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UP PANELIST SPEAKER AT THE DIGITAL UNIVERSITY ASIA IN BALI, INDONESIA

Dr. Tam Sakirn, Vice Dean of the Faculty of ICT, recently attended the Times Higher Education (THE) Digital University Asia conference in Bali, Indonesia as a panelist speaker.

Digital University Asia convened higher education, industry and policy leaders working at the intersection of academic innovation and technology to re-invent institutions as more accessible and inclusive than ever before with the latest digital tools and technologies.

The 3-day Digital University Asia summit concluded with remarkable outcomes, highlighting advancements in AI integration within education, featuring guidelines, practical applications, and digital tools. This program fostered connections among Asian universities and digital tool industries, clearing the way for future collaborations.

UP stands as Cambodia's top-ranked university, poised to lead in implementing AI and emerging Learning Management Systems across the country's educational landscape.

Participation in the Digital University Asia conference underscores dedication to advancing the field of ICT and faithful commitment to providing students with a transformative educational experience.

WHAT'S UP ON CAMPUS	• 24 SEPTEMBER CONSTITUTIONAL DAY 2024
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MOU BETWEEN UP AND CCI FRANCE CAMBODGE



Samdech Thipadei Hun Manet, Prime Minister of Cambodia Presides over the Signing of MoU between University of Puthisastra and CCI France Cambodge.

The MoU aims to support educational and training programs for healthcare professionals in Cambodia from Healthcare Committee corporate members (Comité Santé), including internship placements and extra curriculum courses related to medicine, pharmacy, nursing, and midwifery.

Prime Minister Hun Manet voiced his optimism that Cambodia and France will persist in strengthening their business relations, fostering opportunities that benefit future generations. Highlighting Cambodia's promising economic prospects, the premier stated, "French entrepreneurs will discover numerous opportunities in Cambodian business and investment. Additionally, my official visit to Paris earlier this year yielded many positive outcomes."

FIRST AID CLASSES AND ACTIVITIES FROM FY



The First Aid Course is a new experience for Foundation Year students, and one that they are excited for. Every student is eager to learn how to intervene in medical emergencies and provide care until an ambulance arrives.

They do not only learn theory but also practical skills.

FY First Aid includes simulations such as hand-washing, using PPE, taking vitals, CPR, back blows, Heimlich maneuver, dressing bleeding wounds, dressing burns, making a sling, and bandaging for lower limbs. Students need to actively practice those skills in each simulation session to ensure they will be able to perform in real life situations.

We are proud of all that our students have accomplished in this class, and our students will be able to take this skill and knowledge with them into their programmes and daily life!

UP STUDENT JOINS SOUTHEAST ASIAN AND JAPANESE YOUTH PROGRAM (SSEAYP)



Mr. Norng Koy is among the 15 university students selected by the Ministry of Education Youth and Sport to join the SSEAYP as Cambodian representatives. Around 500 students from all 10 ASEAN countries will participate. Mr. Koy succeeded in the 2-step selection process, made of essay writing and interview.

The participants will spend 38 days travelling on a ship to Vietnam, Indonesia and Japan. The aims of this Program are to promote friendship and mutual understanding among the youths of Japan and the ten Southeast Asian countries, to broaden their perspective of the world, and to strengthen their spirit of international cooperation, and practical skills for international collaboration.

It is expected to cultivate youth who are capable of exercising their leadership skills in various fields in the globalizing society and to contribute to society in areas such as youth development. The main activities will include sharing their lives onboard the ship, introducing each other about their own countries, and participating in discussions and various exchange activities both onboard and in the countries to be visited.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MS. CHHEANG MEYMEY!



BIG CONGRATULATIONS!

We extend our congratulations to Ms. Chheang MeyMey, a 13th batch pharmacy student from the Faculty of Pharamcy at the University of Puthisastra, for her selection to participate in the Asia Youth International Model United Nations (AYIMUN) 14th Conference. The conference will take place at Berjaya Times Square Hotel, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, from 2 to 5 August.

NURSE STUDENTS INTERNSHIP TO HOSPITAL



On 01st and 02nd of July 2024, UP's department of Nursing led 36 Bachelor of Science in Nursing students Years three to the Sunrise Japan Hospital Phnom Penh, Children's Surgical Centre, Techo Santepheap Hospital and Sihanouk Hospital Center of Hope. In addition 32 Associate Degree in Nursing students Years three to the National Pediatric Hospital and Kantha Bopha Hospital. It's a crucial time for students' clinical training in order to obtain experience and apply their knowledge, skills and attitude before they become graduate nurses.

The purpose of this internship is to help strengthen the abilities of all nurse students to practice essential clinical techniques with real patients that are required to achieve the highest quality standards and practice norms within the field of nursing.

Students must finish their theory and practice hours at university and meet all other requirements before they are qualified to commence their clinical practice. The Clinical Instructors in the Faculty of Nursing will follow up with students at the hospitals to guide and support them to build their knowledge, affective skills, appropriate attitude and confidence.

AUSTRALIAN & UP NURSING STUDENTS JOIN HANDS



On June 28, 2024, UP's Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery, joined Nursing Professors and Students of the University of Sydney, Sydney Nursing School (SNS) in the presence of Ms. Blinda Clough and Ms. TUN Sreyeov.

In addition, the Department has arranged for Australian students to presentation about reflection of 7-day visit activities under four topics

1. Participating in nursing education at UP
2. Health checks at primary schools and New Smile of Hope orphanage
3. Health education at Cambodian Children's Fund and Children's Restaurant
4. Experiencing Cambodia, people and culture

In addition, the students shared their activities, what they met, what they loved and liked, what they learned, and what was the most challenging during the visit.

After the student group made a presentation, the students expressed their happiness during the visit and explored the culture, living, nursing education, and also tasted many delicious dishes.

Lastly, the Australian professor expressed his interest and thanks to the University of Puthisastra warmly welcomed the visit and especially made this visit operating well which allowed the students a lot of good experiences and lessons.

In addition to that, the two universities also provided souvenirs and group photos that show the closely between the two universities.

BONDING BETWEEN SINGAPORE & UP NURSING STUDENTS



On July 09, 2024, UP's Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery warmly welcomed the Students of National University of Singapore in the presence of Ms. Kem Sokuthea (Deputy Head of Nursing Department of the University of Puthisastra).

The meeting was attended by 24 nursing students of National University of Singapore, together with professors of the Department of Nursing, representatives of the Office of Teaching, Training and Student Affairs, and Nursing students of the University of Puthisastra also. Moreover, this warm meeting will encourage the strengthening of the bond of friendship between the two universities towards the development of the education sector and new activities in the future.

In addition, there is an introduction to the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery, there were visits to the library and e-learning UP and a nurse's simulation practice room.

A visit around the University of Dentistry and especially the Simulation Practice Room of the Faculty of Nursing that are similar to their universities.

For the evening activities, the College of Nursing and Midwifery organized Cambodia and Singapore students to make presentations on topics related to

1. Health care system
2. Nursing training and curriculum
3. Sharing the tradition and culture of the two countries.

After their presentations, we also break them into small groups which allow the students to communicate closely with each other and exchange opinions.


Lastly, the Singapore students expressed their happiness and gratitude to the University of Puthisastra for the warm reception of the visit and especially for allowing them to gain experience and knowledge related to tradition and culture as well. In addition to that, the two universities Provided souvenirs and group photos showing the close bond between the two universities.

UNIPRENEURCAMP HACKATHON BY K.E & REACTOR SCHOOL



Students from the ICT faculty joined a highly competitive 3-day hackathon event. This immersive 3-day in-person hackathon is specifically tailored for student entrepreneurs and requires little to no experience to participate. Implemented by Reactor School in collaboration with Khmer Enterprise and hosted at the American University of Phnom Penh (AUPP), three teams from Year 1 of the ICT faculty participated in the competition. This event equipped students with a profound grasp of the essentials for becoming entrepreneurs and transforming ideas into sustainable businesses. Furthermore, it offers a chance for students to gain valuable insights from industry professionals and fellow students.

TRAINING ON “CAMBODIA QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK”



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OVERVIEW:
Cambodia Qualifications Framework (CQF)

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Prepared by Mr. Kol Rotha, Learning and Teaching Coordinator
Date: 27th June 2024

On June 27, 2024, Mr. Kol Rotha, Learning and Teaching Coordinator from the QLTS department, delivered a training session on the “Cambodia Qualifications Framework” to lecturers and staff of the University of Puthisastra.

The main aim of the training was to provide a brief overview of the CQF structure, characteristics, and expected learning outcomes at each qualification level, as well as the process of issuing qualifications and related issues and relationships.

Cambodia Qualifications Framework (CQF) is an instrument for the development and classification qualifications based on a set of criteria that is agreed nationally for specified levels of learning outcome achieved.

Purpose of the establishment of CQF:

- National Recognition: Ensure consistency of qualifications provided by education providers across the country.
- Flexible Pathways: Enables easy movement between education, training, and jobs by recognizing prior learning and experience.
- Adaptability: Supports diverse educational and training purposes.
- Encouraging Progress: Promotes lifelong learning by improving access to qualifications and clear advancement paths.
- High-Quality Training: Enhances vocational education to meet individual and workplace needs, boosting the economy.
- Global Recognition: Increases national and international acceptance of Cambodian qualifications.
- Skill Mobility: Facilitates regional movement of skilled workers.

MENTAL WELLNESS IN THE WORKPLACE



On July 11, 2024, UP hosted an engaging workshop on "Mental Wellness in the Workplace" in Hall B. Organized by Singaporean volunteers from Brighton Academy and the university, the event brought together lecturers, staff, and students for a day dedicated to mental health.

Dr. Kaing Sopheap, Director of QLTS, kicked off the workshop with a warm welcome and an introduction to the importance of mental health. Participants then took part in the "Stress Thermometer" activity, helping them identify and understand their stress levels.

The workshop's highlight was a session on stress coping mechanisms, featuring role-playing exercises to practice effective stress management techniques. This was followed by insightful discussions, interactive activities, and networking opportunities, fostering a sense of community and support.

Overall, the workshop was a great success, leaving attendees better equipped to manage stress and prioritize their mental health in the workplace.

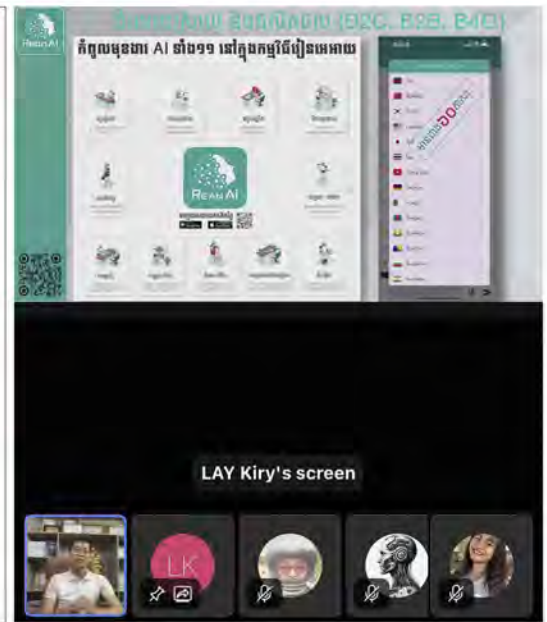
CODE-C DEVELOPER CONFERENCE AND TECH EXPO 2024



The Faculty of ICT, students, and staff had joined the Code-C Developer Conference and tech expo. The event, hosted at the CADT, gathered tech enthusiasts, developers, and industry professionals for two days filled with insightful talks, workshops, and networking opportunities.

The Code-C Developer Conference, renowned for its focus on cutting-edge technology and software development practices, provided an excellent platform for the Faculty of ICT members to enhance their skills and knowledge. The conference featured a diverse lineup of speakers, including industry leaders and experts who shared their experiences and insights on various topics ranging from artificial intelligence to block chain technology. The Code-C Developer Conference at CADT was a resounding success, offering rich knowledge and opportunities for the Faculty of ICT's students and staff. The event not only enhanced their technical skills but also reinforced the importance of staying connected with the global tech community. As the ICT sector continues to evolve, such conferences play a crucial role in preparing the next generation of tech professionals to meet the challenges and opportunities of the future.

THE USE OF AI (BASIC) WITH REAN AI

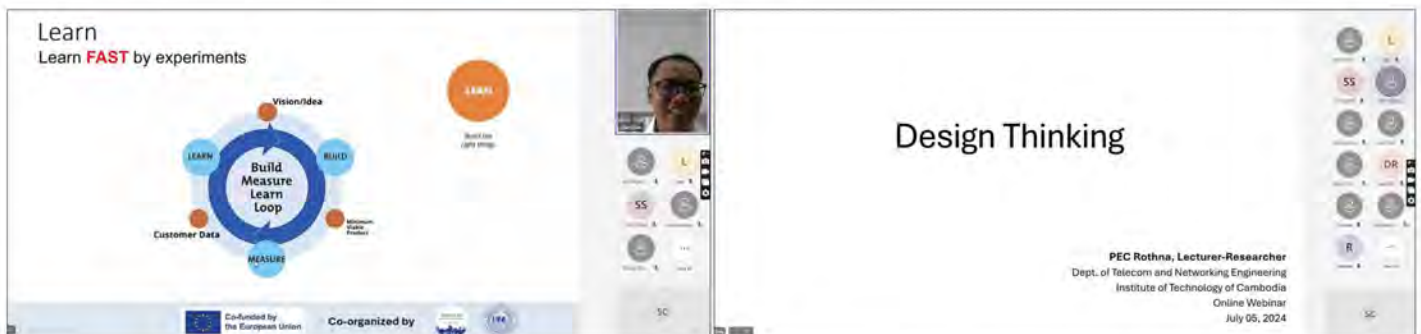


In development for the Faculty of ICT, Mrs. Chem Sokea has successfully completed the "Use of AI (Basic)" training program with Rean AI. This achievement is a milestone in the faculty's commitment to promoting AI education and research. This achievement underscores the Faculty of ICT's commitment to professional development and academic excellence.

By encouraging faculty members to participate in continuing education and professional growth, the faculty ensures that its educational offerings remain relevant and influential.

The completion of Mrs. Sokea's AI training program with Rean AI is an important step forward for the Faculty of ICT and a successful demonstration of the exciting developments that will come in the field of artificial intelligence.

SMART CITY ASEAN LEARNING NETWORK PROJECT (SCALE): DESIGN THINKING

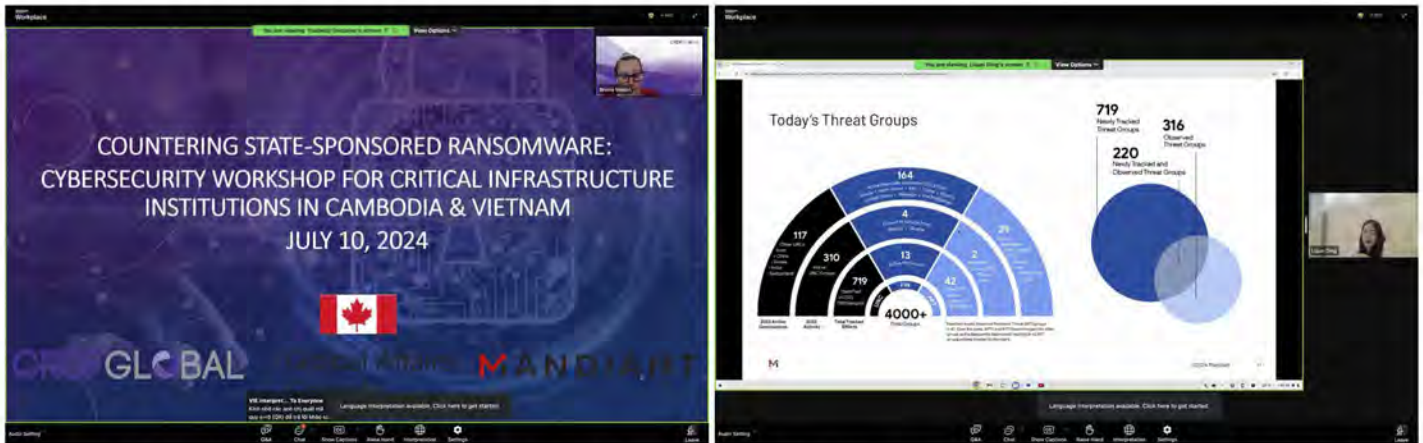


The Faculty of ICT has taken a significant step towards fostering innovation and entrepreneurship by participating in the Smart City ASEAN Learning Network (SCALE) project: Design Thinking.

This initiative, co-funded by the European Union, aims to promote sustainable and smart urban development and enhance a business startup. The webinar featured a lineup of distinguished speakers who shared their expertise and insights into the dynamic fields of entrepreneurship and innovation.

By embracing innovation and entrepreneurship, the faculty is paving the way for a brighter, more sustainable future for students through entrepreneurship and innovation.

COUNTERING RANSOMWARE CYBERSECURITY IN CAMBODIA & VIETNAM.



Staff from UP's Dept of ICT participated in an exclusive online workshop hosted by CRDF Global (USA). The webinar focused on "Countering State-Sponsored Ransomware Cybersecurity for Critical Infrastructure Institutions in Cambodia and Vietnam.

This workshop trained stakeholders, lecturers, cybersecurity, and IT personnel within the healthcare industry, national health laboratories, and biotech/biomedical science faculties in Southeast Asia to mitigate the attack vectors open to ransomware attacks by DPRK threat actors.

Participants learnt ways to recognize, respond to, and prevent such attacks through topics including cyberattack case studies, network segmentation, firewall management, incident response, defense-in-depth cybersecurity, and disaster response plans.

SDF DEMONSTRATION LEVEL 1 TREATMENT AT KAMPONG SPEU PROVINCE



The Collaborating Centre for Innovation in Population Oral Health (CIPO) at UP recently completed a significant milestone. Over the course of three months, dentists from Kampong Speu Referral Hospital provided level 1 treatments to a total of 512 children at Sontepheap Primary School. This achievement marks the first implementation of Silver Diamine Fluoride (SDF) treatment in a Cambodian public hospital, aligning with the National Action Plan for Oral Health 2023-2030.

Following this success, CIPO convened a meeting with the Provincial Health Department (PHD) and other stakeholders involved in the project. The purpose was to review lessons learned from the activities and discuss strategies for scaling them up to other provinces.

This initiative supports strategic objective 4 of the National Action Plan, which focuses on strengthening oral health promotion and preventive care activities in school environments. The goal is to enhance and promote oral health care programs within primary health care settings in schools, ultimately advancing towards Universal Health Coverage (UHC) for oral health among school children.

SPECIAL SEMINAR “HOW DOES MANGOSTEEN EXTRACT COMBAT CANCER?”



On Monday, 8th July 2024, UP’s Science Research Department, at the University of Puthisastra organized a special seminar under the title of “How does mangosteen extract combat cancer?” via an online platform (Google Meeting).

The honored invited speaker of the seminar was Dr. Korm Sovannarith, Ph.D in Cancer Biology, and currently, he is pursuing his 3rd Postdoc in Cancer and Aging Biology at Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard Medical School in Spring 2024. The event was facilitated by Mr. Be Sokkeang, Science Research program manager.

This special seminar was organized to share information on the invited speaker’s research project focusing on the application of the extracted mangosteen in combatting cancer and scientific research experience. After the special seminar ended, all participants learned about the above topic and gained new information and research experience from our invited speaker in the Q&A section.

UP’S STUDENTS PUBLISH



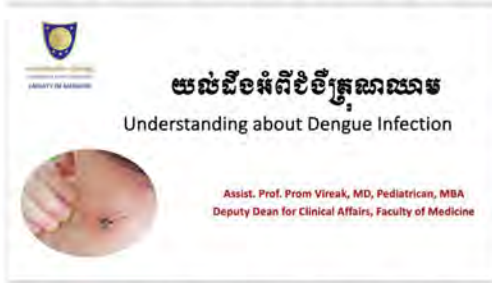
Recently, third-year Science Research students of the Faculty of Health Sciences and Biotechnology of the University of Puthisastra published a scientific report in the Journal of Cambodia Health.

It should be noted that this report was written and edited under the supervision of the staff of the Faculty of Health Sciences and Biotechnology.

The title of the report is: "Determination of formaldehyde in fresh seafood from Cambodia's local market"

It was written and edited by: Mr. Chao Tha Chea Buthra, Ms. Makara Seihakpanha, Ms. Soknea Seakleang and Ms. Ann Reaksa, third-year Science Research student, and Ms. Chao Sony, second-year Medicine students under the guidance of Ms. Chhun Sreynich. This article was published on 30th June 2024 in Volume 2, Issue 1 of the Journal of Cambodia Health which is available online at <https://jch.puthisastra.edu.kh/index.php/jch/article/view/27>.

UP'S MEDICINE PRESENT "UNDERSTANDING ABOUT DENGUE INFECTION"



Dr. Prom Vireak, Deputy Dean for Clinical Affairs and Assistant Professor in the Faculty of Medicine, presented "Understanding about Dengue Infection" as part of the UP Staff Development Plan 2024.

The topic is very important because it is the rainy season in Cambodia, i.e. the period particularly affected by dengue outbreaks.

These were the key points of the topic:

- Dengue infection is caused by a virus which has mosquitoes as vectors; the disease is self-limited
- Dengue virus has 4 serotypes, meaning that people can get it a maximum of 4 times. Once infected by one serotype, the recovered person will have long-life immunity to that serotype.
- The first occurrence of dengue infection is usually mild, the second is more severe.
- Characteristics of fever in dengue infection: high fever (>39oC), usually lasting for 5-7 days.
- The clinical course of dengue infection has 3 phases: febrile phase, afebrile or critical phase, and recovery phase.
- According to the WHO new classification of 2009, patients affected by dengue without warning signs are not required to be hospitalized. The warning signs include: (1) severe abdominal pain, (2) persisting vomiting, (3) fluid accumulation, (4) mucosal bleeding, (5) lethargy, (6) liver enlargement >2cm, (7) rapid decrease of platelets or hematocrit.
- There is no specific medication targeting dengue virus. Treatment is symptomatic for the fever, dehydration, bleeding or severe condition.
- Ibuprofen is contra-indicated in patients with dengue infection.
- The dengue vaccine is recommended for those who have been previously infected by the dengue virus and aged between 9 to 60 years old. It helps protect 80% of the cases. However, it is not yet available in Cambodia.

DENTISTRY DONATION



On 1 July, Mr. Kennel made the generous donation of two microscopes to The School of Dentistry. Mr. Kennel also happens to be a patient of our UP Health Center Dental Clinic.

Mr. Kennel offered these items in order to benefit our University. They will be used by the students in Foundation Year.

Mr. Kennel is a retired travel writer who has lived in Phnom Penh for over 20 years. We are so grateful for his generosity!

ORAL HEALTH TRAINING LEVEL 1 TO BUDDHIST LIBRARY CAMBODIA PROJECT



The Collaborating Center for Innovation in Population Oral Health (CIPO) at the University of Puthisastra recently conducted a training session for staff from the Buddhist Library Cambodia Project (BLCP).

Dr. Sieng Chanthyda, co-director of CIPO, along with a team, provided SDF refresh training to nine employees of BLCP from Takeo and Kampot provinces.

The primary objective of this initiative was to enhance the community's capacity to deliver dental care services to children. Additionally, the training included sharing practical experiences on effective and efficient work methodologies within the community.

FY PUBLISHED A REVIEW ARTICLE IN JOURNAL OF CAMBODIAN HEALTH



Congratulations to the FY team for publishing a review article in the Journal of Cambodian Health (JCH).

This article was contributed by Mr. SORN Virak, a Foundation Year Program Coordinator; Ms. EAT Sokhoeun, a Course Coordinator; Mrs. CHHON Yanvary and Ms. MUK Lykeang, a Science and Research Lecturer in the Foundation Year Department.

The manuscript was accepted for publication in JCH under the title of "The prevalence and management of hypertension and type 2 diabetes mellitus as non-communicable diseases in cambodia: a critical review", published in Vol. 2, No. 1, and it's available online and free read and download at: <https://jch.puthisastra.edu.kh/index.php/jch/article/view/20/16>

This review article is focused on the current trend of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) in Cambodia, including hypertension and type 2 diabetes. Also discuss the risk factors, challenges and opportunities for Cambodia to improve its healthcare system and policies in order to reduce their burden.

UP PRESENTS ON STRESS MANAGEMENT AMONG UNIVERSITY STUDENTS, CAMBODIA



On Saturday, June 29, 2024, Ms. Pen Keo Panha, a 5th year pharmacy student, participated in an oral presentation at the 14th International Conference on Public Health among the Mekong Subregion under the theme: Meeting the Sustainable Development Goal Through Improved Nutrition, Health Equity, and Climate Change Adaptation, Luang Prabang, Lao People's Democratic Republic.

She participated in an oral presentation on the topic of "The Prevalence of Stress and Perceived Knowledge on Stress Management Among University Students, Cambodia".

This study showed that most students are having good knowledge on stress management, but they cannot manage to reduce their level of stress, so there is a need to create programs to improve student's stress-management skills at university.

UP PRESENTS STRESS ASSOCIATED WITH PAIN AMONG ADULT POPULATION FROM 2018 TO 2023



On Saturday, June 29, 2024, Mr. Long Chanraksmeay, a 5th year pharmacy student, participated in an oral presentation at the 14th International Conference on Public Health among the Mekong Subregion under the theme: Meeting the Sustainable Development Goal Through Improved Nutrition, Health Equity, and Climate Change Adaptation, Luang Prabang, Lao People's Democratic Republic.

He participated in presentation on the topic of "A systematic review of stress associated with pain among adult population from 2018 to 2023".

The studies reviewed provide mental health challenges, academic pressures, and physical injuries, there remains a notable gap in understanding on the specific factors influencing stress and pain among adults in Cambodia.

UP PRESENTS “DETERMINATION OF TOTAL PHENOLIC, FLAVONOID CONTENT, AND ANTIOXIDANT ACTIVITIES OF CALOSTOMA INSIGNE IN CAMBODIA”



On Saturday, June 29, 2024, Ms. Ly Lina, a pharmacy staff, participated in a poster presentation at the 14th International Conference on Public Health among the Mekong Subregion under the theme: Meeting the Sustainable Development Goal Through Improved Nutrition, Health Equity, and Climate Change Adaptation, Luang Prabang, Lao People's Democratic Republic.

She participated in presentation on the topic of “Determination of Total Phenolic, Flavonoid Content, and Antioxidant Activities of Calostoma insigne in Cambodia”. The studies provided information of bioactive compound and antioxidant activities in the mushroom that are effective management of various chronic diseases and served as the basic for further scientific studies.

“SUB-DECREE ON PHARMACIST ETHICS AND LAW ON THE MANAGEMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONALS”



The Faculty of Pharmacy of the University of Puthisastra, in collaboration with the Pharmacist Council of Cambodia, held a dissemination ceremony on "Sub-Decree on Pharmacist Ethics and Law on the Management of Health Professionals" on Saturday, July 13, 2024 from 8:00a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Hall B of the University of Puthisastra for 164 pharmacy students.

The dissemination ceremony was chaired by His Excellency Ban Botta, Undersecretary of State, Ministry of Health, and President of Pharmacist Council of Cambodia; and participated by Prof. Chea Sin, dean of faculty of pharmacy, and two speakers: Assistant Professor Va Sokea, Second Vice President of Pharmacist Council of Cambodia and Mr. Kong. Sroun, law specialist of Pharmacist Council of Cambodia.

CERTIFICATE HANDOVER CEREMONY FOR INTERNS AT UCARE PHARMACY



Phnom Penh, July 5, 2024 - Professor Chea Sin, Dean of the Faculty of Pharmacy at the University of Puthisastra, presided over a ceremony today to handover certificates upon 18 pharmacy students from the university who have successfully completed their internships at UCare Pharmacy.

During this significant event, Professor Chea Sin extended heartfelt congratulations to the students, offering words of encouragement and valuable advice aimed at fostering continuous learning and skill development. Emphasizing the importance of lifelong learning, the dean highlighted that the journey of study and practice is ongoing.

The Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Puthisastra, also extends its congratulations to the 18 interns who have completed this milestone at UCare Pharmacy, marking a significant step forward in their professional journey.

"SCOUT AND NATURE FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT,"



UP's Faculty of Pharmacy sent one staff member and four pharmacy students to participate in the program "Scout and Nature for Community Development," organized by the Ministry of Education, Youth, and Sports and the Scout Cambodian, held from July 5 to July 7, 2024, in Siem Reap Province.

The purpose of this program is to benefit the scout members by fully developing their potential in terms of physical, mental, social, intellectual, and spiritual aspects, and to create harmony and unity in peace.

Activity on Day 1: Meeting with members from various universities at the Cambodian National Youth Center to receive guidance from the mentors and prepare for Day 2's forest trekking program at Angkor Park.

Activities on Day 2:

2.1. Morning Program (Forest Hiking) The Scout Team of Puthisastra University, along with scouts from other schools, totaling 50 people, began the forest hiking program under the leadership of Mr. Em Pisith, Director of the Cambodian National Scout Department, and Dr. Sean Phalla, Director of the Cambodian National Youth Center, along with mentors and scout volunteers. After a welcoming speech, the scout members started hiking in Angkor Park from Chhnang Dai Gate to Preah Khan Temple, then to the Two-story Library Temple, the Stone Bridge, and finally to Barang Dam. At each location, members participated in activities to study and research each place they visited.

2.2. Midday Program (Community Work) The UP Scouts members and other university scouts visited and studied the Khmer dessert community (Liang Dai Village), the natural vegetable garden community (Don Ou Village), and the pandan mat weaving community (Don Ou Village).

- The Khmer dessert community is passionate about making Khmer desserts and aims to preserve and promote the culture of making these desserts more widely.

- The vegetable garden community collectively grows environmentally friendly vegetables to increase the use of safe food and income. This community helps create a good living environment and enhances the use of natural resources and biodiversity.
- The pa'av mat weaving community, located in Ta Brok Village, Liang Dai Commune, Angkor Thom District, Siem Reap Province, consists of elderly people who weave pa'av mats by hand. This weaving process involves seven steps: 1) finding pa'av plants in the forest, 2) harvesting pa'av, 3) peeling or cutting pa'av, 4) dyeing pa'av, 5) weaving mats, 6) shaping mats, and 7) ironing mats.

As youth, it is an honor to see many Khmer communities, as it enhances the understanding of culture, lifestyles, and practices, showcasing Khmer identity more clearly.

2.3. Evening Program

The closing ceremony of the "Scouts and Nature for Community Development" program was presided over by H.E. Kul Pheng Vathana, Under-Secretary of State of the Ministry of Education, Youth, and Sports, H.E. Kong Sovannara, Advisor to the Ministry of Education, Youth, and Sports, and Deputy Chief Commissioner of the Cambodian National Scouts Association, and Mr. Em Pisith, Director of the Physical Fitness Cooperation Department and Secretary-General of the Cambodian National Scouts Association. During this event, H.E. Kul Pheng Vathana gave a speech to the youth about the importance of morality, ethics, and virtues that youth should possess. He also emphasized that youth are the future of the nation and must strive to be responsible for developing and protecting the country and maintaining peace. Lastly, H.E. expressed support and encouragement to all youth to participate in physical fitness and recognized the 50 members who participated in this program as full-fledged scout members from this day onward.

On behalf of the scout members of Puthisastra University, I would like to express my deep gratitude to the leaders of the Cambodian National Scouts Association and the Ministry of Education, Youth, and Sports for initiating this excellent program, providing opportunities for youth to participate and gain additional knowledge for their benefit, their families, and society. I also hope for more programs like this in the future.

