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## **UNHAS READY TO BRING INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPANTS TO SELAYAR FOR THE 9TH INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL PROGRAM**



The International Office (IO) of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) conducted a field survey in Selayar Islands Regency from 14-17 May 2026, to finalize venues and activity plans for the 9th International Cultural Program (ICP) 2026. The survey was led by Saaduddin, Ph.D., the Person in Charge (PIC) of the 9th ICP. The program is scheduled to take place from 29 June to 6 July 2026, with activities in Selayar set for 2-6 July 2026.

According to Saaduddin, the survey aimed to ensure the readiness of key sites that will host activities highlighting South Sulawesi's maritime culture and coastal ecosystems. "The team visited several locations designated for the Coastal Maritime Ecosystem program, including a copra production site, Pasi Gusung Island for the Social Interaction with Coastal Community activity, and the beach area selected for the Beach Clean-Up Campaign," he said.



In addition to reviewing activity venues, the team inspected accommodation facilities that will host ICP participants, focusing on room availability and supporting amenities to ensure a comfortable stay for international participants. During the visit, the survey team also met with the Regent of Selayar Islands Regency, H. Muhammad Natsir Ali, who expressed the local government's full support for the implementation of the 9th ICP. Saaduddin noted that the Selayar administration welcomed the opportunity to host part of the program, as it would provide international exposure for the regency's tourism destinations, maritime culture, and coastal ecosystems.

The 9th ICP 2026 carries the theme *"Exploring the Maritime Culture of South Sulawesi."* The annual program is expected to attract 50–60 participants from around 30 countries. By including Selayar as one of the main destinations, UNHAS aims to provide international participants with firsthand experiences in coastal ecosystem conservation, cultural immersion, and community engagement, while promoting Selayar's tourism and maritime heritage to a global audience.





## **FATETA UNHAS LECTURER REPRESENTS ISAE AT THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE MARKING 50 YEARS OF KOREAN AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY ON JEJU ISLAND**



Prof. Salengke, Dean of the Faculty of Agricultural Technology (FATETA) at Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) and President of Indonesian Society for Agricultural Engineering (ISAE), represented ISAE and FATETA at the 50th Anniversary and Spring Conference of Korean Society for Agricultural Machinery (KSAM). This event was hosted by KSAM and held on 13-16 May 2026 at Sono Belle Hamdeok, Jeju Island, South Korea. It showcased the advancement in agricultural mechanization in South Korea, China, Indonesia, India, and Chile, especially in the development and adoption of smart agriculture, automation, and robotics technologies. This international gathering marked a milestone in advancing global collaboration on modern agricultural technology and mechanization, drawing academics, researchers, industry leaders, and practitioners from around the world.

The event, themed “Toward a 50-Year Future: The World of Smart Agricultural Machinery through Convergence,” showcased the sector’s shift from conventional equipment to integrated systems driven by automation, robotics, digitalization, and artificial intelligence. Professor Salengke spoke at the conference, presenting “Current Status of Smart Agriculture and Direction for Technological Development in Indonesia.” He summarized recent advances in Indonesian smart-agriculture adoption, identified key challenges, and recommended technological pathways to boost productivity and sustainability across the national agricultural sector.



Prof. Salengke's participation highlights the active role of Indonesian academics and industries in advancing global agricultural technology. His presence provided a strategic opportunity to broaden international collaboration, promote knowledge exchange, and accelerate research on mechanization, automation, and digitalization tailored to Indonesia's agriculture.

Beyond the scientific sessions, Prof. Salengke held discussions with agricultural researchers and technology developers from several universities and industries on the development and application of smart-agriculture solutions in Indonesia. This international engagement is expected to reinforce the FATETA at UNHAS and ISAE's leadership in fostering innovation, partnerships, and adoption of modern agricultural technologies across Indonesia.





## **INTERNATIONAL GUEST LECTURE HIGHLIGHTS GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES ON PHARMACOECONOMICS AND HEALTHCARE OPTIMIZATION**



The Faculty of Pharmacy of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) successfully organized an International Guest Lecture featuring Professor Rajeev P. Thomas from Kerala, India on 20 May 2026. The academic forum brought together lecturers, researchers, healthcare practitioners, and students to discuss contemporary developments in pharmacoeconomics and its critical role in improving healthcare quality and patient outcomes.

Delivering a lecture entitled *"Pharmacoeconomics: Evaluating Value and Optimizing Health Outcomes,"* Prof. Thomas emphasized the growing importance of economic evaluation in healthcare decision-making, particularly in ensuring the rational, effective, and efficient use of medicines within increasingly complex healthcare systems. He explained how pharmacoeconomic approaches contribute significantly to healthcare sustainability by balancing clinical effectiveness, treatment costs, and quality-of-life outcomes.



During the session, Prof. Thomas discussed major pharmacoeconomic methodologies, including cost-effectiveness analysis, cost-utility analysis, cost-benefit analysis, and budget impact analysis. He highlighted the relevance of these approaches in guiding formulary management, policy development, reimbursement decisions, and evidence-based pharmaceutical care. The lecture also explored the expanding role of pharmacists in health technology assessment, medication therapy evaluation, and healthcare resource optimization.

Participants engaged in scholarly discussions regarding the challenges of implementing pharmacoeconomic principles in developing healthcare systems, particularly in relation to access to essential medicines, healthcare financing, and the increasing burden of chronic diseases. The forum further examined the importance of integrating pharmacoeconomic evidence into clinical practice and pharmaceutical education to support value-based healthcare delivery.

As an academic and researcher in pharmacy practice and healthcare management, Prof. Thomas has actively contributed to the advancement of pharmaceutical education, clinical pharmacy services, and research development through teaching, scientific publication, and institutional leadership at KMCT College of Pharmacy India. His presence in this international academic forum strengthened global scholarly engagement while providing participants with broader insights into contemporary healthcare economics and pharmaceutical policy.







## **FATETA UNHAS AND TU WIEN, AUSTRIA STRENGTHEN INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION ON STABLE NATURAL COLORANTS FROM GREENHOUSE WASTE**



Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), through the Faculty of Agricultural Technology (FATETA), has established an international research collaboration with Vienna University of Technology (TU Wien) in Austria, focusing on the development of stable natural pigments for the food industry. The collaboration is conducting a research project "Polyacylated Anthocyanins as Stable Pigments in the Food Industry." The project is led by Dr. rer. nat. Olly Sanny Hutabarat, S.TP., M.Si., Head of the Thematic Research Group (TRG) on Postharvest Metabolic Engineering. The collaboration is supported by the European Union through the ASEA-UNINET program and scheduled from 1 October 2025, until 30 September 2027. Prof. Heidi Halbwirth from TU Wien serves as the Principal Investigator and external collaborator for the TRG Postharvest Metabo Engineering.







## **INSPIRING GLOBAL SYNERGY: UNHAS INTERNATIONAL OFFICE HOSTS SHARING SESSION ON BEST PRACTICES WITH FACULTY OF MEDICINE**



On Thursday, 21 May 2026, the International Office (IO) of Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) hosted a "Sharing Session on Best Practices for International Programs." Held from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at the Senate Room of the Faculty of Medicine (FK), the event commenced with opening remarks from Andi Masyitha Irwan, Ph.D. (Head of IO), popularly known as Ms. Citha. She explained that the IO continuously identifies excellent international initiatives across university faculties via Weekly News reports sent by the Internationalization Task Force. For FK specifically, the IO highlighted their highly successful Inbound/Outbound Student Programs as an exemplary model to inspire and shape strategic planning for other faculties in the coming years.

The presentation segment was led by Prof. Dr. dr. Rina Masadah, the Vice Dean for Partnership and International Programs at FK, who also serves on the university's Internationalization Task Force. Prof. Rina traced the roots of FK's internationalization back to its history of hosting Malaysian students, many of whom have now become practicing professional doctors in Malaysia. She detailed the structured organization of their outbound programs, which allow UNHAS students to conduct hospital clinical rotations in various countries, including Taiwan, Japan, and the Netherlands.



Furthermore, Prof. Rina highlighted the dynamics of the inbound program, which welcomes medical students from countries like Japan and the Netherlands to Makassar. These international students visit local hospitals to observe medical cases, though they are strictly restricted to observational roles and direct patient contact is only permitted under the direct supervision of the attending doctor. Interestingly, Prof. Rina noted that one of the primary reasons international students are drawn to Makassar is the opportunity to observe distinct clinical cases and diseases that are still actively prevalent in Indonesia but rare in their home countries.

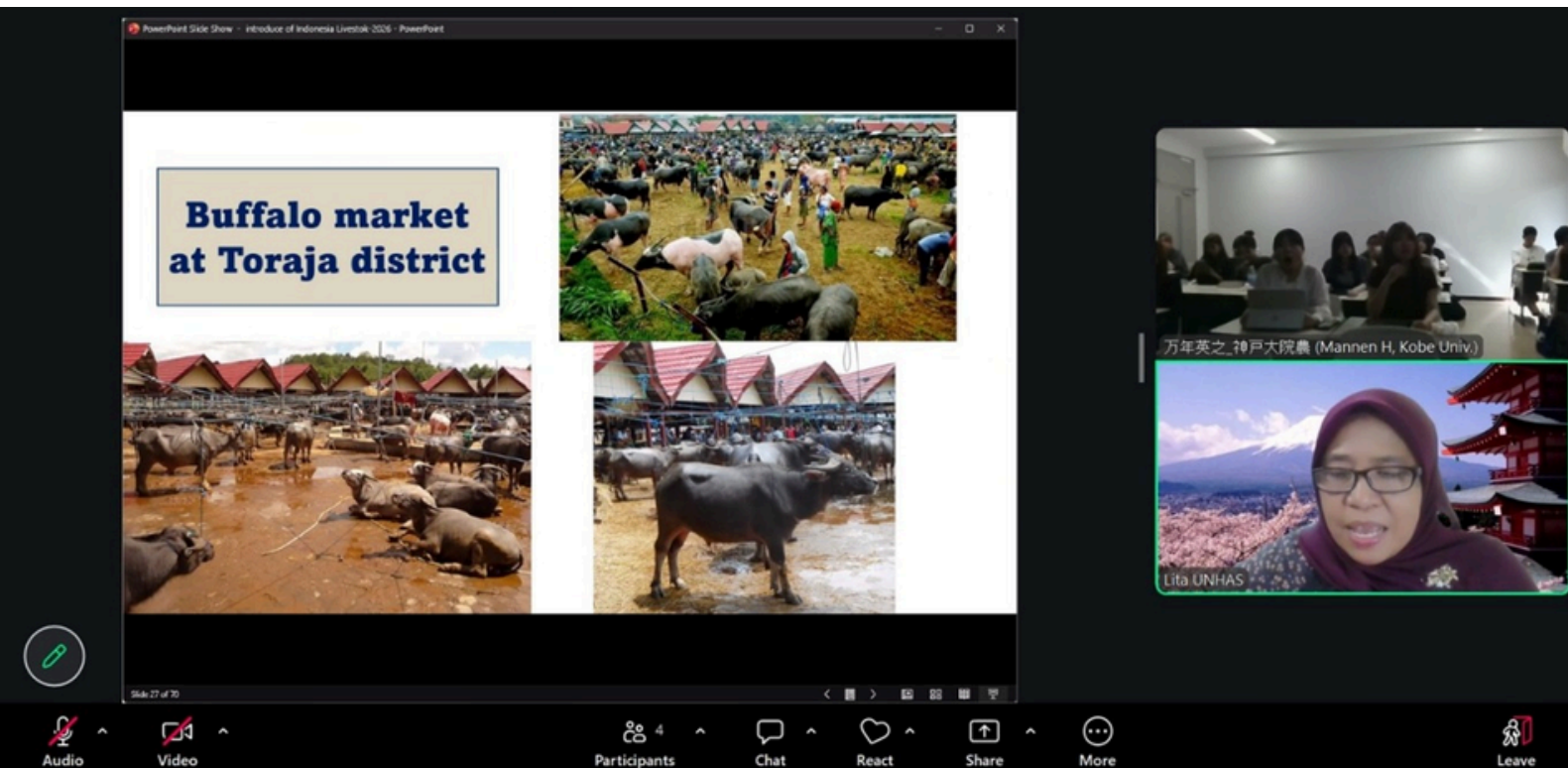
The Rector of UNHAS, Prof. Jamaluddin Jompa (well known as Prof. JJ), arrived during the presentation and delivered his welcome remarks immediately after Prof. JJ emphasized the critical importance of these sharing sessions, suggesting that the IO increases efficiency by featuring two or three faculties per session while keeping the format highly engaging. He challenged the audience to address the core question of "Why UNHAS?" to better attract global collaborators, and reminded the faculty that every single lecturer should actively act as a marketing ambassador for the university.

Following Prof. JJ's official opening of the event, the session transitioned into an interactive Question and Answer (Q&A) segment. Attendees raised practical questions, including inquiries regarding the timeline and time management required to organize complex inbound/outbound programs. Another notable discussion centered on the clinical setting, specifically how international students at FK navigate the language barrier by beginning to communicate in Bahasa Indonesia with local hospital patients. Prof. Rina addressed all inquiries comprehensively, and the successful session concluded with a warm lunch reception graciously provided by the Faculty of Medicine.





## **STRENGTHENING GLOBAL SYNERGIES: UNHAS AND KOBE UNIVERSITY HOLD JOINT GENERAL LECTURES ON LIVESTOCK GENETICS**



The Faculty of Animal Science (FAPET) at Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) has successfully underscored its commitment to internationalization by hosting a series of reciprocal general lectures in May 2026. This initiative serves as a concrete implementation of the long-standing academic and research partnership between UNHAS and Kobe University, Japan, which has been actively thriving since 2018. Conducted virtually via Zoom, the exchange brought together hundreds of students and prominent researchers from both nations to discuss the frontiers of animal breeding, genetics, and livestock conservation.

The first session, held on 1 May 2026, featured a compelling presentation by Prof. Hideyuki Mannen, Head of the Laboratory of Animal Breeding and Genetics at the Graduate School of Agricultural Science, Kobe University. Addressing an audience of 350 UNHAS students, Prof. Mannen delivered a lecture titled *"The Genetic Diversity and Biogeography of the Domestic Goat in Asia."* His presentation emphasized the critical importance of evaluating, surveying, and conserving genetic variation among native breeds. He highlighted sophisticated genetic analysis methods—such as Mitochondrial DNA, the SRY gene, and SNP arrays—which form the backbone of an extensive joint research network spanning multiple Asian and African institutions, including UNHAS. The session sparked high interactive enthusiasm from Indonesian students, who inquired about migration routes, domestication centers, and the impact of selective breeding on genetic diversity.



In a reciprocal academic exchange, the second general lecture took place on 18 May 2026. This session featured Prof. Rr. Sri Rachma A.B., M.Sc., Ph.D., Head of the Laboratory of Animal Breeding and Genetics at the Faculty of Animal Science, UNHAS, as the keynote speaker. Speaking to students of the Animal Breeding course at Kobe University's Faculty of Agriculture, she presented "*Introduction of Livestock in Indonesia*." Prof. Sri Rachma showcased the rich biodiversity of Indonesian local livestock, detailing the unique traits of native cattle, buffaloes, sheep, horses, and various local chicken breeds. Furthermore, she shared insights into local housing conditions, management practices, and ongoing collaborative sampling projects focused on the Kacang goat.

This dual-lecture initiative not only facilitates an invaluable knowledge exchange but also strengthens the collaborative bond between both universities. By bridging local expertise with global academic platforms, UNHAS and Kobe University continue to advance international research benchmarks in livestock and feed innovation for the global community



## GENERAL LECTURE

*Speaker*



**Prof. Hideyuki Mannen**

Laboratory of Animal Breeding & Genetics,  
Department of Animal Sciences,  
Faculty of Agriculture,  
Kobe University, Japan

*Theme*

## "THE GENETIC DIVERSITY AND BIOGEOGRAPHY OF THE DOMESTIC GOAT IN ASIA"



FRIDAY

**01 MAY 2026**

12.45 PM - 15.00 PM



Via Zoom Meeting

**Zoom Meeting ID : 892 3724 9282**

**Passcode : S1**

*Moderator*



**Prof. Rr. Sri Rachma A.B., M.Sc., Ph.D.**



## **FOSTERING GLOBAL LEADERS: FEB UNHAS HOSTS MSU'S GLOBAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM IN FREIGHT FORWARDING**



From 5 to 20 May 2026, the Faculty of Economics and Business (FEB), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), proudly hosted the Global Leadership Programme (GLP) initiated by the Faculty of Business Management and Professional Studies (FBMP), Management and Science University (MSU), Malaysia. The program marked a significant step toward strengthening internationalization efforts and fostering cross-border academic collaboration between Indonesia and Malaysia.

The MSU GLP is a comprehensive initiative designed to equip students with the leadership potential, professional skills, and global mindset necessary to pursue truly international careers. By bridging academic concepts with real-world practice through study, volunteering, and global engagement, the program is tailored to shape the leaders of tomorrow.

For this specialized two-week program in Makassar, MSU brought a delegation of 27 participants, comprising 25 students and two Lecturers : Dr. Mughaneswari Sahadevan, an expert in International Business, Freight Forwarding, and Cross-Cultural Management, and Abd Shukoor bin Mohd Yunus, specializing in Law, Human Rights, Data Protection, and International Business Law.



Centered around the core subject of Freight Forwarding, the comprehensively managed itinerary successfully integrated academic exchange, cultural immersion, industry exposure, and community service.

With the participation of 13 FEB UNHAS students, The delegation's academic journey at UNHAS included an immersive Cross-Cultural Class, where MSU delegates and FEB UNHAS students from various disciplines exchanged ideas and benchmarked the unique cultural nuances of South Sulawesi and Malaysia.

This exchange of perspectives was further enriched by inbound lectures delivered by the visiting MSU Lecturers. Mohd Yunus Abd Shukoor presented on *"Transborder Data Migration and Data Retention in Navigating International Business,"* shedding light on the critical intersections of privacy rights and technology. Meanwhile, Dr. Mughaneswari Sahadevan delivered a compelling session titled *"Cross Cultural: Why Does It Matter?"*

To showcase the university's expansive infrastructure, the delegates were given a comprehensive campus tour stretching from the Tamalanrea campus to the Engineering campus in Gowa. The academic engagement peaked during a Research Colloquium held at the FEB UNHAS Senate Room, where the visiting lecturers interacted directly with faculty leaders, professors, and postgraduate students to discuss future collaborative research avenues. The delegation also expanded their academic network through a dedicated sharing session with the Faculty of Economics and Business at Universitas Negeri Makassar (UNM).

Aligning directly with the program's primary academic focus, the delegates participated in an exclusive Company Visit to PT Pelabuhan Indonesia (Pelindo) Regional IV. Hosted directly by the General Manager of Pelindo Regional IV, Mr. Iwan Sjarifuddin, the students received in-depth, practical insights into maritime logistics, port business processes, and the strategic importance of freight forwarding operations across Eastern Indonesia.





Beyond the classroom and corporate boardrooms, the MSU delegates experienced the breathtaking natural heritage of South Sulawesi. They participated in a Community Service Program at the renowned Karst Rammang-Rammang, followed by an educational Geovisit traversing the local waterways of Kampung Berua and the Stone Forest, allowing them to appreciate the region's environmental and cultural preservation efforts.

The success of the two-week program concluded with an official dinner hosted by the Faculty Officials. The event celebrated the strong professional bond forged between the two institutions.

Prof. Dr. Mursalim Nohong, S.E., M.Si., Dean of FEB UNHAS, expressed his optimism for the future, stating, *"Hopefully, this moment is not a closing chapter, but rather one that opens all doors of collaboration between FEB UNHAS and FBMP MSU."*

The MSU delegation expressed profound appreciation for the exceptional hospitality and professional event management they experienced throughout their stay. *"We did not expect to be hosted, guided, and given an opportunity like this,"* remarked Dr. Mugi, capturing the success of a program that seamlessly blended global education with unparalleled local engagement.







# Meet Our Stuvo !

My Journey as an IO Student Volunteer:

Rifhky Arishall  
Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences



## My Journey as an IO Student Volunteer

Becoming a Student Volunteer at the International Office (IO) was never part of my plan. I was not someone who had this all figured out. I was just a student going through my days, doing my internship, minding my own business.

The first time I saw the registration flyer, I scrolled past it without a second thought. Not my thing, I told myself. A few days went by. Then one evening, tired and on my way back from my internship, the same flyer showed up again. And this time, something about it stopped me. Maybe it was the exhaustion loosening up my overthinking, or maybe it was just a gut feeling I couldn't shake. It was one day before the deadline. I had no CV ready, no prepared answers, no plan whatsoever. But I thought, what's the worst that could happen? So I applied.

That was the moment that quietly changed the direction of a lot of things for me.

My first event as a Stuvo was the International Student Festival 2025, where I was assigned as a Liaison Officer for the Timor-Leste delegation. I remember standing there, surrounded by students from different countries, different languages, different ways of seeing the world, and thinking, okay, this is actually really cool. What got me the most was how fast genuine connections can happen. By the end of the day, the students I was looking after felt less like people I was assigned to help and more like people I actually knew. We laughed, we figured things out together, and when it was time to say goodbye, it genuinely felt bittersweet. I went home that night feeling something I could not quite name but knew was good.





The bond between us Stuvos really started taking shape during the Indonesian Language Class. Over several weeks, we taught international students the basics of Bahasa Indonesia, and trust me, it was a whole adventure. Some of them had never heard a single word of the language before. Some could not even communicate in English. On paper, it sounds like a logistical nightmare. But in practice? It was one of the funniest, most rewarding things I have been part of. We figured out ways to communicate through gestures, expressions, broken phrases, and a lot of laughter. The challenge never felt heavy because we were always carrying it together.

And then came the night after the last session. We had no formal plan, but somehow all of us ended up staying at the IO office way past when we should have. We just talked. About everything. About our lives, our backgrounds, what we wanted, what scared us. That was the night I realized this group of people had quietly become something really important to me. Some memories do not announce themselves when they are happening. That one did not either, but I knew even then that I would look back on it for a long time.

What surprised me most about being a Stuvo was how much I grew without really noticing it happening. My English got sharper through actual use, not through drills or textbooks. I got more comfortable walking into rooms full of strangers and starting conversations. I learned how to read people, how to adapt, how to just be present with someone even when there is a language or culture gap between you. The technical term for it is learning by doing. What it actually felt like was just living, but with more intention.

I think about that flyer a lot. The one I almost ignored twice. And I think about how easy it would have been to keep scrolling.



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