



UP VOICE

The Official Newsletter of the University of Puthisastra (UP)



WHAT'S UP ON CAMPUS

- 15 DEC - END OF T1 FOR BSN BRIDGING PROGRAM
- 15 DEC - FINAL EXAM OF T1 FOR BSN BRIDGING PROGRAM
- 22 DEC - NATIONAL ENTRANCE EXAM FOR ASSOCIATE DEGREES
- 01 JAN - INTERNATIONAL NEW YEAR DAY
- 07 JAN - VICTORY OVER GENOCIDE DAY
- 08 JAN - YEAR 1 SEMESTER 1 CLASS START FOR ASSOCIATE DEGREES

LAUNCHING INTO UNIVERSITY LIFE

Last Monday, the UP community provided a warm welcome to the over 250 new Foundation Year students! H.E. Sok Puthyvut, Chairman and Prof. Chhem Rethy, member of the UP Board of Trustees joined the welcome event. The 2nd Annual Big Launch and first ever University Orientation Course were designed to provide students with greetings from the UP community, an understanding of the University's expectations and policies, an opportunity to get to know seniors and fellow Foundation Year students and an introduction to university student life.

Workshops, English assessments, health assessments, dental checks, academic program orientations were led by UP students, staff and faculty. Students also had the opportunity to take their ID photos and receive University e-mail accounts. Ten local business sponsors also supported the event. Over 60 UP students volunteered their time and over 30 staff were involved in the week-long events. Orientation and welcome events are important for students to Unlock their Potential and prepare for academic success at University. Thank you to all of those who showed their support and let's look forward to a successful first year for our newest UP students.

2ND PHARMACEUTICAL RESEARCH CONFERENCE



Faculty of Pharmacy was proud to host the 2nd Pharmaceutical Research Conference. This conference took place on December 08-09, 2018 at Hall H with the participation from Prof. Ian Findlay, the President and the Vice-Chancellor of University of Puthisastra; representatives from schools of pharmacy, from pharmaceutical companies and industries; pharmacists; lecturers; and students from different schools. This conference was prepared to promote the research activities at University of Puthastra and Cambodia through oral presentations and research poster presentations

which are the keystone of this conference. During this conference, Cambodian researchers shared their studies through 14 presentations and 10 posters on 5 different tracks: Pharmacognosy, Public health, Pharmaceuticals, Pharmacy Education, and Ethnopharmacology.

Each presentation was so interesting and informative. There was a lot of discussion between the speakers and audiences. At the end, we were thrilled to announce the best paper and poster awards. This conference was another step forward in pharmaceutical research in Cambodia. Faculty of Pharmacy would like to wholeheartedly thank organizing committee and volunteers for their efforts and commitment to hold 2nd pharmaceutical research conference with great success and pride.

TWO UP DENTAL STUDENTS GET SCHOLARSHIP TO GO TO USA



University of New England (UNE) in the US has generously awarded two full scholarships to Year 6 Dental Students Nam Virak and Srean Bunsrong to travel to the US for 2 weeks in March 2019. During their time in the US they will stay with UNE staff or students, attend classes at university from Monday to Friday, and spend time in their dental clinics and simulation lab. UP and UNE have a formal exchange program and two groups of UNE students and staff have visited Cambodia over the past year. The relationship between the two universities is growing, and it is planned to offer scholarships to students every year. Congratulations to the two UP students who have a wonderful opportunity to experience life in the US, as well as make new friends and learn at one of the top dental schools.

THE TEAM "MEET DOCTOR" MADE IT TO THE FINAL



The team "Meet Doctor" made it to the final at SmartPark challenge with their innovative app for online video consultation. After an intensive 10 weeks program that included workshop, mentoring and peer-to-peer coaching for seven social startups, the team offered an impressive pitch at the final event winning the 2nd place. Congratulations to the team composed of medical students Buntonyi Nit (Y7), Soradet Lim (Y6), Sophana Vory (Y5) and ICT student Sopanharith Chea (Y2). We wish them much success for their next challenge!

UP STUDENTS — ONE OF THE BEST!



Congratulations to Sreytak Chhan, Year 4 student from the ICT department. She has been selected to be part of the prestigious Smart Edu USDPA Bootcamp. After 13 days of an intensive program focused on leadership skills, her project has been shortlisted to be presented to a panel of CEOs. From this experience, she has built strength and confidence for her future career.

UP HAS FORMED A RUNNING CLUB!



A group of students and staff that run together every Sunday, 5 pm, at the Olympic Stadium. The club is led by English lecturer Leah Wood and pharmacy lecturer Eng Muynim. Anyone can participate; running experience isn't needed. The goal is to get healthy, to run faster, and have fun. Come and join sometime!

STUDY TOUR ON MEDICINAL PLANT RESEARCH



Batch 6 pharmaceutical students went on study tour to collect and prepare voucher specimen for UP Herbarium for the further research under the supervision of pharmacy lecturers and staffs.

UP BOKATOR COMPETITOR WINS NATIONAL RECOGNITION



Under the guidance of Coach Chetra Hem, the UP Bokator Team successfully competed at the Kun Bokator 2018 National Championships. UP student competitor Keav Vira (MD, Year 2) earned 2nd and 3rd place medals at this year's competition which was organized by Cambodia Kun Bokator Federation at Royal University of Phnom Penh, December 8-10. Coach Chetra hopes to instill in his fighters a sense of Khmer culture and tradition, the importance of self-defense and living a healthy lifestyle. This was the first competition for the UP competitors. Congratulations to the team and to Coach Chetra!

A VISITING TEAM OF PSYCHOLOGISTS FROM THE USA



A recent meeting between 'Director of the Center for Health Counselling '(Lynne Barnett) and her team with Dr. Thomas Barrett, Ph.D. Clinical Professor Emeritus, Graduate School of Professional Psychology, University of Denver. This meeting is the perfect environment for encouraging team building and provides a forum with which to set future goals and ways to meet them in the field of Health Counselling and shared knowledge and ideas.

THE KILLING FIELD VISIT



A recent visit of Students from Center for Health Counselling at the Killing Field. This is a great chance for students to reflect on their own feelings about the visit and learn more about the nation's genocide that largely gave them alot of lesson learned.

UPMD WORKSHOP SPEAKER BY DOCTORS FROM CANADA

On 5th November, Faculty of Medicine invited Dr. Keith Kwok, Dr. Michael Bentley-Taylor, Dr. Robert Ting, Dr. Mary Cheng ,Dr. Robert Ting , Ms. Irene Liu and Ms Grace Ting who are from Canada to conduct a workshop for our Medical Students on the different topic below:

- Management of Rheumatic Heart Disease
- Management of Coronary Artery Disease
- Management of Diabetes and Hypertension
- Management of Chronic kidney disease
- Self-Management in Patients with Chronic Renal Disease
- Vaccination for influenza

After this workshop, students gain incredible amount of knowledge and experience.



CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT WITH MEDICINE PART TIME LECTURERS



Part time lecturers are invited to do group discussing with Dr Robert D. Armstrong , M.D and Mrs. Beverly in Purpose to develop curriculum and update course outline to improve health education system in Faculty of Medicine . Dr Armstrong is providing expert advice to strengthen UP's commitment to improve UP's medical curriculum to a World standard helping UP students to train and work abroad.

2ND CAMBODIA LIBRARY FESTIVAL AND BOOK FAIR

UP Library director, Chantry Chin, knows the power of books. She has been a voracious reader since she was a little girl. Now she's sharing her interest in reading with young Cambodians. From 7-9 December, Ms. Chantry and a team of students and library staff represented UP at the 2nd Cambodia Library Festival and Book Fair held at the National Library of Cambodia. Book exchanges, book donations, free books and book markers were all part of the celebration of reading, literacy and books at this year's event. This was UP's second time participating in the event which attracts over 10,000 young Cambodian students.



FIRST YEAR STUDENTS WERE IMPRESSED BY THE MODERN LABORATORIES AT FACULTY OF PHARMACY

New comers to UP were welcomed and oriented to Faculty of Pharmacy. These students were shown on the study programmes and experiences were shared with them by the staffs and seniors. They were particularly impressed by the modern equipment and research activities at each laboratory.