

A Memorable Experience at Faculty of Pharmacy Universitas Hasanuddin

We are delighted to share the exciting news of our esteemed faculty member, Dr. Norkasih Ibrahim's recent participation as a visiting professor at the Faculty of Pharmacy, Universitas Hasanuddin (UNHAS) in Makassar, Indonesia. From September 4th to September 10th, 2023, Dr. Norkasih, who is also the Faculty of Pharmacy UiTM Deputy Dean of Industry, Community, and Alumni Network (ICAN), had the honour of being part of UNHAS' International Lecture Programme, fostering academic exchange and collaboration.

Ms. Andi Anggriani, a faculty member and research partner at UNHAS, and Yusril, a UNHAS alumnus, welcomed Dr. Norkasih warmly upon his arrival at the Makassar International Airport on Sunday, September 3. Throughout the visit, she resided at the vibrant UNHAS Hotel, located within the bustling campus.

During the programme, Dr. Norkasih delivered seven captivating lectures to students in the Master of Clinical Pharmacy and Bachelor of Pharmacy programmes. The opportunity to engage with the students and witness their active participation was immensely satisfying. A highlight of the lectures was a medication counselling role-playing activity that received enthusiastic participation from the students.

In addition to the lectures, Dr. Norkasih actively participated in a clinical pharmacy workshop, collaborating with esteemed faculty members. This workshop was specifically focused on developing a clinical pharmacy teaching module, further enhancing the educational initiatives at UNHAS.

Furthermore, visits to the UNHAS Teaching Hospital and the Labuang Baji District Hospital provided valuable insights and discussions with members of the pharmacy and nephrology departments. These interactions facilitated conversations on medication safety initiatives and the ongoing collaboration between UNHAS and UiTM on renal pharmacotherapy research.

Beyond academic duties, our faculty member had the honour of participating in a meeting with Dean Marianti A. Manggau and Deputy Dean (Networking), Dr. Yulia Yusrini Djabir, to discuss the creation of a long-term partnership between the Faculty of Pharmacy at UiTM and UNHAS Makassar through a future Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) signing. This meeting exemplified the commitment to fostering collaboration, academic growth, and international engagement.

During leisure time, Dr. Norkasih had the opportunity to explore the vibrant city of Makassar, situated in the southern region of Sulawesi. With its historical attractions, natural landscapes, and bustling nightlife, Makassar provided a memorable experience. Highlights included exploring Makassar Centre Point, the picturesque Ramang-Ramang Village nestled in the Karst Mountains, and Fort Rotterdam—an attraction that resonated with our faculty members' love for history.

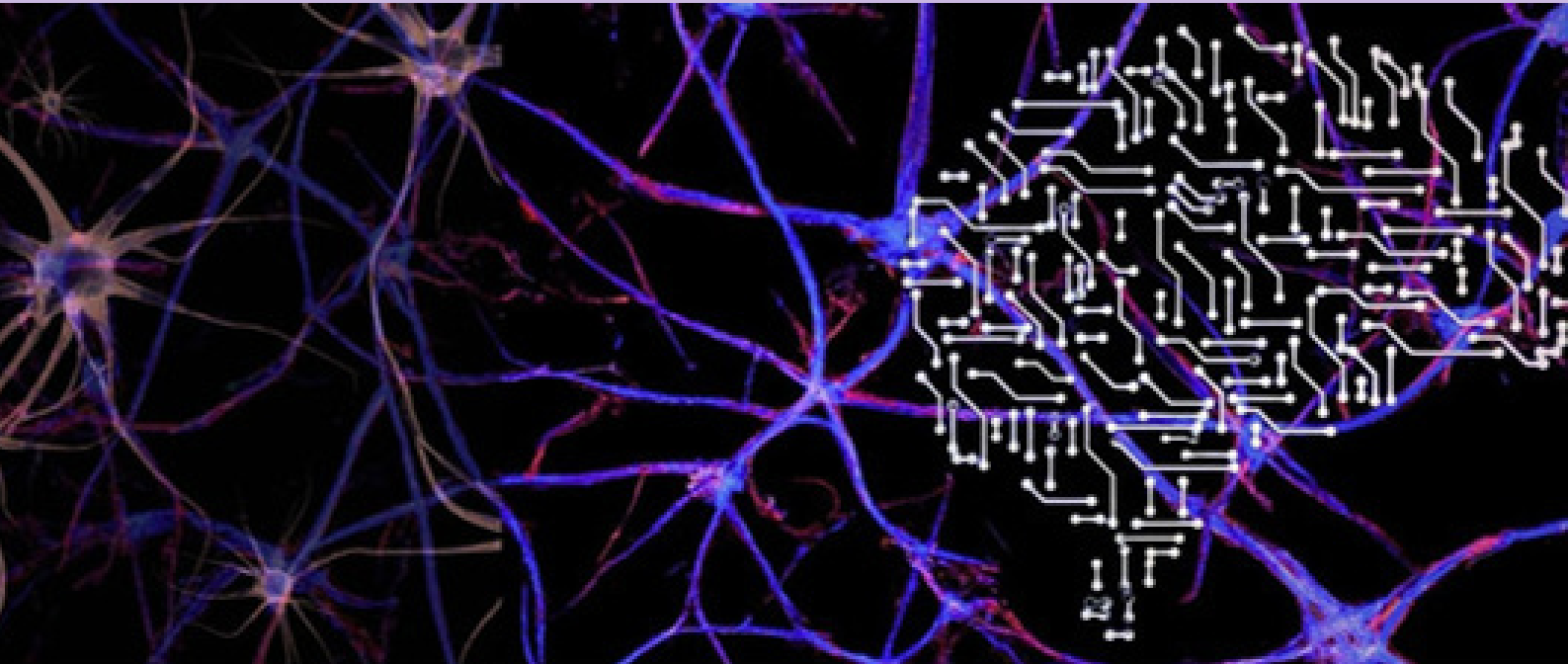
We extend our heartfelt appreciation to the UNHAS Faculty of Pharmacy for extending an invitation to our faculty member as a visiting professor. This experience has been both professionally and personally gratifying, and we are grateful for the warm welcome and assistance received throughout the stay. Dr. Norkasih also expresses gratitude to UiTM and the Faculty of Pharmacy at UiTM for their continuous support and encouragement in pursuing collaboration, academic growth, and international engagement.



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