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The Official Newsletter of the University of Puthisastra (UP)



University of Puthisastra (UP) is pleased to introduce a revised organizational structure, effective January 1, 2025, aimed at strengthening efficiency, enhancing collaboration, and reinforcing its commitment to academic and operational excellence.

The new structure maintains the leadership of Prof. Ian Rouse, UP President & Vice-Chancellor. The framework introduces key updates, refining roles and responsibilities across departments to better serve students, faculty, and stakeholders.

Key Highlights of the New Structure

- *Vice President for Academic Affairs*, led by Prof. Chea Sin, who continues overseeing Faculties & Teaching Departments and Academic & Compliance Committees. This complements the Vice President for Student Experience – Currently vacant, this role underscores UP's commitment to student engagement and support services, including Registrar, Student Services, E-Learning, and Counselling.
- *Strengthened overall Operations* – Mr. Yam Prasith now serves as Director of Operations, overseeing Administration, Human Resources, Marketing, and Information Technology, ensuring UP's operational backbone supports its strategic vision.
- *Engagement & Partnerships* – Ms. Rien Samrithyda leads as Director of Engagement & Partnerships, focusing on Legal & Compliance, External Relations and Partnerships, and Internal Quality to enhance UP's academic reputation and external collaborations.
- *Financial and Research Excellence* – Mr. Ky Sovutda assumes the role of Director of Finance, managing financial operations, while Dr. Michael Renfrew continues as Director of Research, driving research initiatives and academic publications.

This restructuring aligns UP's internal processes with its long-term strategic goals, fostering a more student-centric, research-driven, and operationally efficient institution. The changes will enhance UP's ability to support students, faculty, and stakeholders while reinforcing its position as a leading university in Cambodia's higher education landscape.

CONGRATULATIONS TO PROFESSOR CHEA SIN ON THE NEW APPOINTMENT AS VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS



The Faculty of Pharmacy at Puthisastra University extends our heartfelt congratulations to Professor Chea Sin on assuming the prestigious position of Vice President in charge of Academic Affairs, overseeing and leading all faculties at the university. On this special occasion, Professor Chea Sin shared a heartfelt farewell message with pharmacy students, graduates, faculty members, and staff:

Message from Professor Chea Sin

"Dear students

For 12 wonderful years—over 9 years full-time and more than 2 years part-time—I have had the privilege of being part of the Pharmacy family at UP. Time truly flies, and with it comes change.

This change means that I will no longer have the opportunity to teach, guide, and work closely with all of you as before. My new role as Vice President for Academic Affairs, managing and leading all faculties at UP, comes with immense honor and responsibility. While I am saddened to step away from my direct involvement with the Faculty of Pharmacy, my heart will always remain with this family.

I have cherished every moment of teaching, advising, and contributing to the growth of our Faculty of Pharmacy. It has been my dream to see our faculty flourish and advance to international standards. Although I will not be present in the same capacity, I will continue to support and inspire from afar, offering guidance, sharing knowledge, and fostering vision for the next generation. I encourage the Faculty of Pharmacy to build upon the foundation we've laid together, to maintain our achievements, and to explore new avenues for development. Let us strive to bring our faculty closer to the standards of developed nations.

I wish all of you—students, graduates, and colleagues—happiness, good health, and success in all your endeavors. Thank you for the unforgettable memories and the trust you've placed in me over the years.

With gratitude and hope,
Your former dean who always thinks of and cares for your future,

Professor Chea Sin's biography

Prof. Chea Sin, Dean of Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Puthisastra (UP), Cambodia

Prof. Chea Sin completed his Bachelor Degree in Pharmacy in 2002 at University of Health Sciences (UHS), Cambodia, and then a Master in Public Health at National Institute of Public Health, Cambodia, and a Master of Education at Panhasastra University of Cambodia (PUC). In August, 2006, he graduated in Doctor of Specialized Pharmacy in hospital pharmacy from University of Health Sciences, Cambodia and University of Mediterranean, France. He had been working as an intern of pharmacy in Martigues hospital in France for 18 months (November 2004 to April 2006). He started his professional career as a store and stock manager for all U-Care pharmacies in Cambodia in April 2006. From October, 2006 to January 2012, he had been working for RHAC (Reproductive Health Association of Cambodia) as an Inventory Control Manager and Procurement Team Leader. At that time, he was also a member of national contraceptives security working group at the Ministry of Health, Cambodia. From February to June 2012, he had been working as an Associate Editor/ Editing and Production Manager/Member of Management Team for PSP (Ponleu Sokhapheap Organization). In that organization, he was an Associate Editor for Cambodian Journal of Nursing and Midwifery (CJNM) and Cambodian Journal of Medicine (CJM).

From July 2012 to May 2015, he had been working for PharmaProduct Manufacturing (PPM) as R&D Manager, Deputy General Manager, and Director of Quality Management, R&D, and Regulatory Affairs, and GMP project leader.

From June 2015 till now, he has been working for University of Puthisastra (UP) as Head of Pharmacy, Deputy Director of Research Committee, Dean of Faculty of Health Sciences in charge of Medicine, Pharmacy, and medical laboratory, Chair of Curriculum Advisory Committee, and finally as Dean of Faculty of Pharmacy, Chair of Academic Board and Deputy Director of Research Committee for UP. He is also a professor at college of biology, Hunan University (China), a member of Board of Directors for Asian Association of School of Pharmacy, and a member of Board of Directors for ASEAN Association of School of Medical Technology. Meanwhile, he has also been a member of editorial board for ASEAN Journal of Pharmacognosy, member of Board Director for the French Society of Clinical Pharmacy, Elsevier Journal, member of Editorial Advisory Board and Editorial Board for the journal "Current Trends in Pharmaceutical Research [CTPR], board member of Phnom Penh Pharmacy Council, and Vice President of Regional Pharmacy Council for region 1, which covers Phnom Penh, Kandal, Kampong Chhnang, and Kampong Speu. Until now he has been publishing more than 100 papers locally and internationally and supervised 6 Master Theses.

He has edited four issues of local journals and 12 issues of international journal. He has supervised 15 research projects. So far, he has received five awards: RHAC best performer award for 2010 (best performed staff of the year), Excellence Performance for 2015 from University of Puthisastra' president, the Cambodian youth role model appointed by Prime Minister Hun Sen. In 2019, the gold medal forms Prime Minister Hun Sen for his contribution to the building of Cambodian nation.

And finally, on December 08, 2020, he received the 2020 Global Pharmacy Champion award from the Vennue Foundation, US-based NGO, working to build a stronger global pharmacy workforce, for his extraordinary contributions in the fields of international pharmacy education and patient-centered healthcare.

CONGRATULATIONS MRS. TUN SREYPEOV ON HER APPOINTMENT AS DEAN OF THE FACULTY OF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY, UNIVERSITY OF PUTHISASTRA

The Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery at the University of Puthisastra extends its heartfelt congratulations to Mrs. Tun Sreypeov, a Master in nursing, on being appointed Dean of the Faculty.

This appointment reflects the immense dedication of Mrs. Tun Sreypeov to the field of nursing. It is truly an honor for the faculty to have such an influential and insightful leader at the helm.

To celebrate this significant achievement, the Faculty of Nursing and midwifery staff hosted a special gathering in Mrs. Tun Sreypeov's honor, bringing together colleagues to mark the beginning of this exciting new chapter.

On behalf of Faculty Nursing and Midwifery members and all the staff, we extend our warm congratulations to Mrs. Tun Sreypeov.

We wish you continued good health, success, and fulfillment in all your responsibilities in this new position.

Quote: *_a leader guided by compassion, ethics, and a steadfast commitment to advancing nursing education at the University of Puthisastra.*



CONGRATULATIONS TO ASST. PROF. CHHEA SOPHEAROM ON HIS APPOINTMENT AS DEAN OF THE FACULTY OF PHARMACY



The Faculty of Pharmacy at University of Puthisastra extends our warmest congratulations to Asst. Prof. Chhea Sophearom on his appointment as Dean of the Faculty of Pharmacy.

We are confident that under his leadership, the Faculty of Pharmacy will continue to achieve excellence in education, research, and community service.

Asst. Prof. Chhea Sophearom previously worked as Assistant Dean at University of Puthisastra (UP) in charge of Academics, operation and internship. He has given an outstanding performance in his position. As in 2019, he received EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR-Academic (exceptional performance) from University of Puthisastra. 11 years in education, he is one of the key people in developing the curriculum, preparing short courses, and opening new programs (Master of Pharmaceutical Sciences and Master of Medical Biology) and managing all academic affairs. He has led 40 workshops/training both local and international. He plays important role in communicating with international lecturers (France, US, India, UK, Thailand, etc). He also has experience in designing laboratories such as Organic Chemistry, Inorganic Chemistry, Medical Biology, Pharmacognosy, and Pharmaceutical Technology. He has built a strong network with hospitals and pharmaceutical industries to find clerkship/internship places for students.

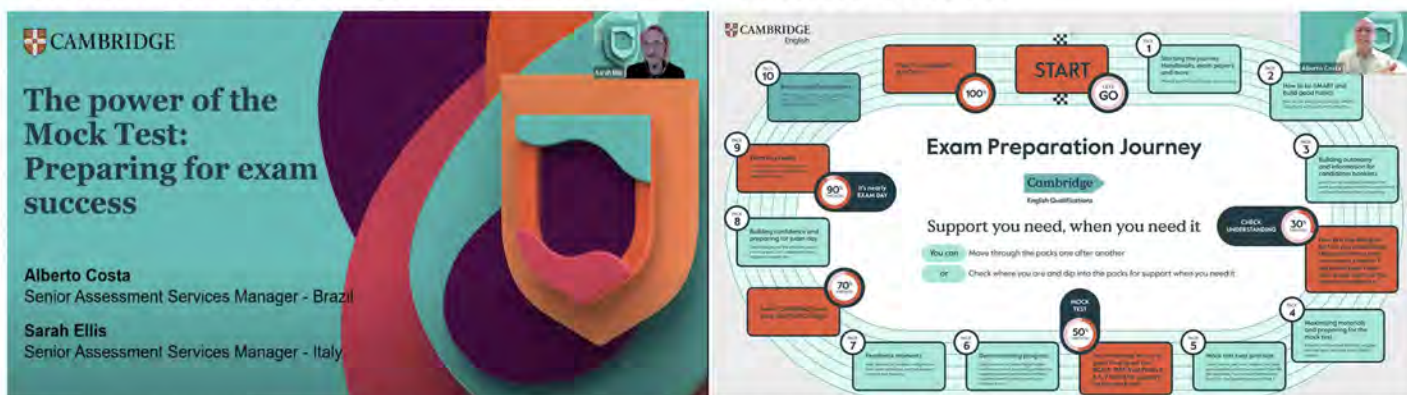
He has 8-year experience in research, he has been contributing significant achievements to UP regarding quality advancement in research. He has published more than 10 abstracts and full text publications in conference proceedings and journals. He has been an organizing committee for the research conference for 4 years. Since 2015, he has led 29 projects. 13 of them were research projects. His last implemented project entitled Community Outreach in Mondulkiri province; Cambodia, costed USD 62,954.05. He has great leadership and strong commitment to upgrade research in Cambodia.

He obtained a Bachelor of Education in Teaching English as Foreign Language (TEFL). His French language proficiency is DELF B1. He also received pharmacist degree and He holds a Master of Science in Epidemiology. He used to receive several scholarships and awards. He won full scholarship "Master of Pharmacy" from Airlangga University, Indonesia and full scholarship "bachelor's degree in pharmacy".

11 years of experiences, he has actively worked in various positions such as educator, trainer, researcher, pharmacist, laboratory technician, translator, lecturer, project leader and assistant Dean.

Congratulations once again to Asst. Prof. Chhea Sophearom.

EXAM PREPARATION: THE ROLE OF MOCK TESTS



Attending the recent Cambridge webinar, The Power of the Mock Test: Preparing for Exam Success, led by Alberto Costa and Sarah Elliish, was an insightful experience. It reinforced how mock tests are not just assessment tools but learning opportunities.

This webinar is incredibly relevant to the higher education system. Mock tests help us pinpoint students' strengths and areas of growth, allowing us to provide feedback that guides their study efforts. Timing these tests mid-course ensures students have enough time to address gaps and build confidence before their final exams.

An important takeaway from this webinar is that there are plenty available for educators via Cambrddige's Exam Preparation Journey Hob and Mock Test Toolkit. These include sample tests, study templates, and lesson plans that make exam preparation structured and effective.

These tools support in structuring the exam preparation process while familiarizing students with exam formats and conditions through creative approaches like simulations and group activities.

This webinar is a reminder of the impact we can have by aligning assessment with teaching and learning. Mock tests are more than just practice. They are pathways to success, helping students gain the skills and confidence they need to excel.

FIELD STUDY FOR THE STUDY TOUR, COMMUNITY WORK AND CHARITY PROJECT IN RATANAKIRI PROVINCE



On December 23-25, 2024, Ms. Tang Sovannarath, Pharmacy Rotation Officer, Dr. SO Visessakseth, Head of Pharmacognosy, Ms. Phuy Meyli, Full-time Lecturer, Mr. Cheng Singlay, and Mr. Loun Chanra, 5th year Bachelor of Pharmacy students at the Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Puthisastra, did field study in Ratanakiri Province.

The field trip lasted 3 days, with the team departing from Phnom Penh to Ratanakiri Province at 5:00 AM on December 23, 2024 and returning to Phnom Penh at 9:30 PM on December 25, 2025. During the field study, the team completed tasks and collected a lot of information for the Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Puthisastra, in order to prepare the Study Tour, Community Work and Charity Project in Ratanakiri Province in January 2025 more smoothly. The travel routes that the team studied included two routes.

The first route was from University of Puthisastra, Phnom Penh to Ban Long City, Ratanakiri Province, traveling through Skun, Krutchar, Kratie City, and O Pongmuan. The second route was from Ban Long City, Ratanakiri Province, back to Phnom Penh, traveling through O Pongmuan, Tbong Khmum Province, and Prek Tamak Bridge. During these 3 days, in addition to studying about accommodation and food, the team also

- Visited the administrative office of Ratanakiri Provincial School to submit a letter requesting permission to implement the project.
- Visited the Director of Ratanakiri Provincial Referral Hospital and the team to request and discuss the study tour of students at the Ratanakiri Provincial Referral Hospital.
- Visited the Director of Hun Sen Phum Thmey Primary School to request and discuss the examination of intestinal worms for students at Hun Sen Phum Thmey Primary School and health education and charity to students.
- Visited the village head and the head of Sangkat Yak Lom, Ban Long City, Ratanakiri Province to request and discuss health screening, health education, gift distribution, and information gathering from the people and traditional healers on the use of modern and traditional medicines.
- Study the location for medicinal plant voucher specimens in Beoung Yak Lom.
- Study the location of Botum Moni Vannaram Temple (Roka Kandal), Phnom Svay Resort, Ou'Sean Lair Waterfall Resort.

A PHARMACY TEAM CONSISTING OF ONE STAFF MEMBER AND 17 STUDENTS FROM THE FACULTY OF PHARMACY, UNIVERSITY OF PUTHISAstra, ACTIVELY VOLUNTEERED IN SEVEN HEALTH CHECKUP EVENTS HELD IN COLLABORATION WITH THE SUNRISE FOUNDATION CHARITY



In 2024, a dedicated team comprising one staff member and 17 pharmacy students from the Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Puthisastra, actively participated as volunteers 7 times in a series of health checkup events organized in collaboration with the Sunrise Foundation Charity.

These health checkups were conducted seven times in rural areas across two provinces, Kompong Speu and Kompong Cham.

These dedicated efforts provided vital healthcare services to more than 1,000 individuals, addressing the medical needs of underserved communities, especially medicine dispensing. In addition to our pharmacist's significant contribution to this charity to guide patients with the 5 Rs of medication,

1. The right patient
2. The right drug
3. The right dose
4. The right route of administration
5. The right time

This initiative significantly benefited society by improving access to healthcare in remote areas, raising awareness about health and wellness, and fostering a culture of preventive care.

The activity not only enhanced the well-being of local populations but also allowed students to gain practical experience, develop a deeper understanding of rural healthcare challenges, and contribute to creating a healthier, more equitable society.

ADVANCES TALENT ATTRACTION GUIDELINES FOR CAMBODIA'S GROWTH PARTICIPATION

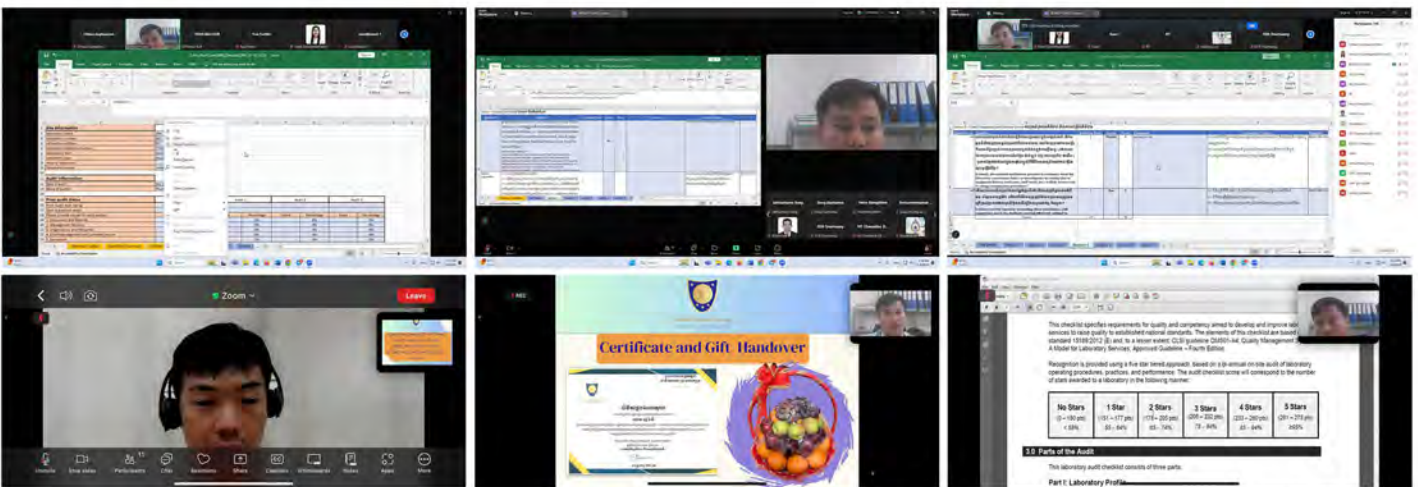


On December 20, 2021, Dr. So Vissesakseth, a head of pharmacognosy of Pharmacy faculty, participated in Advances Talent Attraction Guidelines for Cambodia's Growth, organized by the Ministry of Industry, Science, Technology & Innovation (MISTI).

The workshop was presided over by Minister HEM Vandy, and the event was attended by representatives of ministries, institutions, the private sector and development partners to discuss and validate the guidelines targeting to attract experts in key fields such as science, technology, health and engineering, etc.

Attracting talent for Cambodia is essential for building the entire national society.

WEBINAR ON THE USE OF THE CAMBODIAN LABORATORY QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (CAMLQMS)



On January 6, 2025, the Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Puthisastra organized a webinar on the use of the Cambodian Laboratory Quality Management System (CamLQMS) assessment tool.

The workshop was opened by Assistant Professor Chhea Sophearom, Dean of the Faculty of Pharmacy, and Mr. Khum Ravy, the guest speaker. The webinar was attended by 19 master's degree students from batches 1 and 2 in Medical Biology.

Its objective was to share experiences and highlight key points in using the CamLQMS assessment tool.

ANNOUNCEMENT: CALL FOR DONATIONS

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More Information <https://www.puthisastra.edu.kh/faculty-of-pharmacy>

The Faculty of Pharmacy at Puthisastra University is pleased to announce that 570 lecturers, students, and staff are organizing a study tour, community outreach, and charity project in Ratanakiri Province from January 21 to 24, 2025. The activities will take place in Vern Sai District, Lum Phat District, Ta Veng District, and Balong City, with the following objectives:

1. Research on Khmer Traditional Medicines
Explore the Boeung Yeak Lom and Thmar Orom Ban areas to study and document Khmer traditional medicine
2. Parasite Studies
Conduct research on parasites through fecal analysis.
3. Study Visits to Healthcare Facilities
Visit the Ratanakiri Provincial Referral Hospital, District Referral Hospitals, and Health Centers to understand local healthcare practices.
4. Medicine and Health Awareness
 - o Review the usage, storage, and management of medicines in the community.
 - o Provide education on the prevention and risks of diabetes and hypertension.
5. Health Education and Charity Programs
Organize health education campaigns and distribute educational materials to community members, including school children. We respectfully invite Your Excellencies, Professors, Lecturers, Students, and fellow citizens to support this charitable initiative by donating:

- Medicines or medical equipment
- Educational materials or souvenirs
- Monetary contributions
- New or gently used clothing

Your contributions will enable the Faculty of Pharmacy to provide free health services and distribute essential items to community members in need. For donations or inquiries, please contact us at Phone:

- 010 485 461
- 093 334 848
- 087 617 070
- 012 485 461

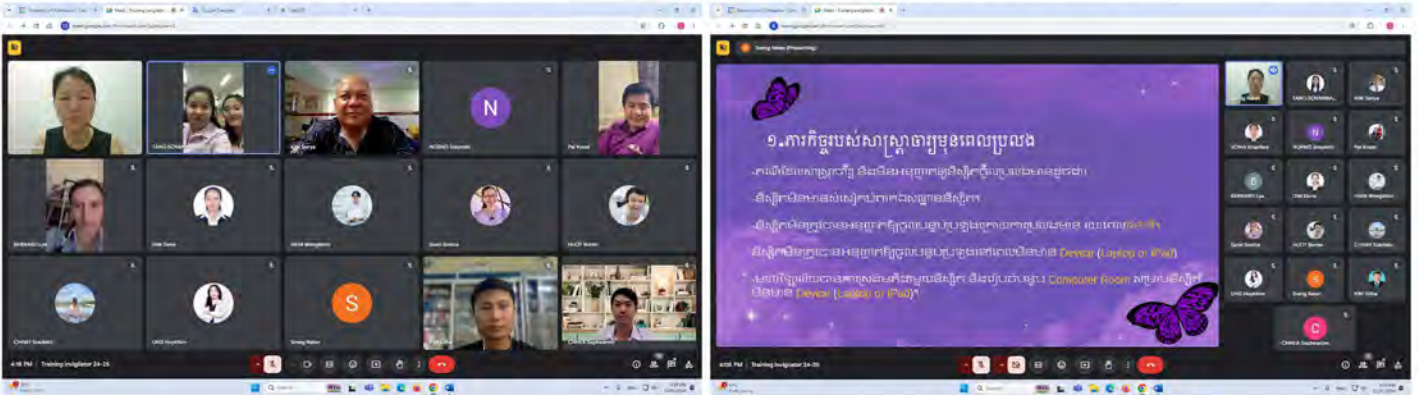
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Thank you for your generosity and support in making this initiative successful.

INVIGILATOR TRAINING AT FACULTY OF PHARMACY

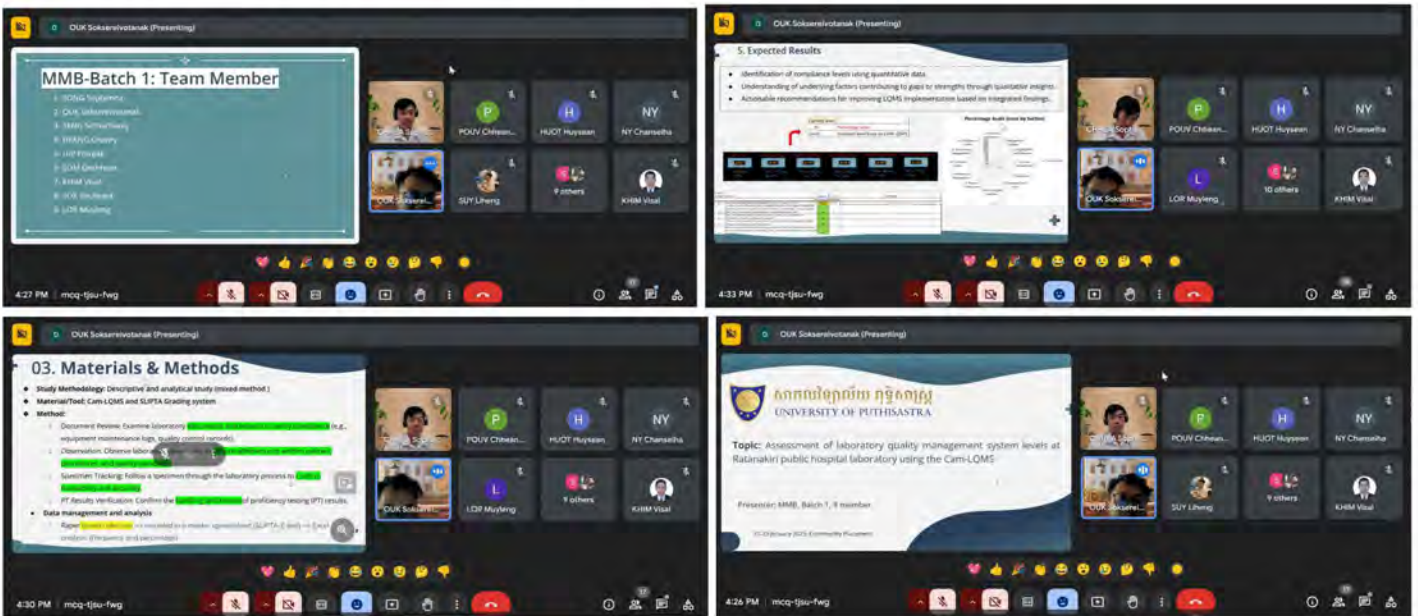


On December 31, 2024, the Faculty of Pharmacy at UP organized an invigilator training session. The event was attended by Assistant Professor Chhea Sophearom, representing Professor Chea Sin, Dean of the Faculty of Pharmacy, along with faculty members and both full-time and part-time lecturers teaching undergraduate and graduate programs in the academic year: 2024-2025.

The training aimed to enhance the quality of student examinations, focusing on examination procedures, maintaining discipline during examinations, the duties and responsibilities of invigilators, and examination policies.

This training is expected to significantly strengthen the quality, transparency, and integrity of the examination process within the Faculty of Pharmacy.

THE PRESENTATION ON CAMLQMS CHECKLIST



On December 30, 2024, master's students in medical biology from Batch 1 and Batch 2 presented a checklist to evaluate the laboratory quality management system (CamLQMS) during their community placement.

The students delivered outstanding presentations on the CamLQMS checklist, introducing its 12 sessions and grading system.

For 2025, the students plan to conduct their community placement from December 21 to 24 in Ratanakiri Province.

Their performance during the placement will be evaluated both individually and as a team, covering all aspects from the beginning to the end of the program.

THE PHARMA-CAREER CLUB, FACULTY OF PHARMACY, ORGANIZED

A SHARING SESSION UNDER THE THEME: WRITING AN EFFECTIVE CURRICULUM VITAE (CV) BY MS. CHHUON SAMEAN AT KOSPO ROOM, BUILDING B, PUTHISAstra UNIVERSITY FROM 13:00 TO 14:00.



The Faculty of Pharmacy at the University of Puthisastra extends its heartfelt gratitude to V.S. Medical Lab and Ucare Pharmacy for their generous sponsorship of the Study Tour, Community Outreach, and Charity Project, which will be held on January 21-24, 2025, in Ratanakiri Province.

V.S. Medical Lab has contributed \$400 and Ucare Pharmacy has contributed \$200 toward this meaningful initiative. The project will focus on the following key activities:

1. Research on traditional Khmer medicines in Boeung Yeak Loam.
2. Research on parasites.
3. A visit to the Ratanakiri Provincial Referral Hospital.
4. Review of medicine usage, storage practices, and educational outreach on the risks of diabetes and hypertension.
5. Education and charity programs.

The Faculty of Pharmacy is deeply appreciative of the support and goodwill shown by V.S. Medical Lab and Ucare Pharmacy. May both organizations be blessed with prosperity, happiness, and abundant success. Furthermore, may they receive the four blessings of the Buddha: longevity, nobility, health, and strength.

HEARTFELT GRATITUDE TO V.S. MEDICAL LAB AND UCARE PHARMACY FOR SUPPORTING THE RATANAKIRI STUDY TOUR, COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND CHARITY PROJECT



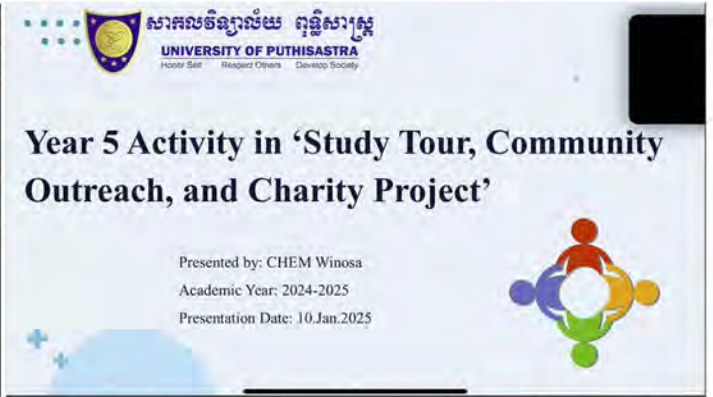
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ORIENTATION FOR THE STUDY TOUR, COMMUNITY SERVICE, AND CHARITY PROJECT OF THE FACULTY OF PHARMACY



On January 10, 2025, the Faculty of Pharmacy of Puthisastra University organized an orientation for the Study Tour, Community Service, and Charity Project, scheduled to take place from January 21 to 24, 2025, in Ratanakiri Province. Under the chairmanship of Asst. Prof. Chhea Sophearom, Dean of the Faculty of Pharmacy, the program was attended by faculty members, staff, and students.

Presentations

The program featured presentations from 16 groups, detailing various activities and plans:

1. Overview of the project
2. Activities by 2nd-year students
3. Activities by 3rd-year students
4. Activities by 4th-year students
5. Activities by 5th-year students
6. Activities by Master's students
7. Admin & HR group
8. Logistics group
9. Finance group
10. Media, Marketing, and Design group
11. Sponsor group
12. Education group
13. Charity group
14. Entertainment group
15. First-Aid group

The Faculty of Pharmacy expressed its heartfelt gratitude to:

- faculty, and staff for their guidance and support throughout the project.
- Students for their dedication and contributions to organizing this initiative.
- Sponsors and supporters, including VS Medical Lab, Mi Cheat, Vital Premium Water, Ucare Pharmacy, and PPM for their valuable assistance.

The faculty extended its best wishes for the successful execution of the Study Tour, Community Service, and Charity Project. May all participants—faculties, staff, and students all the best.

DECISION WITH EC-COUNCIL UNIVERSITY



The Faculty of ICT recently discussed with EC-Council University, a renowned global IT certification institution with a focus on information assurance and e-business. This meeting was a major step toward fostering collaboration in improving ICT education and career growth. The discussion focused on exploring possible collaborations to improve the academic offerings and certification programs. As a leading university with a focus on cybersecurity, EC-Council University equips its graduates with cutting-edge cyber skills.

This initiative reflects the Faculty of ICT's commitment to quality and creativity in educating students for job possibilities around the world.

THE WEEK OF SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT I



During this Summative Assessment I presentations and exam, which included a variety of subjects, Master and Bachelor students from the Faculty of ICT showcased their knowledge, creativity, and problem-solving abilities.

These assessments were a significant turning point that provided students the chance to show their understanding in creative and practical ways. Faculty members and lecturers assessed each presentation and exam, providing valuable feedback and emphasizing that the students' work was relevant in the real world.

The presentations not only reinforced the technical skills of the students but also fostered teamwork, communication, and adaptability.

FOUNDATION YEAR TEAM PUBLISHED ARTICLE IN SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND INNOVATION (STI FOCUS)

Congratulations to Mrs. CHHON Yanvary, a Science Lecturer, and Mr. SORN Virak, a Foundation Year Program Coordinator in the Foundation Year Department, Faculty of Health Sciences and Biotechnology, University of Puthisastra (UP) for publishing a review article in the Science, Technology, and Innovation (STI Focus).



STI Focus is a national academic publication created and organized by the National Institute of Science, Technology and Innovation (NISTI) and supported by the Ministry of Industry, Science, Technology and Innovation (MISTI) of the Kingdom of Cambodia. The manuscript was accepted and published in the form of review articles in the Technology Trend under the title

“Using Phytoremediation to Remove Indoor Air Pollution: A Sustainable Approach for Green Environment, Health, and Well-Being”, Page: 34–42

Article was published in Vol. 3, No. 2, published in December 2024, which is available online at:

<https://cdn.misti.gov.kh/documents/20250103035026VxKIAobfJ3ut.pdf>

Congratulations to both of them, and we appreciate their hard work!

PROJECT SOTHEA



A total of 18 medical students had the opportunity to participate in PROJECT SOTHEA in Srae Ou, Battambang Province. The primary activities of the project included a survey, health screening, visual acuity (VA) assessments, physiotherapy, medication provision, dental services, and health education.

The medical students actively participated in conducting the survey interview, health education, and health check-ups. They gained valuable experience and had the opportunity to practice their medical skills under the guidance of medical doctors from Singapore

UP FACULTY ENGAGE IN TALENT GRANT AND COLLABORATION WORKSHOP



Ms. Pol Sreymom, Deputy Dean for Research at the Faculty of Medicine, participated in a one-day workshop focused on advancing research collaboration and innovation the Ministry of Industry, Science, Technology and Innovation (MISTI). The highlight of the workshop was a discussion on the Talent Grant Initiative, which emphasized strategies to attract and retain top talent in academia and research. The sessions also explored funding opportunities, cross-disciplinary partnerships, and innovative practices to strengthen institutional capacity.

This workshop provided valuable insights and opportunities to build connections and improve research excellence.

31 MEDICAL STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN THE PROJECT LOKUN IN PURSAT PROVINCE



31 medical students participated in the Project Lokun which is the medical humanitarian project to Pursat province, Cambodia. It is organized through the collaboration between students from the NUS, Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine and students from University of Puthisastra (UP). The one-week mission was in Takeo Kroam, Toul Makak and Keo Mony, Pursat province.

There are four main activities during our main trip which include:

Health Needs Assessment (HNA):

HNA is a set of open-ended survey questions, aiming collecting the understanding of the villagers' health concerns and needs.

Primary and Adult Education: providing the health education to pupils in the primary schools and the adult villagers

Walk-In Clinics: Proving the free of charge to the villagers by the Cambodian and Sinagporean medical doctors. Student volunteers also get the chance to share healthcare knowledge with the villagers during their time with the patients. In total we received about 413 patients from 4 villages.

Referral

Some patients are required higher setting for the diagnostic and management. They are referred.

MD STUDENTS SUCCESSFULLY DEFENDED THEIR THESIS



We are delighted to announce that Ms. CHING Chilym and Mr. PHUONG Kean an have successfully defended their thesis on December 27, 2024. This policy brief highlights the findings of their research on microcytic anemia in children at the National Pediatric Hospital (NPH) in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. Their work was supervised by Asst. Prof. Prom Vireak and Dr. Phauk Chinith, and the examination committee was chaired by Assoc. Prof. Saint Saly, Dr. Youriko Kobashi, and Ms. Sreymom Pol.

The study on microcytic anemia conducted at the National Pediatric Hospital (NPH) highlights crucial aspects of this significant health issue. The findings emphasize the high prevalence of iron deficiency anemia (IDA) among children, with a notable impact on males. The treatment practices indicate a need for strict adherence to guidelines to improve patient outcomes. Nutritional factors play a critical role in the prevalence of IDA, underlining the importance of effective nutritional interventions. Despite guideline mismatches in treatment, patient outcomes were generally positive, suggesting room for flexibility in clinical practice. The research also stresses the necessity of comprehensive diagnostic capabilities to identify lesser common causes of microcytic anemia, such as sideroblastic anemia and lead poisoning. Lastly, the study calls for improved record-keeping and adherence to hospital protocols to ensure consistent and effective patient care. This research contributes valuable insights that can inform policy recommendations and enhance the management of microcytic anemia in pediatric patients at NPH and beyond.

20 MEDICAL STUDENTS PARTICIPATING THE PROJECT SA BAI IN PHNOM PENH AND TAKEO PROVINCE



20 medical students participated one-week mission of Project Sa Bai in underserved communities of Phnom Penh and Takeo Province. The medical students engaged with patients to conduct the surveys, provide the consultations, and deliver the prescribed medications.

Furthermore, health education was also provided to children about fundamental hygiene, while adults were educated on prevalent health concerns, including diabetes, hypertension, and stroke. Collectively, the initiative successfully supported around 1600 to 1700 patients in Phnom Penh as well as in Takeo Province, delivering both preventive and curative healthcare services.

FACULTY OF MEDICINE STARTS TO CONDUCT THE OSCE TRAINING OF YEAR-3 MEDICAL STUDENTS BATCH 12 FOR THE SEMESTER I



Faculty of Medicine has commenced OSCE (Objective Structured Clinical Examination) training for third-year medical students in Batch 12 for Semester I. A total of 135 students have been divided into 10 groups and are rotating through the Medical Clinic at the UP Health Center.

During the training, students are required to engage in peer-to-peer practice, with their classmates assuming the role of patients. This practice focuses on history taking and physical examination as part of the OSCE simulation training.

At the conclusion of each rotation, students will take the OSCE exam, specifically assessing their skills in physical examination, to ensure active engagement and mastery of the concepts and techniques they have been taught.

SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT WEEK OF NURSING STUDENTS HELD BY THE FACULTY OF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY, UNIVERSITY OF PUTHISAstra



Summative assessment 1 for nursing students at the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery, University of Puthisastra, is a crucial process aimed at assessing students' theoretical and practical knowledge, ensuring they are well-prepared for their upcoming exams. This examination serves as an essential milestone in evaluating students' readiness and competency.

From January 6 to January 11, 2025, both bachelor's and associate degree nursing students will encounter a variety of exam formats, including multiple-choice questions, drag-and-drop exercises, and critical thinking questions that encourage reflection on their study course. During the exam, students are expected to adhere strictly to the university's regulations, ensuring focus and professionalism.

The examination protocols at the University of Puthisastra are designed to promote fairness, integrity, and professionalism, while also fostering the development of students' skills and abilities, ensuring that they are thoroughly prepared for the challenges ahead.

THE MEMOIR DEFENSE OF BRIDGING BACHELOR IN MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNOLOGY, GROUP 2, BATCH 1



On Monday, January 6th, 2025, the Bridging Bachelor Degree in Medical Laboratory Technology (BBL), group 2, batch 1 of the University of Puthisastra (UP) completed their Memoir Defense. The presentation was delivered by Mr. CHIN Narin, Mr. PHOENG Bora, Mr. KUL Chanvong, and Mr. HENG Pengsrin under the topic "Study on Prevalence of Tuberculosis (TB Infection) at Ang Snuol Operational District, Kandal Provincial Health Department, in 2023" which supervised by Prof. Assit. HEM Sopheak, PharmD, PhD

The thesis examiners are:

Mr. SAY Sinith, Laboratory Sciences Program Manager, and Chair Examiner

Dr. SO Visessakseth, Head of Pharmacognosy, and UP Research Committee

Mr. BE Sokkeang, Sciences Research Program Manager

Ms. CHHUN Sreynich, Full-time lecturer, at the University of Puthisastra

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

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

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

SCIENCE RESEARCH PROGRAM PUBLISHED RESEARCH ARTICLES IN THE SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION (SIT FOCUS)



Mr. Be Sokkeang, Science Research Program Manager at the Faculty of Health Sciences and Biotechnology, University of Puthisastra (UP), led Science Research students to publish two research articles in the National Journal of Science, Technology and Innovation (STI Focus). SIT Focus is a national academic publication created and organized by the National Institute of Science, Technology and Innovation (NISTI) and supported by the Ministry of Industry, Science, Technology and Innovation of the Kingdom of Cambodia. The title of the Science Research program articles is:

Article 1: "Overview of Antimicrobial Resistance and Use in Cambodia". Volume 3, Issue 2/2024 pages 12-19 on 03 January 2025.

Led by Mr. Be Sokkeang and Year 4 Science Research student: Mr. Peung Keanseng.

Article 2: "Exploring Demographic and Behavioural Factors Influencing Knowledge and Participation in Health Check-Ups Among University Students". Volume 3, Issue 2/2024 pages 20-26 on 03 January 2025.

Led by Mr. Be Sokkeang and Year 3 Science Research students: Ms. Lim Chanboramey, Ms. Phally Seavmean, Ms. Soch Channary, and Ms. Neang Sreyloeng.

Both articles are available online at <https://cdn.misti.gov.kh/.../20250103035026VxKIAobfJ3ut.pdf>

For more information about Bachelor of Science Research: Please contact us via telegram group <https://t.me/+VYAjSYseT4A3ZjM1>

THE CLERKSHIP OF BRIDGING BACHELOR IN MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNOLOGY STUDENTS, YEAR 2, BATCH 1



On Monday, 23rd December 2024, Bridging Bachelor in Medical Laboratory Technology (BBL) students, year 2, batch 1 of the Faculty of Health Sciences and Biotechnology, the University of Puthisastra (UP) started their clerkship in the medical laboratory of UP's partner public hospitals. The clerkship was conducted under the topic "The Quality Management of Medical Laboratory" of the National Pediatric Hospital, Khmer-Soviet Friendship Hospital and Preah Kosamak Hospital. Students were also required to write a report on the quality management of the medical laboratory of each hospital. The clerkship lasted for 1 week from 23 to 27 December 2024.

Applications will be accepted from the date of this announcement until January 31, 2025.

Receive a 20% scholarship for 2 full years!

Additional curriculum information:

Please inquire through the BBL Information UP Telegram: <https://t.me/+YeTt4dLginM3ZTFI>