

IDP/IELTS CAMBODIA OFFICIAL TEST CENTRE SIGNS MOU WITH UNIVERSITY OF PUTHISASTRA

Phnom Penh, Cambodia: A Memorandum of Agreement (MoU) between the IELTS Cambodia Official Test Centre at IDP Education and the University of Puthisastra was signed at the University of Puthisastra in Phnom Penh, Cambodia on Thursday 14 January 2021. The MoU allows for the University of Puthisastra to become an IELTS Alliance Program Referral Agent under the authority of the IELTS Cambodia Official Test Centre.

"We are very pleased to be welcoming the University of Puthisastra as an IELTS Referral Agent through the global IELTS Alliance Program," said Mr Sreng Mao, Country Director at IELTS Cambodia.

"This MoU reflects the growing awareness of the importance of benchmarking English language capacity for study and career advancement at leading education institutions in Cambodia. We look forward to working together with University of Puthisastra. to grow the number of students taking the IELTS test."

"As a leading university, the University of Puthisastra (UP) is delighted to be entering into this partnership with IDP to give all our students additional opportunities to develop their English skills and abilities", said Professor Ian Findlay, President & Vice-Chancellor at the University of Puthisastra

"English is the International language of success, advancing careers in a wide range of healthcare-related and IT professions – not just in Cambodia but across the whole world. We are proud to be an IELTS Alliance Partner and look forward to the shared work of raising the standard of our students' English to ever greater heights", Professor Findlay explained. "We also hope that this signing ceremony marks the beginning of a long-lasting professional friendship between our two institutions, for many years to come."

IELTS is the world's most popular high stakes English language test with over 3 million tests taken in the last year and over 10,000 institutions worldwide – including universities, schools, employers, immigration authorities and professional bodies – recognizing IELTS as a benchmark of English language capacity. IELTS is jointly owned by the British Council, IDP: IELTS Australia and Cambridge Assessment English. The IELTS Cambodia Official Test Centre was established in 1992 and is the only IELTS Official Test Centre in the Kingdom.

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WHAT'S UP ON CAMPUS

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THE LEARNING CENTRE, QLTS, OFFERS ONLINE CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT MINI-WORKSHOPS FOR UP STUDENTS



The Learning Centre, Department of Quality, Learning and Teaching, and Students (QLTS), hosts Online Capacity Development Mini-Workshops for UP students from January until the end of February 2021. The workshops aim to provide support to our students in regards to their studies, particularly online, blended, or hybrid learning.

In promoting different study skills and learning techniques in students, we are offering a variety of sessions on:

- 1. How to Learn Online Effectively
- 2. Stress Management in Learning
- 3. Academic Writing Skills Improvement
- 4. Tips for Reading Skills
- 5. Time Management Skills
- 6. Why Listening and Note-taking Skills are Vital for University Students
- 7. Research Implementation Skills
- 8. Searching, Referencing and Citing Tips
- 9. How to Use UPOP Wisely?
- 10. Google Search Tips
- 11. Self-development through Extra-curricular Activities during University Life
- 12. Why Communication Skills are Important in Health Care?

Our facilitators/trainers are willing to support UP students in terms of effective learning strategies and practices, either online or mixed-mode. We love to share knowledge and practices with students in small groups and/or as an individual. By the end of the workshops, students are asked to fill out a survey in order to let us know their views about the workshops and suggest additional topics in response to their learning needs for us to work on and deliver to them in the next phase. In addition, they can seek help regarding advanced learning methods as well as consultations from the Learning Centre, QLTS, individually when they encounter any challenges in learning.

MD YEAR 7 STUDENTS' EXPERIENCE AT SIHANOUK HOSPITAL CENTER OF HOPE



Seven MD students have completed their 5-month internship rotation at Sihanouk Hospital Center of HOPE and the attached Community Medical Center.

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"It was a delightful experience" – says Leang Hychhay. "We learned the diagnostic approach and patient treatment according to guidelines and protocols. We have been required to be at the hospital from 7:30am to 4:30pm five days a week. The workflow between outpatient department, inpatient department, Emergency and Pharmacy was facilitated by electronic prescription. Monitors and staff were friendly and kind; they guided, provided feedback and encouraged the students. One of our mentors said that when he was a student, he made mistakes as current students do, and told us that day by day, we would improve our ability. All the physicians and nurses treated the patients with empathy".

Ma Lihay adds: "CME and lectures were provided during the lunch break from Tuesday to Thursday every week. Sometimes further training was provided by the attending physician at the end of the day. We have seen a wide range of diseases: rheumatological conditions (rheumatoid arthritis, systemic lupus erythematosus), infectious diseases (hepatitis B and C) and non-communicable diseases (hypertension and type 2 diabetes). During these five months, I have acquired knowledge and confidence. The internship in Internal Medicine at Sihanouk Hospital Center of HOPE has been a very good experience. I really appreciated the attention and mentoring received!".

UP CONDUCTS THE FIRST CPD TRAINING FOR CAMBODIAN PHARMACISTS



University of Puthisastra is a private university in Cambodia focusing on health sciences and information technology. In accordance with the conditions and principles of continuing professional development (CPD), it is officially recognized as a continuing professional development provider for pharmacists in Cambodia through a Memorandum of Understanding between the University of Puthisastra and the Pharmacy Council of Cambodia. With this new collaboration, the University of Puthisastra is ready to provide continuing professional development education to pharmacists registered in the Kingdom of Cambodia.

Through the selective criteria, UP has recruited trainers and facilitators who are competent and qualified who have many year experiences in pharmacy professions and teaching. In the context of 21st century education, UP trainer will use 21st teaching and assessing methodology with the support from modern technology.

UP Faculty of Pharmacy will conduct its first CPD training on the Sunday of this week under the three topics: Good Pharmacy Practice (GPP), Good Storage Practice (GSP) and Good Distribution Pharmacy (GDP) for Cambodian pharmacists. This is new page for pharmacists who can have wider opportunity to develop their professional skills after the graduation particularly in a high standard educational institution like UP.

UP NATURAL PRODUCT CONTEST 2021

Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Puthisastra is preparing to hold a contest called "UP Natural Product Contest 2021". The aim of this contest is to encourage pharmacy students to think of an innovative idea to develop the natural products and to explore information for further research studies in the field of finding bioactive compounds and activities in in vitro, in vivo and/or in clinical trial of natural sources as an effective semi-modern or modern drugs, health supplements, and cosmetics for beneficing to human health. Therefore, this contest will provide opportunities for all UP pharmacy students from the second year onwards to participate in expressing their knowledge related to research studies and to strengthen capability of practical work in the laboratory as

a positive image for improvement of students' knowledge and practice in an integral part of pharmaceutical sciences.

Top three outstanding teams will be selected based on the selection criteria to be the winner according to their products as natural products, health supplements, and cosmetic products. The winners will receive the award, certificate and gift. The online registration will be available on the University of Puthisastra Facebook Page and Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Puthisastra's Facebook Page. The registration will be from Jan 7, 2021 to Jan 30, 2021.

THE MOCK EXAM FOR BACHELOR NURSING BRIDGING BATCH 1



The program of nursing, we have an associates degree in nursing, bachelor degree in nursing, and bachelor degree bridging from associated degree. These programs complete the requirements of the students or nurses who want to improve or develop their career in nursing. From 8 to 14 January, 2021, the nursing department provided the mock exam for Bachelor degree of nursing science bridging batch 1 (BSNB1), Associate degree and bachelor degree in nursing to stimulate and evaluate their capacity before the internal exit exam that will be held on 25-30 January, 2021. There are 84 students who will perform their internal exit exam at the end of January. There are 24 procedures which will be divided into 7 stations for students to take exams. These stations are focused on infection control, medical/ surgical techniques, medical/surgical aseptic techniques, sterilization, cardio-pulmonary resuscitation and health education.

MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNOLOGY STUDENTS CONFERENCE (MSC), INDONESIA 2021

In the medical world developments in medical technology are increasing rapidly. Medical Laboratory Technology (MLT) is one of the professions in the medical field that is very important because they are responsible for helping doctors in diagnosing disease in patients. Therefore, improvement in MLT education is an important role in facing global challenges in the medical field.

If MLT students want to be the agents of change they need to excel in their competencies and their soft skills obtained during their



educational program. However, the educational system and standards of MLT in South East Asia are different from country to country. This results in a lot of variability in the knowledge and the competencies of MLT students. Therefore, there is a need for a forum to be held for discussion and further cooperation among MLT students in South East Asia as a means of communication and networking to deal with this era of global challenges. The Medical Laboratory Technology Student Conference (MSC) 2021, hosted by Indonesian Student Association of Medical Laboratory Technology, will be held on 16th and 17th of January 2021.

It will contain an international talk show and conference session and will be attended by 10 countries from Southeast Asia with the purpose of:

- 1. Integrating South East Asia MLT student organization into one unity.
- 2. Building discussion among MLT students in Integrating South East Asia MLT student in facing global challenges.
- 3. Forming a unity of MLT students across South East Asia countries in facing global challenges.
- 4. Improving the quality of competence and soft skills of MLT South East Asia students.
- 5. Strengthening coordination and further cooperation amid MLT students in South East Asia.

It is a great honor for the University of Puthisastra to be one of the invited universities to take part in this conference, both as participants and as delegates representing Cambodia. Four students of our MLT program that have been selected as our delegates will join panel discussions on various topics regarding medical laboratory technology education. On January 12, 2021, they also participated in the technical work meeting in preparation for the MSC 2021.

This is an excellent opportunity for our students to be able to perform internationally for the honor of our university, our country, and future ASEAN cooperation.

MIDWIFERY STUDENTS ALUMNI



"Midwife is a profession which help everyone in the society. And Midwife is also a good companion to help in consulting for every women especially helping to promote healthy lifestyle. We, as a midwife are committed to help all the women to decrease the maternal and child mortality rate for a better future of our society."

An Sokmet, Midwifery student, batch 6

TWELVE REASONS YOU SHOULD MAJOR IN PHARMACY AT UNIVERSITY OF PUTHISASTRA?

















Reason #01

University and faculty management have clear visions, missions and strong commitment to develop outcome-based education in Faculty of Pharmacy to be locally and internationally recognized.

Reason #02

Faculty of Pharmacy has enough qualified human resources: full-time and part-time lecturers, and academic staffs to manage, support and orient students to succeed in their academic and professional career. Six academic staffs have traveled abroad for training, research, conference and five international experts from the United States and Canada have been invited to train UP pharmacy faculties.

Reason #03

All laboratories and simulated pharmacies are fully equipped with modern equipment and instrument for our students to study, practice and conduct research. From the new academic year, Faculty of Pharmacy will invest in modern laboratory equipment and instruments to upgrade practical and research capacity of its laboratories.

Reason #04

Faculty of Pharmacy provides additional courses (Foreign languages, and research skills) and extra-curricular activities in addition to the national curriculum so that the graduates are competent to meet the local and international needs in the 21st century.



Reason #05

Faculty of Pharmacy has good collaborations with clerkship places including hospitals, laboratories, companies, pharmaceutical enterprises, industries and other universities to provide students with chances to do clerkship and volunteer work effectively and efficiently.

Reason #06

UP pharmaceutical students have opportunities to do international internship outside Cambodia. During the last 4 years, 178 students have been sent to do international internship and conferences in Japan, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore and Indonesia.

Reason #07

UP pharmaceutical students have opportunities to do research and publish their research articles in national and international journals. 37 UP pharmaceutical students had published 7 papers in international journals and 22 abstracts in have been successfully published this year.

Reason #08

Faculty of Pharmacy has been closely collaborating with local and international universities and industries to conduct joint research, and provide scholarship and employment for students after graduation. Students will be able to continue their study all over the world.

Reason #09

English is the language of instruction in Faculty of Pharmacy of University of Puthisastra from the first year to the final year.

Reason #10

UP Faculty of Pharmacy is the only one school of pharmacy in Cambodia who is the member of Asian Association of Schools of Pharmacy (AASP), and International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP).

Reason #11

UP Faculty of Pharmacy is the only one school of pharmacy in Cambodia who has the highest passing rate in National Exit Exam.

Reason #12

UP Faculty of Pharmacy has a good supporting system for students such as customer service, career counseling, clubs etc.

