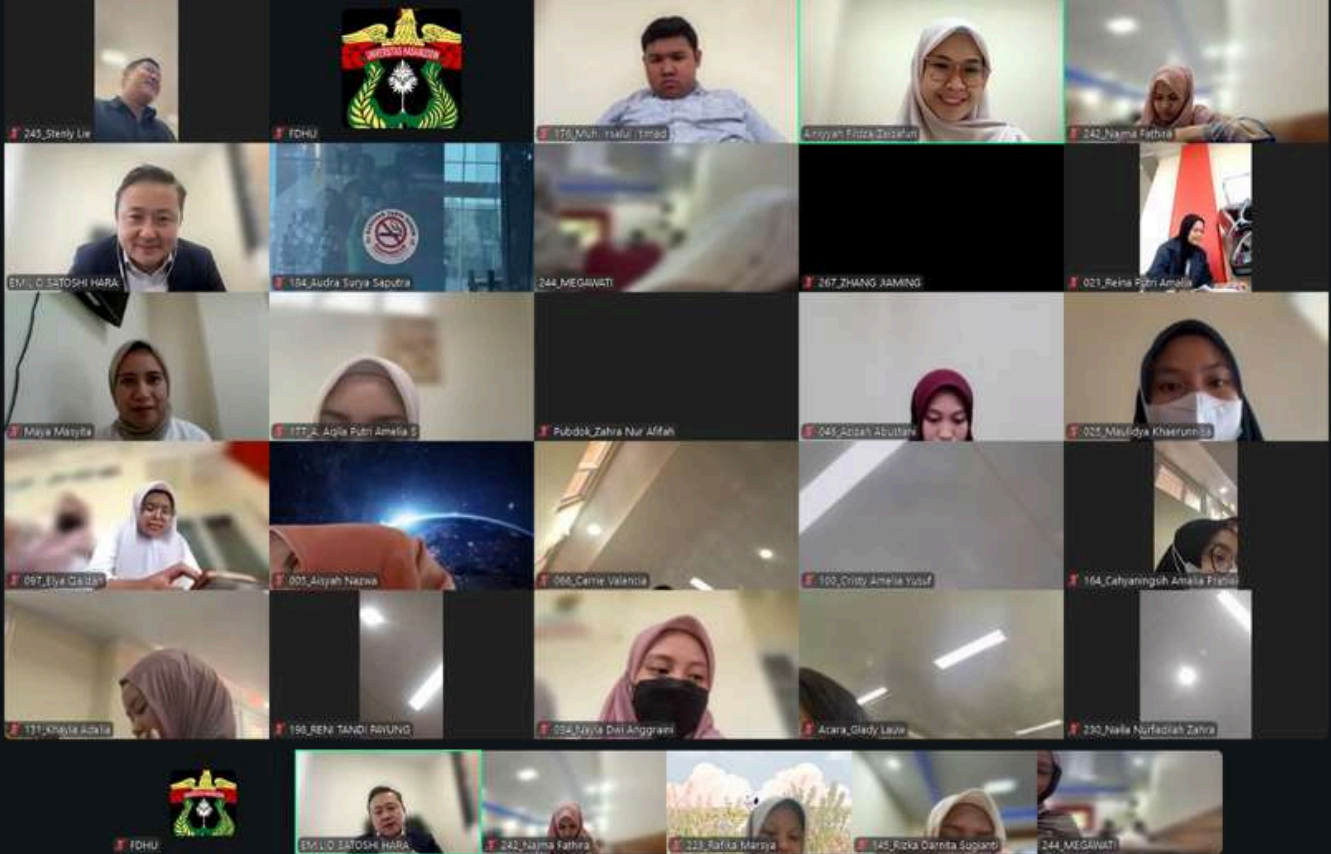


A guest lecture titled *"Dental Materials and Technology"* was successfully held by the Faculty of Dentistry at Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) on Tuesday, 21 April 2026. The session took place from 2:00 to 3:30 PM JST (1:00 to 2:30 PM WITA) and featured Prof. Emilio Satoshi Hara, DDS., Ph.D., from Okayama University, Japan, as the keynote speaker.

The lecture aimed to provide insights into the latest developments in dental materials and emerging technologies in dentistry. Prof. Hara shared his expertise on innovative materials used in modern dental treatments, as well as advancements that improve clinical outcomes and patient care. The event was attended by undergraduate students of the Faculty of Dentistry along with several faculty members. Participants actively engaged in the session, showing enthusiasm through questions and discussions following the presentation.

According to the organizers, this guest lecture was part of an academic initiative to broaden students' knowledge and expose them to global perspectives in dental science. By inviting an international expert, the Faculty of Dentistry hopes to strengthen academic collaboration and enhance the quality of dental education.

The session concluded with a discussion segment, allowing attendees to deepen their understanding of the topic and interact directly with the speaker.



Bone tissue

70% Inorganic matter

Functions:

- Movement
- Protection of organs
- Ion homeostasis, etc

Conventional Biomimetic Approaches for bone augmentation:

① Cells: (e.g., *MSCs, osteoblasts*)

② Extracellular matrix: (e.g., *collagen, apatite/precursors*)

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Prof. Emilio Satoshi Hara, DDS., Ph.D.

As Speaker of International Class Guest Lecture for Dental Materials and Technology Course held by Faculty of Dentistry, Hasanuddin University on **April 21st, 2026.**

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STRENGTHENING GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT: UNHAS STUDENT JOINS ACADEMIC EXCHANGE AT KANAZAWA UNIVERSITY



Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) continues to strengthen their commitment to global engagement by empowering its students through outbound programs. These initiatives, such as the visiting scholars program, aim to provide international academic exposure, enhance cross-cultural understanding, and develop students' global competencies in an increasingly interconnected world.

One of the participants, Erizal Zhafran Muyazzar Edison, S.I.Kom, a master student from Communication Sciences at the Faculty of Social and Political Sciences (FISIP), recently took part in the visiting scholars program at Kanazawa University (KU), Japan. The program was conducted from 8 to 11 April 2026 and offered valuable opportunities for academic immersion.

During the program, Mr. Erizal attended the international class titled A Critical Introduction to Modern Japanese Literature and actively engaged in the learning process under the supervision of Associate Professor Raj Lakhi SEN from the International Center for Research and Education of Japan Studies. Furthermore, he had the opportunity to meet with the Prof. Noriko Hasebe The Vice President for International Affairs and took part in a campus tour with local students to experience the university atmosphere and academic culture directly.

Mr. Erizal expressed his enthusiasm for participating in the visiting scholars program, highlighting the enriching academic and cultural experiences he gained. He hopes that this opportunity will contribute positively not only to his personal and academic development but also to the advancement of UNHAS at the institutional level.





Meet Our Stuvo !

My Journey as an IO Student Volunteer:

Zulfiqri Saputra Samsul
Faculty of Cultural Sciences

"Someday, I'll be living in a big old city,
And all you're ever gonna be is mean."

I first heard those lyrics from Taylor Swift, and somehow, they stayed with me not just as a song, but as a quiet reminder that there is always a bigger world waiting beyond where we stand today. As an English Literature student, I have always carried a strong curiosity toward language, stories, and the idea of international exposure. For me, understanding the world does not stop at textbooks, it grows through experiences, cultures, and human connections.

Outside of academics, I find comfort in music and books. I am a Swiftie, and my current obsession is *The Tortured Poets Department: The Anthology*, an album I genuinely listen to almost 24/7. There is something about the way emotions are translated into words and melodies that resonates deeply with me. Alongside that, I also enjoy reading. Some of my recent reads include *Let Them Theory* and *The Hunger Games*, while *A Little Life* stands as my personal not recommended book to read because of how emotionally heavy it is.

My journey with the International Office (IO) was not instant. I applied for IO Student Volunteer Batch 3 with high hopes, but I did not make it. It was disappointing, but not enough to stop me. Instead, it became a turning point. I tried again in Batch 4, and this time I got in. Looking back, it feels like everything unfolded exactly when it was supposed to. Some opportunities are not just about being ready, but about timing, and this one truly felt meant to be.



Being part of IO has allowed me to immerse myself in the kind of environment I had always longed for. It sharpened my ability to communicate across cultures, adapt in dynamic settings, and understand the real meaning of global engagement. Every program and interaction became a step toward the international exposure I once only imagined.

That journey eventually led me to one of my proudest milestones, being accepted as an exchange student at the Asian Undergraduate Symposium at the National University of Singapore. It was more than just an academic opportunity, it was a space where ideas, perspectives, and cultures met. In that moment, I realized that every rejection, every effort, and every small step had brought me closer to this experience.

Looking back, joining IO was never just about being part of an organization, it was about persistence, growth, and trusting that the path will make sense eventually. And as I continue this journey, I carry with me the same belief I held onto from the very beginning, that somewhere out there, there is always a bigger world waiting to be explored.



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