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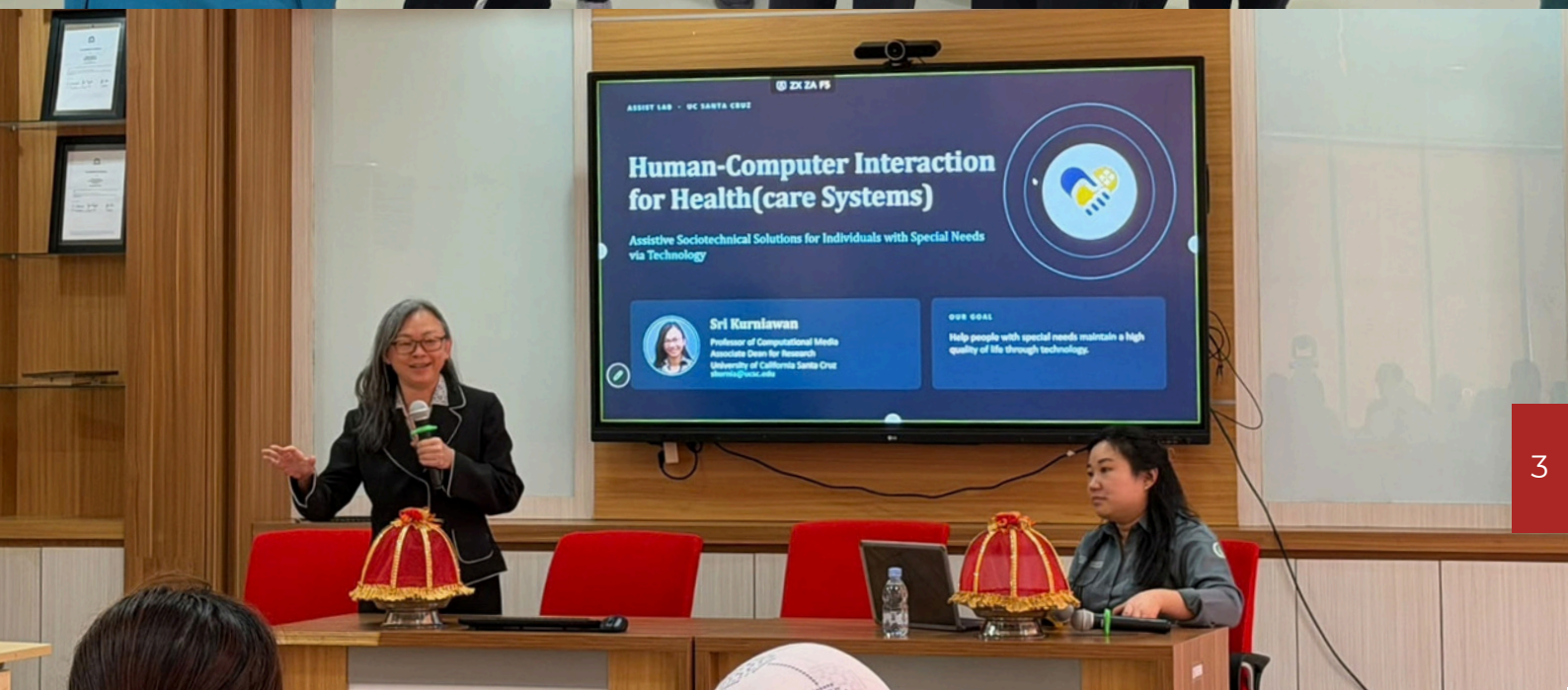
FACULTY OF DENTISTRY, HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY STRENGTHENS GLOBAL ACADEMIC ENGAGEMENT THROUGH DIASPORA BERDAMPAK



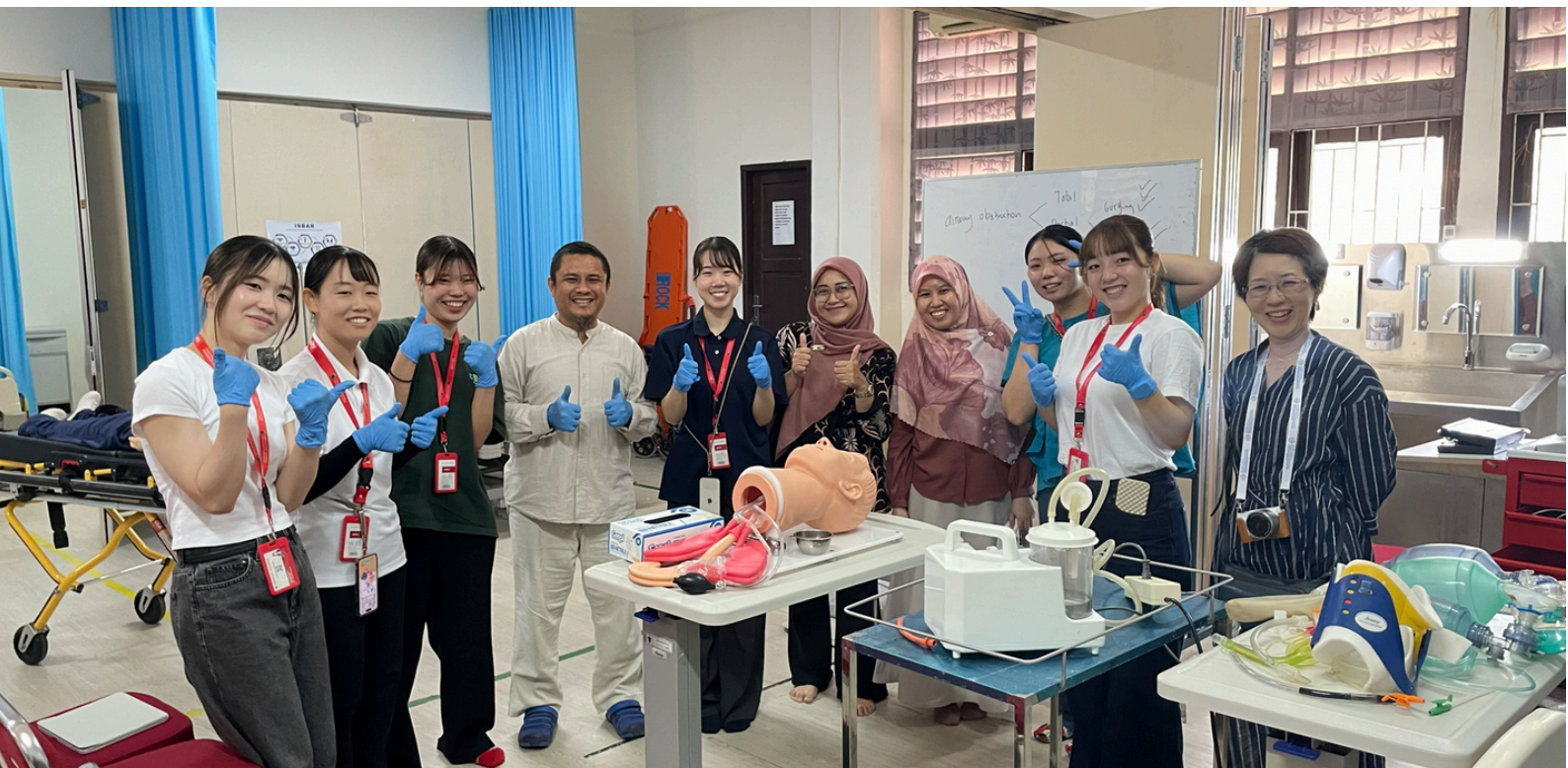
Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), through the Faculty of Dentistry, strengthened their international academic engagement through the Diaspora Berdampak program. This program was supported by a grant received by Prof. Muhammad Ruslin, drg., M.Kes., Ph.D., Sp.B.M.Mf., Subsp. Ortognat-D. The program brings Indonesian diaspora academics and international scholars into a series of academic and research activities aimed at expanding knowledge exchange, strengthening research collaboration, and supporting the development of innovative approaches in health sciences and dental education. As part of the program, the Faculty of Dentistry welcomed Prof. Sri Hastuti Kurniawan, B.S., M.S., Ph.D. from the University of California, Santa Cruz (UCSC), United States, for a series of activities held from 23-30 September 2026. Her visit included international guest lectures, research seminars, and research workshops involving lecturers, researchers, and students.

The academic series covered a range of interdisciplinary topics, including “Human-Computer Interaction (HCI) in Healthcare System” and “Immersive Reality Technology Research Seminar – Holographic Tracking and Dynamic Plan Transfer for Complex Surgery Procedure.” Participants also joined workshops on thesis and research topics related to mixed and immersive reality technologies. Other sessions explored the development of robotic and haptic devices, as well as scientific article collaboration for reputable journals. Through these activities, participants were introduced to emerging technologies and research approaches with potential applications in healthcare and dentistry, including artificial intelligence, human-computer interaction, immersive reality, robotics, and haptic technology.

Beyond knowledge sharing, this event also provides a platform for building longer-term research networks and identifying opportunities for joint research, academic publication, and future international collaboration. The implementation of the program reflects the Faculty of Dentistry’s continued efforts to expand UNHAS’s global academic network and create meaningful opportunities for international knowledge exchange. By connecting the university with diaspora academics and international scholars, the program supports a more collaborative, innovative, and globally engaged research environment.



JAPANESE NURSING STUDENTS FROM UNIVERSITY OF TOYAMA AND OKAYAMA UNIVERSITY GAIN FIRST-HAND EXPERIENCE OF HEALTHCARE EDUCATION AT HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY



Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), through the Faculty of Nursing, welcomed six nursing students from Japan for the Global Health & Nursing Summer Program 2026, held from 21–25 September 2026. The participants included four students from the University of Toyama and two from Okayama University. The inbound program offered participants first-hand exposure to nursing education, clinical practice, community health services, and Indonesian culture through a combination of academic sessions and field-based activities such as hospital/ health care visits as well as academic activities.

During a visit to Hasanuddin University Hospital, the students explored academic simulation facilities and observed nursing care in hospital wards. They also joined an emergency nursing laboratory session at the Faculty of Nursing, where they gained insights into practical nursing education and skills training in Indonesia. The program also included visits to several community and healthcare facilities. At Puskesmas Antara Community Health Center, the students learned about community-based health services, while a visit to Ihya Al-Ulum Elementary School introduced them to health-related activities in a school environment. At Griya Afiat Wound Care Clinic, they observed wound care services and home care activities, broadening their understanding of nursing practice beyond the hospital setting.

To complement the extensive clinical exposure, the academic sessions featured a specialized sit-in class on tropical diseases and an interactive guest lecture. These academic activities provided the visiting students with critical insights into Indonesia's specific epidemiological challenges, sparking dynamic discussions on how nursing approaches and healthcare systems differ between the two countries.

Beyond formal academics, the program strongly emphasized cultural immersion and peer-to-peer networking. The Japanese delegates participated in comprehensive campus tours and engaging sharing sessions with local UNHAS nursing students, fostering open dialogues about student life, educational experiences, and cultural differences, which ultimately strengthened cross-cultural understanding.

The structured itinerary concluded on 25 September for the University of Toyama delegates with a formal reflection session. Meanwhile, the two Okayama University students will continue their specialized inbound learning at UNHAS. Through this Summer Program, the Faculty of Nursing successfully reinforces its commitment to expanding international student mobility and cultivating meaningful, long-term academic exchange with Japanese partner universities.



FACULTY OF MATHEMATICS AND NATURAL SCIENCES, HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY EXPLORES SCIENCE, AI, AND COMMUNITY KNOWLEDGE FOR REGENERATIVE FUTURES



Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), through the Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences, hosted a guest lecture featuring Prof. Dr. Rudolf Wirawan, Ph.D., Founder and CEO of BIMA Nexus Global, Australia, on Thursday, 1 October 2026, at the Arsjad Rasjid Lecture Theatre. The event was officially opened by UNHAS Vice Rector for Partnership, Internationalization, and Alumni Affairs, Prof. Ir. Suharman Hamzah, Ph.D. It was attended by the Dean and Vice Deans of the Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences, academics, students, and members of the university community.

Under the theme “Listening to Nature, Integrating Science, Artificial Intelligence, and Community Knowledge for Regenerative Futures,” Prof. Rudolf explored how scientific knowledge, artificial intelligence (AI), community perspectives, and regenerative approaches can be integrated to address complex development challenges. A central part of the lecture was the BIMA framework, which places listening at the heart of understanding and transforming reality. Prof. Rudolf emphasized the importance of listening not only to scientific evidence, but also to communities, lived experiences, and nature as interconnected sources of knowledge.

He also introduced StoryPathways, an approach described as a “Human Sensor Network” that brings together community stories and observations with digital technologies. The framework incorporates tools such as blockchain and AI-assisted interpretation to support collective learning, capability development, policy formulation, and long-term transformation. Another concept discussed was the BIMA-SDD cycle, which integrates StoryPathways, AI-assisted collective intelligence, structured dialogue, shared visions of the future, capability development, and strategic pathways toward policy formation. Prof. Rudolf highlighted that the value of technology lies not merely in its technical sophistication, but in its capacity to strengthen people and communities. All in all, The lecture encouraged participants to view AI and other emerging technologies as tools that can complement scientific knowledge and community-based understanding. It also underscored the role of universities in fostering interdisciplinary approaches that connect research, technology, and society.

Through the guest lecture, the Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences provided students and academics with an international perspective on how science and emerging technologies can contribute to more inclusive and regenerative futures while supporting stronger collaboration between researchers and communities.





HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY FACULTY OF MEDICINE EXPLORES AI-DRIVEN RESEARCH AND INNOVATION IN HEALTHCARE



Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), through the Faculty of Medicine, hosted a guest lecture on “Advancing Research and Innovation in Medicine Using Artificial Intelligence (AI)” on Wednesday, 30 September 2026. The event was held in a hybrid format at the Senate Room of the Faculty of Medicine and via Zoom. The guest lecture featured Prof. Sri Hastuti Kurniawan, B.S., M.S., Ph.D. from the University of California, Santa Cruz, United States. The session was officially opened by the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, Prof. Dr. dr. Haerani Rasyid, M.Kes., Sp.PD-KGH., Sp.GK., FINASIM. The discussion was moderated by Vice Dean for Partnership, Research, Innovation, and Alumni dr. Rusdina Bte Ladju, Ph.D., together with Manager for Publication, Partnership, and Alumni dr. Andriany Qanitha, Ph.D., Sp.JP.

The guest lecture provided an academic platform for participants to explore the growing role of artificial intelligence in medical research and innovation. The discussion highlighted how AI can support new approaches to data processing, scientific analysis, research development, and technological innovation across medicine and healthcare. Additionally, Prof. Sri Hastuti Kurniawan also introduced perspectives on how emerging technologies can be integrated into academic and research environments. The session encouraged participants to consider AI not only as a computational tool, but also as an increasingly important component of interdisciplinary research and innovation in health sciences.

Through the activity, the Faculty of Medicine continued to strengthen their academic environment by promoting research, innovation, and international knowledge exchange. The lecture also provided students and academics with broader insight into how artificial intelligence can be applied to support future developments in medical research and healthcare innovation. The program reflects the Faculty of Medicine's ongoing efforts to build academic capacity and encourage its academic community to remain responsive to rapid developments in technology and their potential applications in medicine.



SÜLEYMAN DEMIREL UNIVERSITY AND HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY EXPLORE ACADEMIC MOBILITY THROUGH ERASMUS+



Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) is exploring opportunities to expand academic mobility with Süleyman Demirel University (SDÜ), Türkiye, through the Erasmus+ KA171 scheme. The cooperation is expected to open opportunities for student and staff exchanges while supporting broader academic collaboration between the two universities. The engagement with SDÜ follows up on UNHAS's Memorandum of Understanding with the Society of Asian Medical Decision Science (SAMDS). Through their academic network, SAMDS has facilitated connections between UNHAS and several of its member universities, including Süleyman Demirel University.

Dr. Nurmala Sari, Head of the Subdirectorate for International Education Coordination at the Directorate of Learning Innovation, represented UNHAS in discussions on the prospective collaboration. She explained that the SAMDS network had played an important role in connecting the two institutions and creating opportunities to develop further academic cooperation. "This collaboration is a follow-up to the MoU between UNHAS and SAMDS. Through its network, SAMDS has facilitated UNHAS in establishing cooperation with several universities among its members," Dr. Nurmala Sari said.

One of the areas being explored is student and staff mobility under Erasmus+ KA171. The scheme provides opportunities for students, lecturers, and university staff to undertake academic and professional activities at partner institutions within the framework of international higher education mobility. The Erasmus+ KA171 is funded by the European Union and supports international mobility between higher education institutions in Europe and partner countries outside Europe, including Indonesia. As part of Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility, the program enables students and staff to gain academic and professional experience at overseas partner universities for a specified period.

Beyond mobility, the collaboration may also be expanded into education and research through the involvement of academics from both institutions. This would allow the partnership to develop into joint academic activities aligned with the areas of expertise and institutional priorities of UNHAS and SDÜ. Representatives of UNHAS and SDÜ met on 26 September 2026 to discuss follow-up opportunities for cooperation. The meeting focused on prospective student and staff mobility as well as the potential development of broader joint academic programs between the two universities.



HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY AND NATIONAL FORMOSA UNIVERSITY STRENGTHEN COLLABORATION AND EXPAND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES IN TAIWAN



Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) and National Formosa University (NFU), Taiwan, strengthened their institutional partnership through the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and an information session highlighting study, internship, career, and life opportunities in Taiwan. The activities were held at the Arsjad Rasjid Lecture Theatre on Friday, 2 October 2026. This collaboration marks a further step in expanding academic ties between the two universities and creating opportunities for cooperation in education, research, academic development, student mobility, and other mutually agreed areas. Through the partnership, both institutions are expected to develop more structured academic engagement and wider opportunities for their academic communities.

UNHAS Vice Rector for Partnership, Internationalization, and Alumni Affairs, Prof. Ir. Suharman Hamzah, Ph.D. (Eng.), HSE, welcomed the collaboration and highlighted the importance of international academic exposure for students. He noted that UNHAS has previously supported students pursuing study opportunities at universities in Taiwan, allowing them to gain international experience and build academic and professional networks. Then, the program continued with an information session entitled "Explore Your Study, Internship, Career, and Life Opportunities in Taiwan: Insights from National Formosa University," featuring Prof. Dr. Robert Lin, Associate Professor at NFU.

During the session, Prof. Lin shared insights into academic and professional opportunities in Taiwan, particularly in engineering, technology, artificial intelligence, and the semiconductor industry. Drawing on his own academic and industrial experience, he explained that Taiwan continues to play a significant role in the global semiconductor sector and is actively seeking international talent in related fields. "Taiwan is currently very open to international students who want to join, particularly in the field of semiconductors and their applications," Prof. Lin said. Furthermore, He also discussed the growing application of artificial intelligence in healthcare, including dentistry. According to Prof. Lin, AI can support patient-condition prediction, plaque and disease detection through X-ray imaging, and the development of cloud-based systems to improve healthcare services. The session also highlighted the experience of international students working in his laboratory. Prof. Lin noted that Indonesian students have contributed to research activities resulting in publications in reputable journals and participation in research competitions in Taiwan. He further emphasized that studying in Taiwan offers opportunities not only for academic development, but also for cross-cultural interaction, international networking, and Mandarin language practice.

Through the MoU and information session, UNHAS and NFU are opening broader pathways for future cooperation and academic mobility. The partnership reflects UNHAS's continued efforts to strengthen its international network while expanding opportunities for students and academics to engage in education, research, internships, and professional development in Taiwan.



FACULTY OF MEDICINE, HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY, EXPLORES HUMAN GENETIC DIVERSITY WITH AUSTRALIAN GENOMICS EXPERT



Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), through the Faculty of Medicine, hosted a guest lecture on human genetic diversity on Tuesday, 29 September 2026, featuring Irene Gallego Romero, Associate Professor and Head of Human Genomics & Evolution at St. Vincent's Institute of Medical Research, Australia. The lecture, entitled "Variants, Cells, and Populations: A Multi-Scale View of Human Genetic Diversity," was officially opened by the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, Prof. Dr. dr. Haerani Rasyid, M.Kes., Sp.PD-KGH., Sp.GK., FINASIM. The event was also attended by Vice Dean for Partnership, Research, Innovation, and Alumni dr. Rusdina Bte Ladju, Ph.D., and Manager for Publication, Partnership, and Alumni dr. Andriany Qanitha, M.Sc., Ph.D., Sp.JP. The session was moderated by dr. Triana Istiqlal, Ph.D.

During the lecture, Associate Professor Gallego Romero discussed human genetic diversity through a multi-scale approach encompassing genetic variants, cellular processes, and population-level differences. The presentation provided participants with broader perspectives on how genetic variation can be understood across different biological scales and its relevance to genetics and biomedical research. The session also introduced the academic community to current approaches in human genomics and evolution, giving students and researchers an opportunity to engage with developments in an increasingly important area of biomedical science.

The participation of an international researcher also strengthened academic interaction and knowledge exchange between the Faculty of Medicine and the global research community. Such engagement supports the development of research capacity and creates opportunities for future collaboration in medical research and innovation. Through international guest lectures, the Faculty of Medicine continues to broaden access to global scientific perspectives and strengthen an academic environment that is responsive to developments in biomedical research and human genetics.





HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY EXPANDS ORTHODONTIC TRAINING THROUGH INTERNATIONAL SIT-IN PROGRAM IN JAPAN



Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), through the Orthodontic and Dentofacial Orthopedic Specialist Program at the Faculty of Dentistry, strengthened their international academic engagement through an International Sit-In Program at Hiroshima University, Japan, from 8 September to 9 October 2026. Four residents from the program—Aisa Nirmala Setyani, Bagus Dewantara Walianto, Nur Wahidah, and Ovilia Andaresta Asrultania—participated in a month-long academic and clinical learning program designed to broaden their perspectives on postgraduate orthodontic education and clinical practice in Japan.

The program began with an academic introduction and welcome from Prof. Kotaro Tanimoto of Hiroshima University. During their stay, the participants interacted with faculty members, postgraduate students, and clinical staff, providing opportunities for professional networking and academic exchange between the two universities. Building on academic engagement, Clinical observation at Hiroshima University Hospital formed a key part of the program. Guided by Dr. Yuki Asakawa and the clinical team, the participants observed orthodontic facilities, patient-management workflows, diagnostic procedures, patient records, and treatment-related activities. They also observed postgraduate students providing patient care, offering direct insight into Hiroshima University's clinical training system. The participants also joined academic case discussions covering orthodontic diagnosis, intraoral photographs, panoramic radiographs, treatment progress, and treatment planning. These sessions enabled them to compare clinical approaches and gain broader perspectives on contemporary orthodontic practice.

In addition, the residents attended lectures delivered by professors and associate professors of Hiroshima University and conducted independent literature reviews using academic resources available at the university. These activities supported deeper learning in orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics while introducing the participants to Japan's postgraduate dental education environment. Meanwhile, Beyond academic and clinical activities, the program created opportunities for cultural exchange and stronger professional connections between the academic communities of UNHAS and Hiroshima University.

The International Sit-In Program reflects the Faculty of Dentistry's continued efforts to strengthen international exposure for postgraduate students. Through clinical observation, academic discussion, lectures, and direct engagement with international peers, the program is expected to support the development of participants' clinical competencies while opening further opportunities for academic collaboration between Hasanuddin University and Hiroshima University.



PARTICIPATION OF THE DOCTORAL PROGRAM IN CHEMISTRY DELEGATION IN AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IN HOKKAIDO, JAPAN



Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), through the Doctoral Program in Chemistry, participated in the 19th Hokkaido Indonesian Student Association Scientific Meeting (HISAS 19), held on 2–3 October 2026 at Hokkaido University in Sapporo, Japan. The international scientific forum brought together researchers and students to present research findings, exchange ideas, and strengthen academic networks.

The UNHAS delegation delivered four scientific presentations covering natural products, phytochemistry, antioxidant and antibacterial activity, anticancer compounds, and nanomaterial development. The doctoral student Syahdam Karneng presented research entitled “First Report of Beta-Sitosterol from the Red Alga *Amphiroa fragilissima* and Its Potential Interaction with CTX-M-16 Beta-Lactamase.” Fellow doctoral student Andi Nur Fitriani Abubakar presented “Comparative Phytochemical Characteristics, Antioxidant Capacity, and Antibacterial Activity of Extracts from Different Parts of *Eucalyptus resinifera*.” The delegation also included Prof. Dr. Nunuk Hariani Soekamto, M.S., who presented “Evaluation of Antibacterial and Anticancer Properties of Secondary Metabolites from the Siphonous Green Alga *Bornetella nitida*,” and Prof. Paulina Taba, M.Phil., Ph.D., who presented research on the green synthesis of Al_2O_3 nanoparticles from aluminum foil waste using *Euphorbia hirta* L. leaf extract and the development of an Al_2O_3 –chitosan composite for antibacterial applications.

A notable achievement came from Syahdam Karneng, who received the Best Presenter Award for his research on beta-sitosterol from *Amphiroa fragillissima*. The recognition reflects the contribution of UNHAS doctoral research to international scientific discussion, particularly in natural product chemistry and related biomedical applications. Following the conference, Syahdam will continue his academic activities through a three-month research stay at the Graduate School of Environmental Science, Hokkaido University, as a Special Research Student under the JASSO Scholarship. His doctoral research is supervised by Prof. Dr. Nunuk Hariani Soekamto, M.S., with Dr. Ajuk Sapar, M.Si., and Prof. Tatsufumi Okino, Ph.D. serving as co-promoters. The research stay is expected to strengthen Syahdam's scientific expertise and provide further experience in an international research environment through collaboration with researchers at Hokkaido University.

During the visit, the delegation also met with Prof. Tatsufumi Okino to discuss the continuation and development of academic and research collaboration between the Doctoral Program in Chemistry at UNHAS and the Graduate School of Environmental Science at Hokkaido University. The discussion explored opportunities for further joint research, academic exchange, and stronger institutional collaboration between the two universities.



HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY AND UNIVERSITAS SAM RATULANGI EXPAND PHILIPPINE PARTNERSHIPS THROUGH MOU SIGNING AT HEPCON 2026



Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) Rector Prof. Dr. Ir. Jamaluddin Jompa, M.Sc., signed Memoranda of Understanding with Nueva Vizcaya State University (NVSU), Philippines, during the Higher Education Partnerships Conference (HEPCON) 2026 in Cebu, Philippines. In the signing, Prof. Jamaluddin Jompa, widely known as Prof. JJ, represented both UNHAS and Universitas Sam Ratulangi (Unsrat), signing separate MoUs on behalf of the two Indonesian public universities with NVSU President Wilfredo A. Dumale, Jr., Ph.D.

The agreements provide a framework for developing academic cooperation between NVSU and the two Indonesian universities in education, collaborative research, and the exchange of lecturers and experts. In education, the partnership opens opportunities for joint academic activities and broader exchanges of knowledge and experience among the academic communities of UNHAS, Unsrat, and NVSU. The institutions may also explore programs that enable students and academics to engage with different higher education environments across Southeast Asia.

Research cooperation is expected to bring together the expertise of Indonesian and Philippine academics through joint projects aligned with the strengths and academic priorities of the participating institutions. The exchange of lecturers and experts may further support teaching activities, academic discussions, and knowledge development at partner universities. Prof. JJ said the cooperation should be developed beyond the signing of formal agreements and translated into concrete academic programs. “We hope this cooperation will not stop at the signing of the MoU, but can be translated into educational programs, joint research, and academic exchanges that provide benefits for our academic communities,” he said. For UNHAS and Unsrat, the agreements with NVSU further expand their academic networks in Southeast Asia and create additional opportunities for cross-border education and research collaboration.

The MoU signing took place on the sidelines of HEPCON 2026, a forum that brings together Indonesian higher education institutions with universities and education partners from different countries to identify opportunities for international cooperation and establish direct institutional connections. The signing was particularly notable as Prof. JJ represented two Indonesian public universities in the same partnership agenda with NVSU. The agreements provide a foundation for UNHAS, Unsrat, and NVSU to develop more concrete initiatives in education, collaborative research, and academic mobility.



FOUR CLEFT LIP AND PALATE RESEARCHERS FROM FACULTY OF DENTISTRY HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY PRESENT FINDINGS AT THE CLEFT 2026 WORLD CONGRESS IN PRAGUE



Four lecturers from the Faculty of Dentistry Hasanuddin University, representing four different disciplines, presented their research on cleft lip and palate (CLP) at the 18th World Congress of the International Cleft Lip and Palate Foundation (CLEFT 2026), held on 30 September–3 October 2026 in Prague, Czech Republic. Organized by the international foundation, the congress carried the theme "Bridging Specialties, Transforming Lives," emphasizing cross-specialty collaboration. It brought together researchers and clinicians from 46 countries across five continents, including the United States, the United Kingdom, Japan, India, Brazil, and South Africa. Also in attendance were non-profit organizations that provide free CLP treatment, such as Smile Train as the main sponsor, the Cleft Prevention International Foundation, the Noordhoff Craniofacial Foundation, CLAPA from the United Kingdom, and the Celebes Cleft Center (CCC) from Makassar.

CLP is the most common congenital facial and oral anomaly in the world, occurring in about 1 in 700 births. In Indonesia, the 2024 Indonesian Health Survey (SKI) recorded 240 cases per 100,000 births. That is twice the 2018 rate, or about 7,500 babies a year. Without comprehensive treatment, CLP impairs a child's feeding, speech, hearing, and psychosocial well-being. With around 17,380 islands, access to health services in Indonesia remains difficult. A 2024 study by the Unhas team showed that the main barriers are parents' lack of knowledge, concerns about the safety of procedures, and the cost of inter-island transport and accommodation. High family mobility also often breaks the referral chain, while specialists remain concentrated in urban areas.

Thus, in response to these challenges, Prof. Muhammad Ruslin, drg., M.Kes., Ph.D., Sp.B.M.Mf., Subsp.Ortognat-D, and Dr. Andi Tajrin, drg., M.Kes., Sp.B.M.Mf., Subsp.C.O.Mf., together with their team, founded the CCC Foundation in 2011. The foundation brings together specialists from various fields, speech therapists, and funding partners. Through this collaborative approach, they provide comprehensive, research-based CLP care free of charge, reaching communities in remote areas of eastern Indonesia.

Building on this commitment to evidence-based care, Husni Mubarak, drg., Sp.B.M.Mf., presented findings on risk factors for CLP in eastern Indonesia based on a study involving 497 participants. The study found that maternal age under 20, low maternal education, the use of cold medicine during pregnancy, and drinking well water were associated with a higher risk of CLP. Conversely, milk consumption, vitamin intake during early pregnancy, and regular physical activity were associated with a lower risk.

While understanding risk factors is essential for prevention, early clinical intervention is equally important. In this regard, Rifaat Nurrahma, drg., Sp.Pros.(K), presented the use of presurgical nasoalveolar molding (PNAM) appliances and lip taping in newborns at RSGMP Unhas. These methods help narrow the lip cleft and improve nasal symmetry before surgery, thereby facilitating subsequent treatment. However, their effectiveness depends largely on parental compliance. Beyond early intervention, the congress also highlighted treatment possibilities for patients who receive care later in life. Ita Purnama Alwi, drg., Sp.Ort., presented a poster on orthodontic treatment without jaw surgery for a 19-year-old patient who had never undergone palatal surgery. Using the MEAW (Multiloop Edgewise Archwire) technique, the crossbite was corrected and the patient's smile improved. This case demonstrates that even patients who present for treatment at a later stage may still have viable treatment options.

However, individual treatment options must be considered within the broader challenges of accessing CLP care. Hasanuddin, M.Sc., presented barriers to CLP treatment and strategies to address them, based on an analysis of 1,610 cases from CCC surgical missions. In addition to financial and geographical constraints, the study identified a cultural belief that CLP cannot be treated. Furthermore, the shortage of specialists often results in lip surgery being prioritized over palatal surgery, despite the greater functional importance of palatal repair. To address these interconnected challenges, the CCC model emphasizes cross-sector collaboration involving NGOs, universities, and government institutions, including the Indonesian National Police (Polri) and the Indonesian National Armed Forces (TNI), which provide logistical support. Complementing these scientific and clinical discussions, the congress also featured a fundraising event, Run for Cleft Prevention, aimed at supporting efforts to prevent CLP and raise public awareness of the condition.



DIRECTORATE OF TALENT DEVELOPMENT AND HUMAN RESOURCES CAPACITY SHARES FULBRIGHT AND AUSTRALIA AWARDS INSIGHTS AT SCHOLARSHIP SESSION 2026



Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), through the Directorate of Talent Development and Human Resources (HR) Capacity, held “Scholarship Session 2026: Fulbright & Australia Awards Scholarship” on Saturday, 26 September 2026, at the Auditorium of the Institute for Research and Community Service (LPPM). The session featured Mohammad Syafar Sangkala, S.Kep., Ns., MANP., a lecturer at the Faculty of Nursing and researcher in emergency nursing, who shared practical insights based on his experience preparing for and pursuing scholarship opportunities. He emphasized that prospective applicants should begin by carefully understanding the scholarship guidelines and ensuring that their academic background, required documents, research focus, and language qualifications meet the stated requirements. “First, make sure you have a clear purpose before applying. Second, read the guidelines carefully because everything you need to prepare is already explained there,” he said.

He also highlighted the importance of choosing a university and prospective supervisor that align with the applicant's research interests. According to Syafar, potential supervisors can be identified through university websites, education fairs, professional networks, colleagues in related fields, and existing institutional partnerships. Drawing on his experience he explained that selecting a study destination involves several considerations, including research compatibility, IELTS requirements, living environment, family plans, and living costs. He chose Adelaide for his doctoral studies after considering both academic suitability and practical factors related to living expenses and family needs.

He further stressed the importance of the research proposal in the Australia Awards Scholarship selection process. He noted that a strong proposal should clearly demonstrate the significance of the research problem, formulate focused research questions, present a realistic methodology that can be completed within the study period, and show potential benefits for society. "Do not be discouraged if your research topic appears simple. What matters is that the research question is clear, the methodology is realistic, and the findings can contribute to society," he said. Through Scholarship Session 2026, the Directorate of Talent Development and HR Capacity provided prospective applicants with practical guidance on preparing competitive scholarship applications while encouraging them to approach the process with clear academic goals and careful planning.



FACULTY OF DENTISTRY, HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY HOSTS VIRTUAL SYMPOSIUM ON ORAL MUCOSAL DISEASES IN OLDER ADULTS

Common Oral Mucosal Diseases in Older Adults

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Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), through the Faculty of Dentistry, collaborated with the Health Sciences University of Hokkaido (HSUH), Japan, to hold a virtual symposium entitled “Oral Medicine Insights – From Early Recognition to Cancer Prevention” on Friday, 25 September 2026. The symposium featured Prof. Yoshihiro Abiko, B.A., C.P.P., DDS., Ph.D., from the Health Sciences University of Hokkaido as the invited speaker. He delivered a lecture entitled “Common Oral Mucosal Diseases in Older Adults,” focusing on the recognition, diagnosis, and management of oral mucosal conditions frequently encountered in older patients. During the session, Prof. Abiko highlighted clinical considerations related to age-associated changes in the oral cavity and the importance of early identification of abnormalities. The discussion also emphasized the role of timely diagnosis and appropriate management in preventing disease progression and supporting better oral health outcomes.

The symposium provided dental professionals, academics, students, and alumni with an opportunity to deepen their understanding of oral medicine and engage with international perspectives on clinical practice and disease prevention. The activity also strengthened academic interaction between the Faculty of Dentistry and HSHU, creating further opportunities for knowledge exchange and continued collaboration in dental education and research. Through initiatives such as the Virtual Symposium Series, the Faculty of Dentistry continues to expand their international academic network while supporting continuous professional development and evidence-based clinical practice in oral healthcare.

HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY STRENGTHENS GLOBAL HEALTH ENGAGEMENT THROUGH HOSPITAL RESILIENCE RESEARCH AND SAMDS YOUTH SCHOLAR FORUM



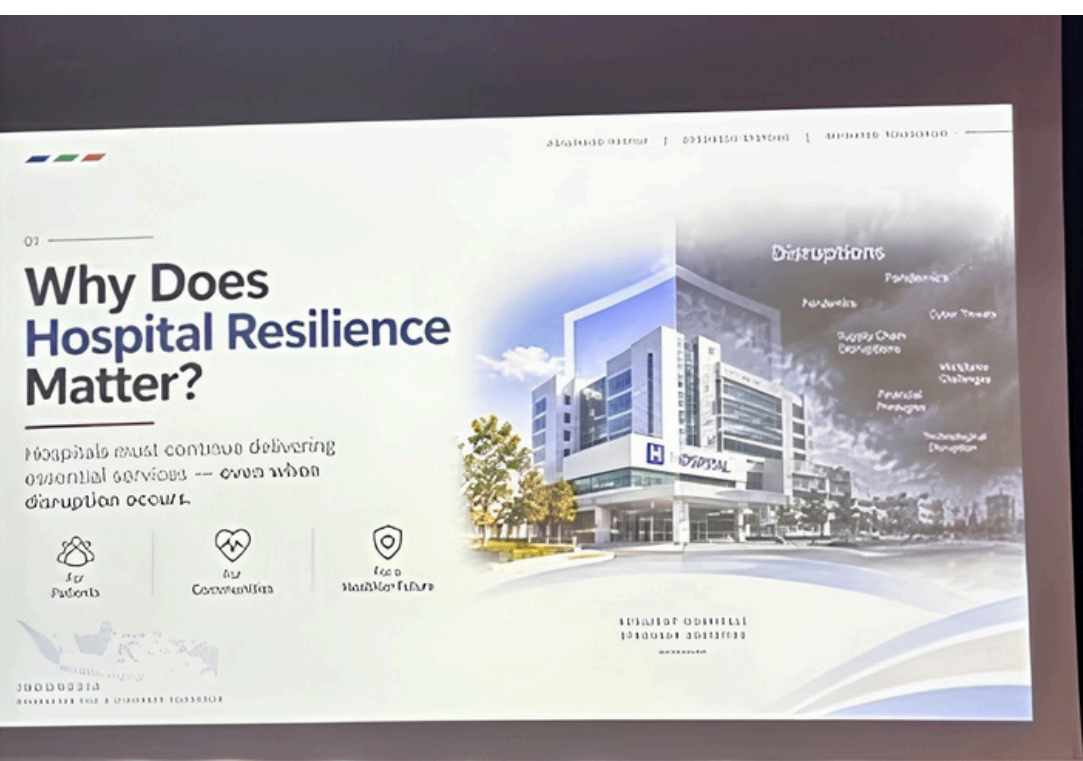
Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), through the Master of Hospital Administration (MARS) Program at the Faculty of Public Health, strengthened their international academic engagement at the 9th International Conference of Health Service Management, held in Isparta, Türkiye, from 24–26 September 2026.

The conference organized by the Society of Asian Medical Decision Science (SAMDS) brought together academics, researchers, and health-sector practitioners from different countries to exchange perspectives on health service management, medical decision science, and emerging challenges facing health systems. Representing UNHAS, Dr. Nurmala Sari, SKM., M.Kes., MA., a lecturer in the Master of Hospital Administration Program, was invited to deliver a presentation entitled “Development of Hospital Resilience Measurement Indicators in the Era of Disruption in Indonesia.” Her presentation highlighted the growing importance of hospital resilience as healthcare institutions face increasingly complex disruptions, including pandemics, supply-chain interruptions, financial pressures, technological change, cyber threats, and workforce challenges.

The study focuses on developing indicators to assess hospital resilience in the Indonesian context. It emphasizes the capacity of hospitals not only to withstand disruption, but also to adapt to changing conditions, maintain essential services, and respond effectively to uncertainty. By bringing an Indonesia-focused perspective to the international forum, the presentation contributed locally grounded evidence to broader discussions on strengthening health systems.

UNHAS's engagement at the conference was further strengthened through participation in the SAMDS Youth Scholar Forum, an initiative established to support academic networking, capacity development, and collaboration among young scholars in medical decision science, health service management, and related fields. As part of this initiative, Dr. Nurmala Sari was appointed as a Board Member of the SAMDS Youth Scholar Forum for the term from 1 October 2026 to 31 December 2030. The appointment provides an opportunity for UNHAS to contribute to the development of an international academic network while expanding opportunities for students, early-career academics, and researchers to engage with scholars across the region.

For the Master of Hospital Administration Program, participation in the conference and Youth Scholar Forum represents an important step in strengthening international academic networks and opening pathways for future collaboration in education, research, knowledge exchange, and health workforce development. Through these engagements, the Faculty of Public Health continues to expand UNHAS's international presence in health service management and medical decision science while supporting the development of stronger, more adaptive, and resilient health systems.



HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY EXPANDS ACADEMIC NETWORKS IN SERBIA THROUGH CONFERENCE AND PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVES



Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) strengthened their international academic engagement in Serbia through a series of activities held from 29 September to 5 October 2026, including participation in an international conference, discussions on prospective cooperation with the University of Belgrade, and coordination with the Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia in Belgrade. The visit involved academics from several disciplines as well as an undergraduate student, reflecting UNHAS's efforts to develop multidisciplinary international collaboration.

As part of the visit, the UNHAS delegation participated in the Future-BME 2026: 2nd International Conference on Business, Management and Economics Engineering, held on 29–30 September 2026 in Vrdnik, Serbia. Organized by the University of Novi Sad's Faculty of Technical Sciences, the conference brought together academics, researchers, and practitioners to discuss sustainability, digital transformation, business, management, and economic engineering in response to global challenges. The delegation also visited the Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Belgrade, on 2 October 2026 to explore opportunities for institutional cooperation. The UNHAS team met with Prof. Dr. Marko Simendić, Vice-Dean for Development, and Prof. Aleksandra Krstić, Ph.D., Vice-Dean for Research and International Cooperation. The discussion focused on potential collaboration between the Department of International Relations at UNHAS and the Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Belgrade.

Several areas of cooperation were identified during the meeting, including the development of a Letter of Agreement, joint research, student and academic exchanges, guest lectures, joint seminars, scientific publications, and international conferences. The meeting also opened direct communication between the two institutions and provided a foundation for further discussions on concrete mechanisms and priority areas for collaboration.

The delegation's activities in Belgrade were supported by the Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia, where the UNHAS team met with Malvino Giovanni Michiels, First Secretary and Attaché for Information and Socio-Cultural Affairs. The visit provided an opportunity to coordinate academic cooperation initiatives and discuss UNHAS's participation in Future-BME 2026 and its prospective partnership with the University of Belgrade. The embassy also facilitated networking opportunities that may support stronger academic links between Indonesia and Serbia.

Through the visit, UNHAS expanded its international academic network and opened further opportunities for multidisciplinary research, academic mobility, joint publications, and institutional cooperation in Serbia. Follow-up efforts are expected to include further communication with the University of Belgrade, refinement of the proposed Letter of Agreement, identification of joint research priorities, and continued coordination with the Indonesian Embassy to support the development of sustainable Indonesia-Serbia academic partnerships.



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