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HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY ADVANCES SCIENCE DIPLOMACY THROUGH HONORARY DEGREE FOR XANANA GUSMÃO



Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) awarded an honorary doctorate (*Doctor Honoris Causa*) to H.E. Kay Rala Xanana Gusmão, Prime Minister of Timor-Leste, during an Open Academic Senate Session at Baruga A.P. Pettarani, UNHAS Tamalanrea Campus, on Saturday, 5 September 2026. The honorary degree recognized Xanana Gusmão's leadership and contributions to Timor-Leste, regional peace, democracy, reconciliation and humanitarian values. UNHAS highlighted his journey from a key figure in Timor-Leste's struggle for independence to a statesman who helped guide the country through reconciliation and nation-building.

Prof. Hafid Abbas, M.Sc., promoter of the honorary doctorate outlined four main considerations behind the award: Xanana's role in Timor-Leste's independence, his commitment to reconciliation after conflict, his transformation from freedom fighter to statesman, and his legacy of peace and humanity. His role in rebuilding relations between Indonesia and Timor-Leste was particularly emphasized. Rather than allowing the experience of conflict to define future generations, Xanana and leaders from both countries helped create a new relationship based on mutual respect, friendship, and cooperation.

For UNHAS, the honorary doctorate also carries broader significance as a platform for strengthening science diplomacy between Indonesia and Timor-Leste. UNHAS Rector Prof. Dr. Ir. Jamaluddin Jompa, M.Sc. emphasized that education and research can create new opportunities for cooperation between the two countries. “This honorary doctorate has strategic significance for UNHAS. We want to strengthen relations between Indonesia and Timor-Leste through education, research, and academic networks,” Prof. Jamaluddin said. “Knowledge can open wider opportunities for cooperation between the younger generations of both countries. This is a model of science diplomacy.”

Through education, research, knowledge exchange, student mobility, and alumni networks, UNHAS sees opportunities to deepen academic connections with Timor-Leste while complementing the strong diplomatic relationship between the two neighboring countries. The honorary doctorate therefore serves both as academic recognition of Xanana Gusmão’s leadership and as a new momentum for UNHAS to expand its role as an academic bridge connecting Indonesia and Timor-Leste through knowledge, education, and long-term collaboration.



ORTHODONTICS SPECIALIST PROGRAM, FACULTY OF DENTISTRY, HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY HOLDS INTERNATIONAL GUEST LECTURE ON DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF TEMPOROMANDIBULAR DISORDERS



The Orthodontics Specialist Program at the Faculty of Dentistry, Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) held an international guest lecture titled “Diagnosis & Treatment for Temporomandibular Disorders” on Monday, 24 August 2026, at the Hasanuddin University Dental Hospital (RSGMP UNHAS). The lecture featured Prof. Eiji Tanaka, D.D.S., Ph.D., Professor of Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics at Tokushima University, Japan, providing residents with an opportunity to gain international perspectives on the diagnosis and management of temporomandibular disorders (TMD). Tokushima University highlights Prof. Tanaka’s research and clinical work in areas including temporomandibular joint disorders, orthodontic treatment, and advanced diagnostic approaches. In his presentation, Prof. Tanaka discussed approaches to the diagnosis and treatment planning of TMD, a highly relevant topic in orthodontic practice due to the close relationship between occlusion, jaw mechanics, and temporomandibular joint function. The session provided residents with additional knowledge for identifying and managing TMD cases that may occur alongside malocclusion.

The guest lecture was attended by residents and consultants from the Orthodontics Specialist Program, as well as Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry Erni Marlina, drg., Ph.D., Sp.PM., Subsp.Inf.(K). Her participation reflected the faculty's support for strengthening specialist dental education and expanding opportunities for international academic engagement. Erni Marlina was appointed Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry in 2026. Dr. Ardiansyah S. Pawinru, drg., Sp.Ort., Subsp.DDTK(K), Head of the Orthodontics Specialist Program, expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to bring international expertise directly into the residents' learning environment.

His current role as Head of the program is also reflected in UNHAS academic information. "We hope that activities such as this can continue to be held regularly, allowing residents to gain not only theoretical and clinical knowledge but also a broader understanding of developments in orthodontics at the international level," Dr. Ardiansyah said. "The presence of Prof. Tanaka is an excellent opportunity for us to learn and engage in direct discussions with an expert in the field." He also expressed hope that the knowledge and experience gained from the guest lecture could be applied in both education and clinical services, particularly in strengthening residents' ability to diagnose temporomandibular disorders and determine appropriate treatment approaches.

The guest lecture reflects the continuing commitment of the UNHAS Faculty of Dentistry and its Orthodontics Specialist Program to providing residents with access to international perspectives in orthodontic science. Such academic exchanges are expected to strengthen the clinical competencies of future orthodontic specialists while supporting closer connections between UNHAS and international academic partners.



CENTER FOR PEACE, CONFLICT AND DEMOCRACY, HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY, HOSTS RIKKYO UNIVERSITY EXPERT FOR LECTURE ON PEACEBUILDING



The Department of International Relations, Faculty of Social and Political Sciences at Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), in collaboration with the Center for Peace, Conflict and Democracy (CPCD), hosted a guest lecture titled “Peace, Peacebuilding, and Japan’s Cooperation in Peacebuilding” on Wednesday, 2 September 2026. Held at the Prof. Syukur Abdullah Hall, the lecture featured Prof. Ako Muto, Ph.D., Specially Appointed Professor at the Graduate School of Social Design Studies, Rikkyo University, Japan. The session was attended by International Relations students enrolled in the course on Japan’s Political System and Foreign Policy.

Prof. Muto introduced key perspectives from Peace Studies and Conflict Resolution Studies, including Johan Galtung’s distinction between negative peace and positive peace. She explained that ending violence does not necessarily create sustainable peace, as long-term stability also requires addressing inequality, structural violence, governance challenges, and other underlying causes of conflict. The discussion also covered approaches ranging from liberal and critical peacebuilding to local ownership, hybrid peacebuilding, and adaptive peacebuilding. Prof. Muto emphasized that there is no single formula for resolving conflict and that peacebuilding strategies must respond to local conditions, institutional capacity, and community needs.

Drawing on international experience, she highlighted Japan's contribution to peacebuilding through humanitarian assistance, capacity building, infrastructure development, and institutional support, including initiatives in Cambodia, South Sudan, Jordan, and Mindanao in the Philippines. The lecture also explored Indonesia's role in international peace efforts through the Garuda Contingent in United Nations peacekeeping operations, diplomacy, mediation, civilian protection, community empowerment, and regional cooperation through ASEAN.

Students actively participated in discussions on the challenges of peacebuilding, the importance of local ownership, the effectiveness of international assistance, and opportunities for Indonesia and Japan to strengthen cooperation as middle powers. The discussion highlighted the complementary strengths of Japan in development cooperation and technology and Indonesia in diplomacy, mediation, peacekeeping, and regional engagement. Closing the session, Andi Ahmad Yani, M.Si., MPA., M.Sc., Researcher at CPCD UNHAS, described the lecture as a starting point for broader academic engagement. "This is not the end of our discussion," he said. "I would say this is the beginning of further collaboration and discussion regarding peace and peacebuilding."

Through the guest lecture, students gained both conceptual and practical perspectives on how peace is built and sustained. The session also opened opportunities for further academic dialogue and collaboration between UNHAS and international partners on peace, conflict resolution, and peacebuilding.



PHARMSTEP 2026: HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY BRINGS GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES TO DRUG-RESISTANT EPILEPSY



International scientific perspectives on drug-resistant epilepsy took center stage in Makassar as Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) hosted the Pharmaceutical Sciences, Technology, and Practice 2026 (PharmSTeP 2026), bringing together researchers, clinicians, practitioners, students, and patient communities to discuss advances in pharmaceutical science, clinical care, and drug delivery. Hosted by the Faculty of Pharmacy at UNHAS, PharmSTeP 2026 featured pre-conference workshops on August 14, 2026, followed by the main international seminar on 15-16 August 2026, at Aston Makassar Hotel & Convention. The program combined scientific, clinical, technological, and patient-centered perspectives on epilepsy and pharmaceutical innovation.

A central theme of the conference was drug-resistant epilepsy, with sessions exploring the neuroscience underlying the condition, clinical aspects of care, and approaches to optimizing antiepileptic drug delivery to the brain. The program also brought patients, caregivers, and advocacy perspectives into the scientific discussion, highlighting the importance of connecting biomedical advances with real-world patient needs. This patient-centered focus closely reflects SDG 3: Good Health and Well-Being, particularly efforts to improve access to more effective approaches for complex neurological conditions.

The conference further addressed pharmacogenomics and clinical pharmacy, drug discovery from natural sources, and technological innovations in epilepsy diagnosis and monitoring. Together, these topics reflected the multidisciplinary nature of contemporary epilepsy research, where pharmaceutical technology increasingly intersects with clinical practice, neuroscience, and emerging biomedical approaches.

PharmSTeP 2026 was also closely connected to the TUMPAS Epilepsy Indonesia research initiative, *"Targeted Brain Delivery Using Modern Pharmaceutical Innovation of Antiepileptic Drug to Solve Drug-Resistant Epilepsy in Indonesia."* The international research collaboration brings together UNHAS, Aston University, and the University of Birmingham, with support from the British Council and LPDP. By connecting researchers and institutions across Indonesia and the United Kingdom around a shared health challenge, the initiative also demonstrates the role of international research partnerships envisioned under SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals.

Beyond the scientific program, the pre-conference workshops focused on strengthening research capacity through discussions on LPDP scholarship opportunities, translating research into public policy, and best practices in editing and reviewing manuscripts for reputable academic journals. These activities provided participants with opportunities to strengthen skills beyond laboratory and clinical research, while also supporting wider access to research training and academic development in line with SDG 4: Quality Education. For UNHAS, PharmSTeP 2026 provided a platform to strengthen international academic engagement while connecting pharmaceutical research with clinical practice and broader health challenges. It also created opportunities for researchers, healthcare professionals, students, and patient communities to exchange perspectives on how scientific innovation can respond more effectively to the realities faced by people living with epilepsy.

More importantly, the conference reinforced a shared message: addressing complex conditions such as drug-resistant epilepsy requires collaboration across disciplines, institutions, and perspectives. By bringing these perspectives together in Makassar, PharmSTeP 2026 contributed to the growing international discussion on how pharmaceutical innovation can be translated into more effective and patient-centered care.



ADVANCING ORTHODONTIC CLINICAL EXCELLENCE: ORTHODONTICS SPECIALIST PROGRAM, FACULTY OF DENTISTRY, HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY HOSTS INTERNATIONAL GUEST LECTURE ON DAMON Q2



The Orthodontics Specialist Program at the Faculty of Dentistry, Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) held an international guest lecture on “Clinical Excellence with Damon Q2” on Saturday, 22 August 2026, at the Faculty of Dentistry. The session featured Dr. Hertz A. Alano, DMD, MSD, Ph.D., an orthodontic expert from the Philippines, as the international guest speaker. The lecture was part of the program’s academic activities aimed at broadening residents’ knowledge and strengthening their clinical competencies. Participants gained insights into current developments in orthodontic treatment, particularly the clinical application of the Damon Q2 system.

During the session, Dr. Alano discussed various aspects of Damon Q2, including its fundamental principles, biomechanics, clinical mechanics, treatment approaches, and clinical considerations. He also emphasized the importance of proper treatment planning, appropriate case selection, and the application of biomechanical principles when determining treatment strategies based on each patient’s individual needs. The interactive discussion gave residents an opportunity to engage directly with Dr. Alano, raise questions, and explore clinical cases related to the use of Damon Q2. The exchange encouraged participants to think critically about different treatment options and clinical decision-making in orthodontic practice.

The event was also attended by Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry Erni Marlina, drg., Ph.D., Sp.PM., Subsp.Inf.(K). Her participation reflected the faculty's support for strengthening specialist education, scientific development, and clinical competency in orthodontics. Furthermore, Dr. Ardiansyah S. Pawinru, drg., Sp.Ort., Subsp.D.Dfk.T.K., Head of the Orthodontics Specialist Program, expressed his appreciation for Dr. Alano's participation and the opportunity for residents to learn directly from an international expert.

He emphasized that engagement with international academics and practitioners provides residents with valuable opportunities to gain new perspectives on developments in orthodontic science and clinical practice. Dr. Ardiansyah also expressed hope that the knowledge gained from the guest lecture could be applied in both specialist education and clinical practice, while encouraging residents to continuously strengthen their competencies and stay informed about developments in orthodontic technology and treatment approaches. The "Clinical Excellence with Damon Q2" guest lecture reflects the continuing commitment of the UNHAS Faculty of Dentistry and its Orthodontics Specialist Program to integrating scientific knowledge, clinical experience, and international academic exchange in specialist education. Through such activities, residents are given greater exposure to contemporary orthodontic approaches while preparing to meet the evolving demands of professional clinical practice.



Under the supervision of Dr. Sari and the UNHAS Department of Oral Medicine team, participants observed and practiced patient examinations for the early detection of OPMD. They also took part in a session on oral lesion documentation titled “How to Capture Oral Lesion,” focused on improving the quality and consistency of clinical documentation. This hands-on approach enabled participating dentists to connect the concepts introduced during the workshop with real clinical situations. Strengthening these competencies at the primary care level is particularly important because patients with oral abnormalities may first seek treatment at community-based healthcare facilities before being referred to specialist or hospital services.

Beyond clinical training, the program also represented an academic contribution from the Doctoral Program in Dental Medicine at the UNHAS Faculty of Dentistry in the area of public oral health. The involvement of academics, clinicians, dental specialists, and primary healthcare providers demonstrated how university-based expertise can be connected with community-level healthcare needs. The program placed particular emphasis on reducing delays in identifying suspicious oral lesions by strengthening the capacity of professionals who may encounter patients during the early stages of disease.

The collaboration is also expected to extend beyond Makassar. Further activities are being planned in Tana Toraja, South Sulawesi, including calibration training for local dentists as well as research and community engagement initiatives. Expanding the program to Tana Toraja is expected to provide further opportunities to strengthen early oral cancer detection in communities where betel-quid chewing remains an important consideration in oral health. Through continued international collaboration and community-based clinical training, the UNHAS Faculty of Dentistry aims to strengthen expertise in Oral Medicine while expanding the reach of early detection practices beyond specialist settings. The initiative also demonstrates how international academic exchange can translate into practical improvements in professional training and community oral healthcare.



HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY HOSTS UNIVERSITI SAINS MALAYSIA RESEARCHER FOR ASEAN POVERTY POLICY SHARING SESSION



Students of the Public Administration Study Program at Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) gained comparative insights into rural poverty reduction policies in ASEAN through a sharing session held on Thursday, 3 September 2026. The session, part of the Comparative Public Administration course, featured Mohammad Zaki Bin Che Aat, a doctoral researcher from Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM) and a rural development practitioner with RISDA Malaysia.

Drawing on field research conducted in Malaysia, Indonesia, and Thailand, Zaki shared comparative findings on rural poverty reduction policies and introduced the ASEAN Hybrid Capability Model (AHCM), which integrates institutional protection, grassroots participation, and local resilience. The course is taught by Andi Ahmad Yani, S.Sos., M.Si., MPA., M.Sc. and Nuralamsyah Ismail, S.Sos., M.A., with support from the Policy and Governance Laboratory (POLiGov) coordinated by Sri Nurindah Sari Arsyad.

The session also welcomed 10 USM students who joined the class at UNHAS, adding a cross-country perspective to the discussion and strengthening academic interaction between students from both universities. Discussions covered challenges in local policy implementation, the role of cultural values in community empowerment, and the relevance of the AHCM to poverty reduction initiatives in Indonesia. Students also explored how comparative public administration can help them better understand the design and implementation of public policies across different national contexts. The sharing session provided students with an opportunity to engage directly with regional research while developing a broader understanding of poverty policy in ASEAN. It also opened further opportunities for academic exchange and collaboration between UNHAS and Universiti Sains Malaysia.

FACULTY OF PUBLIC HEALTH, HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY, HOSTS TAIWAN EXPERTS TO EXPLORE THE FUTURE OF MEDICAL DECISION SCIENCE



The Master of Hospital Administration Study Program at the Faculty of Public Health, Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) hosted an international guest lecture titled “Frontiers of Medical Decision Science: Research Trends in Digital Twins and World Models” on Wednesday, 26 August 2026. The session featured Prof. Dr. Chi-Chang Chang of Chung Shan Medical University, Taiwan, who also serves as President of the Society for Asia Medical Decision Science (SAMDS). He was joined by Prof. Hsi-Chieh Lee of National Quemoy University, Associate Prof. Ting-Ying Chien of Yuan Ze University, and Heng-Jui Liu.

The lecture was officially opened by Ansariadi, SKM., M.Sc.PH., Ph.D., and provided students and the academic community with international perspectives on emerging technologies and approaches in healthcare decision-making. In his presentation, Prof. Chang discussed developments in medical decision science, with particular attention to digital twins and world models. These technologies are increasingly being explored to support analysis, simulation, and decision-making as artificial intelligence, health data, and digital systems become more integrated into healthcare.

He also emphasized that effective digital transformation in healthcare depends not only on advanced technology, but also on high-quality data, validated models, information security, ethical considerations, and organizational and human-resource readiness. For students of Hospital Administration, the session offered a broader understanding of how digital technologies can support hospital services, management, and evidence-based decision-making. The presence of academics from several Taiwanese institutions also opened opportunities for further international networking and collaboration in medical decision science, smart healthcare, and digital health transformation.

HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY AND OKAYAMA UNIVERSITY STRENGTHEN HEALTH SCIENCES EXCHANGE THROUGH OKADAI 2026



Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) and Okayama University, Japan, continued their international academic collaboration through the "OKADAI: Student Exchange Program for Undergraduate Students of Hasanuddin University and Okayama University 2026." This year marked the fifth implementation of the OKADAI Program since its initiation in 2021, reflecting the sustained partnership and commitment of both universities to expanding international exposure and interprofessional education among health sciences students.

The OKADAI Student Exchange Program was initiated through collaboration between Irfan Sugianto, drg., M.Med.Ed., Ph.D., Sp.RKG. from the UNHAS Faculty of Dentistry and Prof. Masahiro Kuroda, M.D., Ph.D. from the Faculty of Health Sciences at Okayama University. The program brings together the Faculty of Health Sciences at Okayama University and four health-related faculties at UNHAS: the Faculty of Dentistry, Faculty of Medicine, Faculty of Public Health, and Faculty of Nursing. The 2026 program attracted strong interest from UNHAS students, with 59 applicants taking part in the selection process. Following the selection, 10 students were chosen to represent UNHAS, comprising four students from the Faculty of Dentistry, two from the Faculty of Medicine, two from the Faculty of Public Health, and two from the Faculty of Nursing.

The program combines online academic activities with reciprocal in-person student exchanges. Four online meetings were scheduled throughout July and August 2026, with participants divided into four interprofessional groups. The activities involved students and facilitators from both universities, including the Medical Laboratory Science and Nursing programs at Okayama University and the Faculties of Dentistry and Nursing at UNHAS.

As part of the reciprocal exchange, the Okayama University delegation visited Makassar from Sunday, 30 August to Thursday, 3 September 2026. The delegation consisted of eight students—four Nursing students and four Medical Laboratory Science students—accompanied by two facilitators, Prof. Nobuaki Miyahara and Dr. Yuki Kajiwara. The exchange will continue with the UNHAS delegation visiting Okayama University in Japan in December 2026.

During their stay in Makassar, participants took part in a diverse range of academic, professional and cultural activities. The program included final group presentations, student bonding activities, the development of Interprofessional Health Education posters and academic visits to the Faculty of Dentistry, Faculty of Medicine, Faculty of Nursing, Faculty of Public Health, and Hasanuddin University Hospital. Beyond the academic agenda, participants also had opportunities to experience Indonesian and Makassar culture through a Gala Dinner and Cultural Night, a city tour and a sunset sailing activity. These activities provided an informal setting for students and faculty members from both universities to strengthen friendships, exchange cultural perspectives and build lasting international connections. The program was also supported by leaders and representatives from the participating UNHAS faculties, reflecting the university's commitment to international collaboration and interdisciplinary education in the health sciences.

Throughout the program, the Okayama University students and facilitators expressed their enthusiasm and appreciation for the opportunity to participate in the exchange. For many participants, the program offered valuable experience in a new academic and cultural environment while allowing them to closely interact with students from related health professions. They particularly appreciated the opportunity to build new friendships and professional connections with their counterparts at UNHAS. Through the fifth OKADAI Student Exchange Program, UNHAS and Okayama University continue to strengthen their long-standing academic partnership while providing students with meaningful opportunities to develop interprofessional collaboration, cross-cultural communication, global perspectives, and international professional networks. With the reciprocal exchange continuing in Japan in December, the program is expected to further deepen academic and cultural connections between the two universities while preparing health sciences students to work more effectively across disciplines and cultural settings.



HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY EXPANDS ASIA-PACIFIC ACADEMIC NETWORK THROUGH SAMDS PARTNERSHIP



The Master of Hospital Administration Study Program at the Faculty of Public Health, Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) has strengthened its international academic network through a new Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with the Society for Asia Medical Decision Science (SAMDS). The agreement was formalized on Wednesday, 26 August 2026, at the Faculty of Public Health during the international guest lecture “Frontiers of Medical Decision Science: Research Trends in Digital Twins and World Models.”

Through the partnership, UNHAS and SAMDS will explore opportunities for joint and double-degree programs, hospital benchmarking, academic visits, faculty exchanges, guest lectures, short courses, micro-credentials, and collaborative research and publications. The collaboration also connects the study program with SAMDS’s growing international network, which includes academic and professional partners across Taiwan, Japan, Mongolia, Thailand, Türkiye, Australia, New Zealand, and other countries. This wider network is expected to create new opportunities for students and faculty to participate in international academic, research, and professional activities. SAMDS itself describes multilateral cooperation and global health as central to its mission.

The agreement involved Prof. Dr. Chi-Chang Chang, President of SAMDS, whose organization officially confirmed the MoA with the UNHAS Master of Hospital Administration Study Program on 26 August 2026. Through the partnership, the UNHAS Faculty of Public Health aims to strengthen expertise in hospital administration, healthcare service management, and medical decision science, while creating broader pathways for international education and research collaboration across the Asia-Pacific region.

FACULTY OF NURSING HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY HOLDS GUEST LECTURE ON CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE MANAGEMENT



The Faculty of Nursing at Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) held an international guest lecture on Tuesday, 1 September 2026, focusing on evidence-based nursing approaches to Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) management. Held at the IPTEKS Building, the session featured Dr. Yuki Kajiwara from the Faculty of Health Sciences, Okayama University, Japan, who presented "How Can Nurses Support Behavior Change? Evidence-Based Nursing to Slow CKD Progression." Her presentation highlighted the role of nurses in helping patients develop effective self-care behaviors and reduce the risk of disease progression. The lecture also featured Abdul Majid, S.Kep., Ns., M.Kep., Sp.Kep.MB, a lecturer at the UNHAS Faculty of Nursing, who presented "Adaptive Responses in Chronic Kidney Disease: From Prevention to Hemodialysis Management." His session explored patient adaptation across different stages of CKD, from prevention and early management to hemodialysis care.

The event was officially opened by Syahrul, S.Kep., Ns., M.Kes., Ph.D., Vice Dean for Academic and Student Affairs, who emphasized the importance of strengthening students' and academics' understanding of contemporary CKD management and the role of nurses in supporting behavior change and self-care. The session was moderated by Syafar Sangkala, S.Kep., Ns., MANP. More than 100 participants, including undergraduate nursing and physiotherapy students, postgraduate nursing students, faculty members, and academics, attended the lecture. Discussions emphasized the importance of evidence-based nursing in helping patients understand their condition, adapt to changes associated with CKD, and maintain appropriate self-care.

The guest lecture also strengthened academic engagement between UNHAS and Okayama University, providing students and faculty members with opportunities to exchange knowledge and gain international perspectives on nursing practice. The collaboration is expected to support further development of education, research, and evidence-based practice in chronic kidney disease management.



FACULTY OF ENGINEERING STRENGTHENS ENGINEERING COLLABORATION WITH SAGA UNIVERSITY THROUGH STUDENT INTERNSHIP PROGRAM



The Faculty of Engineering at Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) strengthened their international academic engagement through the Saga University Student Internship Program, bringing undergraduate and master's students from Saga University, Japan, together with UNHAS students and academics for interdisciplinary learning and knowledge exchange. The program began with a welcome session on Monday, 24 August 2026, at the Faculty of Engineering in Gowa. The Saga University delegation, accompanied by Prof. Yuichiro Mishima, included students from Civil Engineering and Architecture, Computer Science and Information Technology, and Advanced Materials Chemistry.

Dean of the Faculty of Engineering Prof. Dr.Eng. Ir. Muhammad Isran Ramli, S.T., M.T., IPM., AER. welcomed the delegation and highlighted the importance of international programs in strengthening academic networks and creating opportunities for collaboration in education, research, and innovation. As part of the program, a special lecture session was held on Thursday, 27 August 2026, featuring interdisciplinary topics in advanced materials, artificial intelligence and multimedia processing, and sustainable water management. Speakers included Dr.Eng. Lukmanul Hakim Arma, S.T., M.T., Prof. Dr. Ir. Indrabayu, S.T., M.T., M.Bus.Sys., IPM., ASEAN.Eng., and Prof. Mishima.

Prof. Mishima presented “Smart Water Management for Green and Sustainable Buildings: From Water Cycle to Sustainable Cities,” highlighting how engineering and resource management can contribute to greener buildings and more sustainable urban environments. Students from Civil Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Informatics Engineering and Environmental Engineering also took part in the activities, creating opportunities to exchange perspectives across disciplines. Through the internship program, UNHAS and Saga University continue to expand academic connections in student mobility, research, interdisciplinary education and innovation, while providing students with greater international exposure and opportunities to build academic networks across Indonesia and Japan.



AQUATIC RESOURCES MANAGEMENT STUDY PROGRAM EXPLORES RISKS AND POTENTIAL OF BLUE-GREEN ALGAE



The Aquatic Resources Management Study Program at the Faculty of Marine Science and Fisheries, Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) held a general lecture on Monday, 24 August 2026, focusing on the environmental risks and potential applications of blue-green algae. Held in hybrid format at the Faculty of Marine Science and Fisheries and via Zoom, the lecture featured Japareng Bin Lalung, Ph.D. from the School of Industrial Technology, Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM), Penang.

Under the theme “Toxin-Producing Cyanobacteria: From Global Threat to Aquatic Ecosystems and Human Health to Potential Solutions in Biodiesel, Plastic Degradation, and Skincare,” the session examined toxin-producing cyanobacteria and their impacts on aquatic ecosystems and human health. The lecture also explored potential applications of cyanobacteria in areas such as biodiesel production, plastic degradation, and skincare, highlighting how organisms associated with environmental risks may also offer opportunities for technological and biological innovation.

The session provided students and academics with broader perspectives on current issues in aquatic resource management, particularly the need to understand both the ecological risks and potential uses of cyanobacteria. By bringing expertise from Universiti Sains Malaysia to UNHAS, the lecture also strengthened international academic exchange and encouraged further discussion on sustainable aquatic ecosystem management and the development of technologies based on biological resources.





FACULTY OF DENTISTRY, HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY HOLDS WORKSHOP ON EARLY DETECTION OF ORAL CANCER, FEATURING INTERNATIONAL EXPERT FROM THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES



The Faculty of Dentistry at Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) strengthened clinical capacity in the early detection of oral cancer through a series of activities titled “Oral Cancer Examination & Clinical Exposure,” held from Saturday, 8 August to Monday, 10 August 2026 in Makassar. Organized by the Department of Oral Medicine in collaboration with the Oral Medicine Specialist Program, the program combined a workshop on the standardized examination of oral potentially malignant disorders (OPMD) at the Hasanuddin University Dental Hospital (RSGMP UNHAS) with direct clinical exposure at Jongaya Primary Health Center.

The program featured Dr. drg. Elizabeth Fitriana Sari, Sp.PM., Ph.D., Associate Professor at the College of Dentistry, Ajman University, United Arab Emirates, as the international expert. Her academic and clinical experience in oral medicine and oral cancer screening provided participants with perspectives on strengthening early detection in both dental and primary healthcare settings. The topic is particularly relevant because early recognition of potentially malignant oral disorders plays an important role in reducing delays in oral cancer diagnosis. Risk factors such as tobacco use, alcohol consumption, and betel-quid chewing also make stronger awareness and screening capacity among healthcare professionals increasingly important.

The workshop began on Saturday, 8 August 2026, at RSGMP UNHAS with presentations on the early detection of OPMD, followed by a demonstration of standardized Conventional Oral Examination (COE) techniques. Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry Erni Marlina, drg., Ph.D., Sp.PM., Subsp.Inf.(K) highlighted the importance of strengthening general dentists' ability to recognize early signs of oral malignancy. The event was officially opened by Dr. Muhammad Gazali, drg., MARS., Sp.B.M.Mf., Subsp.Tr.Mf.S.Tm., Deputy Director of RSGMP UNHAS.

Beyond theoretical instruction, participants worked in groups to discuss and analyze clinical cases. The session concluded with a perception calibration exercise led by Dr. Sari to establish greater consistency in how participants identified and interpreted suspicious oral lesions. The calibration process was an important part of the training because differences in clinical interpretation can affect how early potentially malignant disorders are recognized and referred for further examination.

The program continued on Monday, 10 August 2026, with clinical exposure at RSGMP UNHAS and Jongaya Primary Health Center. While the earlier sessions focused on theoretical understanding, case discussions, and examination standards, the clinical exposure gave participants an opportunity to apply their knowledge directly in a primary healthcare setting.



FROM LAB TO INDUSTRY: POLISAS STUDENTS EXPERIENCE FOOD TECHNOLOGY AT FACULTY OF AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGY AND FACULTY OF VOCATIONAL SCIENCES



Six students from Politeknik Sultan Haji Ahmad Shah (POLISAS), Malaysia, joined a Student Mobility and Exchange Program at Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) from Saturday, 22 August to Friday, 4 September 2026, gaining academic and practical experience in food technology from classroom learning to industry exposure. This program was conducted at the Food Science and Technology Study Program, Faculty of Agricultural Technology (FATETA). The students joined research seminars, attended the Food Quality Supervision and Control course, participated in laboratory activities, and gained hands-on experience in food product development, including formulation and sensory evaluation.

The students also participated in Teaching Factory activities at the Faculty of Vocational Studies, where they learned about bread production, salted egg processing, equipment operation, and quality control. Visits to the UNHAS Halal Study Center and chocolate Teaching Industry further introduced them to halal practices and university-based food processing. Their industry exposure included visits to PT Ciomas Adisatwa (JAPFA FOOD) to observe food production, quality assurance, and food safety; PT Sulotco Jaya in Tana Toraja to learn about coffee production and postharvest processing; and BBIHPMM Makassar to explore standardization, testing, and quality assurance.

Through classroom learning, laboratory practice, teaching industry activities, and industrial visits, the program provided POLISAS students with a broader understanding of food technology while strengthening academic interaction and collaboration between UNHAS and POLISAS.





UNIVERSITI TEKNOLOGI MARA ACADEMICS BRING NEW PERSPECTIVES IN MATHEMATICS AND DATA SCIENCE TO HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY



The Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences at Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) welcomed four academics from Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM), Malaysia, for an academic visit and guest lecture series on Wednesday, 2 September 2026. The visiting academics were Assoc. Prof. Dr. Normi binti Abdul Hadi, Dr. Noor Fadhilah binti Ahmad Radi, Dr. Siti Meriam binti Zahari, and Aida Wati binti Zainan Abidin from UiTM's Faculty of Computer and Mathematical Sciences.

The visit began with discussions on a proposed Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) and potential collaboration in education, research, academic exchange, and student and staff mobility, particularly in mathematics, statistics, data science, and actuarial science. The afternoon program featured four guest lectures for undergraduate and graduate students. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Normi discussed "Mathematicians in the Digital Era: Exploring New Roles and Opportunities," while Aida Wati presented "Responsible Data Analytics for Research, Decision Making and Community Transformation."

Dr. Siti Meriam delivered a lecture on housing price dynamics and affordable rental housing in Malaysia, highlighting the application of mathematics and statistics to socioeconomic issues. Meanwhile, Dr. Noor Fadhilah presented “Understanding Data through Statistical Modelling,” exploring how statistical methods can be used to interpret complex data and real-world phenomena. The guest lecture series provided UNHAS students with international perspectives on current developments in mathematics, statistics, and data analytics, while also strengthening academic connections between UNHAS and UiTM and opening opportunities for future collaboration.





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