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THE 3RD INTERNATIONAL JOINT CONFERENCE OF THE FACULTY OF DENTISTRY UNHAS AND NIIGATA UNIVERSITY HIGHLIGHTS THE FUTURE OF DENTOMAXILLOFACIAL IMAGING



The Faculty of Dentistry (FKG), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), in collaboration with Niigata University, Japan, successfully organized the 3rd International Joint Conference on 5-6 June 2026, at The Rinra Hotel Makassar. The conference brought together leading experts, academics, clinicians, and researchers to discuss the latest developments in dentomaxillofacial imaging and its role in diagnosis and treatment planning. Carrying the theme "The Future of Imaging – Imaging of the Future in Dentomaxillofacial Diagnosis and Treatment Planning," the conference served as an international platform for scientific exchange and collaboration in the rapidly evolving field of dental and maxillofacial radiology.

The opening ceremony was attended by several distinguished guests, including the Vice Mayor of Makassar, Aliyah Mustika Ilham, SE., MAP., and the Vice Rector for Academic and Student Affairs of UNHAS, Prof. Muhammad Ruslin, DDS, M.Kes., Ph.D., Sp.B.M.Mf., Subsp.Ortognat.D). Their presence underscored the importance of international academic collaboration in advancing dental education, research, and healthcare services.

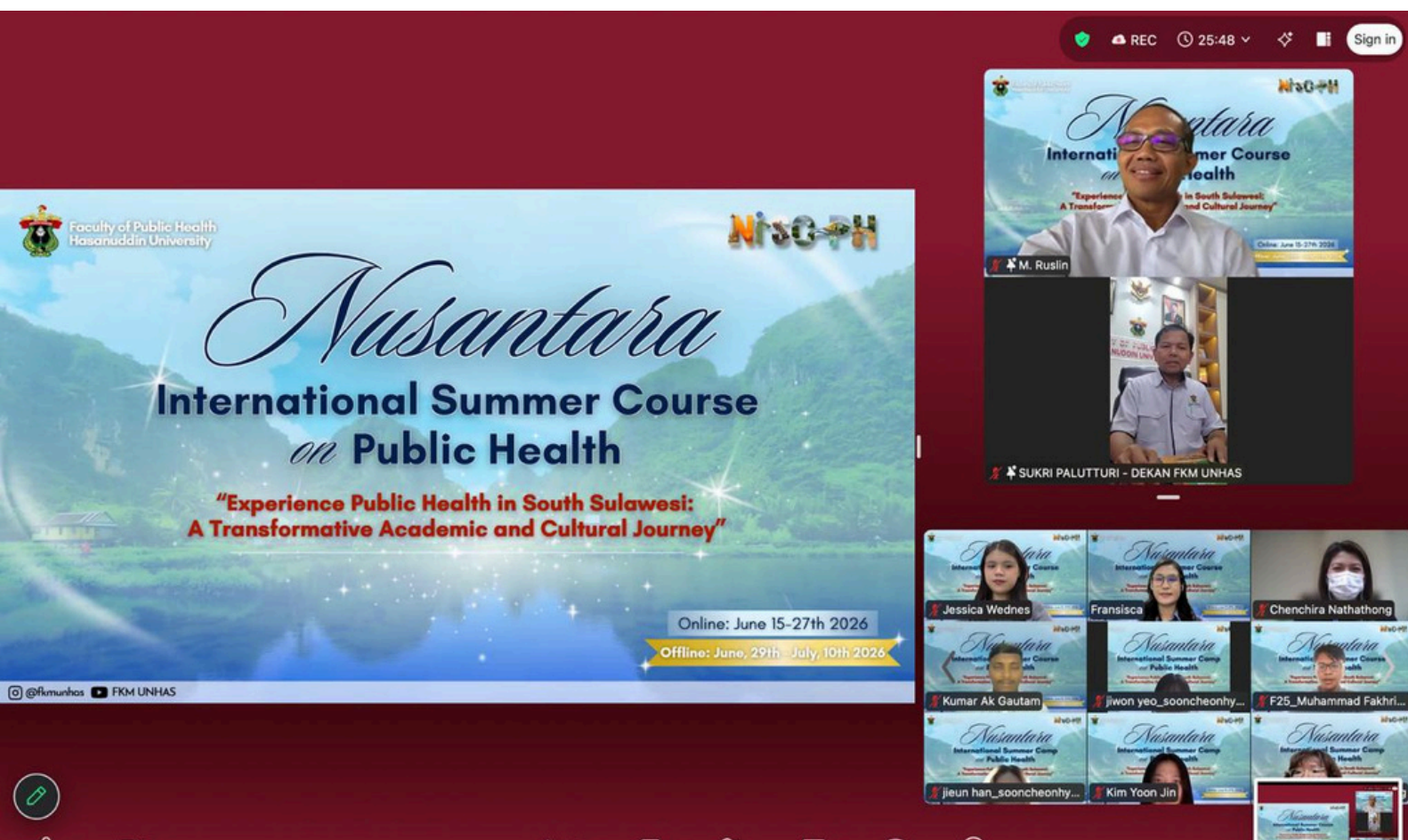
One of the conference's highlights was the participation of Prof. Makoto Inoue, DDS, Ph.D., Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry and Professor in the Division of Dysphagia Rehabilitation at Niigata University, Japan. As both a distinguished guest and keynote speaker, Prof. Inoue shared valuable insights and emphasized the importance of strengthening academic partnerships between Indonesia and Japan.

The conference also featured an impressive lineup of internationally renowned speakers, including Prof. Takafumi Hayashi, DDS, Ph.D.; Prof. Kei Tomihara, DDS, Ph.D.; Prof. Naoya Kakimoto, DDS, Ph.D.; and Dr. Jin Magara, DDS, Ph.D. Through their presentations, participants gained insights into emerging technologies, advanced imaging modalities, artificial intelligence applications, and contemporary approaches to diagnosis and treatment planning in dentomaxillofacial practice.

Throughout the two-day event, participants engaged in scientific discussions, knowledge-sharing sessions, and networking opportunities that fostered collaboration among researchers and practitioners from various institutions. The conference further strengthened the longstanding partnership between UNHAS and Niigata University while supporting the internationalization agenda of both institutions. The successful implementation of the 3rd International Joint Conference reflects the commitment of the Faculty of Dentistry UNHAS to promoting global academic engagement and advancing excellence in dental education, research, and clinical practice through international collaboration.



UNHAS LAUNCHES NISC-PH 2026: IMMERSIVE PUBLIC HEALTH SUMMER COURSE IN SOUTH SULAWESI



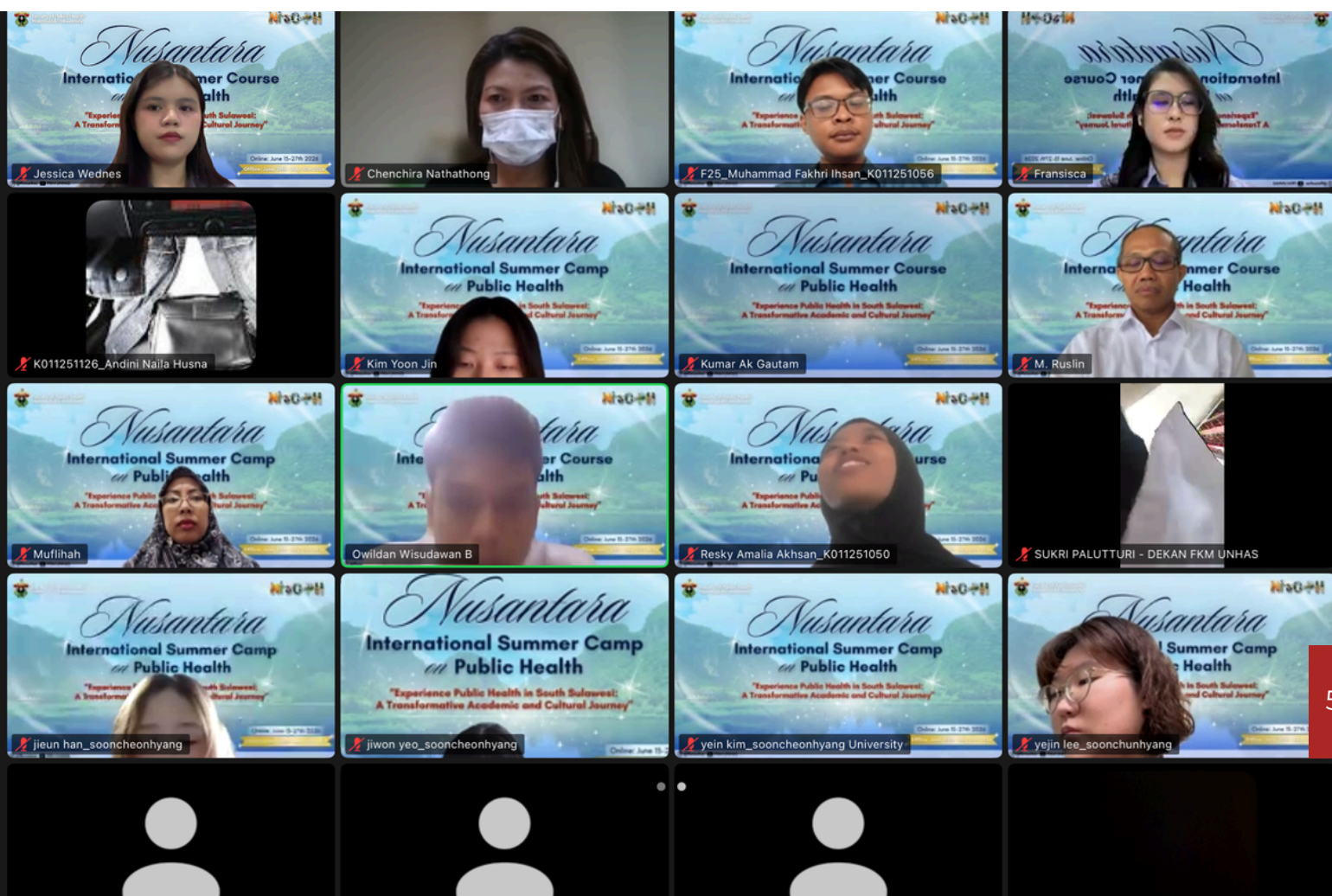
Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) has officially commenced the 2026 National International Summer Course on Public Health (NISC-PH). Running from June 15 to July 11, 2026, this year's program centers around the theme "Experience Public Health in South Sulawesi." The initiative offers global students a deep dive into Indonesia's healthcare ecosystem through a balanced mix of academic learning, field visits, community engagement, and cultural exploration.

To effectively blend foundational theory with hands-on practice, the summer course has been structured into a two-phase hybrid format. The first phase, which ran virtually from June 15 to June 24, provided participants with essential baseline knowledge regarding Indonesia's public health challenges and institutional frameworks. The program has now transitioned into its second phase, a fully immersive offline experience running from June 28 to July 11. During this segment, students travel across key regions of South Sulawesi—including Makassar, Maros, and Soppeng—to directly observe grassroots health interventions, community-driven programs, and local healthcare delivery.

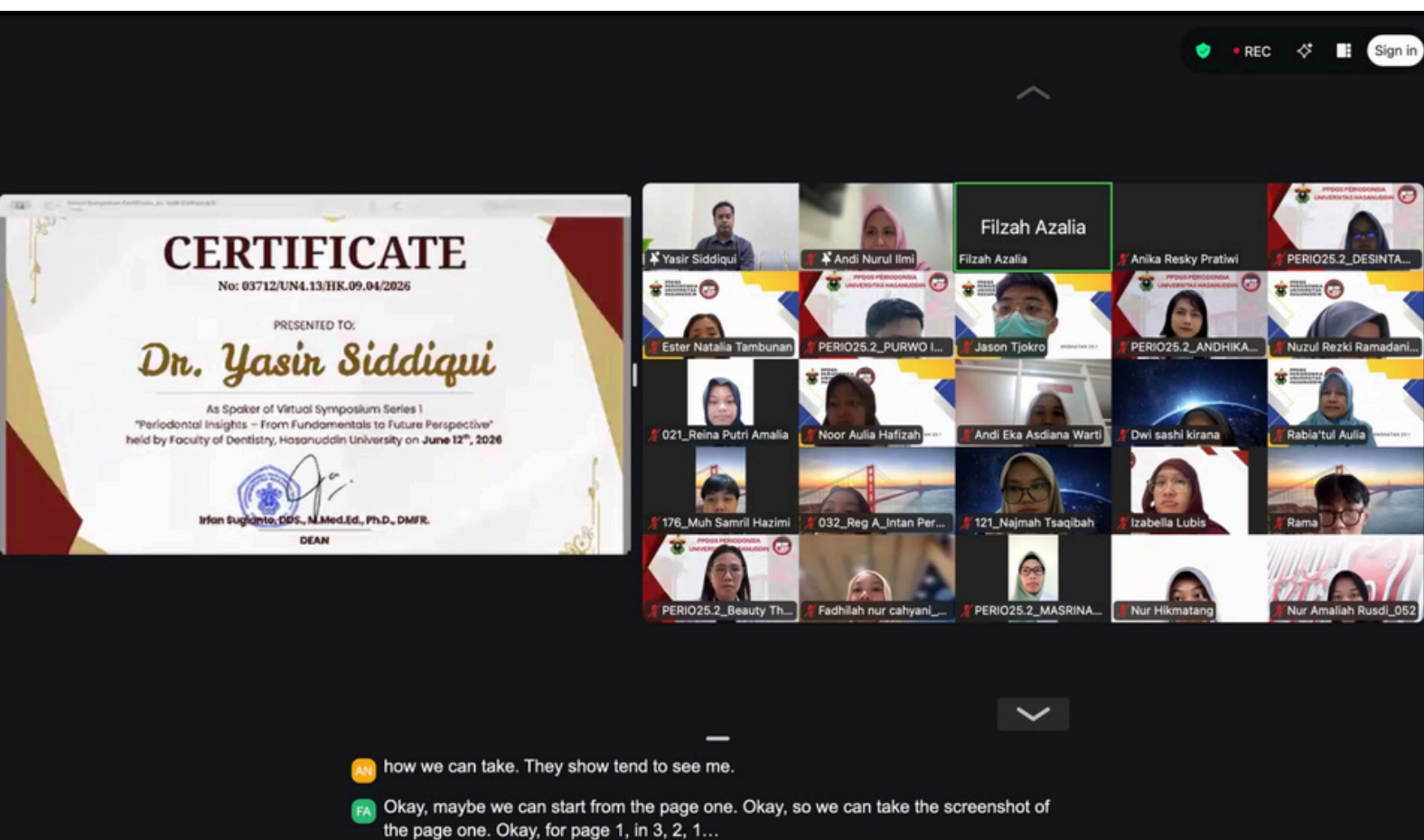
According to the organizing committee, the curriculum is intentionally designed to bridge the gap between academic theory and real-world application within Indonesia's unique social and cultural landscape. The committee noted that the program is intended not just as a traditional learning environment, but as a transformative experience that allows future healthcare professionals to see how culture and community dynamics shape health outcomes. This year's diverse international cohort brings together five participants from Mahidol University in Thailand, six from Soonchunhyang University in South Korea, and various international students currently enrolled in degree programs at UNHAS.

The academic curriculum itself bridges modern technical tools with community health, equipping students with practical skills in Geographic Information Systems (GIS), data analysis using R software, ergonomics within the informal labor sector, and healthcare system management. A standout element of NISC-PH 2026 is its reliance on local academic talent; the entire program is designed and spearheaded by faculty members from the Faculty of Public Health (FKM UNHAS), showcasing the institution's robust field experience and research capabilities to a global audience.

The initiative has received strong institutional backing from UNHAS leadership, including Vice Rector for Academic and Student Affairs, Prof. drg. Muhammad Ruslin, and FKM UNHAS Dean, Prof. Sukri Palutturi. Prof. Palutturi emphasized that the summer course acts as a premier platform to showcase the faculty's academic excellence and localized public health best practices to global allies. Beyond the classroom, the program serves as a catalyst for cross-cultural networking, planting the seeds for future regional research collaborations and aligning directly with United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 3, 4, and 17. As the course moves toward its July 11 conclusion, it successfully advances UNHAS's broader internationalization strategy, cementing the university's status as a key Southeast Asian hub for public health education.



FKG UNHAS HOLDS INTERNATIONAL VIRTUAL SYMPOSIUM EXPLORING NEW BREAKTHROUGHS IN PERIAPICAL HEALING: FROM INFECTION TO REGENERATION



The Faculty of Dentistry (FKG) Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), successfully hosted the Virtual Symposium Series: "Periodontal Insight – From Fundamentals to Future Perspectives" on Friday, 12 June 2026. The symposium was conducted online and attracted participants from various academic and professional backgrounds.

The event was organized as part of FKG UNHAS commitment to providing opportunities for alumni, dental practitioners, and students to enhance their knowledge and stay updated with the latest developments in dentistry. In addition to supporting professional development, the symposium also aimed to strengthen academic networking and collaboration with international partner institutions.

The symposium featured an international speaker, Dr. Yasir Siddiqui from the Department of Preventive Dentistry, College of Dentistry, Jouf University, who delivered a lecture entitled “From Infection to Regeneration: A New Way to Think about Periapical Healing.”

In his presentation, Dr. Siddiqui explained that periapical healing, the process of tissue repair around the apex of a tooth root remains one of the primary goals of endodontic treatment. For many years, treatment success was mainly measured by the effective elimination of infection, which is the primary cause of inflammation in periapical tissues.

However, advances in modern dental science have demonstrated that successful healing depends on more than simply eradicating bacteria. Contemporary approaches emphasize the importance of creating a favorable biological environment that supports the body’s natural repair and regenerative processes.

The concept of “From Infection to Regeneration” encourages clinicians to view endodontic treatment from a broader perspective. Beyond controlling infection, treatment strategies should also focus on optimizing the body's healing response through the application of advanced technologies, bioactive materials, and innovative regenerative approaches.

Recent studies have shown that the use of bioactive biomaterials and tissue engineering-based strategies holds significant potential for accelerating healing processes and improving the long-term success of root canal treatment. These emerging developments are expected to transform the future of endodontic therapy by shifting the focus from merely eliminating disease to actively promoting tissue regeneration and functional recovery.

Through this symposium, FKG UNHAS reaffirmed its commitment to fostering scientific exchange, promoting lifelong learning, and facilitating international collaboration in support of advancements in dental education, research, and clinical practice.

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Periodontitis

Periodontitis is a chronic inflammatory disease of the tooth-supporting tissues, initiated by bacterial biofilm and driven by the host immune response.

It leads to

- Destruction of the periodontal ligament
- Loss of alveolar bone
- Formation of periodontal pockets
- Tooth mobility and possible tooth loss if untreated



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FACULTY OF MATHEMATICS AND NATURAL SCIENCES, UNHAS, ACADEMICS STRENGTHEN INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC COLLABORATION THROUGH VISITS TO BRUNEI DARUSSALAM AND MALAYSIA



As part of its ongoing commitment to internationalization, academic excellence, and global research collaboration, Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences (FMIPA) UNHAS academics, Prof. Dr. Nurdin, S.Si., M.Si. and Prof. Dr. Nurtiti Sunusi, S.Si., M.Si., participated in a series of international academic activities in Brunei Darussalam and Malaysia from 15 to 20 June 2026.

The program brought together academics from various higher education institutions across Southeast Asia and focused on three key areas: international scientific writing workshops, institutional benchmarking, and the development of international academic networks.

The academic mission commenced with a visit to Universiti Brunei Darussalam (UBD) on 15–16 June 2026. During the visit, discussions focused on higher education development, research excellence, and potential areas for future collaboration. The visit provided a valuable platform for exploring opportunities for joint research projects, academic exchanges, collaborative publications, and other partnership programs that could benefit both institutions. The delegation also engaged in academic discussions aimed at strengthening research cooperation and fostering long-term institutional relationships.

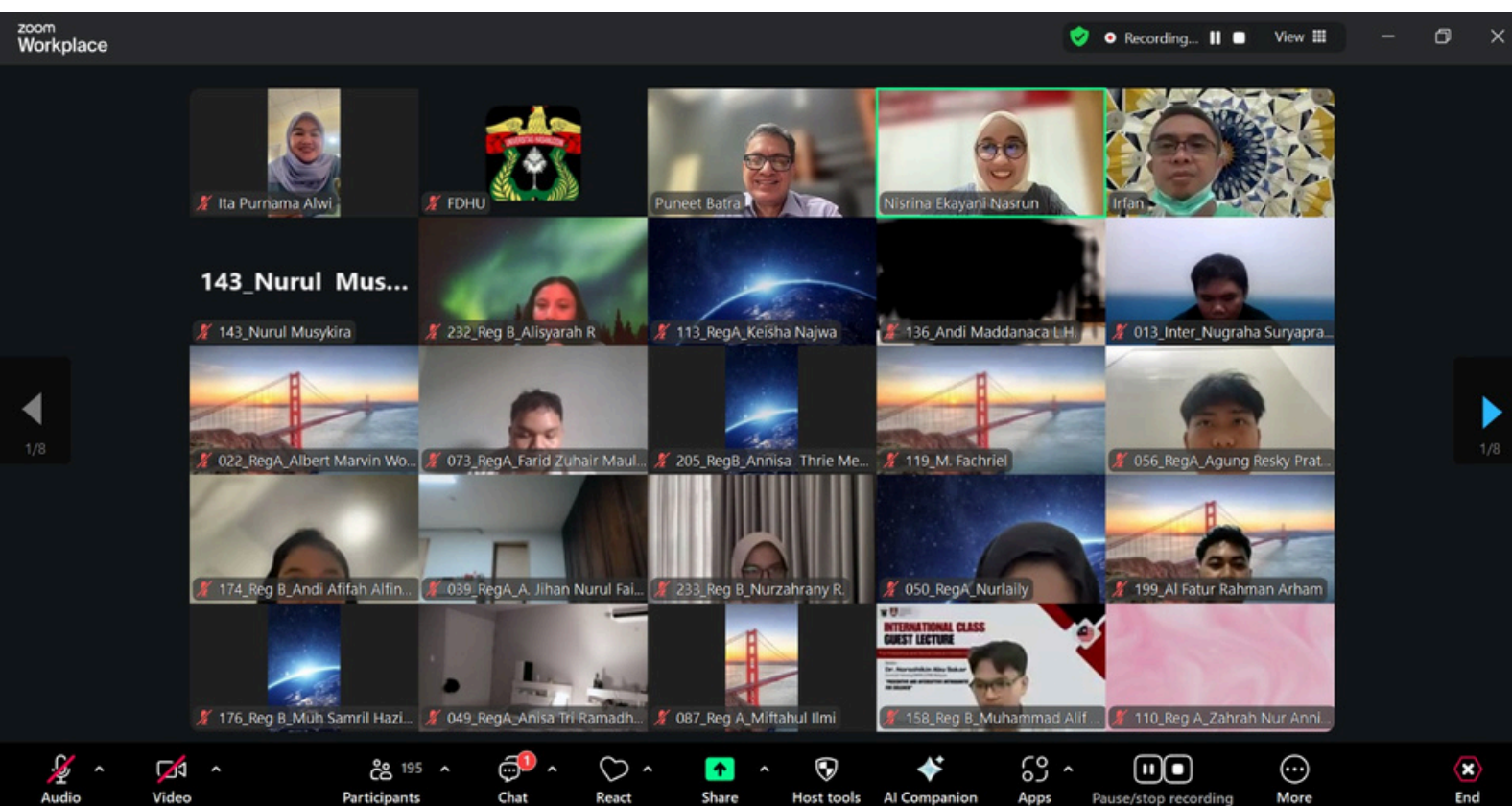
Following the visit to Brunei Darussalam, the delegation continued their academic program at Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM), Malaysia, from 18–20 June 2026. Participants attended an international scientific writing workshop and engaged in discussions on strategies for enhancing research productivity and increasing publications in reputable international journals. The workshop provided valuable insights into current trends in academic publishing, manuscript preparation, journal selection strategies, and best practices for improving the quality and impact of scholarly publications.

In addition to the workshop, the visit to UiTM served as a benchmarking opportunity, allowing participants to learn from the university's experiences in research management, academic development, and international collaboration initiatives. The exchange of ideas and experiences contributed to a deeper understanding of effective practices that can be adapted to strengthen academic and research activities at UNHAS.

According to Prof. Nurdin, the program offered valuable perspectives on strengthening research quality and expanding international collaboration opportunities. Meanwhile, Prof. Nurtiti Sunusi emphasized the importance of building sustainable academic networks that can contribute to the advancement of education, research, and community engagement activities within FMIPA UNHAS. The activities provided valuable opportunities for knowledge exchange, exposure to best practices in higher education management, and the establishment of strategic partnerships with leading universities in the region.



FKG UNHAS DRIVES INTERNATIONALIZATION THROUGH GUEST LECTURE ON MULTIDISCIPLINARY CLEFT CARE PROTOCOLS



The Faculty of Dentistry (FKG), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), through their International Affairs Office, successfully organized an International Class Guest Lecture for the Minor Oral Surgery Course on 8 June 2026. The online academic session brought together students and faculty members to gain insights from an international expert in the field of oral and maxillofacial care. The guest lecture featured Prof. Dr. Puneet Batra from Manav Rachna Dental College (MRDC), India, as the invited speaker. During the session, Prof. Batra delivered a comprehensive lecture entitled *"Multidisciplinary Treatment of Cleft Lip and Palate Children."*

In his presentation, Prof. Batra highlighted the importance of a multidisciplinary approach in the management of cleft lip and palate patients, emphasizing the need for collaboration among oral and maxillofacial surgeons, orthodontists, pediatric dentists, speech therapists, otolaryngologists, and other healthcare professionals. Such an integrated approach is essential to ensure optimal functional, aesthetic, and psychosocial outcomes for affected children.

The lecture also discussed contemporary treatment protocols, the timing of surgical and orthodontic interventions, and the long-term rehabilitation process required to support patients from infancy through adulthood. Participants gained valuable insights into the challenges and opportunities associated with comprehensive cleft care, as well as recent advances in clinical practice.

The event reflects FKG's ongoing commitment to internationalization and academic excellence by providing students with opportunities to learn from distinguished scholars and practitioners from leading institutions around the world. Through activities such as international guest lectures, the faculty continues to strengthen global academic networks while enriching the educational experience of its students. The International Class Guest Lecture forms part of a broader initiative by the International Affairs Office of FKG to foster international collaboration, promote knowledge exchange, and prepare future dental professionals to meet global healthcare challenges.



INTERNATIONAL CLASS GUEST LECTURE

"For Minor Oral Surgery Course"

Speaker:

Prof. Dr. Puneet Batra

Manav Rachna Dental College (MRDC)
India

**"MULTIDISCIPLINARY TREATMENT OF
CLEFT LIP AND PALATE CHILDREN"**



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FDHU SENDS 60 STUDENTS TO 12 OVERSEAS UNIVERSITIES THROUGH THE ENRICHMENT PROGRAM



The Faculty of Dentistry at Hasanuddin University (FKG UNHAS) has marked a significant milestone in its internationalization efforts by deploying 60 students to the 2026 Enrichment Program, distinguishing itself as the faculty with the highest participant representation this year. The official send-off ceremony was presided over by the Vice Rector for Academic and Student Affairs of UNHAS, Prof. Muhammad Ruslin, DDS., M.Kes., Ph.D., Sp.B.M.Mf., Subsp.Orthognathic Surgery, at the Academic Senate Room of the UNHAS Rectorate Building on Wednesday, 10 June 2026.

As a flagship annual initiative spearheaded by the International Class Management of FKG UNHAS, the 2026 Enrichment Program is strategically designed to broaden students' academic horizons through direct immersion in diverse international academic environments and healthcare systems. Beyond acquiring invaluable academic experiences, the participating students are entrusted to act as global ambassadors for FKG UNHAS, fostering collaborative networks and demonstrating the high caliber of dental education at UNHAS on the international stage.

The delegation will be distributed across 12 esteemed partner institutions spanning five countries. These strategic placements were meticulously selected to provide a multifaceted academic experience while fortifying existing institutional partnerships. Notably, the mobility program to Fujita Health University, Japan, is directly facilitated by the International Office of Hasanuddin University, reflecting the institution's comprehensive approach to expanding global engagement opportunities for its academic community.

The 2026 cohort will be hosted by a distinguished network of global institutions, comprising Okayama University, Niigata University, Kyushu University, Fujita Health University, and Health Sciences University of Hokkaido in Japan; China Medical University in Taiwan; Universiti Malaya, Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM), MAHSA University, and International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM) in Malaysia; Chulalongkorn University in Thailand; and The University of Hong Kong.

Through this extensive mobility initiative, FKG UNHAS continuously reaffirms its overarching commitment to academic excellence. By providing substantive international exposure, the faculty is dedicated to cultivating globally competent graduates who possess the intercultural understanding, comprehensive perspectives, and collaborative acumen required to navigate and lead in the global healthcare landscape.





Meet Our Stuvo!

My Journey as an IO Student Volunteer:
Nadya Salsabila – Faculty of Nursing

“You have to treat your patients with consideration for their background.”

This is a phrase my lecturer repeats in almost every class. It reflects how important it is for nurses to understand the cultural diversity that exists in our world. As a nursing student, I have come to realize that caring for patients is not only about clinical knowledge and technical skills; it is also about understanding the beliefs, values, and experiences that shape the way people perceive health and illness. Healing requires more than medicine, it requires empathy that transcends borders and a willingness to see the world through someone else's eyes.

My journey with the International Office (IO) began early in my university life. I was a first-year nursing student, lying awake late at night and mindlessly scrolling through Instagram, when I came across a post from IO. I still vividly remember that it was a Geography Series post about Palestine. What seemed like an ordinary social media post unexpectedly sparked my curiosity. From that moment on, I found myself becoming increasingly involved in the International Office's activities, from the Geography Series and the International Cultural Program to eventually joining the Student Volunteer of the International Office (Stuvo IO).

I first applied to become a Student Volunteer in Batch 3, shortly after the 7th International Cultural Program had concluded. Unfortunately, I was not selected. The rejection was disappointing, and for a while, I convinced myself not to try again. However, when applications for Batch 4 opened, a friend encouraged me to give it another shot. After much hesitation and several rounds of self-doubt, I finally decided to apply. This time, I was accepted. Looking back, I often think about how different things might have been if my friend had not encouraged me to try again.



At first, joining Stuvo IO felt like just another extracurricular commitment—another activity to add to an already busy schedule. Yet over time, it quietly became something much more meaningful. The change did not happen all at once. Instead, it emerged through small but impactful experiences: a conversation with someone living in a different time zone, a challenge that pushed me beyond my comfort zone, or a discussion that made me reconsider the way I approached a problem.

Gradually, the way I communicated began to change. I learned to listen more attentively and express my ideas more clearly, knowing that I was engaging with people from diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds. The transformation was subtle rather than dramatic. It did not announce itself with a defining moment; instead, it unfolded through countless interactions that gradually built my confidence, curiosity, and openness. Before I knew it, I had become someone very different from the student who had first joined the organization.

One of the greatest gifts of Stuvo IO has been the opportunity to build meaningful connections with people from around the world. Through these experiences, I have strengthened my communication and teamwork skills while learning how to collaborate with individuals whose perspectives and backgrounds differ from my own. Beyond professional growth, I have formed genuine friendships and shared conversations that continue to broaden my understanding of the world. This international exposure has given me far more than a network of contacts—it has transformed the way I approach challenges, communicate across cultures, and work alongside others toward a common goal.

Looking back, my journey with IO has been filled with unexpected opportunities and invaluable lessons. Had I allowed my initial disappointment to stop me from applying again, I might never have experienced the personal and professional growth that has shaped who I am today. As I continue this journey, I remain excited about the possibilities that lie ahead. I believe there are still many stories to write, many lessons to learn, and many connections yet to be made. Whatever the future holds, I am grateful that one late-night scroll through Instagram led me to a path that has changed my life in ways I never imagined.



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