



UP VOICE

The Official Newsletter of the University of Puthisastra (UP)



NEW EXCHANGE PROGRAM WITH UNIVERSITY OF INDONESIA

UP strongly believes in the value of international education and exchange. Eight UP dental students are embarking on 23rd March for the first ever exchange program to Indonesia's largest and most prestigious dental school at the University of Indonesia. The team at University of Indonesia has prepared a warm welcome day for our students including sightseeing, a campus tour, orientation and social activities with the Indonesian students. Later the students will rotate around the various departments and also attend lectures and seminars (including on bone research and forensic dentistry). UP students will take part in a hands-on activity in the oral surgery SIM lab where they will learn how to do inter-maxillary fixation to stabilize jaw fractures. Each day the students write a daily reflection in their notebooks to aid fuller understanding and recall. We hope that our relationship with University of Indonesia will be a fruitful and long-lasting one.

21 PHARMACEUTICAL STUDENTS VISIT KHON KAEN UNIVERSITY, THAILAND!



WHAT'S UP ON CAMPUS

- 15-16 MAR - EXAM OF TERM 2 FOR 3+1 (NURSE - MIDWIFERY)
- 29 MAR - INTERNAL EXAM FOR 3+1 (NURSE - MIDWIFERY)
- 29 MAR - SEMESTER 1 ENDS FOR FY CLASSES
- 02 APR - UP CULTURE DAY
- 14-17 APR - KHMER NEW YEAR DAYS
- 03 MAY - GRADUATION DAY

UP is proud to partner with Khon Kaen University (KKU) which a leader in teaching, learning, research and development. KKU has a strong history in innovation including technology transfer, problem solving, particularly in the Northeastern region and in the Greater Mekong Sub-region. Every year, the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences at KKU University welcomes UP Pharmaceutical students to conduct the internship in a variety of pharmacy disciplines. According to Dr. Chea Sin, the Dean of Faculty of Pharmacy, 141 pharmacy students have been accepted as interns at KKU within the last 3 years. This demonstrates a great and solid partnership. This year 21 students will visit KKU but before they left, Dr Chea Sin and the President and Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Ian Findlay, advised students to study well academically, professionally and culturally as its important to know and share the cultural values of each country. Students were told that they are not just ambassadors for themselves but they are ambassadors for UP as well as the whole of Cambodia; they were also told about the importance of being good neighbors, and to become global citizens to share best-practice worldwide. This international internship will allow students to earn academic credit, foster new skills development, gain international experience and expertise, as well as creating career and personal networking. So, congratulations to these 21 students; you are the representatives of UP and Cambodia as a whole!

CHILDRENS' SURGICAL CENTER HOSTS UP STUDENTS FOR ORTHOPAEDICS AND ANAESTHESIA LECTURE AND HAND-ON WORKSHOP

The Childrens Surgical Center (CSC) is one of Cambodia's most impactful clinics – providing expert medical care to those who can least afford it. CSC is truly life-saving. CSC attracts the best expert medical specialists from all over the world.

UPs Medical students were very fortunate to participate in hands-on workshop and lectures by these experts with students participating in case discussion and patient examination including Corrective osteotomies for deformities, Sawbone workshop, late fracture complications, paediatric neuromuscular disorders, Limb length discrepancies, Lumbar spinal injection and management of spinal fracture and Perioperative care of patients undergoing spine surgery.

CSC and UP have recently signed an MOU which will allow UP students to receive lectures and training by these world experts as well as UP students training and volunteering at CSC. UP is very grateful to Dr. Jim Gologly and his team at CSC for helping train the next generation of Cambodia's doctors.



WHAT DID YOU SAY? HEARING LOSS PRESENTATION CONDUCTED BY DR. CHRIS WATERWORTH



The Faculty of Medicine recently hosted an Audiology, Hearing Loss lecture by Chris Waterworth (Department of Audiology and Speech Pathology, University of Melbourne, Australia). The three topics covered global problem of hearing loss and ear disease, introduction to Audiology and Q&A related to hearing loss with ear disease and practice for physical examination to the patient. Thank you Chris.

EVERY VOICE MATTERS

From President,

As you know we take student feedback very seriously in our goal of improving UP. That's why we have set up feedback@puthisastra.edu.kh and Suggestion Boxes in library – both communications are anonymous and go directly to me.

Messages and suggestions have been very supportive. However I've recently received a message to "Have more room for students to do research". Can whoever sent it please give me more details as I'm not sure if they mean more room in library for research or more research space in labs. I'm very happy to address issues but just need more details.

MISS CAMBODIA CANDIDATES VISIT UP



The twenty-five Miss Cambodia candidates, selected from the 25 Cities & Provinces across Cambodia recently visited UP. The Miss Cambodia pageant is travelling across the country to universities and other key locations throughout Cambodia. While on their tour, they represent their cities and provinces by presenting their history, culture, food and traditional ways of living. The goal of the Miss Cambodia visit at UP was to share their experiences and promote the empowerment of women. Five semi-finalists will be selected on the 31 March 2019 at NagaWorld 2.

Colgate SUPPORTS UP DENTISTRY AND OUR COMMUNITY



Last week a meeting was held with the Colgate Professional Executive Dr Keang Seng and Prof Callum Durward, UP Dean of Dentistry, to discuss support from Colgate for our UP Dental Clinic and community projects. Colgate will also donate 50 tooth-brushing models and oral health education posters. Dr Seng will approach the company to request a donation of several thousand brushes and small toothpaste samples for use in our prison project and services to poor children both at our clinic and at some of the primary schools we work in. We greatly appreciate this partnership with Colgate, which is not only the largest dental company in the world, but also an important ally in promoting oral health in Cambodia.

UP DENTAL STUDENTS COMPLETE BLS TRAINING!

Recently, all UP dental students have completed BLS (basic life support) training through an on-line course from the USA. BLS training is a higher level CPR class that is designed to train healthcare professionals on recognizing and responding to several life-threatening emergencies that can occur in dental clinics. Nearly all Healthcare workers are required to have at least this BLS class. Skills taught in the course include: Providing CPR for adults, children and infants; using an Automated External Defibrillator; and relieving choking in a safe, timely and effective manner. Students who completed the course received an official certificate from the National Health Care organization. All patients visiting UP dental clinic can be assured that our student dentists are well trained, confident and ready to assist when emergencies occur. The UP Dental Clinic is one of only two clinics in Cambodia to have a Defibrillator (AED) machine.





MEET THE UP TEAM!

Dr. Maria R. Tucker, PhD joined UP as Director of Student Affairs and Partnerships one year ago. Dr. Maria has worked for over 20 years in US post-secondary education. She served as founding director of a Center for Community Partnerships at Pomona College in California where she raised over \$11 million to support the center.

The Center focused on supporting community based organizations including schools. Through this work, Dr. Maria mentored and taught hundreds of students and supported their journey to university and beyond. Dr. Maria has also served as a Dean of Students and has many years experience in emergency response, student conduct issues, student leadership development and community engagement. She holds a Masters Degree in Public Policy and a doctorate in environmental sociology.

DR. MARIA R. TUCKER, PHD | DIRECTOR OF STUDENT AFFAIRS & PARTNERSHIPS

UP EXPERTS COLLABORATES WITH PARTNERS FROM NZ AND THAILAND TO BID FOR FUNDING FROM THE E-ASIA JOINT RESEARCH PROGRAM



UP together with the MOH (Cambodia), University of Otago (NZ), University of Chiang Mai, and Ministry of Health (Thailand) is applying for a major grant for research in the area of oral cancer. Oral cancer is one of the most common types of cancer among older Cambodians. Unfortunately, patients often present late when the cancer is already advanced making treatment more difficult and the survival rate lower. The main causes of oral cancer are smoking, betel quid chewing and high alcohol consumption. These risk factors are common among some groups in Cambodia. Excessive exposure to the sun is also a cause of lip cancer and affects many rice farmers.



Our Dentistry Faculty and Dept of Research are working on this funding proposal to carry out a 3 year oral cancer research project that includes collecting relevant data; training dentists to detect and diagnose oral mucosal lesions (including oral cancer); build the capacity of local health professionals to analyze pathological specimens and make better diagnoses; develop better health models so patients can access care at an early stage and receive the correct treatment as well as health promotion activities to reduce risk factors for oral cancer.

Next week Prof Callum Durward, Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry, and Dr Tineke Water, Director of Research at UP, will be travelling to Bangkok to meet with the collaborating team of Thai researchers to finalize the proposal.

STUDENT TESTIMONIALS

“I have learnt a lot of soft skill through many projects with support from University of Puthisastra. School doesn't teach you about soft skill but UP does!”



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WHAT TO DO IN THE HOLIDAYS?

The first semester has come to an end and spring break is right at the corner! For some students, this means a genuine rest from studying and for others; it means a period dedicated to serious thought on the next stage in their lives. For pharmacy students - its also a time for gaining practical experiences. So far this year, 13 students are volunteering at the Medical Biology Laboratory of the Faculty of Pharmacy; 13 students are going to learn more at the PharmaProduct Manufacturing (PPM); and 13 students are fascinating to acquire more knowledge from Super Care and Heng Thavy pharmacy! To all students, whether you are traveling or doing your volunteer work, please have fun, be safe and have a great break!

STUDENT AFFAIRS LAUNCHES STUDENT INCIDENT FORM

The incident reporting systems allows UP to track student incidents and quickly respond. It also documents any incident patterns. For example, last year students were having their wallets stolen but they were unsure of where to go to report. With the incident report system, Student Affairs will track and rapidly respond to such incidents. In addition to the Student Incident Report form, Student Affairs will be implementing a student emergency response process.



EXCITING DATE CLAIMER!!!



Khmer New Year is the name of the Cambodian Holiday that celebrates the traditional Lunar New Year. The holiday lasts for three days beginning on New Year's Day, which usually falls on April 13th or 14th, which is the end of the harvesting season, when farmers enjoy the fruits of their labor before the rainy season begins. The University of Puthisastra is holding UP Culture Day 2019 on Tuesday 2 April, 2019. For further information please go to the following link: <https://www.facebook.com/UniversityofPuthisastra/>