



UP VOICE

The Official Newsletter of the University of Puthisastra (UP)



PRIME MINISTER PRESIDES OVER UNIVERSITY OF PUTHISAstra'S 4TH GRADUATION CEREMONY

The University of Puthisastra (UP) celebrates its 4th Graduation Ceremony at the OCIC Convention Center in Phnom Penh on 17th August 2022 with the Guest of Honor being Samdech Akkak Moha Sena Padei Dekcho HUN SEN, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia.

H.E. Sok Puthyvuth, Chancellor of UP said, "This Graduation Ceremony celebrates our graduates' achievements the long hard work, the sacrifice and our students' commitment to their field of study. This ceremony also marks the next stage of their life - the first steps of entry into their careers. Our graduates here today are Cambodia's energy and lifeblood and our investment in Cambodia's future. They represent a very positive future for Cambodia. We are deeply honored to have the presence of the Prime Minister Hun Sen at this important milestone of our graduates' lives and we look forward to them making positive contributions to our society in time to come."

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“It’s feel amazing! I have been waiting so long. I’ve wanted to do this for a long time, so it’s a goal realization moment. I’ve already started working, as dentist at private clinic and UP dental clinic. UP has also made me more confident and shaped who I am today. There are a lot of great memories at UP such as working in Lab and Clinic with professionals.” Said **Pheach Ratanak, Batch 2, Faculty of Dentistry.**

Touch Sokkeang from Faculty of Pharmacy, Batch 4 stated “Since I’ve been waiting for many years to graduate, I’m very excited to complete my bachelor’s degree successfully with honors. After graduation I now have more opportunities to do the thing I want. The next step is to start up a career with a passion. Bringing all skills that I have acquired in my University to lead me to be more successful in the future. Five years at UP University were amazing. Although there is fun or sometimes difficulties during the course of learning but every student can still endure and overcome all obstacles. My best memories at UP are about the volunteering that I spent during my course and sharing of experiences with other students from different countries. Moreover, the unforgettable moment was studying with many good lecturers. I really appreciated their hard work snf help they gave me. On the other hand, UP also provide many good things such as Internships, Exchange programs and study tours in order to strengthen the relationship between lecturers and student, staff-student or student-student. That’s awesome!”

“At UP, we have always set our sights on educating, training and inspiring our students to become future leaders with a global mindset, it’s one reason why UP has so many foreign teaching staff as well as student international visits. To be the best we have to learn from the best and experience Best Practice overseas. It is very exciting to see so many of our students doing so well at the National Exit Examinations and stepping into working life. I am very confident that with their UP advantage, they will provide many positive contributions to Cambodia in the years to come.” said **Prof. Ian Findlay, President and Vice-Chancellor of UP.**



Set up just over 15 years ago in 2007, UP has grown from strength to strength in the pursuit of academic excellence. An example of this excellence is demonstrated by UP’s Faculties celebrating a 100% passing rate at the recent National Exit Examinations.

These are excellent results and shows that UP provides the very highest quality education in health and that UP students have very high achievements. They know the value of a UP education and are very, very proud to be a UP graduate. Employers too are learning about UPs high standards and know that UP graduates make the best new employees, ensuring that the best graduates get the best jobs and the highest salaries.

UP shared its many high quality programs offerings to High school students looking for a major in Health Sciences, Science in Information & Communications Technology, Research and English Excellence.

There is no better time studying at UP!

NURSING DEPARTMENT ATTENDING UP GRADUATION 2022



Remarkably, there were a total of 179 graduates from the Nursing Department this year. On top of that 98% of them are guaranteed a high salary job in related fields of medical healthcare. The other 2% will be opening their own care centers or supporting their parents' businesses. This result shows that the Nursing Department has again produced very high quality nurses to work in the medical and health care fields nationally and internationally with better opportunities when compared to others.

Finally, on behalf of the Nursing Department, we would like to wish our students a very successful career in their futures and we are looking forward to seeing the next generation of our students graduate very soon.

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Call for Poster Presentation!
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This conference encourages researchers, academics, students, policy makers and clinicians to share knowledge, expertise, and practices to make positive and sustainable improvements to health outcomes which will contribute to improved healthy people, social inclusion, economic prosperity and environmental sustainability.

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UP FACULTY OF PHARMACY LAUNCHES MASTER OF PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES

With approval from Ministry of Health, The Faculty of Pharmacy of the University of Puthisastra is launching a Master's Degree Programme in Pharmaceutical Science for the new Academic Year, 2022-2023. Students will spend 2 years (or 4 semesters) in order to complete this programme.

Normally classes are held from Monday to Friday, but in some semesters, classes and internships will also be held on Saturdays and Sundays.

- Master of Pharmaceutical Science has four tracks, which students will select one from the second year.
- Track 1: Quality Control and Quality Assurance of Health Products
 - Track 2: Pharmacokinetics and Clinical Pharmacy
 - Track 3: Medication and Public Health
 - Track 4: Hospital Pharmacy

UP faculty of pharmacy is the first private university who has graduate program in Cambodia.

UP FACULTY OF PHARMACY LAUNCHES MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMME - MEDICAL BIOLOGY

The Faculty of Pharmacy of the University of Puthisastra is launching a Master's Degree Programme in Medical Biology for the new Academic Year, 2022-2023.

Students will spend 2 years (or 4 semesters) in order to complete this programme. Normally classes are held from Monday to Friday, but in some semesters, classes and internships will also be held on Saturdays and Sundays. Application extended until 15 September, 2022.

Selection criteria:

- Bachelor's Degree in Medicine, Pharmacy or Medical Laboratory studies.
- Having good English proficiency: completion of General English or IELTS with a score of 5.0 or higher (or B1 Level or higher).
- Passed theoretical and oral testing.
- Number of students on course: 10 students.

After graduating from this programme, students will have the knowledge and skills to:

- Analyse and interpret the results of medical laboratory tests for various diseases.
- Have good laboratory management skills, such as: human resources management, budget management, planning skills, equipment management, reagents, waste, data, quality assurance, etc.
- Use and understand the requirements of various biomedical test equipment and techniques, and have a good understanding of the mechanisms of medical biology.

Students who successfully complete their Master of Biology degree will become highly qualified specialists in the field of medical biology with potential future careers in/as:

- Management of medical biology laboratories in both the public and the private sectors.
- Senior technicians working in medical biology laboratories to ensure the highest standards of laboratory quality.
- Candidates for PhD studies in Medical Biology.

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LABORATORY SCIENCES' ALUMNUS PURSUES A BACHELOR DEGREE IN THE USA



Mr. Seng Thako, a UP alumnus from the Laboratory Sciences Department, Faculty of Health Sciences and Biotechnology, University of Puthisastra, is pursuing a Bachelor Degree in Clinical Laboratory Science at the University of Massachusetts Lowell, Boston, USA.

During his study at the University Puthisastra, Mr. Thako was an outstanding and model student under the supervision of faculty staff and lecturers. He also did the clerkship and internship at the medical laboratory at public and private hospitals both in his second and third years in UP. Especially, when he was a junior, he got the opportunity to do a 1-month exchange program at Khon Kaen University, Thailand. Moreover, after he graduated from the University of Puthisastra, he worked as a rotation officer, teacher, and medical laboratory technician.

Pursuing a Bachelor's degree in the USA is a great achievement for Mr. Thako as well as an achievement for UP and the Laboratory Sciences Department for having such an active and outstanding student.

UP MEDICAL STUDENTS AS FUTURE SIMULATION TRAINERS

The first training session of MD year 4, 5 and 6 students candidates as UP simulation trainers was held on the 3rd August, 2022. To become qualified trainers, the students will have to go through various stages of training. During the first session, each student received a Pocket Guide to Teaching for Clinical Instructors, illustrating the techniques used to teach in the simulation room.

Dr. Prom Vireak presented the main objectives of the training which will allow some MD students to become trainers of other students in the use of simulation equipment.

Four important points were highlighted:

- **Environment:** the students will learn to arrange the skill station for teaching in the most visible way for the learners, verify the function of each manikin, check the lights and the temperature of the simulation room.
- **Set:** the students will learn to elaborate the objectives, the roles during the simulation practice and the outcome of the training skill station.
- **Dialogue:** the students will use their knowledge and skills to guide the learners and make sure that they reach the expected outcomes. They will learn to interact with the learners, answer questions and accept feedback and comments.
- **Closure:** the students will learn how to encourage comments from the participants, summarize and close the skill station.

The Faculty of Medicine hopes that these students will be able in due course to provide basic life support training also outside UP.



ICT JOINT MATCHING DIGITAL TALENT



On 30th September 2022, Jobify organized one event "Matching Digital Talent" which was hosted by Cam Tech University.

The demand for digital talent and Information Technology (IT) expertise in Cambodia is higher than ever. Companies and organizations across the nation are all pushing for digital transformation, but face the same challenge - lack of talent and expertise.

"Matching Digital Talent" aims to connect the demand for digital talent (banks, MFIs, IT companies, etc.) with the supply of digital talent (universities and training centers). Jobify, Cambodia's #1 IT job-matching platform, will play a crucial role in finding the best match between candidate and company - with the ultimate goal of digital transformation."

ICT WELCOME STUDENT YEAR 3 BATCH 12 FOR ORIENTATION DAY

We would like to welcome our new generation of student year 3 PNC students. 47 students were enrolled at the University of Puthisastra. The event was hosted on 24th September 2022, we separate 2 classes , Networking class within amount 20 students per class, Progamring classes 27 students per classes.

They looked happy with our campus and received many gifts from the university of Puthisastra during our orientation day.



MEET THE FOUNDATION YEAR TEAM

EAT Sokhoeun

My name is Sokhoeun. I received a Master degree in Biochemical Technology from King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi, Bangkok, Thailand in 2020, after a bachelor degree in Bioengineering from Royal University of Phnom Penh, Phnom Penh, Cambodia in 2018. I am a Full-Time Foundation Year Lecturer at Puthisastra University. I am really happy to be a lecturer to share my experiences and knowledge to the next generation.



LORN Sokchan

My name is Lorn Sokchan and I am glad to welcome you to be a part of UP. I am a foundation year lecturer in Biology and Anatomy. I graduated with a Master of Science in Entomology from Prince of Songkla University, Thailand in 2019 and Bachelor of Science in Biology from the Royal University of Phnom Penh in 2016.

I will try my best to help students reach their goals.

ICT MASTER DATA SCIENCE DEGREE SCHOLARSHIP EXAM

On 20th August 2022, ICT Department was organized examination to welcome new generation of Master Data Science.

We have 24 candidates attempting the examination, Top 10 students will provide 75% scholarship and the rest will provide 50% scholarship.

A Master of Science in Data Science is an interdisciplinary degree program designed to provide studies in scientific methods, processes, and systems to extract knowledge or insights from data in various forms, either structured or unstructured, similar to data mining. Our specialist courses such as Data Science foundation, Machine learning, A.I, Cloud computing, Data Virtualization, Data Mining, Data Analysis, etc.



PRESENTATION ON “SPEECH THERAPY IN CAMBODIA” FOR MD STUDENTS

On 8th August 2022, Ms. Chan Samnang, Speech Pathologist, and Ms. Lim Leng Sim, Speech Therapy Practitioner, National Pediatric Hospital, delivered a presentation on Speech Therapy. 44 medical students attended the presentation.

The experts highlighted the scope and benefits of this therapy, which is essential to improve motor impairment of patients with stroke, cerebral palsy or brain injury due to encephalitis or meningitis. Speech therapy also helps to improve behavioral problems in children with autism and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder. National Pediatric Hospital, Calmette Hospital, Khmer-Soviet Friendship Hospital and Cambodia-China Preah Kossamak Hospital currently provides this therapy.

Finally, the experts illustrated swallowing physiotherapy. The presentation ended with questions from the students.



ADM YEAR 3 STUDENTS ARE DOING INTERNSHIP

After the struggle period of Covid19, currently midwifery students are finally able to go back to hospital for their clinical practicum everywhere in the country with the partner hospitals of UP.

On 15th August 2022, the ADM year 3 students have start their internship at the 3 different hospitals, Kampot Hospital; Khmer-Soviet friendship Hospital; and Pun Yea Leu Referral Hospital, for their final training in midwifery profession.

The internship is going to take about 3 months for the students under the supervision of the assigned preceptors at the hospital. With all the training both in campus and at hospitals and health center that provided by UP throughout their 3 years spending in UP, they will become a good midwife in the future.



UP'S HEALTH SCIENCES AND BIOTECHNOLOGY ORGANIZED A MEETING WITH SCIENCE RESEARCH STUDENTS



On 22 August 2022, the University of Puthisastra, Faculty of Health Sciences and Biotechnology organized a meeting with freshman students in Bachelor of Science Research under the topic “Career Opportunities in Science Research Program”.

The meeting was a pleasure and success with the participation of faculty members, marketing staff, and our freshman and sophomore students in Bachelor Science Research. The main purpose of this meeting was to share information related to job opportunities with the Science Research Program and to build and enhance a good relationship between staff and students. With a Bachelor of Science Research, students will be able to embark on a career in a range of occupations and industries in a diagnostic/research setting in one of the fields of natural sciences.

These include work in food testing, medical, cosmetic research, food & beverage industry, NGOs, hospitals, public policy, public health research, private research organization, etc., as well as being in pole position for jobs as Cambodia’s research capability expands.

Graduates can consider careers in some of the following fields:

- Analytical Chemistry
- Veterinary science
- Biomedical science
- Clinical science
- Environmental science
- Food technology
- Forensic science
- Research science
- Microbiology
- Biotechnology
- Scientific writing
- And many other science-based areas

UP NATURAL PRODUCT CONTEST 2022 BY FACULTY OF PHARMACY



On August 15, 2022, Faculty of Pharmacy (FoP) of University of Puthisastra (UP), launched a Natural Product Contest 2022 under the theme of "Innovative natural products for the benefits to human health and improve research capacity". The event was hosted in Hall B and the Canteen in the University of Puthisastra.

There are 52 UP pharmacy students (17 groups) joined as contestants in this contest. Professionals from various fields such as cosmetics, community pharmacy, natural products, were invited to be an external committee board and guest speakers during the event.

All research studies were conducted prior to the formulation of natural products. All plant research activities were conducted in the Pharmacognosy laboratory (J11) with the support of lecturers, pharmacy laboratory assistants and research team in J11.

To encourage students to do their best in the contest, the event organizing team prepared 7 awards including 5 outstanding awards (top 1 to top 5) and 2 popular vote awards. The criteria to select the top five awardees are (1) students who produce a natural product with any categories (cosmetics, supplements, pharmaceutical products, and beverages) on a specific deadline, (2) students who conduct a presentation (both slide and oral presentation) in an organized event by the leadership team, and (3) the natural products will be evaluated by the internal (staff of FoP) and external committee's board of the contest.

Thanks to everyone's commitment and efforts, the event was successfully held with a total number of 470 participants. Furthermore, there are many students who said they would like to participate in the contest again next year with more innovative ideas.

WINNERS OF NATURAL PRODUCTS CONTESTS 2022

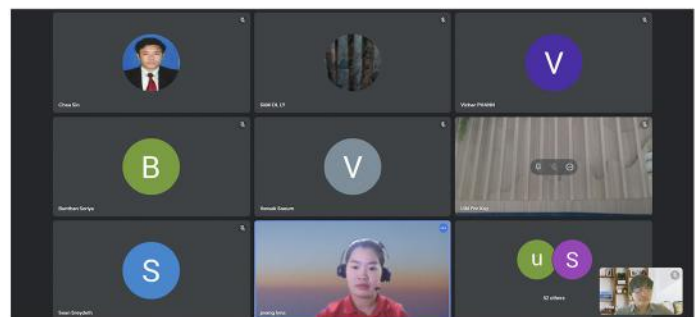


The Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Puthisastra organized a natural product competition and product exhibition on August 15, 2022 at the campus (Hall B and in front of the Canteen). For the purpose of this event is to encourage more research as well as explore the various health benefits available from the plants of Cambodia. And our Natural Product Contest 2022 has already found the 7 winning teams.

Here are the 7 winning teams

- 1st place is group 15: Roselle Powder
- 2nd place is group 10: Body Gel Mask
- 3rd place is group 11: Jus Cool Spray
- 4th place is group 3: Cashew Milk
- 5th place is group 8: Natural Hair Mask
- Group 12 and 17 are the group won the most popular elections by participant

DKSH SPONSOR CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF FACULTY OF PHARMACY.



DKSH is one of the largest distributors of pharmaceuticals and goods in Cambodia. Not only is it a company that brings good quality products to Cambodia, DKSH also contributes to support the Continuing Professional Development for Cambodian pharmacists that lead by Dr. Chea Sin, Dean of the Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Puthisastra through financial support.

The main purpose of sponsoring the continuing professional development course is to support and promote this study to run more smoothly and more for Cambodian pharmacists lead by the Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Puthisastra. DKSH has also been involved in introducing pharmacists to new and high-quality products that can be sold in pharmacies.

COMMUNITY PARASITOLOGY PROJECT BY FACULTY OF PHARMACY AND HEALTH SCIENCE AND BIOTECHNOLOGY



To improve pharmacy practice education, Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Puthisastra (UP) organized a field trip entitled "Community Parasitology Project" for pharmacy students for the purpose of improving their knowledge based upon the policy of UP to strengthen the community skills and research activities in the campus, the community outreach and pharmaceutical care would be taken as the upfront priority in term of research activity development.

The Parasitology project is one of the project initiated and guided by pharmacy lecturer as well as Faculty of Pharmacy. So far, Faculty of Pharmacy has led many projects and also encouraged pharmacy students to participate in the projects to provide them with chances for practicing.

Those projects were strongly supported by university management, authorities, students, and sponsors. This project has happened since 2016 and it operate smoothly and successfully. For Parasitology project, it is also hopefully supported by pharmacy students and people who involved. This project is applied for year 3 pharmacy students who recently finished Parasitology course on both theory and practices. This project will expend students' knowledge and skills related to Parasitology.

The goal of this project is to ensure all year 3 pharmacy and Laboratory students are competent in the field of practice after graduation.

The purposes of this project are the following:

Purpose 1: To conduct research in area of practice

- 1.1. Output: Pharmacy and Laboratory practice skill developed and improved
- 1.2. Output: Research skills developed and improved
- 1.3. Output: Identify a number of Parasites in rural community
- 1.4. Output: Provide education and prescribe a number of Anti-parasitics.
- 1.5. Output: Identify a number of parasites in the young children in primary school.
- 1.6. Output: Create standard operation Procedure (SOP) for machinery usage.

Purpose 2: To build solidarity and teamwork among the UP pharmacy family.

- 2.1. Output: Teamwork improved

Teamwork and communication are essential for medication safety and quality of care. Pharmacy and Laboratory students should know how to work as a team with other professionals, and patients. In this project, student will provide change to work as a team with other people around them.

DEALS AND DISCOUNTS ON UP WEBSITE

Do you know that UP students, staff and alumni can receive a variety of special deals from well-known businesses and services?

UP is not only committed to providing the highest quality education to our students, but we are also seeking additional extracurricular activities and other ideal and exciting offers that other institutions cannot deliver.

Recently, UP has formed partnerships with a number of well-known establishments in town, such as bookshops, cafés, amusement parks, gyms, and restaurants, among others, where our UP community may come and enjoy the various advantages offered. You may now go to UP website and under Student Services, just click Deals & Discounts to view a list of various locations and services, along with what they can provide and where they are located.

Alternatively, you may visit the link below to see the fantastic deals provided by our partners.
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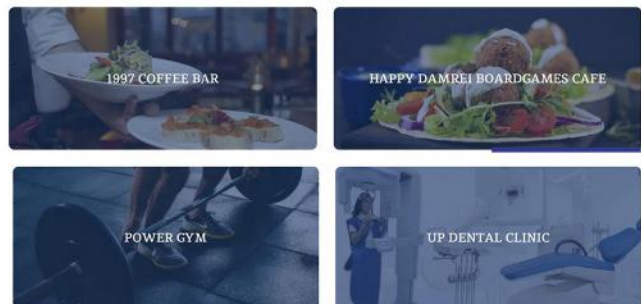
Here are our ten potential partners, with more to come in the near future.

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