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The Official Newsletter of the University of Puthisastra (UP)

UNIVERSITY OF PUTHISAstra ANNUAL DINNER *Party 2024*



The University of Puthisastra (UP) celebrated its achievements and teamwork at the Annual Dinner Party 2024, held on Friday, 20th December at the Raffles Hotel Le Royal in Phnom Penh. The event brought together faculty, staff, and leadership in a joyful evening filled with laughter, heartfelt moments, and shared memories.

A key highlight of the evening was the Awards Ceremony, where outstanding individuals were recognized for their exceptional contributions:

- Mao Romnea – Employee of the Year (Overall)
- San Techly – Employee of the Year (Academic)
- Ken Prohm vibosny – Employee of the Year (Support)
- Heng Sreyly – Employee of the Year (Academic Encouragement)
- Nann Sreynich – Employee of the Year (Support Encouragement)

The evening featured a delightful feast, vibrant performances, fun games, and heartfelt speeches by Prof. Ian Rouse, President and Vice Chancellor, emphasizing the strong bonds within the UP family.

The Annual Dinner Party wasn't just a celebration of the past year but also a toast to the exciting future that lies ahead. With ambitious goals and a passionate team, UP is committed to continue making an impact in higher education and beyond.

As we wrap up 2024, we look forward to welcoming a new year filled with opportunities, achievements, and more reasons to celebrate. Let's keep the spirit alive as we enter 2025 with renewed energy and determination.

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PHARMACY STUDENTS EXCEL WITH MORINDA CITRIFOLIA RESEARCH



On Wednesday, December 18, 2024, a team of pharmacy students from the Faculty of Pharmacy at University of Puthisastra proudly represented their institution in the final round of the prestigious Kinal Prize Competition for Health Science Research at the Cambodia-Korea Cooperation Center (CKCC). Their innovative research, titled “Determination of Phytochemicals and Antioxidant Activities of Morinda citrifolia Originating in Cambodia,” garnered attention for its scientific depth and relevance.

The team, comprised of five dedicated members – Soy Tetvihet, Chhek Sivmey, Tang Erick, San Mengsroing, and Prong Muoyly – worked tirelessly to explore the medicinal potential of Morinda citrifolia, commonly known as noni. Their research aimed to identify key phytochemical components, evaluate the plant’s antioxidant properties, and utilize advanced High-Performance Liquid Chromatography (HPLC) to provide a detailed chemical profile of the fruit.

This outstanding achievement is a testament to the students’ perseverance, teamwork, and passion for scientific discovery, serving as an inspiration to peers and researchers alike. Their work showcases how dedication can lead to impactful contributions to health science and innovation.

UP’S LABORATORY SCIENCES STUDENTS ATTENDED THE WORKSHOP ON “ADVANCED IMMUNOASSAY SOLUTION OF LABORATORY TESTING”



On Saturday, 21 December 2024, Laboratory Science students of the University of Puthisastra attended the training course “Advanced Immunoassay Solution of Laboratory Testing” Organized by Snibe Diagnostic Company at NOVOTEL Phnom Penh Hotel, the training course had 2 main topics:

1. Tumor Markers for Hepatocellular Carcinoma presented by Dr. CHEA Chandy
2. Overview of Helicobacter Pylori Infection presented by Prof. SENG Sameth

The Department of Laboratory Science of University Puthisastra would like to express our gratitude to Snibe Diagnostic for allowing our students to participate in this program.

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ATTENDED BY 546 PHARMACISTS ACROSS CAMBODIA



The Faculty of Pharmacy at Puthisastra University organized a Continuing Professional Development (CPD) training course for Cambodian pharmacists via Zoom. Approved by the National Pharmacy Council, the training attracted a total of 546 participants across two sessions. The theme of the course was "The Role of Clinical Pharmacy," focusing on the following areas:

1. The role of hospitals in promoting effective treatment and preventing various diseases
2. Clinical pharmacy in emergency departments
3. Drug information development
4. Basic Life Support (BLS) and Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS)
5. Infectious disease prevention

Pharmacist Ms. Ly Sita, who works in the Drug Information Management Department at Japanese Sunrise Hospital in Phnom Penh, was a key speaker. Participants who completed the course earned 10 CPD points.

The training was designed to equip pharmacists with the following competencies:

1. Strengthening knowledge of medication safety and efficacy
2. Enhancing skills in patient counseling and prescription management
3. Improving collaboration with medical teams and other hospital specialties
4. Determining appropriate dosages and medications for patients
5. Monitoring and managing the use of medications in disease treatment
6. Collecting and analyzing patient and medication data to ensure safety and efficacy
7. Administering medications effectively in emergency situations
8. Identifying patient needs and implementing preventive measures against infections and diseases like cancer
9. Educating patients on infection prevention and proper medication use
10. Using data and technical tools to monitor and document the effectiveness of infectious disease treatments
11. Promoting hygiene and infection prevention protocols within healthcare institutions
12. Contributing as part of an emergency team by providing timely rescue medications
13. Administering medications to mitigate the effects of cardiac arrest and related symptoms
14. Participating in the administration of emergency drugs, such as epinephrine, amiodarone, or norepinephrine, for cardiac emergencies
15. Managing medications during resuscitation and supporting emergency teams with pharmaceutical expertise

This training course plays a vital role in enhancing the capacity of pharmacists to ensure patient safety and improve healthcare outcomes. It is particularly valuable for government organizations, non-governmental organizations, and private companies that prioritize community health and well-being.

HEALTH CHECKUP IN RUNTA EK TOWN, SIEM REAP PROVINCE



University of Puthisastra participated in the 2024 Soma Retreat organized by Soma Group from December 12 to 14, 2024, in Siem Reap Province. During the retreat, 9 lecturers, staff, and students from university joined efforts to organize health checkups and provide medical treatment to residents of Runta Ek Nature Village, Siem Reap Province. In addition to the health checkup, the University team also contributed to an orientation program for students from grades 10 to 12 and participated in various team-building activities organized by Soma Group.

The University participants included:

1. Ms. Rien Samriththya
2. Assistant Professor PROM Vireak
3. Assistant Professor Chhea Sophearom
4. Ms. Penh Soknan
5. Mr. San Techly
6. Mr. Chy Vannet
7. Ms. Seng Somuta
8. Student Tun Meng
9. Student Chang Sokphalin

The health checkup provided by the university staff played a key role in contributing to the improvement of community health, particularly for those living in remote areas.

CAREER DAY 2024: A DAY OF INSPIRATION AND INSIGHT AT UP



On December 11, 2024, Hall H at the University of Puthisastra came alive with energy and knowledge during Career Day 2024. A big thank you to our incredible guest speakers for their inspiring presentations and thought-provoking panel discussions:

- Ms. Eng Poliny – Pharmacy Manager, UP
- Ms. Phon Sotheany – Document Manager, V.S Medical Laboratory
- Ms. Khin Chantheanrita – R&D Deputy Manager, PHARMAPRODUCT MANUFACTURING
- Ms. Chhuon Samean – Senior HR Officer, UP
- Ms. Ken Prohm vibossny – HR Supervisor, UP
- Dr. Thay Kosal – Pharmacist Manager, Ucare Pharmacy
- Dr. Vireak Chea – CEO/Co-Founder, PillTech Solutions Co., Ltd
- Mr. Sor Sampisith – Founder, OUR PHARMACY

From discussions on “Pharmacists’ Role in the 21st Century” to “Quality and Effectiveness in Recruitment,” the event provided valuable insights into the evolving roles of pharmacists.

Special thanks to Asst. Prof. Chhea Sophearom, representing Prof. Chea Sin, Dean of the Faculty of Pharmacy, UP, for the opening and closing remarks, and to everyone who helped make this event a success.

CLINICAL PHARMACY CLUB HOSTS AN INFORMATIVE SESSION ON SORE THROAT MANAGEMENT



On Friday, December 6, 2024, the Clinical Pharmacy Club of the Faculty of Pharmacy at Puthisastra University organized a presentation and experience-sharing session on the topic “Sore Throat.” The guest speaker, Ms. Kim MouyE, a full-time pharmacist at Marina Pharmacy, delivered the session in Hall B, Building B, from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM. Approximately 30 members attended the event.

The session aimed to provide valuable knowledge to club members, focusing on:

1. Understanding the general overview and evidence-based management of sore throat
2. Evaluating symptoms and diagnosing sore throat effectively
3. Implementing treatment and prevention strategies in community pharmacies

This initiative served as a platform for learning and professional growth, equipping participants with practical insights to enhance their pharmacy practice.

CHARITY PROGRAM: PROMOTING COMMUNITY HEALTH AND EDUCATION ON INTESTINAL PARASITES



Morng Russey District, Battambang Province – On Saturday, December 7, 2024, with the approval of Professor Chea Sin, Dean of the Faculty of Pharmacy, 15 pharmacy students participated in a charity program under the theme “Community Health and Education on Knowledge of Intestinal Parasites.” Organized by VS Medical Laboratory in collaboration with the Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Puthisastra, the program aimed to enhance public awareness and improve health outcomes in the community.

Pharmacy students played an active role in educating the public and students on two key topics:

1. Proper handwashing techniques
2. Prevention of parasitic infections

The program also featured several important activities, including:

1. Collecting and examining stool samples to identify intestinal parasites
2. Providing general health education to the community and students
3. Explaining test results to participants in an accessible manner
4. Distributing gifts to the community and students

On behalf of the leadership and staff of the Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Puthisastra, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to VS Medical Laboratory, especially Associate Professor Ket Vansith and Dr. Keto Vanseng, for initiating and organizing this meaningful program. Their efforts not only contribute to the health and well-being of the community but also provide pharmacy students with valuable opportunities to apply their knowledge and skills in a real-world setting.

PHARMACY CAREER CLUB SEMINAR: CAREER GOAL SETTING AND MANAAKI NEW ZEALAND SCHOLARSHIP



In the third week of the Pharmacy Career Club's return, a meaningful seminar and presentation were held for students at the University of Puthisastra on Friday, December 13, 2024, in Hall H. This event was organized in collaboration with and featured guest speaker Ms. Tang Sovannaroath, who shared her expertise on the topic:

"Career Goal Setting and How to Apply for a Manaaki New Zealand Scholarship."

Ms. Sovannaroath provided invaluable insights and practical advice on the scholarship application process, helping pharmacy students gain a deeper understanding of how to effectively navigate their career paths.

The program offered students a unique opportunity to:

- Understand career goal setting using the SMART framework
- Learn about different types of career goals and how to create actionable plans for their future
- Explore the application process for the Manaaki New Zealand Scholarship, including eligibility requirements and the selection process

This seminar proved to be a valuable experience for students, equipping them with the tools to set clear career goals and pursue international scholarship opportunities.

2024 KINAL PRIZE CEREMONY: UNIVERSITY OF PUTHISAISTRA STUDENTS TRIUMPH



On December 18, 2024, the 2024 Kinal Prize Ceremony took place at the Cambodia-Korea Cooperation Center, presided over by His Excellency Dr. Peas Muslim, Undersecretary of State and High Representative of His Excellency Professor Chheang Ra, Minister of Health, and His Excellency Dr. Hay Ly Eang, President of the Kinal Foundation and CEO of PPM & Confirel. The University of Puthisastra emerged victorious, with a group of students securing first place in the competition. The University of Health Sciences claimed second place, while the Institute of Health Sciences of the Royal Cambodian Armed Forces took third.

Out of nine finalist teams from pharmacy faculties across Cambodia, five teams from the Faculty of Pharmacy at the University of Puthisastra reached the final round, showcasing their exceptional skills and commitment to the pharmacy field. Special congratulations to the first-place winning team from UP, whose groundbreaking research titled "Phytochemical Compounds, Antioxidant Activity, and HPLC Analysis of Morinda citrifolia L. (Noni) Fruit Extract in Cambodia" impressed the judges for its innovation and significance.

The first-place team was awarded 1,000 USD from the Kinal Prize 2024.

Team Members: Sothy Sonika, Uy Phalliya, Peti Chansopur, Koy Vouchlin, Tang Muoyech, and Aing Kanal.

Their dedication and hard work have truly paid off, further cementing the University of Puthisastra's reputation for academic excellence and impactful research.

BIODERMA PHOTODERM TRAINING FOR UP PHARMACY STAFF



On November 28, 2024, Bioderma hosted an informative training session for our pharmacy staff, focusing on their renowned Photoderm product range, designed for photoprotection and skincare under the sun. This session aimed to equip our pharmacists with the essential knowledge and tools to provide expert recommendations and effectively address customer needs.

The training covered key topics, including the harmful effects of UVA and UVB rays, the skin's natural defense mechanisms against sun exposure, and how Bioderma's patented Sun Active Defense offers broad-spectrum, adaptive protection. We also explored the unique formulations tailored to suit various skin types, including sensitive, acne-prone, and aging skin with dark spots.

By the end of the session, our pharmacists not only gained technical knowledge but also practical insights to guide customers in selecting the best sun protection solutions. This training reinforced their role as trusted skincare advisors, enhancing their ability to make informed recommendations.

PHARMACY STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY HEALTH OUTREACH IN PURSAT PROVINCE



On the morning of Sunday, December 22, 2024, 10 pharmacy students from the Faculty of Pharmacy and members of the DA-UYFC, University of Puthisastra Branch participated in a community health outreach event aimed at providing medical care to those living in remote areas. The event took place at Svay Keo High School, Phet Rong Commune, Talo Sen Chey District, Pursat Province.

The event was led by Dr. Heng Sok Kong, Secretary of State of the Ministry of Industry, Science, Technology and Innovation and Chairman of the Board of Directors of DA-UYFC, with representation from Deputy Prime Minister Hun Many, Minister of Public Service and President of the Union of Cambodian Youth Federation.

The event offered free general medical examinations and treatment to the residents of the area.

The ceremony was attended by Mr. Khoy Rida, Governor of Pursat Provincial Government, along with deputy governors, local authorities, the armed forces, doctors, medical teams, teachers, students, and a large number of citizens.

In his remarks, Mr. Khoy Rida expressed deep gratitude to Dr. Heng Sok Kong and the leaders and members of the DA-UYFC, founded by Deputy Prime Minister Hun Many, for their tireless efforts in providing free medical examinations and treatment to the residents of Talo Sen Chey District, Pursat Province.

FACULTY OF PHARMACY HOSTS WORKSHOP ON PHARMACY STUDENT INTERNSHIP AT KHON KAEN UNIVERSITY, THAILAND



Phnom Penh: On December 6, 2024, the Faculty of Pharmacy at the University of Puthisastra hosted an engaging workshop that highlighted the experiences of Year 5 pharmacy students Ms. Roth Sreynuch, Ms. Chang Sokphalin, and Mr. Hai Kimngoun, who recently completed a one-month internship in Clinical Pharmacy at Khon Kaen University in Thailand. Joining them were Ms. Roth Maly and Ms. Nourith Oudomphakdey, who completed the same program in Community Pharmacy.

The workshop, designed for all pharmacy students, was presided over by Professor Chea Sin, Dean of the Faculty of Pharmacy. It featured insightful presentations from the interns, who shared their unique learning experiences with 50 participants, including professors, lecturers, staff, and fellow pharmacy students.

Highlights of Clinical Pharmacy Experiences:

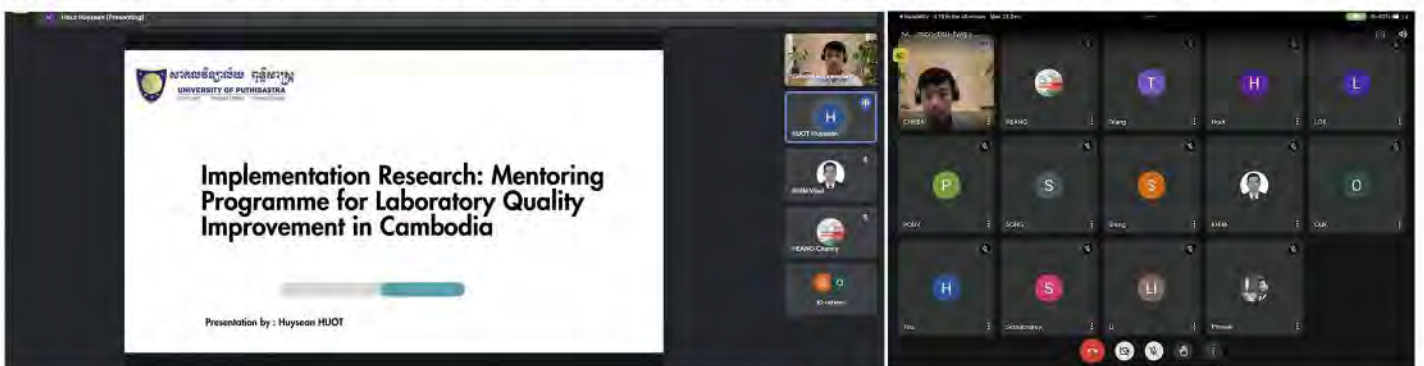
- Use of Electronic Resources
- Therapeutic Drug Monitoring (TDM): Optimizing medication dosing to enhance treatment outcomes.
- Home Care Services: Providing direct patient care with a focus on health and safety.
- Collaborative Care: Working with healthcare teams in internal medicine wards to deliver personalized treatments.

Highlights of Community Pharmacy Experiences:

- Management Systems in Community Pharmacies in Thailand
- Drug Dispensing
- Pharmacy Services in Cooperation with the Government
- Telepharmacy: Delivering pharmaceutical services remotely.
- Public Health Initiatives: Contributing to smoking cessation programs and free needle distribution.
- Blending Traditional and Modern Medicine: Exploring the integration of traditional Thai medicine with contemporary therapeutic practices.

The workshop concluded with participants gaining valuable insights into both clinical and community pharmacy practices, emphasizing the profound impact of international internships on professional development and personal growth.

THE FACULTY OF PHARMACY CONDUCTED A MEETING TO REVIEW THE PROGRESS OF MASTER'S STUDENTS (MEDICAL BIO) IN THEIR COMMUNITY PLACEMENT.



During this week, the students focused on selecting an appropriate assessment tool for Laboratory Quality Management Systems (LQMS) to be used in the community setting. Additionally, they presented research articles related to LQMS, aiming to deepen their understanding of its principles and practical applications.

These activities supported the students in making informed decisions and enhancing their theoretical knowledge to apply effectively in real practice.

WORKSHOP ON VACCINE DEVELOPMENT

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Workshop on Up To Date On Vaccine Development

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The Faculty of Pharmacy is excited to announce a workshop on Vaccine Development, featuring Dr. Kim Kimchoy, a postdoctoral fellow at Chonnam National University, Republic of Korea. Dr. Kimchoy will deliver a valuable presentation on the latest advances in vaccine development and share insights on applying for the Republic of Korea Scholarship.

Date: December 24, 2024

Time: 1:00 - 2:00 PM

Location: Hall B, University of Puthisastra

This workshop offers participants an excellent opportunity to expand their knowledge of cutting-edge vaccine development and discover opportunities for studying abroad.

For more details, please scan the QR code.

WEBINAR ON THESIS DEVELOPMENT FOR MASTER'S STUDENTS

NEW: U1

Year	Initial Sub Date	Proposal submission (1st payment 50%)	Thesis submission (Final payment 50%)	Defence	Remarks
Master of Pharmaceutical Sciences and Master of Medical Biology					
1	Dec-2024	3-Dec-2024	28-Feb-2025 Interview from 2-Aug-2025	May to Jun-2025	Extended deadline of Thesis submission
2	Jan-2025	1-Feb-2025	3-Aug-2025	Jun to Dec-2025	

Notes:

- Student should pay the 1st payment (50%) upon the submission of thesis proposal.
- Students should pay the final payment (50%) upon the submission of thesis.
- Student is not allowed to start the data collection if 50% of thesis submission fee has not been paid.
- Penalty of late payment will apply as per university's policy.

The Faculty of Pharmacy at the University of Puthisastra successfully organized a webinar on thesis development for master's students on December 20, 2024, from 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM. The event featured Asst. Prof. Chhea Sophearom, Assistant Dean of the Faculty of Pharmacy, who shared invaluable insights and practical advice on crafting a high-quality thesis. With his extensive academic experience, Asst. Prof. Chhea Sophearom guided students through the key steps of thesis development, offering tips on research methodology, writing techniques, administrative work, and overcoming common challenges. The webinar was well-conducted, with active participation from master's students eager to enhance their academic journeys. The Faculty of Pharmacy remains committed to supporting students in achieving academic excellence and completing their theses on time.

COMMUNITY PLACEMENT INTRODUCTION FOR MASTER STUDENTS IN MEDICAL BIOLOGY

3.3.3.5 Community placement!

- Number of credit: 1 credit
- Duration of time: 42 hours or 1 week

Description:

The community placement will be conducted by students in order for students to learn about the organization of bio-medical laboratory in community-based approach as well as to evaluate the quality of these laboratories.

Objective:

At the end of this work student will be able to:

- Identify need of the medical laboratory at national Hospital level and health Center level
- Identify gap of standard equipment and facility at national Hospital and health Center
- propose the suggestion to improve or corrective action to national Hospital and health Center

Activities:

- Student will work full time in the community laboratory for period 2 weeks
- They will report to the head of laboratory to site a standard evaluation tool to measure the laboratory

The report assessment contains main points:

- Organizational structure
- Work flow (Referral mechanism)
- QIP/Quality of laboratory
- Quality control (QA/QC)
- Security and hygiene
- Waste management

During this period, the student must follow the guiding of the head laboratory. The report of assessment must be present to the head of laboratory.

Assessment: Assessment report

On December 10, 2024, the Faculty of Pharmacy conducted a presentation on the Community Placement Program for students of Medical Biology via Google Meet. The Community Placement aims to provide students with the opportunity to learn about the organization of biomedical laboratories through a community-based approach and to assess the quality of these laboratories. This year, the students plan to conduct their Community Placement from December 21 to 25, 2025, in Ratanakiri Province, focusing on evaluating laboratory quality management system.

2024 MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS FOR THE FACULTY OF PHARMACY AND UP PHARMACY



Research and Publications

1. Two research papers were accepted for publication in the International Journal of Public Health Asia Pacific.
2. One paper was published in the American Journal of Education and Learning.
3. Joint research was completed with the ASEAN pharmacy team.
4. One paper was accepted for publication in the Asian Journal of Pharmacognosy.
5. One paper titled ASEAN Pharmacists' Need Assessment of Biosimilars was published as a joint research project involving Cambodia and other ASEAN countries.
6. Two abstracts were accepted for oral presentation and one for poster presentation at ASEAN PharmaNET.
7. Four abstracts were finalized and submitted for the International Conference on Public Health-GMS (ICPH-GMS).
8. Four abstracts for the 14th GMS ICPH were accepted for publication.
9. Two manuscript is in its final revision and is expected to be accepted for publication soon.
10. Three grant proposals were submitted to the Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene (RSTMH) for early career researchers.
11. Two UP research grant proposals were drafted and prepared for submission to the University of Puthisastra Research Committee (UPRC).
12. Two pharmacy students presented their research posters at the Cambodian Association of Medical Technologists conference.
13. Seven abstracts were completed for submission to ASEAN PharmaNET.

Education and Training

1. Data for the Quality Learning Tools (QLTs) was completed for the national education forum.
2. The Quality Assurance (QA) report for the faculty was submitted to the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports (MoEYS).
3. Seven master's thesis proposals were approved by the faculty.
4. An agreement was reached with PiITech for student training on technology, pharmacy business operations, and financial literacy.
5. Two pharmacy faculty members participated as speakers in short training sessions at the University of Puthisastra.
6. Orientation sessions for students, lecturers, and clerkship were successfully conducted.
7. Training sessions for lecturers on UPOP and UPERP were successfully conducted.
8. All assessments for both master's and bachelor's degrees were completed.
9. Orientation for clerkship preceptors at IS Premium Laboratory was successfully conducted.

Grants Received

1. An early career grant award of approximately 5,000 USD was received from the UK Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene to conduct research in Battambang.
2. A grant of 500 USD was received from the UPRC research grant.

Student Achievements

1. Five groups of UP pharmacy students advanced to the final round of the National Kinal Prize, with one group securing first place.
2. One student received an invitation from the Faculty of Pharmacy at Mahidol University, with a registration fee waiver, to participate in the 4th ASEAN PharmaNET 2024 Conference and ASEAN Student Network Forum.
3. Thirty pharmacy students joined the marketing and faculty team to organize the UP-Discovery Festival.
4. Five pharmacy students joined the Aloha Learning Centre community project.
5. Four students won scholarships to participate in the international summer school of pharmacy.
6. One student was accepted to study for a PharmD degree at the University of Illinois Chicago.
7. One third-year pharmacy student received a 50% scholarship to study for a Bachelor of Pharmacy at La Trobe University, Australia.
8. One UP Pharmacy alumnus received an opportunity to study for a Master's Degree in Clinical Pharmacy at Auckland University, New Zealand.
9. Three pharmacy students won scholarships to join the SxSU International Summer School 2024 at Silpakorn University, Thailand.
10. Eight students participated in ASEAN PharmaNET in Thailand.
11. One UP Pharmacy alumnus who received a scholarship to pursue her master's degree at KKU also received the best student award.
12. Twenty UP pharmacy students arrived at KKU for a one-month internship.

Faculty Achievements

1. The Pharmacy Council of Cambodia expressed gratitude to UP for its contributions to the success of Continuing Professional Development (CPD) for Cambodian pharmacists.
2. The Curriculum Approval Committee (CAC) approved all course outlines for semester 2 for both master's and bachelor's courses.
3. The Pharmacy Council of Cambodia approved CPD training sessions.
4. Devaki AMMA Memorial College of Pharmacy signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with UP for joint research, faculty exchange, and student exchange.
5. The CEO of Ucare provided 15 hours of lectures to Year 5 pharmacy students free of charge.
6. Khmer Enterprise expressed interest in collaborating and supporting natural product competitions and business start-ups for students.
7. The Pharmacy Council selected UP as the host for the largest pharmacy conference with China University.
8. An information-sharing workshop was completed for UP pharmacy students on scholarships and studies in South Korea.
9. One staff member received a full scholarship to study for a master's degree in pharmacy in Taiwan.
10. One alumnus received a full scholarship to study for a master's degree in cosmetology in South Korea.
11. Two UP research proposals submitted to UPRC received grants.
12. One staff member won a scholarship to join the ASEAN-India Women Scientist Conclave.
13. The faculty received appreciation letters from the President of the Asian Association of Schools of Pharmacy and the President of the Pharmacy Council of Cambodia.
14. Thirty-four students and staff successfully joined the Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) Awareness Campaign at Cambodia's largest high school, supported by the Vennue Foundation.
15. The white coat ceremony was held for Year 2 pharmacy students.
16. Staff and pharmacy students participated in six health check-up sessions with Sunrise Foundation Charity in rural areas.
17. One full-time lecturer was selected to join the Global Fund Financing Young Leaders Program (YLP) in Phnom Penh.
18. The lecturer evaluation proposal was finalized and submitted to UPRC for approval.

Community Engagement and Outreach

1. The Faculty of Pharmacy organized the largest community outreach programs in Mondulkiri and other provinces.
2. Collaborative health education and charity programs were conducted with Soma Group, Sunrise Foundation, and SOS Cambodian Kids Association.
3. Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) Awareness Week Campaigns were held in multiple provinces, supported by the Venue Foundation.
4. The faculty actively participated in community research projects focusing on Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH).

Sales and Financials

1. Pharmacy sales increased by 47% between November and December 2024.
2. Sales surged during May 2024, with further growth anticipated in the coming months.
3. Approximately 300 SKUs of pharmacy products were listed on the Nham24 platform.
4. A total of 1,250 USD was received from the Venue Foundation to support AMR Awareness Campaigns,

Collaborations and Partnerships

1. Partnerships were established with more than 20 pharmacy schools across Thailand.
2. Agreements were signed with Khmer Enterprise (KE), Devaki AMMA Memorial College, and PilTech to support research and student training initiatives.
3. Discussions were initiated with Korea Ocean Bio Cluster to explore potential research collaborations.

Conferences and Events

1. Continuing Professional Development (CPD) sessions were hosted, attracting over 3,800 pharmacists and generating more than 23,000 USD in profits.
2. ASEAN PharmaNET presentations and semester scheduling tasks were successfully completed.
3. The Pharmacy Council approved six CPD sessions scheduled for May 2024.

Innovation and Investment in Laboratory/Events

1. The Natural Product Contest 2024 was successfully conducted, securing sponsorship of 3,719 USD.
2. An investment of 38,000 USD was made to upgrade laboratory equipment.
3. A laboratory report on lemongrass and cajeput oil was launched in collaboration with Kaksekor, supported by their sponsorship.

Continuing Professional Development (CPD)

1. The Fourth Pharmacy Conference 2024 was hosted, attracting over 500 participants.
2. The Faculty of Pharmacy was approved as a CPD provider for an additional two years.

UP'S STAFF ATTENDED AND PRESENTED THE FINAL WORKSHOP ON "YOUNG LEADERS PROGRAM FOR HEALTH SYSTEMS STRENGTHENING"



On December 14, 2024, UP's staff attended and presented their project for the "Young Leaders Program for Health Systems Strengthening," which was organized by the Global Financing Facility (GFF) and World Bank Group (WBG), Cambodia.

The Young Leaders Program is designed to provide a learning environment for aspiring young leaders who want to work in Cambodia's health sector as policymakers. This program is designed as a transformative learning process, in contrast to traditional training courses, wherein upcoming health policy leaders gather to comprehend the intricacies of the nation's social and health landscape and to recognize and learn how to use appropriate frameworks and tools to address the leadership challenges it faces in a way that is both adaptive and transformative, with the goal of long-term impact. This program has taken 6 months to complete, from June to December 2024.

Through tailored reflection/journaling exercises, participants were prompted to critically reflect on a personal level about their leadership obstacles, transformative practices, and experiences as young leaders, utilizing the concepts and competencies shared at the workshop.

In this final workshop, there are a number of projects presented by young leaders from different organizations that focus on health systems strengthening in Cambodia. In addition to the workshop's main subjects, this is a chance to network with scholars, researchers, and medical professionals from various organizations in order to discuss and exchange ideas about bolstering Cambodia's health system and to plan future joint ventures.

YEAR-4 AND YEAR-5 MEDICAL STUDENTS STARTING THEIR CLINICAL ROTATION IN THE HOSPITALS



The Faculty of Medicine has sent Year-4 and Year-5 medical students to the respective hospitals for the clinical rotation for the new academic year 2024-2025. The students have been divided into groups and assigned to different hospitals in Phnom Penh:

1. Khmer Soviet Friendship Hospital
2. Cambodia-China Friendship Preah Kossamak Hospital
3. Phnom Penh Municipal Health
4. Preah Ang Doung Hospital
5. Preah Ket Mealea Hospital
6. Cambodia Children Centre (CSC)

The Faculty of Medicine is hopeful that the students will enhance their clinical skills during this rotation in these esteemed hospitals.

MD STUDENTS SUCCESSFULLY DEFENDED THEIR THESIS



(Left to right): Mr. Dolchhan Makara, Mr. SIM TI, Mr. Soputhy Chansovannara, Assoc Prof. Saint Saly, Asst. Prof. Prom Vireak, Mr. Heng TaiMeng

We are pleased to announce that on the 24th of December 2024, a group of MD students Mr. Dolchhan Makara, Mr. SIM TI, and Mr. Heng TaiMeng, MD students from the University of Puthisastra (B6G2), have successfully defended their thesis was on Management and Outcome of Alcohol-Induced Acute Pancreatitis (AIAP) in the Department of Gastroenterology at Khmer Soviet Friendship Hospital 2019-2020. Their thesis was supervised by Dr. Dr. KEA SOKLENG, MD, MBAHM, Ph.D. The Thesis Examination Committee, chaired by Assoc.Prof. Prof. Saint Saly, included Asst. Prof. Dr. Prom Vireak and Mr. Soputhy Chansovannara, MPH.

Their study highlights a pressing public health issue in Cambodia, where per capita alcohol consumption reached 21 liters annually in 2018, contributing to a significant prevalence of AIAP, particularly among males (85.9%). Conducted at Khmer-Soviet Friendship Hospital (2019–2020), the research emphasizes conservative management approaches adhering to national guidelines, achieving favorable outcomes for mild cases but noting substantial mortality and complications in severe cases.

Their findings underscore the urgent need for improved diagnostic tools, such as consistent alcohol level testing and advanced imaging, and standardized evaluation with Ranson and BISAP scores. Additionally, the research calls for targeted strategies to reduce alcohol consumption and multidisciplinary studies to refine treatment protocols. This valuable contribution sets the stage for improved AIAP management and prevention in Cambodia, addressing a critical health concern and advancing the nation’s healthcare system. Congratulations again to the team for their impactful work!

FACULTY OF MEDICINE JOINED THE SOMA STAFF RETREAT 2024



Assistant Professor Prom Vireak led two senior medical students in participating in the SOMA Staff Retreat 2024, held in Siem Reap Province. Their mission was to provide general health checkups to villagers in Run Ta Ek Village, Siem Reap. The event saw the attendance of around 90 villagers, many of whom demonstrated a good understanding of healthy living, particularly in managing diabetes and hypertension.

the SOMA Staff Retreat 2024 also featured various activities, including challenging games, tours, charity work, and a gala dinner.

FACULTY OF MEDICINE CONDUCTING SIMULATION TRAINING FOR YEAR-5 STUDENTS BEFORE CLINICAL ROTATION STARTS



A total of 103 students actively engaged and practice in the simulation training before their clinical rotation. They were divided into small groups for morning and afternoon sessions and further subdivided for better engagement.

The training included rotations through three essential skills:

1. Basic Life Support in Child (CPR and Choking)
2. Reading Chest X-ray
3. Urine Catheter Insertion

Students were required to complete both a pre-test and a post-test to ensure they mastered the skills taught during the training sessions.

Medical professionals from both private and public hospitals participated as instructors, providing clinical demonstrations, and guidance, and sharing their skills and experiences with the students.

FACULTY OF MEDICINE CONDUCTING THE CLERKSHIP ORIENTATION TO YEAR-5 MEDICAL STUDENTS



Dr. Hieng Kosalthya provided the orientation about clerkship policies, the log book and extracurricular training the the year-5 medical students before their clinical rotation.

This orientation also outlined the training objectives, student responsibilities, and duties during their hospital rotations. Additionally, the session explained the criteria for training validation and assessment and emphasized the importance of completing the logbook. Dr. Thyda also mentioned about the processes that they student require to apply for elective program to hospitals in Thailand as well.

CELEBRATING DEDICATION AND SERVICE – RECOGNIZING 5 YEARS OF COMMITMENT AT THE FACULTY OF MEDICINE, UNIVERSITY OF PUTHISASTRA



The Faculty of Medicine at the University of Puthisastra (UP) proudly recognizes the exceptional contributions of its staff members who have dedicated five years of service to advancing medical education and healthcare in Cambodia. Their efforts have greatly contributed to the success of the university and its mission to train skilled and caring healthcare professionals.

These staff members have worked tirelessly to improve education and support students. As academic leaders, Asst. Prof. Prom Vireak, Asst. Prof. Thao Titya, and Asst. Prof. Yi Vannary have organized innovative educational initiatives, ensuring the faculty's programs remain at the forefront of medical training. While Mrs. Sorn Sreylen, Mrs. Sim Soeurn and Mr. Voch Somran have been instrumental in fostering an enriching learning environment and have provided critical administrative support that ensures smooth operations within the faculty.

As we approach the new year, UP extends heartfelt congratulations and gratitude to these dedicated professionals for their invaluable contributions. Their efforts embody the university's commitment to excellence in education and healthcare. We wish them continued success and fulfillment in their roles as they inspire future generations of medical practitioners. Let us all join in celebrating their remarkable service and dedication to UP.

ENHANCING ASSESSMENT QUALITY THROUGH VALIDATION PANELS: A COMMITMENT TO ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE



The Academic English team of the Faculty of Arts, Humanities, and Languages* ensures the quality of its assessments by establishing dedicated Validation Panels for each of the courses offered to other faculties. This approach aligns with the recent implementation of the newly developed Assessment for Learning Policy.

Each panel is composed of the program coordinator, the lecturer responsible for delivering the course, an internal evaluator who is the lecturer uninvolved in teaching the course, and, where applicable, the course outline developer and the test designer.

This diverse structure, bringing lecturers from varied backgrounds within the team, contributes significantly to enhancing the quality

and consistency of assessments. During the Validation Panel meetings for the first summative assessments, collaborative inputs were shared, potential gaps were identified, and valuable suggestions for the betterment of the assessments were made. Through these thorough discussions, the refined assessments appear to better support students' success, accurately reflect the intended learning outcomes, and ensure a fair and comprehensive evaluation of all aspects of learning.

By implementing Validation Panels, the Academic English team of the Faculty of Arts, Humanities, and Languages not only enhances the reliability and validity of the assessments but also reinforces its commitment to academic excellence. *Effective December 2024, this faculty has been officially renamed to the Faculty of Arts, Humanities, and Languages. Documents prior to December 2024 may refer to this faculty by its former name—Faculty of English Excellence and Employability.

UP DEPARTMENT OF RESEARCH: 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

UP Department of Research: 2024 Annual Report

The Department of Research (RD) has been actively promoting research activities and supporting research across UP's staff and students. The report outlines the work and significant achievements of the RD based on its key performance indicators in 2024.

- 50+** Research Publications
- 12** Research Conferences
- 2** Research Grants

Mr. Kong Sela, currently a research coordinator at the RD has actively involved in research and publications. In 2024, he published 5 articles in various peer-reviewed journals and 3 conference proceedings in the 13th Scientific Day of ITC. Kong Sela did a poster presentation entitled "Thermal stability of blending soybean oil with coconut oil during continuous deep-frying of banana chips" and also join other 2 posters as co-author in the 5th International Electronic Conference on Foods, hosted virtually on 28-30 October 2024. His publications mainly contributed as corresponding author and co-authors with the Institute of Technology of Cambodia and Insan Cendekia Mandiri University, Indonesia.

11 Papers published & posters presented

Mr. Kong Sela has produced 26 research publications in ResearchGate and 9 publications indexed in Scopus. Recently, he achieved 4 h-index in ResearchGate, Scopus, and Google Scholar.

Kong Sela, M.Eng.
Research Coordinator

"Research is infinite, even on our finite earth and I am committed to pursuing it throughout my lifetime".

The Department of Research (RD) plays a pivotal role in promoting a research culture, coordinating research activities, and strengthening research capacity among UP's staff and students. This report briefly outlines the work and significant achievements of the RD based on its key performance indicators in 2024.

INVIGILATE GUIDELINES TRAINING

Invigilator's Guideline

By: ICT Faculty
Date: 14 December 2024
Time: 9:00AM-11:00AM

The Faculty of ICT at the University of Puthisastra conducted a comprehensive training session for lecturers on invigilation guidelines. The initiative aimed to standardize practices and ensure a consistent process during the upcoming Assessment 1 period. With the preparation well underway, the university is set to conduct Assessment 1 smoothly and effectively, ensuring a fair and supportive environment for all students.

Zoom Meeting Participants: TAM Sakirin, TEM Channat, KHON Mantha, QUM Saokosal, KHOEM Sambath, TAN Seryvuth, Piseth Sok, 5 others, CHEM Sokea.

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FACULTY OF ICT ENGAGES IN DISCUSSIONS WITH IBLOOMING TO EXPLORE COLLABORATION OPPORTUNITIES



The Faculty of ICT of the University of Puthisastra held a productive meeting with IBlooming to explore potential collaboration opportunities. The discussion centered around leveraging the expertise of both entities to foster innovation, enhance learning experiences, and contribute to the advancement of technology in Cambodia. Both parties agreed to further refine the collaboration framework and schedule follow-up meetings to discuss detailed plans and action points. This partnership is expected to open new opportunities for students and faculty alike, fostering a culture of innovation and growth in the ICT field. The Faculty of ICT continues to seek strategic partnerships with leading organizations to enhance its

programs and provide students with meaningful exposure to the industry, preparing them for successful careers in the ever-evolving field of technology.

THE 4TH ANNUAL TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER FORUM IN CAMBODIA



Faculty of ICT members and students joined The 4th Annual Technology Transfer Forum in Cambodia hosted by The Ministry of Industry, Science, Technology & Innovation (MISTI) .

The Forum focused on technology commercialization, bridging innovative technologies with showcase opportunities. This forum supports Cambodia's Science, Technology, and Innovation (STI) Roadmap 2030 and the Royal Government's Pentagonal Strategy-Phase I for socio-economic development. This year's forum discussed policy frameworks and support components necessary for promoting technology development and to foster collaboration between government, industry, and academia to drive commercialization efforts

FACULTY OF NURSING & MIDWIFERY CONDUCTS TEAM-BUILDING PLANNING



A successful team-building & strategic planning session was held at Preuk Sa, Phnom Penh, where our faculty members came together to reflect on the past year, set goals for 2025, and plan for the future of our department!

🌟 Key Highlights:

- 1 Reflecting on Achievements & Challenges – We discussed last year's successes and areas for improvement.
- 2 Setting Clear Goals for 2025 – Actionable plans and timelines to enhance our department's performance.
- 3 Improving Student Learning – Focusing on innovative teaching methods and development opportunities for our students.
- 4 Addressing Key Challenges – Identifying obstacles and planning ways to overcome them in the upcoming year.
- 5 Collaboration & Accountability – Everyone has a role to play in our collective success.

We are excited to continue fostering excellence in nursing and midwifery education. Here's to a successful year ahead!

#Nursing #Midwifery #StrategicPlanning #Teamwork #UniversityOfPuthisastra #2025Goals #EducationExcellence #StudentSuccess #FacultyDevelopment

NURSES & MIDWIVES STUDENT CAREER DAY 2024



On December 12, 2024, the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery proudly hosted Student Career Day 2024, a transformative event aimed at guiding final-year students in shaping their career paths and preparing them for the professional world. Held in the university Hall-B, the event featured a lineup of esteemed speakers and an engaged audience eager to learn from industry leaders.

The program began with a warm welcome and opening remarks from Ms. Kem Sokunthea, the Acting Head of the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery. In her speech, Ms. Sokunthea emphasized the significance of making informed career decisions and encouraged students to embrace the wealth of knowledge shared by the distinguished speakers. "Your career is a reflection of your passion and commitment," she stated, urging students to take advantage of the day to explore the opportunities ahead.

The event featured an impressive panel of guest speakers:

- Ms. Ken Prohm vibossny, HR Supervisor, shared insights on aligning career goals with market demands, preparing CV & interview.
- Mr. Kap Noeun, Deputy Head of the Cambodian Nursing Council, highlighted the evolving role of nursing in healthcare and the importance of professional ethics and application in the Cambodian council nursing.
- Mr. Pak Sopheak, Deputy Chief of Nursing at Khmer-Soviet Friendship Hospital, provided advice on excelling in clinical settings and delivering patient-centered care.
- Mr. Preou Chiva, Chief of Committee Administration & Medical Concierge at Japan Sunrise Hospital, discussed the integration of administrative and medical roles in modern healthcare and career alignment.
- Mr. Kenneth Earl Dizon, RN, MAN, and Nursing Director of Intercare Hospital, inspired students with strategies for career preparation and growth in healthcare environments.

The day concluded with a Q&A session, allowing students to connect directly with the speakers. The event not only motivated participants but also provided practical guidance, leaving them empowered to choose career paths that align with their aspirations. Student Career Day 2024 was a resounding success, marking a pivotal moment for the future healthcare leaders in attendance.

QLTS/VOICE OF UP LIBRARY EVENT DECEMBER 2024



On December 25, 2024, the UP Library, in collaboration with Student Services, hosted a heartwarming Christmas Day celebration. Students and staff were invited to join in fun activities, including solving Khmer riddles and playing Jenga, with the chance to win chocolates, sweets, and various gifts. The campus was filled with smiles and laughter, embodying the spirit of love and togetherness that UP fosters. These activities weren't just about games; they were opportunities to connect, learn, and share joyful moments with one another. The event demonstrated how simple acts of sharing and caring can bring people closer together and create lasting memories.

FROM CLASSROOM TO CARE: A DENTAL ADVENTURE AT KOH KROBEY



On December 18, 2024, 10 dental students from the Faculty of Dentistry of the University of Puthisastra visited primary school kids at Koh Krobey Primary School organized by the Student Services Unit. This is the last student mission at the end of 2024. Our dental students turned the classrooms into a dental clinic to provide teeth health care to the kids. The activities included:

- Check-up level 1
- Fluoride Application
- Oral Health Instruction (OHI)

As we work to promote and inform future generations about the value of oral health, this mission represents a significant end to our 2024 student mission. We appreciate the commitment of our student volunteers and the opportunity to serve the community provided by Koh KrBey Primary School!

THE UNIVERSITY OF PUTHISAstra (UP) WISHES UPERS A MERRY CHRISTMAS!



The University of Puthisastra (UP) spread some festive cheer among its students and staff. The campus was filled with excitement as a special Christmas celebration was hosted by the Student Services Unit, which collaborated with UP Library and Project Sa'bai. Everyone came with joy to get free candy and chocolate. With hearts full of cheer and bags full of sweets, UPers left the celebration feeling connected and ready to embrace the holiday season. Merry Christmas from the University of Puthisastra! May your days be filled with love, laughter, and plenty of treats!

THE MEMOIR PROPOSAL DEFENSE OF BRIDGING BACHELOR IN MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNOLOGY, GROUP 1, BATCH 1



On Monday, December 16th, 2024, the Bridging Bachelor Degree in Medical Laboratory Technology (BBL), group 1, batch 1 of the University of Puthisastra (UP) completed their Memoir Proposal Defense. The presentation was delivered by Mr. UON Ratanakbandit, Mr. VON Rietrey, Ms. SREY Kong, and Mr. SOK Menghort under the topic "Detection of Mycobacterium Tuberculosis and Rifampicin Resistance Using Gene Xpert Mtb/Rfi Assay From 2022 To 2023 At Oudong Referral Hospital" which supervised by Mr. Chhoun Pheak, Master of Public Health.

The thesis examiners are:

- Mr. Kong Sela, Research Staff, and UP Research Committee
- Mr. Yem Vuthy, Senior Laboratory Science Staff
- Ms. Heng Sreyly, Full-time lecturer, at the University of Puthisastra

The memoir proposal's defense was also opened to public and students who are interested on the research topic to attended as the honorable guest.

For more information about the program: Please contact us via telegram group BBL Information UP (<https://t.me/+YeTt4dLginM3ZTFI>)

For more information about Admission: Please contact us via telegram group UP Admissions (<https://t.me/UPAdmissions>)

UP'S LABORATORY SCIENCES STAFF PUBLISHED A RESEARCH ARTICLE IN THE CAMBODIA JOURNAL OF PUBLIC HEALTH



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The Level 2 Quality of Care Assessment at Referral Hospitals in Kampong Thom, Kampot, and Kep Provinces

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Abstract

The Level 2 Quality of Care Assessment (L2QCA) was conducted from May to October 2015 among 52 Referral Hospitals and 543 Health Centers across 15 provinces and Phnom Penh Municipality led by the Ministry of Health (MOH) and received technical support from URC and financial support for the Health Sector Support Program phase 2 (HSSP2). The assessment collected baseline data on the quality of care, mainly the process of care, routinely offered at public health facilities using the tools initially developed by URC and later adopted by the MOH. The result from baseline has been used extensively to improve the tools more responsive to the context at health facilities, as well as to better reflect new and updated guidelines and/or standard operation procedures and also as baseline for Health Equity and Quality Improvement Program (H-EQIP) which have recently implemented throughout Cambodia in for 2016-2020.

Mr. Say Siniith, Laboratory Sciences Program Manager, at the Faculty of Health Sciences and Biotechnology, the University of Puthisastra (UP), published a research article in Cambodia Journal of Public Health (CJPH).

The title of the article is "The Level 2 Quality of Care Assessment at Referral Hospitals in Kampong Thom, Kampot, and Kep Provinces" in No. 25A, Vol. 5, published 22 November 2024 which is available online at <https://cjph.niph.org.kh/index.php/cjph/article/view/390>.

Cambodia Journal of Public Health (CJPH) is the first public health and health-related peer-reviewed journal in Cambodia published online, with open access and no article processing charge (APC). The objectives of the CJPH are to initiate a culture of academic publication among students, faculty members, and researchers in Cambodia to increase the visibility of their public health and health-related efforts, both nationally and internationally.

HEALTH SCIENCES AND BIOTECHNOLOGY IN UP'S CAREER DAY 2024



On December 11, 2024, the Faculty of Health Sciences and Biotechnology proudly hosted Career Day 2024 for Laboratory Sciences and Science Research students. The event aimed at guiding students in shaping their career paths and preparing them for the professional world. The program started with a warm welcome and opening remarks from Mr. Be Sokkeang, Science Research Program Manager, and Mr. Say Sinith, Laboratory Sciences Program Manager.

The event featured an impressive panel of guest speakers who discussed the topics below:

Topic 1: "How to Write a Good CV" presented by Mrs. Men Souphornpheap, HR & Facilities Director of Dynamic Advance Group

Topic 2: "Preparing for the Interview" as a panel discussion by Mr. Be Sokkeang, Mrs. Men Souphornpheap, and Mrs. Ken Prohmivibossny, HR Supervisor of UP.

The day concluded with a Q&A session, allowing students to connect directly with the speakers. The event not only motivated participants but also provided practical guidance, leaving them empowered to choose career paths that align with their aspirations.

PROVIDE DENTAL SCREENING AND ORAL HEALTH EDUCATION



From December 8th -12th, 2024, a team consisting of two members from the Collaborating Center for Innovation in Population Oral Health (CIPO) and five dental students conducted dental screenings and provided oral health education. The initiative was overseen by Dr. Sieng Chanthyda, Co-Director of CIPO.

Over the five-day period, the team completed screenings and oral health education at two primary schools in Kampong Chhnang, serving approximately 1,000 children, and at one center in Kandal province, around 200 children.

Providing oral health care to children promotes overall health, improves school performance, prevents future dental issues, boosts self-esteem, and encourages lifelong healthy habits. The benefits extend far beyond the mouth, contributing to better quality of life.

PROVIDE LEVEL 3 DENTAL TREATMENT TO CHAKTOMUK PRIMARY SCHOOL



The Collaborating Center for Innovation in Population Oral Health (CIPO), along with eight dental students, provided Level 3 dental treatments to children at Chaktomuk.

This initiative was supervised by Dr. Sieng Chanthyda, Co-Director of CIPO. Over the course of five days, the team successfully treated 102 children with Level 3 procedures. Additionally, the team delivered oral health education to the children, who benefited greatly from the support of Ivoclar. We extend our sincere gratitude to Ivoclar for their invaluable contribution to this effort.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM UP ATTEND 35TH ANNUAL SEAADE CONFERENCE IN KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA



On 25th-27th November, Professor Anand Marya and Adjunct Associate Professor Magnus Wilson participated in the annual conference of the South East Asia Association for Dental Education in Kuala Lumpur. This year's conference was attended by over 450 people, the highest on record.

The activities included workshops, lectures by distinguished faculties of numerous universities in Southeast Asia, student poster and focus group presentations, and meetings of various committees within SEAADE. Professor Marya was honored by his election as the country representative for Cambodia, receiving the highest number of votes for any such representative.

Dr Magnus had the opportunity to visit the University of Malaysia School of Dentistry campus, as well as to network with several university deans to discuss their Special Needs Dental programs.

All attendees were treated to delicious meals and cultural events representative of the rich culture of Malaysia.

Next year's SEAADE conference will take place in Taipei, Taiwan.

SILVER DIAMINE FLUORIDE (SDF) DEMONSTRATION MEETING IN KAMPONG SPEU PROVINCE



The Collaborating Center for Innovation in Population Oral Health (CIPO) at the University of Puthisastra held a meeting in Kampong Speu Province regarding the application of Silver Diamine Fluoride (SDF) to prevent dental caries in primary school children.

This initiative is the first demonstration project aligned with the National Action Plan for Oral Health 2023-2030, which aims to strengthen and promote oral health care programs within school settings.

The meeting was attended by 23 participants, including representatives from the Oral Health Bureau of the Ministry of Health, the School Health Department, the Provincial Department of Education, Youth, and Sports, the Deputy Chief of Kampong Speu Referral Hospital, and school directors.

Dr. Sieng Chanthyda, Co-Director of CIPO, and Dr. Keat Phearum from Kampong Speu Referral Hospital presented an overview of the project and shared the results of the past year's activities. The meeting also featured discussions on challenges encountered and potential solutions to improve the initiative, with plans to expand the program to four primary schools in 2025.

The team visited two additional primary schools, Anuvat and Rokatom, to discuss with school directors and teachers how they can support the dentists in delivering oral health care.

DENTAL TREATMENT AT TUOL TOMPOUNG 2ND PRIMARY SCHOOL



The Collaborating Center for Innovation in Population Oral Health (CIPO), along with eight dental students, provided advanced dental care to children at Tuol Tompoung 2nd Primary School.

Under the supervision of Dr. Sieng Chanthyda, Dr. Horm Sothearak, and the CIPO team, they treated 98 children over five days with Level 3 dental procedures, including fillings, sealants, and silver diamine fluoride (SDF) applications.

The team also conducted oral health education sessions for the students. Special thanks go to Ivoclar for their vital support, helping to bring brighter smiles to Cambodian children through the Ivoclar Joy in Asia program.