

UP JOINS THE ELITE ALONGSIDE GLOBAL UNIVERSITIES ON THE TIMES HIGHER EDUCATION (THE) WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS!

Less than six months after achieving its first ranking place in The Times Higher Education (THE) 'Impact' Rankings, the University of Puthisastra is delighted to announce that it has now gained entry to the world's most prestigious university league table - THE's World University Rankings, becoming the first and only university in the history of Cambodia to achieve this dual ranking status!

The inclusion of UP marks a further bold and major step forward, both for UP in particular, and for the improving international status of Higher Education in Cambodia.

WHAT'S UP ON CAMPUS

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The Times World University League Table is the most prestigious and internationally recognised Higher Education league in the world. Entry into the world league is conditional on universities like UP providing only the most comprehensive, rigorous and well-validated data to evidence our track record of growth and academic excellence across a wide range of performance indicators.

The carefully calibrated indicators that are used by The Times provide the most comprehensive and well-balanced comparison of universities around the world. Alongside THE's Impact Rankings, the World University League Table also informs readers about the different missions and successes of Higher Education institutions globally.

This year's World University League Table features elite universities from over 110 countries around the world, including the USA, the UK, Australia, Japan, New Zealand, Russia, India and China, to name just a few. And now, Cambodia! Each university in the rankings has a detailed profile, with a breakdown of its overall scores. The rankings are available here: World University Rankings 2022. To find UP, simply choose Cambodia in the 'country' drop-down box - we're the first and only Cambodian university in the league!









This joint achievement of joining both the Impact Rankings and the Worldwide University League Table is a stunning breakthrough, not just for UP, but for Cambodia as a whole. This double-recognition is a formal acknowledgement of how we are helping to lead the way both nationally and internationally, at the very highest echelon of Higher Education, thanks to our dedicated focus on health science education.

In addition, The Times' rich and in-depth data, rankings and league tables are a vital resource for students (and their families), helping them to make one of the most important decisions of their lives: namely, which institution they should trust with their higher education. It is equally valuable for educators and academic professionals too; they rely on this information to discern future paths to increased achievement in their chosen academic fields, and as an important tool in deciding who they should pursue their careers with. UP is very pleased to be leading the way in enabling our hard-working and high-achieving colleagues to have the same opportunities in their careers as their peers do, all around the world.

Having successfully achieved this recognition on the global stage, UP will be continuing its progress upwards in the months and years ahead, to cement both its own place and reputation, and also Cambodia's place and reputation within the Higher Education industry globally, on a permanent basis. President Ian Findlay and Head of English Daniel Gillard have also creating a UP Working Group, to focus on gathering all the data and resources needed for UP's future league table submissions.

With our excellent staff and students working in partnership, there is nothing beyond our grasp as Cambodia's leading health sciences university!

WELCOME NEW LEADERS AT UP

New Foundation Year Director Appointed

Eron Smith has been appointed as the new Director of Foundation Year, moving from the Faculty of English Excellence and Employability where she taught English over the past year. Coming to Cambodia from Texas, Eron is a 33-year-old American who has lived and worked in Phnom Penh since 2017. Before joining the English Faculty at UP, she taught at international schools in Phnom Penh, the Republic of Korea, and the United States. She majored in psychology and early childhood education in the United States and has also completed various programmes of study at Ewha Women's University in Seoul, South Korea, and the University of Central Florida in Orlando, USA.

The Foundation Year office plays an important role in welcoming students to university life and building the skills and knowledge that they need to succeed in each of our faculties. Eron is excited to join the Foundation Year team and help support the staff and students with her passion and experience in teaching, as well as her commitment to seeking out new opportunities, facing challenges with innovative answers, and finding ways to connect and communicate as we build UP's community together.



As the Foundation Year program moves forward, Eron is focusing on harnessing the power of technology in education, adapting and evolving alongside new innovations in digital learning and delivery. Critical thinking and confidence in one's ability to evaluate and interact with new information is especially important in modern life with the wealth of knowledge available online. The cornerstone of academic excellence at UP is "learning how to learn," receiving not only knowledge and skills in the classroom, but also practical strategies in reasoning, research, time management, and study habits that propel students to future success. Eron believes that when we inspire authenticity, creativity, and curiosity in our students, we provide the framework for them to engage with future challenges and opportunities.

She envisions UP's students proudly representing us in Cambodian society and on the world stage not only as professionals in their fields, but also as experienced and thoughtful leaders in digital education. Outside of the university, Eron loves to play board games and video games, study languages, and read everything she can - especially mysteries, fantasy, and science fiction. Her favourite authors are Agatha Christie and Terry Pratchett.

New Director of Quality, Learning and Teaching, and Students Department Appointed

As Henrietta Mears once said "You teach a little by what you say. You teach the most by what you are." I am excited and honored to be appointed the new Director of QILTS at UP.

I will strive hard to listen to both the voices of the teachers and the students to create an environment of learning here at UP. I plan to increase the quality and effectiveness of teaching across UP and ensure that UP has the highest quality curriculum in Cambodia.

Finally, I will be working very closely with the Student Senate to make sure that the students' voices are heard. My door is always open for all staff and students.

Congratulations and welcome our new leaders at UP!



STAFF INTRODUCTION FROM THE FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCE AND BIOTECHNOLOGY



Hi! My name is Sokkeang. I'm a Program Coordinator and lecturer in Bachelor of Science (Research), Faculty of Health Science and Biotechnology at the University of Puthisastra (UP).

In addition, the subjects that I teach in Bachelor of Science (Research) are Research Technique in Chemistry and Math for Natural Scientists/ Data Collection and Analysis.I graduated with a master's degree in industrial chemistry in 2021 from King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi (KMUTT), Thailand, and worked as a research assistant for KMUTT, Thailand also. I have published my research work in the international journal (Be Sokkeang, Soydoa Vinitnantharat, and Anawat Pinisakul. "Effect of Mangrove Biochar Residue Amended Shrimp Pond Sediment on Nitrogen Adsorption and Leaching." Sustainability 13, no. 13 (2021): 7230 https://doi.org/10.3390/su13137230).

I want to improve this new program and use my knowledge and experience to help students to reach their goals.

Hello! I am Sreynich, Full-Time Lecturer in Bachelor of Science (Research) of Faculty of Health Science and Biotechnology at the University of Puthisastra (UP).

In 2019, I graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry from RUPP, then I received a scholarship and pursued a Master's Degree in Industry Chemistry from King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi (KMUTT), Thailand in the same year.



During my bachelor's degree, I did an internship at two institutions which are the Department of Environmental Protection and Laboratory of the Ministry of Environment and Camcontrol Department of the Ministry of Commerce. While studying for a bachelor's degree, I also work as a Teaching and Laboratory Assistant in the Department of Chemistry, RUPP, and as a Teaching Assistant in the Department of Chemistry, KMUTT. In addition, I have participated in the International E-Conference on Applied Science, Social, and Economic 2021 (ICASSE 2021) and published my research work in the conference proceeding. I intend to use my knowledge and experience as part of the development of students and the Faculty of Health Sciences and Biotechnology of the University of Puthisastra.

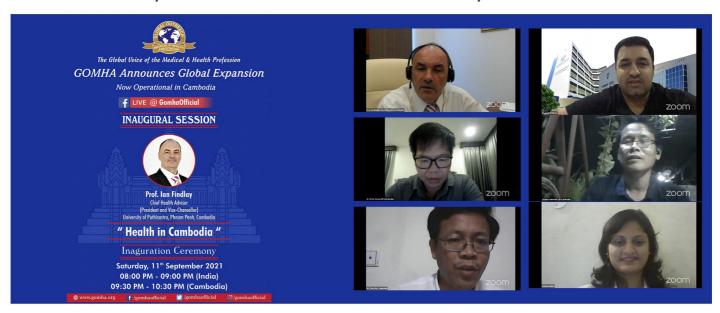
SPECIAL OFFERS AT THE DENTAL CLINIC THIS MONTH AND OCTOBER



Free dental check-up for children and adolescents, and 10% off all treatment procedures with our SPECIALIST in PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY, Dr Chhe Phearom DDS, MSc (Thailand). Also:

- 60% off implants normal price from \$650 special price \$250 (including crown) (conditions apply)
- Extractions from \$3.50 and restorations from \$5 each (conditions apply). To make an appointment please call: 012 414 563 or 098 414 563.

INAUGURATION CEREMONY: GOMHA ANNOUNCES GLOBAL EXPANSION, NOW OPERATIONAL IN UP, CAMBODIA



The Global Outreach Medical & Health Association organized the Inauguration Ceremony on Saturday, 11th September 2021. This Inauguration Ceremony presided by Prof. Ian Findlay, UP President and Vice-Chancellor, also Chief Health Advisor of GOMHA, and the Deans of Faculty of Medicine, Pharmacy, Dentistry and other Health Sciences members.

The Global Outreach Medical & Health Association (GOMHA) is a global organization representing the medical and health profession. It serves as the principal representative body for more than 59 million medical and health professionals globally. It promotes and provides accreditation, certification, education, training and other resources for organizations, professionals and students.

This Global expansion in Cambodia will benefit for both GOMHA and UP for the international outreach including staff, students and also the people of the Kingdom of Cambodia.







CONGRATULATIONS! THREE MORE UP MEMBERS APPOINTED AS PART OF THE GOMHA CAMBODIA FROM 2021-2023

Prof. Sandro Vento (Dean of the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Puthisastra, Phnom Penh, Cambodia) has been appointed as the Medicine Board Member of the GOMHA CAMBODIA BRANCH from 2021-2023. Prof. Sandro Vento is a Consultant & Collaborating Specialist at the Mayo Clinic Center for Tuberculosis (WHO Collaborating Center in Digital Health and Precision Medicine for Tuberculosis), Rochester, MN, USA.

Dr. Prom Vireak has been appointed as the President of Global Outreach Society of Pediatrics of the GOMHA CAMBO-DIA BRANCH from 2021-2023.

Dr. Soeun Sopharith (Deputy Dean of Dentistry, University of Puthisastra, Phnom Penh, Cambodia) has been appointed as the President of Global Outreach Society of Pediatric Dentistry of the GOMHA PHNOM PENH (CAMBODIA) BRANCH from 2021-2023. Congratulations to all the new members from UP!

UP STAFF PUBLISH ARTICLE ABOUT "THE DESCRIPTIVE EPIDEMIOLOGY OF COVID-19 LINKED TO COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION AND LOCKDOWN EFFECT IN CAMBODIA"

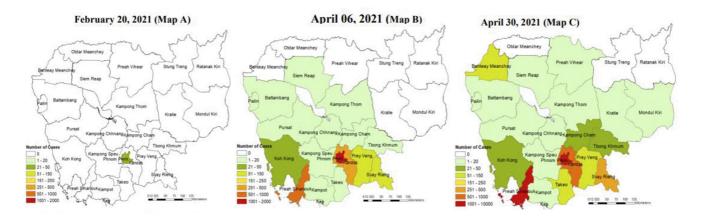


Figure 3: Distribution dynamics of Covid-19 cases linked to community transmission from February 20-April 30, 2021

UP's Samnang Um has been lecturer in Basic Statistics, Nursing Research and basic statistical data analysis in Department of Nursing and Midwifery for Bachelor of Science in Nursing Bridging program since 2020.

Samnang is also PhD candidate in Public Health in Disasters at the Centre for Research on Health Care in Disasters of the Karolinska Institutet (Sweden). He holds a Master of Science in Epidemiology from The School of Public Health and Bachelor's degree in Human Geography and English from Royal University of Phnom Penh.

Introduction

The Covid-19 pandemic has affected over 200 countries to date. In Cambodia, the first case was reported in January 2020 from a Chinese traveler. The hard-hit of community transmissions struck on February 20, 2021, and has yet to be fully contained. This paper aimed to describe the Covid-19 epidemiology linked to this community transmission event, and to discuss the effect of government's lockdown.

Methods

Available public data on Covid-19 cases reported daily by the Ministry of Health were collected between February 20 to March 26, 2021. Then, the data were recorded in Excel included both demographic and epidemiological variables. Also, from February 20 to April 30, 2021, the numbers of Covid-19 cases aggregated by province were tabulated in Excel, and we constructed the daily notification using ArcGIS software 10.8 to visually map cases by province. Finally, preventive measures and government's lockdown were chronologically recorded.

Results

From February 20 to March 26, 2021, there were 1,622 confirmed cases in which 52.3% were men with the mean age of 31 (SD = 11.2) years. Most was in agesof 20-29 (41.6%), 30-39 (30.7%) and 40-49 (10.5%) years. More than half of cases were Cambodian (52.8%) followed by Chinese (39.6%), and Vietnamese (5.3%). From February 20 to April 30, 2021, there were 13,255 confirmed cases initially started with Phnom Penh, then it spread over 85% of the total provinces (22/25) nationwide. Preventive measures and, a 14-day lockdown of Phnom Penh and Takhmao, city of Kandal from mid-April to early May 2021 were strictly implemented.

Conclusions

The paper highlights theinitial picture of the Covid-19 epidemiology and the rapid dynamicsof community spread within a shorter duration. It has been critically important to highly acknowledge the significant role of government in taking preventive measures and administrative measures in controlling the rise of Covid-19 pandemic. Despite this comprehensive effort, the increaseof daily cases was still observed. The preventive measures and the lockdown may impact the daily infected cases, but might not be visible in a short time.

The full article could be found here: http://cjph.niph.org.kh/index.php/cjph/issue/view/29

INTRA-ORAL SCANNER FOR UP DENTAL CLINIC

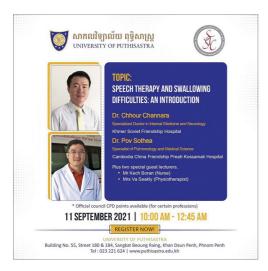


The University of Puthisastra has a new addition to its technical equipment as we have placed an order for an Intra-Oral Scanner. With the addition of this new technology, the UP dental clinic will offer patients new services such as orthodontic clear aligners, splint guides, crowns, and other services. The UP dental clinic will be the first university dental clinic in Cambodia to offer an intra-oral scanner to its doctors. Dr. Anand Marya, the Head of Orthodontics at the University of Puthisastra, believes that this is an essential addition to our repertoire as the world is heading towards digital dentistry. With the help of an intraoral scanner, we can help digitize our intra-oral records and carry out treatment planning virtually. An intra-oral scan roughly requires 5 to 10 minutes, and there is no need to take physical impressions anymore as the intra-oral records are stored on a secure server. At UP, we believe in offering the best learning options for our students and the best treatment options for incoming patients.

UP dental clinic has also settled on Modern Lab, Hong Kong, one of the most well-known dental labs in Asia, to offer their TRIO Orthodontic Clear Aligners to their patients. TRIO Clear Aligners have been designed using the latest technology in 3D printing, with each cycle of aligners using 3 different thicknesses- soft, medium, and hard to achieve tooth movement. With this, UP dental clinic will also become one of the very few universities across Asia to offer comprehensive aligner treatment to their patients. The aligner treatment prices have been kept low to provide this treatment option to all our patients. Clear aligner treatment costs at UP dental clinic would range from 1500 to 3000 USD depending on the severity of the case. Very few clinics in Cambodia offer this treatment, and charge up to \$7000 for some cases. So at UP we are charging less than half this amount. With clear aligners, normally metal braces are not needed – and the aligners are almost invisible.

With time we should be able to offer other services that involve using an intra-oral scanner, and we hope to procure a 3D printer sometime in the near future. Please contact the UP Dental Clinic for an appointment to see our orthodontist (012-414563 / 089-414563).

UP AND SSTC ORGANIZED WEBINAR ON SPEECH THERAPY AND SWALLOWING DIFFICULTIES



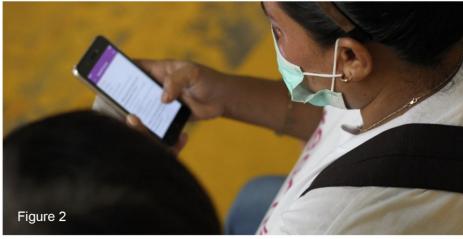
All healthcare professionals, especially doctors, nurses and physios joined this exclusive webinar to learn about speech therapy and swallowing difficulties.

The webinar delivered by two specialist doctors from hospitals in Phnom Penh including Dr. Chhour Channara (Specialized Doctor in internal Medicine and Neurology at Khmer Soviet Friendship Hospital) and Dr. Pov Sothea (Specialist of Pulmonology and Medical Science at Cambodia China Friendship Preah Kossamak Hospital). In addition, the webinar also featuring two guest speakers discussing interesting patient case studies.

All participants had an opportunity to give their feedback and opinion on possible future UP courses in this clinical area. CPD points were awarded for attendees who are Nurses (nursing council of Cambodia - 2 points) and/or Doctors (medical council of Cambodia - 2 points, after test).

MOU WITH REACH 52 AND RESEARCHERS AT UP





The Research Department (RD) at UP and reach 52 recently signed an MOU to work together with other partners on a One Health approach to predict, respond, and promote resiliency to future disease outbreaks. Together RD and reach52 have already collaborated on 3 grant proposals and look forward to further collaborations on research.

reach52 is a Singapore-based social enterprise delivering health services in markets others don't reach. Their 'offline-first' health-tech platform enables access to a full range of accessible services, including education, engagement, screening, and e-commerce for affordable health products. They equip community health workers and agents to manage services, partnering with the public, private, and NGO sectors to establish new, scalable health services across LMICs. Outputs and primary outcomes ultimately drive the impacts at a population level, aligning to the UN Sustainable Development Goals 3 (health), 5 (gender) and 8 (economic growth).

Figure 1 Community hypertension screening event in Siem Reap province. Blood pressure is measured with smartphone camera through innovative app. At-risk patients are then referred for remote digital consultation with physician using telemedicine network.

Figure 2 Community Agent registers a resident to the reach52 mHealth platform in Western Visayas, Philippines

TWO MD STUDENTS PERFORM COVID-19 SWAB RAPID TESTS AT SOMA FARM







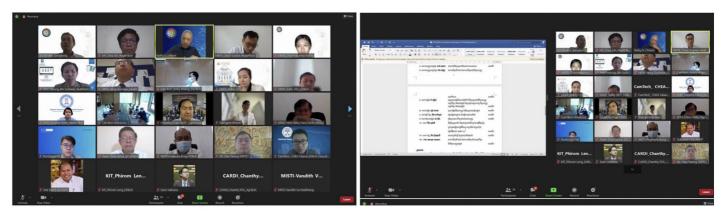


The Royal Government of Cambodia has urged public and private institutions to conduct rapid tests for COVID-19 on a regular basis. SOMA Farm, part of the SOMA GROUP, has arranged to have all staff at the farm tested for COVID-19 on Friday, 27th August 2021.

Two Faculty of Medicine students, Mr. Sok Khom Tara, MD Year 5 and Ms. Khai Lila, MD year 6, who have extensive experience in performing the test following their voluntary work at a COVID-19 Treatment Center in Phnom Penh, volunteered to go to the site and facilitate the screening.

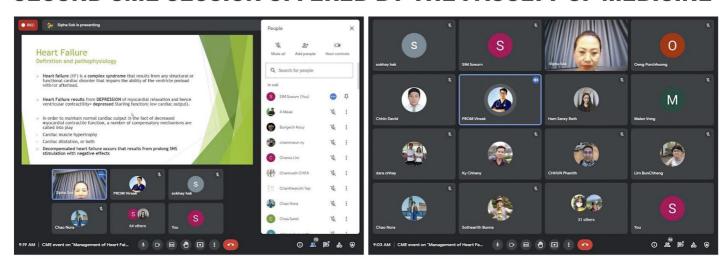
The test was conducted on the 193 staff currently employed at the Soma Farm in Bati District, Takeo Province. The staff was advised to take turn for the test so that the social distance could be easily observed, and work disruption was avoided. Wearing PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) level 3, our two students managed to complete all the swabs in the same day. The Faculty of Medicine and its students are happy to work closely with SOMA GROUP companies and provide support when needed.

DR CHEA SIN WAS APPOINTED AS HEALTH TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEMBER FOR MISTI



Dr Chea Sin, Dean of Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Puthisastra was appointed by the Ministry of Industry, Science, Technology and Innovation (MISTI) as a member of Health Technology Committee together with representatives from other Universities, Private Sectors and Government Sectors to create a roadmap for health technology to respond to the world economic revolution and Covid-19 situation. This project was supported by Science and Technology Institute, STEPI, of Republic of Korea. This integrated approach involving government, universities and industries as partners for development will bring the sustainable development to the nation with better outcomes.

SECOND CME SESSION OFFERED BY THE FACULTY OF MEDICINE



On 19th August 2021, Dr. An Maratha, senior cardiologist of the Cardiovascular Disease Department at Preah Ket Mealea Hospital, discussed via Google Meet the Management of Heart Failure in Adults. 78 medical students and doctors participated in this session. Dr. Maratha illustrated the different classifications of heart failure, such as AHA (American Heart Association), NYHA (New York Heart Association) and discussed high and low output heart failure. She highlighted the pathophysiology of the disease, the diagnostic algorithm and the management guidelines.

The participants were very interested in the topic and asked many questions and clarifications.

ENERGYLAB'S CLEAN ENERGY YOUTH AMBASSADORS

EnergyLab was established in Australia and now expanded to Cambodia. EnergyLab works to support the growth of the clean energy market, with a particular focus on innovation, startups and entrepreneurship. EnergyLab runs a range of programs to help entrepreneurs develop, launch and grow new energy businesses in the region.



Whether they be local or international, EnergyLab Cambodia assists by providing co-working space, ideation and opportunity analysis, support programs and investor introductions. Inspired by and in partnership with EnergyLab Australia's world-leading initiative. EnergyLab's mission and programs are include Clean Energy Hackathon and Incubation Program, Clean Energy Internship Program, Women Fellowship Program, and Clean Energy Week

- Clean Energy Hackathon and Incubation Program: Happens several times a year to grow start-ups that work on clean energy sector in Cambodia by providing coaching, mentoring, investment network and grants to run the startup.
- Clean Energy Internship Program: Recruits interns and match them to work in a clean energy company they are interested in.
- Women Fellowship Program: Provide leadership training for women working in clean energy industry.
- Clean Energy Week: A diverse range of events and activities across the whole week to engage and promote clean energy in Cambodia for sustainable development, economic productivity and innovation.

Ms Ou Socheata Pharmacy student in faculty of Pharmacy University of Puthisastra (UP) who attends this program mentioned "In 2019 I was an EnergyLab's Clean Energy Youth Ambassadors. I was a member of a group of students from different universities in Phnom Penh who participated in an internship program organized by EnergyLab. Our goal as Clean Energy Week ambassadors is to promote public awareness of the need for clean energy in the near future prime targets for our campaign are students. We want students to know the importance of understanding clean energy and renewable energy to push forward the clean energy transition for Cambodia for a stronger economy. So, what I gain from being an ambassador is getting to know about how important clean energy is, project planning, and organizing the event."

Again, now EnergyLab is working and preparing for Clean Energy Week in 2021 that will be held on the whole last week of October. And we hope all of our student to participate and understanding the importance of clean energy in Cambodia.

NEW BOOK ON "FAMILIES AND ADOLESCENTS" BY UP RESEARCHER AND COUNSELLING PSYCHOLOGIST MR HOEUR SETHUL

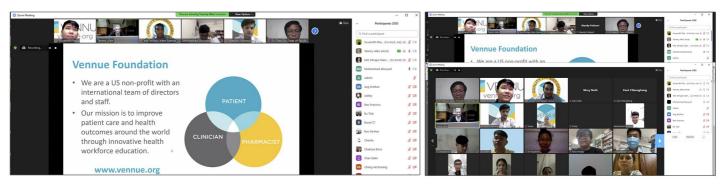


Mr Hoeur Sethul a counselling psychologist and working with the Department of Research at UP, was interviewed by the Phnom Penh Post about his new book on "The Family and Adolescents" published in Khmer. The book centres on challenges faced by adolescents and their parents such as communication between adolescents and parents, misunderstanding of psychological issues, and positive parenting strategies to help support adolescents. This book helps both parents and adolescents to find solutions to assist adolescents transition into adulthood and feel positive and productive members of society. The book is based on concerns raised by parents, schools, and administrators around teenage students,

and uses stories of adolescents and their families to share information in a relatable and supportive way for parents and teachers. Mr Hoeur Sethul, is the founder of KCPS Counselling and Psycho-Education Services and president of the Cambodian Association for Counsellors and Psychologists (CACP). Attached is a link to the interview https://phnompenhpost.com/lifestyle/parenting-expert-pens-khmer-guides Mr Hoeur Sethul a counselling psychologist and working with the Department of Research at UP, was interviewed by the Phnom Penh Post about his new book on "The Family and Adolescents" published in Khmer. The book centres on challenges faced by adolescents and their parents such as communication between adolescents and parents, misunderstanding of psychological issues, and positive parenting strategies to help support adolescents. This book helps both parents and adolescents to find solutions to assist adolescents transition into adulthood and feel positive and productive members of society. The book is based on concerns raised by parents, schools, and administrators around teenage students, and uses stories of adolescents and their families to share information in a relatable and supportive way for parents and teachers.

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KICK-OFF OF THE TRAINING BY VENNUE FOUNDATION AND FACULTY OF PHARMACY



KICK-OFF offers several practice-oriented courses, which have in common that they convey a variety of methods, illuminate different approaches, models and theories. In addition, it is important to us to encourage and motivate the participants optimally through the use of different didactic methods.

The Vennue Foundation Kick-off the first training and orientation to the pharmaceutical students, University of Puthisastra (UP). There are around 300 pharmacy students and staff joined and received the warm welcomes speech from Dr. Chea Sin Dean of faculty of Pharmacy (FoP) and faculty's staff, Tammy Allen CEO of Vennue Foundation and Vennue's staff. The Training was divided in 3 level from year 3 to year 5 in six weeks during vacation period. Pharmacy students earn certification in quality pharmacy care and Patient-Centered Pharmacy Practice through the Vennue Digital Hub. Vennue's proprietary curriculum is built on internationally recognized best practices with adaptability and relevance for local implementation in Cambodia.

DR CHEA SIN RECOGNIZED AS CONTINUING MEMBERS FOR GLOBAL HEALTH INITIATIVES



Global Health Workforce Initiative was created by Vennue Foundation, a US-based health organization, to support healthcare professionals around the world to cope with COVID-19's issues. The initiative has provided members with experiences and knowledge sharing to respond to all the problems arisen from COVID-19 pandemic. This has been done through round table discussion among healthcare professionals from different countries and with participation from frontline healthcare workers, faculties and students. This can also serve as a platform for Continuing Professional Development for all healthcare professionals, especially pharmacists around the world. By joining this, Dr Chea Sin has made some contributions to the discussion to share with the rest of the world and inspire staffs and students to join this program to keep updating their knowledge and adapt best practices to make their careers better.

MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR DENTAL EDUCATION ASIA PACIFIC (ADEAP)

Last week, the Association for Dental Education Asia Pacific (ADEAP) held a half-day online meeting to discuss the paradigm shift of dental education during the Covid-19 pandemic. The Cambodia Country Representative of ADEAP (UP Dean of Dentistry Callum Durward) was asked by Prof Allen Ming-Lun Hsu, President of ADEAP, to present on the topic "Quality assurance and assessment of on-line learning in Cambodia". The meeting was attended by over 80 participants from all over Asia as well as Australia, many of whom were Deans of dental schools, and other leaders in dental education in the region. As well as country presentations relating to the meeting theme, there were also presentations by the Australian Dental Council, The Japanese Association for Dental Education, The Korean Institute of Dental Education and Evaluation, the Philippine Association of Dental Colleges, and the Taiwan Association of Dental Education.



"Quality assurance and assessment of on-line learning in Cambodia"

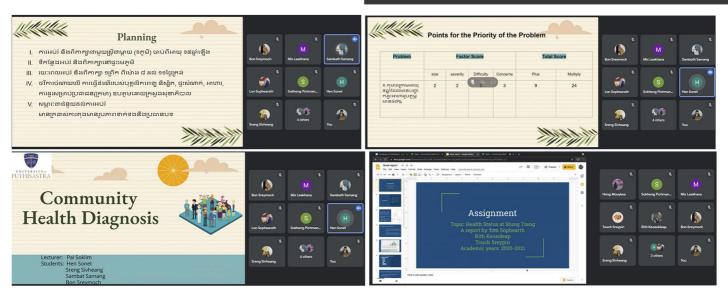


Prof Callum Durward Dean, Faculty of Dentistry University of <u>Puthisastra</u>



It was clear in the meeting that every country has experienced similar challenges, particularly in relation to online teaching and learning, and the restrictions placed on students getting lab and clinical experience during periods of university campus closures. Many dental schools had adopted innovative approaches to ensure that students could continue to learn, which they shared during the meeting. At present UP is the only dental school in Cambodia to have joined this important association, which aims to promote dental education in the region, and assist countries to improve the quality of their programs.

NURSING AND COMMUNITY HEALTH



Community health nursing combines primary healthcare and nursing practice in a community setting. Community health nurses provide health services, preventive care, intervention and health education to all people in communities. They promote and protect the health of the population by using nursing science knowledge from their nursing programmes.

Nurses who work in this field need to have competency in community health assessment, community health diagnosis, analyzing and planning for conducting community health interventions and evaluations.

The University of Puthisastra (UP) has the vision to produce fully competent and skillful nurses who can meet the global demand for healthcare staff in both local and outside markets. Therefore, in each step of the curriculum, the implementation of each subject is always focused on competency-based education.

Community Health Nursing is embedded in every programme of Nursing and here at UP, nursing students have the opportunity to learn the theoretical framework of community health, learning to assess the health of populations within communities, learn to analyze data, identify problems and prioritise them, undertake community diagnosis, and learn to prepare plans for community intervention. After completing their learning in class, students will be led to practice in the community to gain real experience and to evaluate their competency.

Learning at UP always ensures knowledge and competency!



WHY LISTENING AND NOTE-TAKING SKILLS ARE VITAL FOR UNIVERSITY STUDENTS?



Listening and Note-taking are essential skills each and every student ought to develop. To improve note-taking skills, the students must first work on their ability to listen effectively. This will help immeasurably during class time, when they are attempting to take notes during lectures or demonstrations.

While listening is making sense of what has been said, active listening means that the students are mentally involving in the presentations, paying attention on the concepts being conveyed, and identifying main aspects they will need to know.

In addition to listening skills, note-taking is another key skill they need to build as university students since it enables them to learn better and engage in their study by determining key points of each lesson instead of writing everything down.

Taking good notes helps them focus and understand main concepts greatly. It can even provide them with great learning resources which are significant for studying and reviewing so that they are able to catch up with lessons learnt in the course and be well-prepared for any exams.

Among a variety of training topics which the Department of Quality, Learning and Teaching, and Students (QLTS) has so far delivered to students at the University of Puthisastra within our Online Capacity Development Training Programme, The Importance of Listening and Note-taking Skills for University Students is a topic we have either included in our training series.

All the UP students are warmly welcomed to register and take part in our virtual training programme available for them to learn more about this topic and even others. Recently we have even come up with a wide range of new training topics and materials, such as 1. Essential Skills for Academic Success, 2. Tips on Academic Research Implementation, 3. Tips on Email Writing, etc., with the primary aims of promoting self-learning methods among the students and boosting their partaking in online learning effectively.

UP NURSING ALUMNI STORIES



Hi, my name is Nget Seakleng. I'm a Nursing major in the fourth batch at the University of Puthisastra. I graduated in February 2021. I am currently working at one private hospital. In my opinion, it's very important that we have a balance and understanding of both theory and practice before going into the workplace. Practical skills are needed on the job every day, so it's vital to have a good grounding in them. I had some good memories with UP. The good thing about the university was that they could teach me from experienced lecturers who also had a wide-ranging knowledge. What I appreciated the most was their diverse teaching methods, which helped me to understand and catch up with all of the lessons

To conclude, I would like to encourage the present students to work hard in both study and practice. I would also like to extend my sincere gratitude to all the lecturers who have devoted their knowledge, time and energy into training everyone all over the years.

Over the course of these four years, I've had to rely on self-learning. Also, without the help from lecturers, I'm in a much different place than I might have been.

THE INTERESTS OF SCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LABORATORY SCIENCES



My name is CHAN Malida, and I graduated from Soramarith High School in Kompong Chhnang Province. I have been studying in Medical Laboratory Technology, Faculty of Health Science & Biotechnology at the University of Puthisastra since June, 2021.

I completely finished an English for Academic Purposes course at the Pannasastra Institute of Foreign Languages as part of my educational background. The Medical Laboratory Technology program at UP is fantastic because the program is designed to provide students with a combination of hands-on technical and theory training under the supervision of lecturers, as well as internships in hospital laboratories and medical laboratory institutes.

Scholarships are extremely important to me because they reduce the cost of studying and will help me further my education. It would allow me to continue my education while also potentially saving lives in the future.

After receiving this scholarship, I intend to study harder and participate in all university activities and programs, including in-class and extra-curricular activities. That's a fantastic opportunity for me to demonstrate my willingness to collaborate with others.



It gives me great pleasure to introduce myself. My name is MUY Liza, and I attended Stung Trang High School. I am pursuing my major in The Department of Laboratory Sciences, University of Puthisastra (UP).

Students who study at the University of Puthisastra receive a high-quality education. The Department of Laboratory Sciences has a good curriculum for students because it has well-educated lecturers and staff, as well as enough modern equipment for students to conduct research and maintains good discipline. Having obtained this scholarship is extremely important as the role of my education supporter and will assist me in reducing school payments as well as easing the burden on my family with my scholarship. I am pleased and grateful for my accomplishment because I have tried all my best to seize this critical opportunity.

My family and I are overjoyed with my accomplishment and where I am right now. I will try harder and develop myself to be a qualified person in my field who can help people in the future. In my opinion, I want the next generation of students to work hard to learn and to persevere, because perseverance is what makes us successful.



Hello everyone, I would like to introduce myself, my name is SIM Sokngim. I am a freshman student of Medical Laboratory Technology in The Department of Laboratory Sciences at the University of Puthisastra (UP). I graduated from Toun Fa high school, Phnom Penh.I am so excited that I have a chance to pursue my major at UP. Since starting at The Faculty of Health Science, I've realized that the program is very interesting, and I've learned a lot from UP. All of the lessons that the faculty have assigned for students to study are really interesting and useful, and they can provide a good education to students, and all of the lecturers have many years of teaching and lab technical instruction to strengthen student knowledge.I recently received a scholarship from the University of Puthisastra to study in The Department of Laboratory Sciences. I believe it is really important for me and my family; it astounded my parents, and it also plays a significant role in saving in the family with this scholarship.

With this scholarship in my hands, I pledge to study harder because I want this opportunity to last until I graduate. Last but not least, I am grateful to have received a scholarship, and I am grateful to the University of Puthisastra for always taking care of and nurturing each individual student in order for them to become future leaders and create a positive, bright, and healthy future.