



UP VOICE

The Official Newsletter of the University of Puthisastra (UP)

THE SECOND ROUND OF ACCREDITATION ASSESSMENT BY ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE OF CAMBODIA (ACC) AT THE UNIVERSITY OF PUTHISASTRA



Recently, the University of Puthisastra (UP) has experienced its second-round review of accreditation assessment by the Accreditation Committee of Cambodia (ACC) from October 23 to 26, 2024. This comprehensive review was directed by H.E. Dr. Rath Chhang, Secretary-General of the Secretariat General of ACC, along with a team of nine expert assessors.

Noticeably, UP had previously earned full accreditation for a full 5-year period from 2019 to 2023, underscoring its commitment to high-quality standard education, vigorous academic programs, and its ongoing improvements in administration and facilities.

The latest assessment procedures of ACC further concentrated on the university's continued pursuit of its undeniable growth and dedication to continuous improvement. Throughout the whole assessment period the Accreditation Committee of Cambodia had an exclusive look over the key areas below:

- 1) Document Review: Comprehensive analysis of detailed reports and valid data from relevant departments.
- 2) Campus Tour: Conducted the on-site inspections of laboratories and academic facilities.
- 3) Student Interviews: Explored the current educational services offered by the university.
- 4) Alumni and employer Interviews: Direct feedback was gathered from alumni and employers to assess the impact and productivity of UP graduates in the workforce.
- 5) Lecturer and Staff Interviews: Input from faculty and staff at all levels provided insights into the academic and operational standards of the university.
- 6) Leadership Team Interviews: The leadership team of UP was thoroughly interviewed to authenticate and cross-check the reports submitted for accreditation.
- 7) Preliminary results wrap-up: The ACC assessors presented the outstanding conclusion of UP's sustained commitment to excellence to all standards.

In brief, UP will always move forward for the academic quality, innovation, and community impact on its previous achievements and a roadmap for subsequent growth. UP remains dedicated to the ongoing journey toward excellence in education through maintaining its exceptional standards of education, enhancing its research capabilities, and fostering a dynamic learning environment for students, faculty, and staff alike in order to deserve the successful accreditation by ACC assessors.

INTERNATIONAL ELECTIVE EXCHANGE PROGRAM AND STUDY TOUR IN TOKYO AND YOKOHAMA, JAPAN



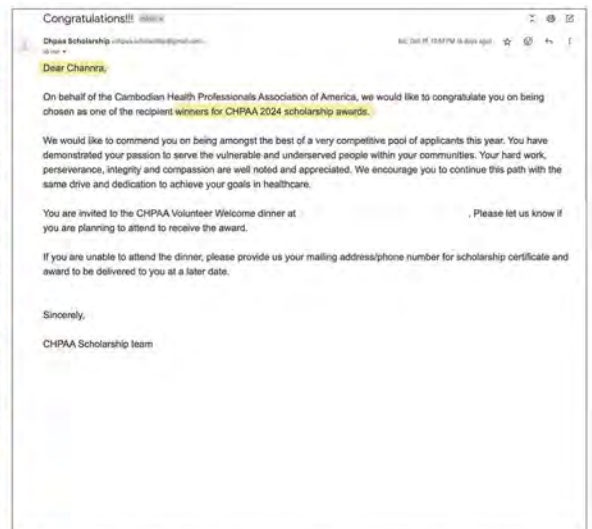
Congratulations to 10 students from the Medical Laboratory Technology and Pharmacy programs at the University of Puthisastra (UP), who completed the International Elective Exchange Program and Study Tour in Tokyo and Yokohama, Japan, under the guidance of Mr. Toem Lanyra, a staff member of the Faculty of Health Sciences and Biotechnology.

The ten students from the University of Pennsylvania participated in the program, which was organized by the Japanese Association of Medical Technologists (JAMT) and coordinated by the Cambodian Association of Medical Technologists (CAMT) as mentioned below:

- Tokyo University Hospital
- Toin University of Yokohama
- Nihon University Itabashi Hospital
- Systemex Company, JAMT Office
- LSI Laboratory Center
- JACLaS EXPO 2024

The Faculty of Health Sciences and Biotechnology and the Faculty of Pharmacy at UP would like to express their heartfelt appreciation to the CAMT for inviting UP staff and students to participate in this event.

UP PHARMACY STUDENT WON THE PRESTIGIOUS CHPAA 2024 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS”



We are proud to announce that LOUN Channra, a dedicated student from the Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Puthisastra, has been selected as a recipient of the prestigious CHPAA 2024 Scholarship Awards from the Cambodian Health Professionals Association of America. This year, he stood out among a highly competitive pool of applicants, showcasing his exceptional commitment to serving vulnerable and underserved communities. His passion and dedication to making a positive impact are truly inspiring.

UP ACHIEVES GOLD STANDARD IN TAX COMPLIANCE FOR 2024-2025



University of Puthisastra (UP) received a “GOLD” Certificate of Tax Compliance from the General Department of Taxation (GDT) for the 2-year period from 2024 to 2025 as a result of being fully compliant with the tax regime, paying taxes in full and with 100% transparency.

This “award” from GDT shows that University of Puthisastra (UP) has demonstrated continuous commitment and transparency in good corporate tax governance by meeting Cambodia’s tax obligations and regulations.

MEDICAL STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN THE EXCHANGE STUDY TO SINGAPORE



Five medical students from University of Puthisastra spent one week at National University of Singapore in the Exchange Study Program, supported by the Project SOTHEA.

The students were allowed to attend all classes with the Singaporean students. They had also the opportunity to learn in the Anatomy Hall the human cadaver under the direct guideline of the lecturers.

Furthermore, they also experienced with the Visual Interactive Human Anatomy which they could learn the anatomy via advanced technology.

It is the amazing learning experiences that our medical students.

SIX DENTAL STUDENTS SENT TO THE INTERNATIONAL DENTAL CONFERENCE ON COLLABORATION OF THE MEKONG RIVER (IDCMR) IN VIETNAM



The University of Puthisastra (UP) recently sent six dental students, led by Dr. Anand Marya, to the International Dental Conference on Collaboration of the Mekong River (IDCMR) in Vietnam. This conference gathered dental professionals and students to discuss advancements in dental medicine.

Chosen for their academic excellence, the students participated in workshops, presentations and networking opportunities, gaining valuable insights to enhance their studies and future careers, while showcasing UP's commitment to global learning and collaboration in dental health.

IHEC INTERNATIONAL HIGHER EDUCATION CONFERENCE 2024



We are so proud of our Vice Dean, Dr. Sakirin Tam has been invited by INTI International University-Malaysia to participate as a speaker in the prestigious International Higher Education Conference (IHEC) 2024. Dr. Sakirin Tam will take part in the Dean's Roundtable on Innovative Teaching and Learning for a Sustainable Future, an event highlighting the transformative role of education in addressing sustainability challenges.

Dr. Sakirin Tam's participation reflects the growing recognition of the Faculty of ICT's leadership in innovative educational approaches, particularly in promoting sustainability in higher education. We are incredibly proud of Dr. Sakirin's achievements and the Faculty's continued commitment to educational excellence and sustainability.

SECOND-COHORT OF FOUNDATIONS OF ADULT DYSPHAGIA MANAGEMENT SHORT COURSE ORIENTATION



The Department of Nursing of University of Puthisastra partnership with the Swallowing and Speech Therapy of Cambodia (SSTC) hosted an online orientation for the second cohort of trainees in the Foundations of Adult Dysphagia Management short course.

Mrs. SreyPeov Tun Head of the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery, welcoming trainees and SSCT team along with Dr. Alice Smith gave the introductory remark and highlighted the importance of developing clinical skills in dysphagia adult management.

This year-long course is designed to provide qualified healthcare professionals such as nurses, physiotherapists, and medical doctors with critical knowledge and hands-on training for assessing and treating patients with dysphagia (swallowing difficulty) which they are encountering at their current healthcare settings.

During the orientation, Mr. Manith Roeung and Mrs. Sokha Sorn introduced trainees to UPOP online learning and the UP library, the wide array of educational resources and tools available on campus to support their studies and enhance their professional development throughout the course. Wishing all the trainees a wonderful study journey

UP BOOTH ACTIVATION AT CHIP MONG 271 MEGA MALL



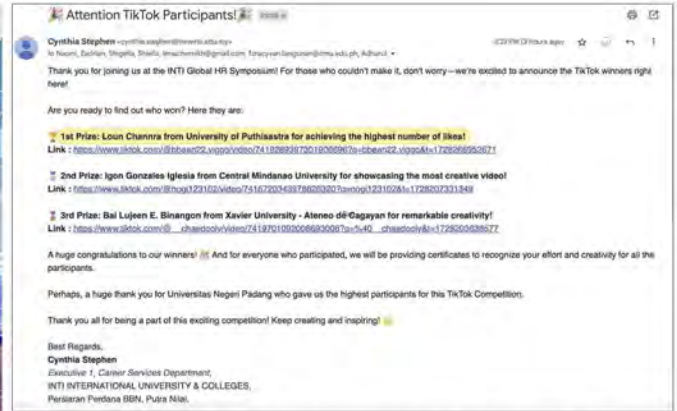
From October 25-27, 2024, the University of Puthisastra's booth at Chip Mong 271 Mega Mall was a vibrant hub of excitement, learning, and community engagement. Set up on the Ground Floor, the booth brought a taste of university life directly to visitors, who had the unique opportunity to explore hands-on displays and discover more about the university.

Over three days, our booth attracted hundreds of visitors, each eager to try out activities that gave them a feel for life as a UP student. Attendees explored scientific wonders through the Microscope Station and examined medical fundamentals using our detailed Anatomy manikins. Health-conscious visitors had the chance to check their BMI and vital signs on-site, with UP's knowledgeable team on hand to guide them.

In addition to these educational experiences, the UP booth offered an element of fun and competition! Visitors could participate in challenges and interactive quizzes with their friends, competing for amazing prizes that included UP merchandise and wellness goodies.

Thank you to everyone who stopped by, engaged with our team, and helped make this event an overwhelming success! The University of Puthisastra looks forward to welcoming you to future events as we continue to bring the UP experience to our community.

UP PHARMACY STUDENT WON THE FIRST PRIZE IN THE TIKTOK COMPETITION



We are thrilled to announce that LOUN Channra, a dedicated student from the Faculty of Pharmacy, has won 1st prize in the TikTok competition themed "Culture Diaries: A Day In My Life" at the INTI Global HR Symposium, organized by INTI International University & Colleges, Malaysia. He achieved this prestigious recognition by garnering the highest number of likes for his creative video. In addition to the honor, he received a certificate acknowledging his exceptional effort and creativity, along with a cash prize of 3,000 RM.

We commend him for his outstanding achievement and his ability to showcase the vibrant culture of our community through his work.

Watch his award-winning video here: Channra's TikTok Video (<https://www.tiktok.com/@bbean22.viggo/video/7419289397301906696?q=bbean22.viggo&t=1728266952671>).

CAMBODIA HIGHER EDUCATION FORUM AND EXHIBITION 2024



The University of Puthisastra was thrilled to participate in the Cambodia Higher Education Forum and Exhibition 2024 (CAMEX'24) held on October 19-20.

Over these two days, the UP booth became a focal point for prospective students, parents, and guardians eager to learn about the unique academic programs and scholarship opportunities that UP has to offer.

Our team engaged visitors with detailed insights into our university's curriculum, academic values, and vibrant campus life. Students had the opportunity to explore their educational futures, gaining information about a variety of study programs tailored to match today's professional demands. Additionally, we provided details on scholarship options, which generated enthusiastic interest, allowing students to understand how UP could support their academic and career ambitions.

We extend our sincere gratitude to all who stopped by, from inquisitive students to supportive parents and guardians. Your presence and enthusiasm are deeply appreciated, and we look forward to reconnecting at future exhibitions.

Stay tuned for more opportunities to engage with the University of Puthisastra community at our upcoming events!

TWO STAFF FROM MEDICINE PARTICIPATING IN “LET’S TALK SEXUAL REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH” CONFERENCE

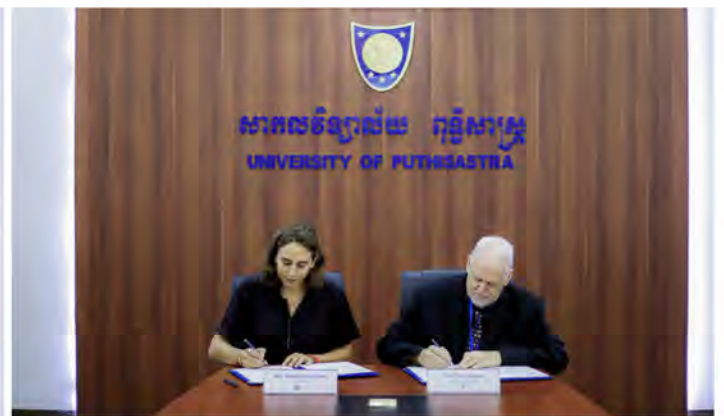


Asst. Prof. Yi Vannary, and Ms. Sreymom Pol attended the "Let's Talk Sexual Reproductive Health" conference. The event was hosted by DKT, a non-profit organization committed to addressing critical global health needs through social marketing, providing comprehensive solutions for Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH).

The conference served as DKT's official market launch in Cambodia, bringing together key stakeholders and representatives to discuss opportunities and challenges in the SRH and family planning sectors. Highlights of the event included a keynote address by a representative from the Ministry of Health, as well as remarks from Prof. Korn Aun, Head of Gynecology at Calmette Hospital, DKT Mekong Director Rodrigo Portugues, Meet Heng Founder Vichet Heng, and a representative from DKSH Cambodia.

The event concluded with a panel discussion and open Q&A, offering a platform for stakeholders to engage in dialogue about the future of SRH in Cambodia.

UNIVERSITY OF PUTHISAstra AND PNC - PASSERELLES NUMÉRIQUES CAMBODIA SIGN MOU FOR STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP



On 22 October 2024 – The University of Puthisastra (UP) and Passerelles Numériques Cambodia (PNC) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to strengthen collaboration in the field of Information and Communication Technology (ICT). The signing ceremony was presided over by Prof. Ian Rouse, President and Vice Chancellor of UP, and Ms. Maud Koetschet, Deputy Director of PNC. The MoU highlights key areas of cooperation between UP and PNC, aimed at providing PNC students with enhanced academic and career opportunities.

These include Campus Tours for PNC students, Connection with UP's Alumni Association, Scholarship opportunities, pathway to UP and ensuring a seamless transition into UP's ICT programs.

This strategic partnership underscores the commitment of both institutions to nurture future ICT professionals in Cambodia through mutual collaboration.

MD STUDENTS SUCCESSFULLY DEFENDED THEIR THESIS



Over the past two weeks, three groups of the MD students have successfully defended their thesis.

The 3 titles of the theses include:

1. "Descriptive study of risk factors of death in early onset neonatal sepsis at National Pediatric Hospital, Cambodia"
2. "Epidemiology and clinical characteristics of neonatal sepsis admitted in the National Pediatric Hospital from 2017 - 2018."
3. "Psychological distress among medical students at University of Puthisastra."

This is the brief finding from the 3rd topic from the defense:

As Mental health issues are a significant global concern, with medical students being particularly vulnerable to psychological distress compared to their peers and the general population. This study aimed to determine the prevalence and main risk factors of psychological distress among MD Program students in years 4, 5, and 6 at the University of Puthisastra in 2021.

The research utilized an online survey, incorporating the Kessler 10 Psychological Distress Scale (scored from 10 to 50 points), alongside sociodemographic characteristics and the Medical Students Stressor Questionnaire (MSSQ-20). Out of 77 respondents, 54.5% were found to be experiencing psychological distress, with 23.4% reporting mild distress, 11.7% moderate, and 19.5% severe distress. A breakdown by gender revealed that 58.8% of female participants reported distress, compared to 52.4% of males.

The study highlights that over 50% of the surveyed medical students at the University of Puthisastra experienced psychological distress, underscoring the importance of mental health support for students in demanding academic environments

PROMOTING SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AWARENESS: UP'S COMMITMENT TO A HEALTHIER FUTURE



At the recent "Let's Talk Sexual and Reproductive Health" event, organized by DKT International, five members from the Faculty of English Excellence and Employability at the University of Puthisastra (UP) participated in discussions on crucial topics surrounding sexual and reproductive health (SRH). The event, which sought to encourage open dialogue about sexual health, reproduction, and family planning, served as a platform for launching DKT's one-stop-shop SRH solutions in Cambodia.

With healthcare providers, civil society organizations, and relevant stakeholders in attendance, the discussions focused on normalizing conversations about sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) and infections (STIs). The event emphasized the significance of open communication between adults, healthcare professionals, and the broader public to combat misinformation, raise awareness, and promote safer SRH practices.

Distinguished speakers, including DKT Mekong Director Rodrigo Portugues, representatives from the Ministry of Health, and key stakeholders, shared valuable insights into the role of contraceptives in reproductive health and the ongoing challenges in expanding family planning access in Cambodia. The discussions underscored the urgent need for affordable contraceptive options and stronger partnerships across sectors to promote SRH education and services.

At UP, we recognize the vital role universities play in shaping future generations' understanding of Sexual and Reproductive Health. Equipped with the knowledge gained from the event, UP faculty and staff are committed to educating students about the risks associated with STDs and STIs, as well as effective strategies for preventing these diseases.

Our efforts aim to foster a more informed and responsible campus environment where students feel empowered to make decisions that protect their physical, social, and emotional well-being. UP is also dedicated to supporting the wider community by disseminating information on SRH. Together, we can create a safer, healthier future for everyone.

UP'S SCIENCE RESEARCH STUDENT IS SELECTED IN OR SEEDING THE FUTURE ASEAN CAMP 2024

Official Announcement of Selected Camp Participants

Congratulations to all!

Cambodia

University	Name
American University of Phnom Penh	Panha Chan
American University of Phnom Penh	Sreymai Phou
Cambodia Academy of Digital Technology	Soy Dychheny
Cambodia Academy of Digital Technology	Sokdisumeth CHEA
Institute of Technology of Cambodia	Leang serey sophea
Institute of Technology of Cambodia	Kunkanitha MUY
Paragon International University	Sokly Techsreng
Royal University of Agriculture	Peniel Phe
Royal University of Phnom Penh	Levin Marisa
University of Puthisastra	Chao Tha Chea Buthra

To confirm your participation, please complete the acceptance documents that will be emailed to you by Wednesday, September 25. So please keep an eye on your email and submit all camp confirmation documents to us by October 3.

Kindly note that if we don't receive your information and profile verification via email by the due date, it may affect your enrollment. We encourage you to complete this verification process ASAP to ensure a smooth and successful participation in the program.

The names of those who have passed this selection process are updated as provided by the applicants in the registration form.

Contributors to this announcement are not allowed under any circumstances.

In the event of a candidate benefiting from special consideration, the committee will select the next eligible candidate as a replacement.

The committee reserves the right to verify any diploma, and its committee's decision is final.

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The order of names in this announcement is arranged alphabetically and is unrelated to any scoring responses.

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Official Announcement of Selected Camp Participants

Congratulations to all!

OR Seeding The Future ASEAN Camp 2024

Participants by Country:

- Cambodia:** Panha Chan, Sreymai Phou, Soy Dychheny, Sokdisumeth CHEA, Leang serey sophea, Kunkanitha MUY, Sokly Techsreng, Peniel Phe, Levin Marisa, Chao Tha Chea Buthra.
- Thailand:** [List of names]
- Laos:** [List of names]
- Philippines:** [List of names]
- Myanmar:** [List of names]

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Congratulations to Chao Tha Chea Buthra, a third-year Science Research student at the University of Puthisastra's Faculty of Health Sciences and Biotechnology, who has been chosen to attend the OR Seeding the Future ASEAN Camp 2024. Students from five ASEAN countries—Cambodia, Thailand, Laos, the Philippines, and Myanmar—attend the program, which focuses on sustainable business development.

Buthra will represent both the University of Puthisastra and Cambodia at the event, which will be held in Thailand from November 24 to 29, 2024.

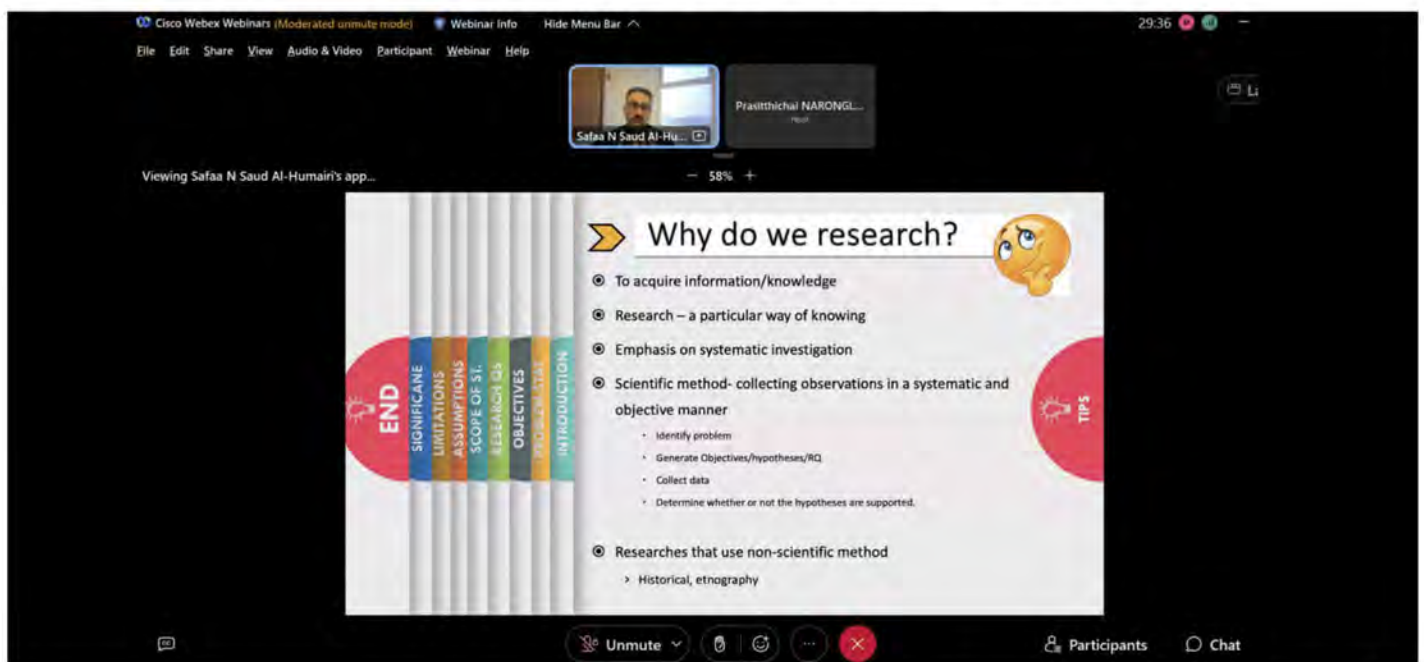
For more information about Science Research Program, join the Telegram Channel via link: <https://t.me/+VYAjSYseT4A3ZjM1>

WORKSHOP ON “QUALITY MANAGEMENT IN BIOCHEMISTRY”



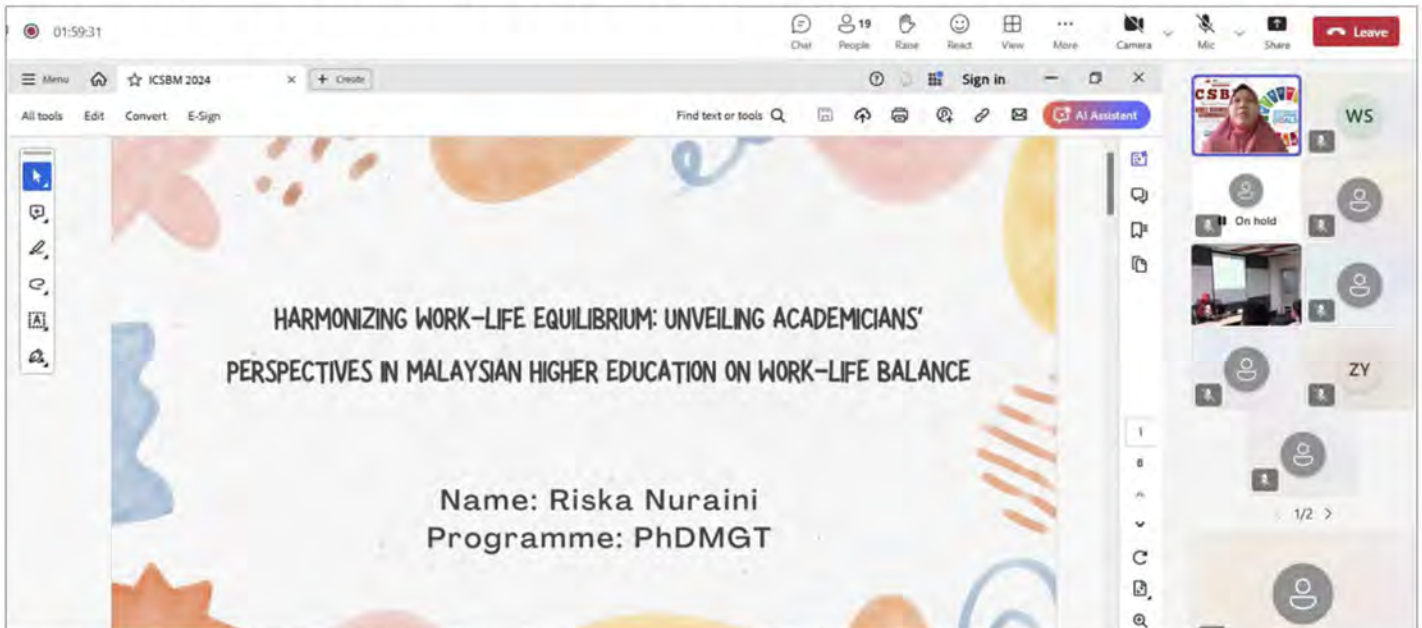
On October 12, 2024, the University of Puthisastra (UP) collaborated with the Cambodian Association of Medical Technologists (CAMT) to hold a Workshop on Quality Management in Biochemistry titled "Principle of Biochemistry Analysis" - From Basic to Application. The workshop was held in Hall B of the UP, with the honorable participation of Prof. Chea Sin, Dean of the Faculty of Pharmacy and UP's representative, and Asso. Prof. Ket Vansith, President of CAMT, together with participants working and studying in the medical area. The trainers were Asso. Prof. Ket Vansith, Asst. Prof. BY Youlet, Dr. CHHAY Sokpanhana, Dr. CHHAY Sokdalis, and Dr. HENG Kanika. The program covered both the theory of biochemistry analysis and actual work in the UP laboratory.

WORKSHOP RESEARCH PROPOSAL DEVELOPMENT



A member of our esteemed faculty recently participated in the Research Proposal Development workshop, organized by the Faculty of Engineering at Kasetsart University. This event, designed to strengthen the research skills of academic professionals, offered in-depth training on creating high-quality research proposals aimed at securing competitive funding. The workshop brought together academics from various institutions, creating a collaborative environment for knowledge sharing and innovative idea generation. Through hands-on activities, participants gained insights into organizing proposals, identifying research gaps, and aligning their projects with funding agency priorities. This experience is expected to contribute significantly to future research initiatives, expanding our capacity for impactful research that addresses global challenges.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS AND MASS COMMUNICATION (ICSBM 2024)



We are thrilled to announce that INTI International University will be hosting the International Conference on Sustainable Business and Mass Communication (ICSBM 2024) hosted by Faculty of Business Communication (FBC), INTI International University. The conference took place under the theme, “Innovation in Tradition: Navigating Cultural Heritage and Business Sustainability.”

This conference aims to bring together experts, practitioners, and scholars from around the world to explore the intersection of cultural heritage and sustainable business practices.

EGEN PROGRAM



Students from the Faculty of ICT successfully participated in the second round of presentations for the Egen Program, showcasing their innovative projects and technical ability.

The Egen Program, known for fostering entrepreneurial thinking and technological innovation, attracted students with a diverse range of ideas aimed at addressing real-world challenges.

Their participation in the Egen Program underscores the commitment to cultivating future-ready graduates capable of driving innovation in the tech landscape.

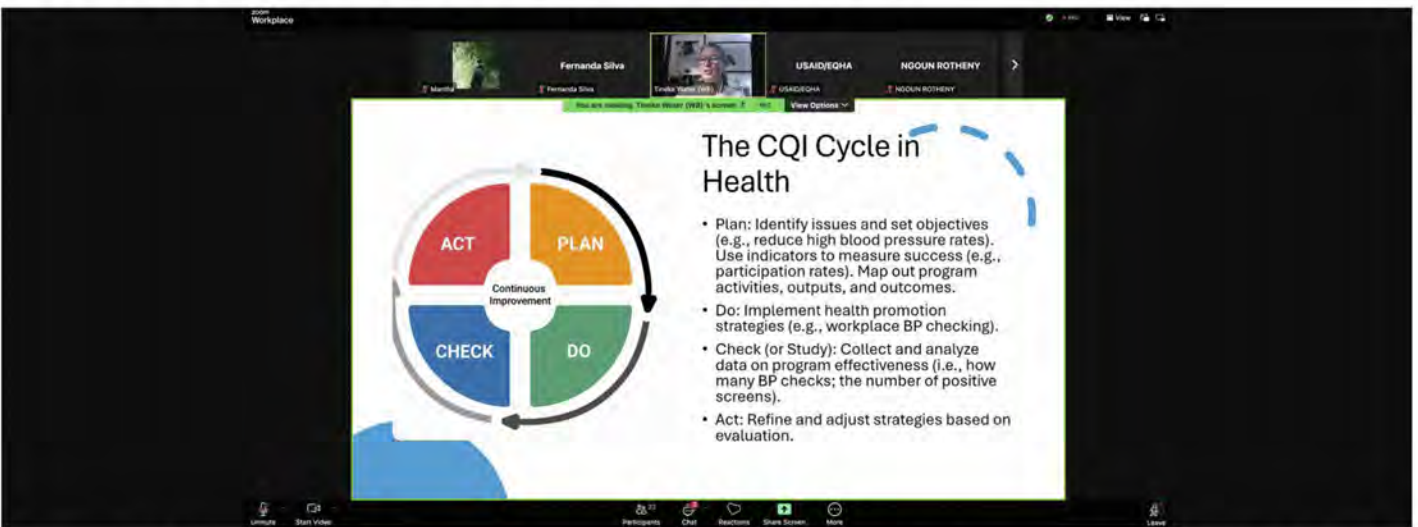
SOMA CHALLENGEA



In a display of skill, knowledge, and camaraderie, staff from the Faculty of ICT participated in the highly anticipated Soma Challenge—a knowledge-based competition designed to harness professional ability while promoting team spirit.

The event, widely recognized for its innovative approach to team building, provided participants with an opportunity to strengthen collaboration skills in an environment infused with fun and engagement. With the completion of this year's Soma Challenge, ICT staff members have not only enhanced their professional knowledge but also fostered a dynamic team spirit that will continue to drive their success in future.

ON-GOING YOUNG LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

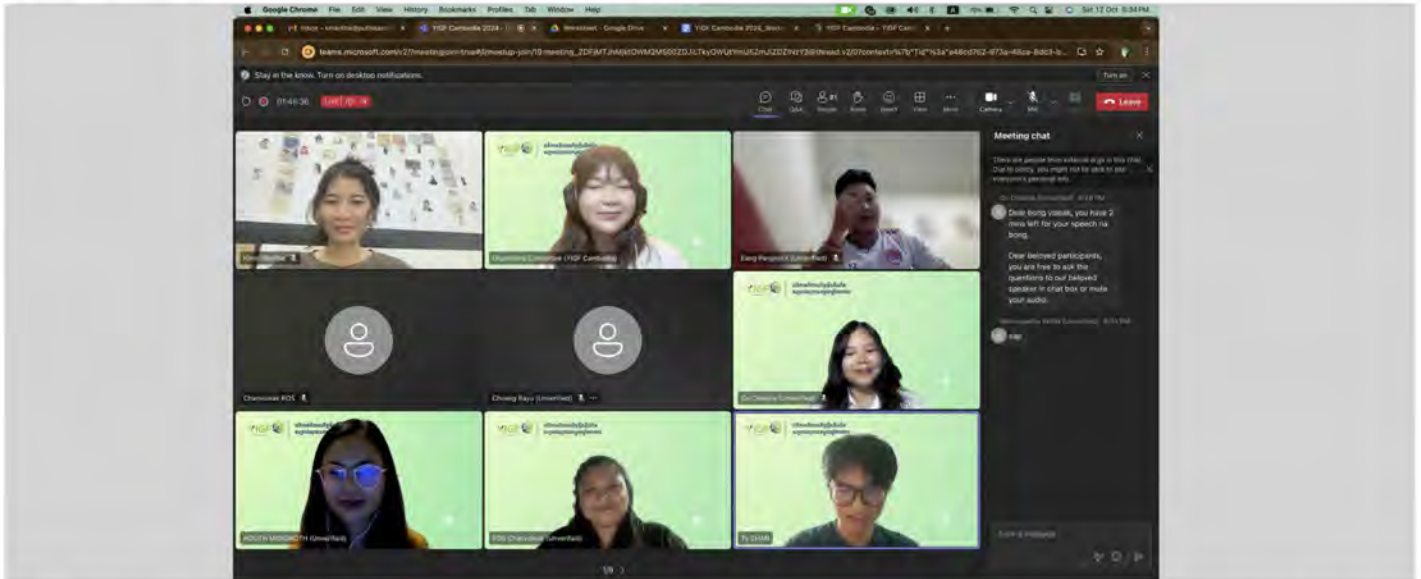


In a continued effort to enhance capacity and foster leadership within the Faculty of ICT sector, members of our ICT staff recently joined the Young Leadership Program, organized by the Global Financing Facility (GFF). This activity, known for advancing young professionals in global development, featured an in-depth module on Continuous Improvement Deep Dive, emphasizing sustained quality enhancement and effective implementation practices.

Through interactive sessions, ICT staff members gained insights into the importance of iterative learning, feedback circles, and sustainable change strategies. The knowledge gained is expected to have a positive impact on our team's contributions to the ICT sector, aligning their professional growth with the evolving demands of digital transformation and global best practices.

The ongoing participation in the Young Leadership Program reaffirms our commitment to professional development and engages ICT staff to champion continuous improvement across projects, improving both individual and organizational performance.

WEBINAR ON "EMPOWERING YOUTH IN AI: IMPACT, ETHICS, AND INCLUSIVE INNOVATION"



staff members from the Faculty of ICT participated in a compelling webinar titled "Empowering Youth in AI: Impact, Ethics, and Inclusive Innovation", organized by Open Development Cambodia Organization.

The event aimed to dive into the ethical considerations, societal impact, and inclusive practices surrounding Artificial Intelligence (AI) development, particularly focused on empowering the next generation of innovators. The webinar brought together AI experts, educators, and youth leaders to discuss the growing influence of AI on various sectors and the importance of fostering responsible innovation.

Key topics included the role of ethics in AI, the impact of AI on Cambodia's development, and strategies to ensure that youth have equitable access to opportunities within the AI industry. Through this participation, the Faculty of ICT continues to strengthen its commitment to staying at the forefront of technological education while ensuring that ethical, inclusive innovation remains central to its mission. The knowledge gained from this webinar will contribute to furthering AI-related initiatives within the university.

SHARING SESSION ON TOPIC "KJELDAHL SYSTEM: PRINCIPLES AND APPLICATIONS"



On October 14, 2024, Mr. Kimchhay, a lecturer from the Faculty of Pharmacy, conducted a sharing session on the topic "Kjeldahl System: Principles and Applications".

During the session, he shared information related to Kjeldahl applications, the principles of the Kjeldahl method, types of samples that can be analyzed with Kjeldahl, and the advantages and disadvantages of the Kjeldahl method.

PARTICIPATION IN THE PANEL DISCUSSION ABOUT “LET’S TALK SEXUAL REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH”



On 14, October 2024, staffs of the Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Puthisastra, participated in the launch of DKT International in Cambodia and panel discussion on “Let’s Talk Sexual Reproductive Health”, DKT International is a private company providing advance sexual and reproductive health worldwide, family planning solutions, prevention and education through social marketing activities, services and products. It should also be noted that teenage pregnancy remains a major challenge, with 13% of teenage girls and young women in Cambodia giving birth before the age of 18, according to DHS 2021-2022. Most of these pregnancies are unintentional and put both young mothers and their babies at risk for unhealthy outcomes and affect their future. Not only that, but maternal mortality also related to unsafe abortion remains an issue, according to the 2022 UNFPA report.

Through this participation, organizations, media organizations, and the public are presented with solutions to the above issues, especially standard products that are recognized and have a positive impact on the health and well-being of the population. Faculty of Pharmacy at University of Puthisastra Participates in the Cambodia Higher Education Forum and Exhibition 2024

CAMBODIA HIGHER EDUCATION FORUM AND EXHIBITION 2024



On October 19-20, 2024, two staff members from the Faculty of Pharmacy at the University of Puthisastra actively participated in the Cambodia Higher Education Forum and Exhibition 2024. This event took place at the Institute of Technology of Cambodia, running from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM both days.

During the forum, the Faculty of Pharmacy showcased a range of innovative products created by pharmacy students and provided comprehensive information about the pharmacy profession. The mission of the forum was to bridge the gap between high school education and higher education opportunities in Cambodia.

It aimed to equip students with the knowledge, skills, and confidence needed to make informed decisions about their academic and career paths. By offering a platform for self-discovery and educational guidance, the event sought to inspire lifelong learning and prepare young individuals to contribute positively to their communities and the global society.

We would like to extend our gratitude to all the parents and students who visited the University of Puthisastra's booth to learn more about our programs, curriculum, and scholarship opportunities.

THE 4TH TRAINING LAUNCH BY PILLTECH SOLUTION CO., LTD. WITH THE COLLABORATION OF THE FACULTY OF PHARMACY, UNIVERSITY OF PUTHISASTSRA, AT HALL-H.



On October 24, 2024, the Faculty of Pharmacy and PillTech Solution Co., Ltd. organized the 4th training course under the theme: Innovation for the Future: Empowering medical students to start finding solutions Community Health.

Primary Goal: Encourage pharmacy students to apply entrepreneurial thinking to identify and solve healthcare challenges in Cambodia through startup initiatives.

Learning Outcomes:

- Understand the role of entrepreneurship in healthcare innovation.
- Learn a structured approach to developing a startup idea.
- Collaborate to create preliminary business concepts addressing real-world problems.

INTERNSHIP AT EPHAC CO.,LTD.



16 students of the Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Puthisastra, completed an internship at the Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Facilities at EPHAC Co.,LTD.

On October 25, 2024, 16 students of the Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Puthisastra, completed their one-month internship at EPHAC Co., Ltd. from September 16 to October 25, 2024, during their long semester break. The 16 pharmacy students received the certificates of completion in internship at the EPHAC in the presence and recognition of His Excellency Oknha, Kao Muylim, Director of EPHAC Co.,Ltd.

During the intemship, students participate in various activities, such as

- 1.Acquire and apply the knowledge in the process of drug manufacturing from raw materials to finished products.
- 2.Practice in the quality control laboratory
- 3.Establish good relationships and connections with the leadership team, preceptors, and staff in the pharmaceutical manufacturing facilities.

DR. PHAN SANDETH DONATE 100 TUBES TO CAMBODIA SMILE PROJECT



During the presentation by Dr. Sieng Chanthyda at the Sub-Technical Working Group on Oral Health (TWGOH), we identified several challenges faced by our team, including occasional shortages of fluoride varnish, which is crucial for the Cambodia Smile Project. In response, Dr. Phan Sandeth, the founder of the Merci Dental Clinic, generously offered to donate 100 tubes of fluoride varnish to support our efforts.

The Cambodia Smile Project is part of the Oral Health National Action Plan 2023-2030, aimed at assisting doctors, nurses, midwives, and dental nurses in health centers to provide fluoride varnish to young children during their vaccination visits. Our CIPO team is committed to providing technical support, as well as posters, stickers, and six-month gifts. Currently, we are active in Kampong Speu Province, with 18 health centers (1 OD Kampong Speu), Kampong Chhnang Province, with 6 health centers (3 OD), and Siem Reap Province, with 11 health centers (4 OD).

We sincerely appreciate Dr. Phan Sandeth for his valuable contribution to the community.

PROVIDE LEVEL 1 TREATMENT TO CHILDREN AT PTEA CLARA



The Collaborating Center for Innovation in Population Oral Health (CIPO) at the University of Puthisastra collaborated with Dr. Nam Chamnan founder of Melvin Dental Care to provide Level 1 dental treatment to children at Ptea Clara.

This marks the first collaboration between CIPO and a private dental clinic for such activities. The team comprised 20 members, with 10 from the Melvin team and 10 from the CIPO team, including dental students led by Dr. Sieng Chanthyda. During a one-day visit, the team provided oral health education and distributed toothbrushes and toothpaste prepared by Dr. Chamnan. The team treated 103 children, administered fluoride varnish to 4 young children, and provided Level 1 treatment to 7 caregivers. Silver Diamine Fluoride (SDF) was used effectively to prevent new caries by slowing or arresting active decay and minimally invasive and can be applied in one visit.

PROVIDE LEVEL 2 &3 TREATMENT AT PIO DATE 21-25/OCTOBER



From October 21st to 25th, 2024, the Collaborating Center for Innovation in Population Oral Health (CIPO) at the University of Puthisastra, in collaboration with 12 dental students, provided Level 2 and Level 3 dental treatments to children at the People Improvement Organization (PIO). The treatments included sealants, fillings, extractions, and SDF applications. Under the supervision of Dr. Sieng Chanthyda, Dr. Phillip, and Dr. Shafe from Ivoclar company, our team also delivered essential health packages and oral health education to the children.

Throughout this five-day initiative, we successfully treated 120 children with Level 2 needs and 73 children with Level 3 needs. We extend our heartfelt appreciation to Ivoclar for their invaluable support in enhancing dental health and brightening the smiles of Cambodia's children.

SUB- TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP ORAL HEALTH (TWGOH) MEETING WITH ORAL HEALTH BUREAU, MINISTRY OF HEALTH



The meeting aims to discuss and explore key strategic approaches for the development of oral health in Cambodia, in order to respond to the government's priority policies for providing universal health services to the population.

Dr. Sieng Chanthyda presented the results of the Collaborating Center for Innovation in Population Oral Health (CIPO) at the University of Puthisastra, outlining activities from January to September 2024. The presentation highlighted initiatives such as Cambodia Smile, the Healthy Kids Cambodia project, and UP community work, while also addressing the challenges faced by the team.

Following the presentation, Assistant Professor Soeun Sopharith, Acting Dean of Dentistry, provided additional context on the project activities and facilitated a discussion regarding the referral pathway for Level 3 special needs children to receive general anesthesia through government hospitals. Excellency Mr. Oeurn Boraroth and the participants expressed their appreciation for CIPO's contributions to the community.

VISITING DR PHILLIPP AND DR SHAFE FROM IVOCLAR COMPANY



Participated in the Outreach Program at the People Improvement Organization (PIO), supported by Ivoclar Vivadent AG, Schaan, Liechtenstein. Dr. Philipp and Dr. Shafe expressed their joy at seeing the smiling faces of the children as the team delivered preventive and restorative treatments at PIO.

During a meeting with President and Vice Chancellor Ian Rouse, Dr. Philipp provided an overview of Ivoclar's community work, gaining insights into the Collaborating Center for Innovation in Population Oral Health and discussing further enhancements for the project.

A particularly memorable part of the program was visiting Borey School, one of five schools supported by Ivoclar that helps special needs children. This visit was heartwarming, as it highlighted the challenges these children face and the importance of providing them with support to improve their lives. The team felt a strong connection to the mission of enhancing the health of these children, emphasizing the crucial role of community support in making a difference.

UP MAKES ONLINE POSTER PRESENTATION TO ICATCH MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS

	<p>ICATCH International Community Access to Child Health</p>	<p>U-Smile I-Smile Cambodia</p>		
<p>Project Directors: Callum Durward, Sieng Chanthyda Collaborating Centre for Innovation in Population Oral Health University of Puthisastra, Cambodia</p>		<p>Providing dental treatment at the Borey Center</p>	<p>SUCCESSSES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Building capacity of dental team to provide basic dental treatment for special needs children - Establishing a referral pathway and links with university and NGO hospital - Establishing good communication and cooperation with school directors and teachers/careers - Positive feedback from dental students about their experiences - Provision of basic preventive and restorative care for 449 children - Finding other sources of funding to ensure project can continue 	
<p>INTRODUCTION / BACKGROUND</p> <p>Most Cambodian children with special needs have no access to dental treatment due to their inability to physically access and pay for dental services, and the unpreparedness and unwillingness of dental care professionals to treat them. This project focused on delivering basic dental services to children with disabilities following the Healthy Kids Cambodia (HKC) approach, enhancing dental student training, and building capacity and sustainability.</p>	<p>PROGRAM DESCRIPTION / ACTIVITIES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing Essential Health Package (examinations, daily brushing, silver diamine fluoride (to arrest caries), simple restorations and sealants at two special needs centers - Borey Center and Rabbit School • Provide oral health education to 44 caregivers and teachers • Provide dental treatment at 3 levels using a triage system – focusing on prevention and simple interventions delivered on-site by a dental team (including dental students) • Referral of children who need more advanced treatment to University of Puthisastra or Chanda Polyclinic for treatment under Sedation/GA 	<p>Oral health education to caregivers</p> <p>Daily toothbrushing</p>	<p>CHALLENGES / LESSONS LEARNED</p> <p>Problems Encountered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oral hygiene : Many children with special needs struggle to do the tooth brushing and allow treatment. • Financial Constraints: Limited access to Sedation and GA <p>Solutions Implemented:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhanced Training: Provided training to teachers and caregivers to support children to promote regular tooth brushing and eat healthy. Dental students trained in child-friendly approaches. • Financial Assistance: Established a budget for subsidizing treatment costs and referral system for more advanced care 	
<p>Special Acknowledgment The American Academy of Pediatrics' Friends of Children Fund is grateful to all donors, including the Magic Pebble Foundation, who so generously make the ICATCH Grant Program possible!</p>		<p>For information on ICATCH Funding: www.aap.org/icatch</p>		

ICATCH is made up of mainly pediatricians from the United States and around the world who work together to support health projects for children in low-income and lower-middle-income countries. Each year, ICATCH gives grants of up to \$2,000 per year for projects that last up to three years. Since it started in 2007, ICATCH has supported 98 projects in 42 countries.

The CIPO oral health team under UP was successful in winning a grant in 2001 to support a 3-year project for special needs children at the Rabbit School and Borei Center in Phnom Penh.

The project was led by Prof. Callum Durward and Dr. Sieng Chanthyda, with the U-Smile I-Smile group providing much of the treatment for children with special needs. The project was also supported by Adjunct Associate Professor Bethy Turton and the CIPO team. The project was a big success in bringing the Healthy Kids Cambodia project to 449 special needs children.

This included fluoride applications, cleaning, simple restorations and fissure sealants. It also included a daily tooth brushing program, training 44 teachers and caregivers, and providing supervised clinical training for many UP Dental Students. On the 18th of October Prof. Callum and Dr Tida gave an online poster presentation about the project to the ICATCH team and to project leaders from many other countries around the world who also presented their projects. Our team highlighted the successes of the project including creating a referral system and building connections with stakeholders to improve the availability of oral health care services for special needs children. The project demonstrated good communication and cooperation with school directors, teachers, and caregivers, which were crucial for its success. Feedback from dental students involved in the program was also very positive, with students valuing their experiences in communicating and providing basic oral health care. Thanks to this project and to funding from the AHHA team some children were able to access more advanced care under sedation or general anesthesia at UP and the Chenda Polyclinic. Since the completion of the project efforts have been made to find more funding and partners to ensure that this important work can continue in the future.

We extend our sincere appreciation to ICATCH, Ivoclar, AAP, CIPO, AHHA, local and international dentist volunteers, UP dental students, the staff from the 2 centers, for their support in providing dental treatment to children with special needs.

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