

FACULTY OF CULTURAL SCIENCES, HASANUDDIN UNIVERSITY AND JAPANESE INDUSTRIAL WORLD SIGN THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT



On November 6, 2023, the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) were signed, connecting Hasanuddin University (UNHAS) with the *Dunia Usaha dan Dunia Industri* (DUDI) or Industrial World, in this case represented by Miyako Steel Pipe, Co., Ltd., and Cubic, Co., Ltd. The MoU and MoA signing ceremony was carried out in Nagoya, the home of Cubic Co., Ltd. The documents were signed at Cubic's office in Nagoya, and both representatives of the companies, Mr. Tatsu Kato (Cubic-CEO), Mr. Narihito Akiyama (Miyako Steel Pipe-Researcher) and Mr. Shintaro Yaka (Miyako Steel Pipe-CEO) were present, and Meta Sekar Puji Astuti, M.A., Ph.D represented UNHAS in Japan. Meanwhile, in Indonesia, UNHAS is represented by Prof. Adi Maulana, Ph.D conveying the Rector, Prof. Jamaluddin Jompa, and Prof. Dr. Akin Duli, M.A., the Dean of the Faculty of Cultural Sciences (FIB). At the signing, UNHAS Directorate of Partnership, Dr. Nuvida Raf, Secretary of the Archeology Department, Yusriana, S.S., M.A., and several lecturers from the Archeology Department were also in the Zoom.

The signing of this MoU and MoA was an essential part of developing the UNHAS curriculum in the future, especially for creating the Archaeology Department and the Japanese Literature Department. The reason for these two departments is because these two companies are based in Japan; they have the technology that is claimed to be one of the best service companies in Japan in the field of surveyors and identification in archaeology. Meanwhile, for curriculum development in Japanese Studies, this collaboration can be used for study and research in classical history or also for deepening the field of linguistics, which is applicable and specific. Likewise, Prof. Adi said this collaboration would encourage the transfer of knowledge and technology and promote innovation in UNHAS research in the future.

Meanwhile, Prof. Akin Duli also said this collaboration had been initiated long ago. In August 2023, the Japanese side became a resource person in an international workshop that taught and introduced recording and documenting archaeological artifacts using a manual system that combined traditional methods and high-tech technology, which used 3D-based applications developed by Cubic, Co. Ltd., which was previously an application and technology used and designed for the spare parts industry for the Toyota automotive industry. The CEOs of both parties, Miyako and Cubic, hoped they could participate in developments in the Indonesian education sector, especially in archaeology. Through the support of these two companies, apart from being able to develop research in the future, we could also support the preservation of Indonesia's vibrant culture.

