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SELECTION PROCESS UNDERWAY: UNHAS INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL PROGRAM ATTRACTS GLOBAL APPLICANTS



The International Office (IO) of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) has officially commenced the selection process for the 9th International Cultural Program (ICP). On Monday, 11 May 2026, the selection committee gathered at the IO Meeting Room to review and evaluate prospective applicants from non-UNHAS students. This crucial step marks the beginning of filtering a diverse pool of international candidates eager to participate in the upcoming cultural exchange.

To ensure the highest quality of participants, the selection team meticulously reviewed every single applicant's online documentation. The thorough evaluation process covered various required credentials, ranging from current photographs and passports to recommendation letters, motivation letters, and valid health insurance. This rigorous vetting ensures that all shortlisted candidates meet the university's academic and administrative standards.

The program has already garnered massive global interest, with applicants spanning around 25 countries so far. Leading the list with the highest number of submissions is Pakistan with 24 applicants, closely followed by Nigeria with 12 applicants. The official list of these selected international participants is currently with the ICP Committee and will be released to the public at their earliest convenience.

While the non-UNHAS selection is underway, the committee is still actively looking forward to applications from internal UNHAS students. The registration deadline for local UNHAS students is set for the end of May, meaning the total number of participating countries and attendees is expected to increase. The selection session was conducted by key academic figures including Saaduddin, Ph.D., Khaeruddin, Ph.D., Haniek Khoirunnissa, M.Sc., and Muhammad Ridwan, M.A., alongside supporting committee members from the International Office.



AUSTRALIAN POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS FROM JAMES COOK UNIVERSITY EXPLORED CORAL REEF RESTORATION COLLABORATION WITH FIKP UNHAS



Faculty of Marine Science and Fisheries (FIKP) Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) welcomed a visit from two postgraduate students from James Cook University (JCU), Satrio Supoyo and Austin, who introduced Applied Coral Restoration and Innovation Science (Acoris) and its ongoing activities in Australia. The visit was received by the Dean of FIKP UNHAS and the Head of the Department of Marine Science on 5 May 2026 as an initial step toward establishing international collaboration between students from James Cook University and UNHAS, particularly in learning coral reef restoration techniques.

During the meeting, both parties discussed future perspectives and opportunities for collaborative programs that may be proposed for international funding schemes. Acoris is currently organizing a series of talk shows on coral reefs in Australia, and in the near future, scientists from UNHAS are expected to participate as speakers in the online discussion series.

The discussion also covered plans for a student workshop on coral identification (Coral ID) as part of efforts to strengthen student capacity building and academic exchange in coral reef conservation and restoration. The initiative is expected to enhance international academic networking while improving students' scientific competencies in marine ecosystem conservation.

As part of the visit, the delegates also met with the Head and Secretary of the Department of Marine Science at FIKP UNHAS. The visit continued to the Coral Center, where they conducted a socialization session and discussion on the condition of coral reefs in the Great Barrier Reef (GBR) and the role of Acoris in supporting coral reef conservation efforts. The session was attended by around 10 student researchers at the Coral Center Laboratory and featured interactive discussions and knowledge exchange on coral reef research in Indonesia and Australia.



UNHAS INTERNATIONAL OFFICE HOSTS MAY GEOGRAPHY SERIES: SPOTLIGHTING NIGERIA'S BEAUTY AND CULTURE



One of the ways to introduce international students' countries of origin to the Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) academic community is through the Geography Series, affectionately known as the G-Series. This G-Series is a monthly signature program organized by the International Office (IO) of UNHAS. For the month of May, the program proudly spotlighted Nigeria, offering attendees a unique cultural deep dive.

The event was held on Wednesday, 13 May 2026, starting at 2:00 PM Makassar time at the Science Building, Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences (MIPA). The insightful session was delivered by Chufo Chisom Godswill, a Nigerian student currently majoring in Nursing at UNHAS. The presentation was smoothly guided and moderated by an IO Student Volunteer (Stuvo).

Joining an audience of around 50 enthusiastic students, Mr. Chisom kicked off his presentation by showcasing his country's vibrant beauty and local vibes. He used a captivating, custom-designed video specifically tailored to attract and engage the UNHAS community right from the start. Throughout the event, he was also warmly supported and accompanied by his Nigerian colleague, Mistafa Sanusi, who is majoring in International Relations.

As the event concluded, Ms. Harniaty, representing the IO, stepped forward to hand over official merchandise to Mr. Chisom as a token of appreciation for his excellent efforts. Following the success of this edition, the IO looks forward to welcoming more international students to introduce their diverse home countries in the months to come.





UNHAS HOSTS 2026 KNB SCHOLARSHIP PROGRESS MONITORING VISIT FROM THE MINISTRY OF HIGHER EDUCATION, SCIENCE, AND TECHNOLOGY



Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) welcomed a visit from the Institutional Strengthening Working Group Team of the Directorate of Institutional Affairs, Ministry of Higher Education, Science, and Technology, as part of the 2026 Developing Countries Partnership Scholarship (KNB) Program Monitoring conducted on 11–12 May 2026 at the Tamalanrea Campus, Makassar. The activity aimed to evaluate the implementation, services, and governance of the KNB Scholarship Program at UNHAS.

The Institutional Strengthening Working Group Team consisted of Agustinus Hadi Nugroho, Armaeni, Risma Sari, and Udin. During the monitoring sessions, the team conducted discussions and evaluations with various KNB scholarship management units at UNHAS. Representatives from the Indonesian Language Program for Foreign Speakers (BIPA) included the Head of the Language Service Unit of UNHAS, Dr. Sitti Sahraeny, the newly appointed Secretary of the Unit, Andi Wardatul Wahidah Lufini, M.A., and one of the BIPA instructors, Dr. Inriati Lewa. Their participation contributed significantly to discussions regarding Indonesian language learning and academic support for international students under the KNB Scholarship Program.

The monitoring activity also involved the International Office of UNHAS, represented by the Head of Division, Dra. Harniati, along with several International Office staff members. In addition, the Head of the Academic Administration Subdirectorate, Susy Asteria Irafany, M.Si., and staff members, as well as the Head of the Student Welfare Subdirectorate, Catharina, M.M., were also present. Discussions covered various aspects of international student management, including academic services, administrative processes, scholarship reporting, student supervision, and welfare support for KNB scholarship recipients.

As part of the activity, a question-and-answer session was also held with KNB scholarship students at UNHAS. During the session, students shared updates regarding their academic progress, study experiences, and several suggestions related to scholarship services and university support systems. Through this monitoring activity, UNHAS reaffirmed its commitment to continuously improving the quality of the KNB Scholarship Program management, strengthening support services for international students, and advancing the university's internationalisation efforts at the global level.





UNHAS JOINS RI-CHINA COLLABORATIVE INITIATIVE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION TRAINING



Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) has taken part in a strategic international initiative aimed at boosting rural economies and accelerating community welfare. Represented by Fahrul Irawan, S.Pt., M.Si., Ph.D., a lecturer from the Faculty of Animal Science (FAPET), UNHAS joined a specialized program titled *"Training on Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation in Indonesia."* organized and hosted entirely by the Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China.

The intensive training program runs from 9 - 22 May 2026, taking place in the capital city of Beijing and Yunnan Province. UNHAS, alongside 10 other State Universities, received this valuable opportunity due to their active roles as campus partners in the Indonesian Ministry of Transmigration's *Transmigrasi Patriot* (Patriot Transmigration) program. In total, 36 selected Indonesian participants are attending, comprising Ministry officials, academics, and rural community representatives.

The comprehensive curriculum designed by the Chinese government focuses heavily on their successful, large-scale frameworks for poverty reduction and rural modernization. Throughout the program, participants are engaging in educational modules covering critical sectors such as agricultural innovation, educational reform, and healthcare infrastructure. These subjects demonstrate how systematic, tech-driven improvements in remote areas can drastically lift local standards of living.

A key highlight of the program is the field visit session held across Yunnan Province. This region serves as an ideal living laboratory, allowing Fahrul Irawan and the rest of the Indonesian delegation to observe firsthand the practical mechanisms and "best practices" of China's rural transformation. By witnessing these successful agricultural and developmental models in real-time, UNHAS and the Ministry aim to adapt and implement these proven strategies to revitalize transmigration areas back home in Indonesia.






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发展综述
1961年 为仁者大队
1962年 为仁者公社
1969年 为仁者大队
1984年 设区建乡为仁者乡
1988年 撤区建乡为仁者村公所
2000年 为仁者村民委员会


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My Journey as an IO Student Volunteer:

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Meeting people from different cultural backgrounds and being involved in an international environment has always been exciting for me. As a Sociology student at Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), I have a strong interest in cultural exchange and a passion for participating in both academic and non-academic activities. Since my first year at university, I have actively joined various organizations, committees, and events because I believe that learning does not only happen inside the classroom, but also through interactions, exposure to new environments, and meaningful engagement with others.

My journey with the Student Volunteer of the International Office (IO) UNHAS began when I joined IO as an intern. Initially , I did not expect much from the internship. However, I soon discovered a warm and supportive environment that made me feel comfortable and motivated to stay involved. The people, programs, and opportunities there encouraged me to continue exploring my interest in international and cross-cultural engagement. Thus, I decided to apply as a Student Volunteer and Alhamdulillah, I was accepted.





Since joining, I have been given many valuable opportunities that I never imagined before. I have contributed to international-scale events, interacted with inspiring individuals from various countries, and gained broader insights into cross-cultural communication and global collaboration.Being part of IO has also helped me develop personally. I became more confident in communicating with others, more adaptable to unfamiliar situations, and more open-minded in understanding different perspectives. Through each program and collaboration, I realized that even small opportunities can become meaningful when approached with sincerity and enthusiasm.

For me, IO is more than just a place to volunteer. It is a place where I continue learning, challenging myself, and creating valuable memories. This journey has taught me the importance of courage, teamwork, adaptability, and cultural understanding. Most importantly, it showed me that stepping outside of my comfort zone can open doors to opportunities that shape both my personal and professional future.



