



UP VOICE

The Official Newsletter of the University of Puthisastra (UP)



UP SHINES AT STI EXPO 2023



This 1st National STI Day themed 'Building Foundation For All' were held on 26th, 27th, and 28th March 2023. It's no coincidence that the strongest, most powerful countries invest heavily in Science, Technology and Innovation - these are crucial for a nation's success.

UP is committed to science, technology and innovation:

- Science** Every single degree at UP is a science degree particularly health sciences - medical science, dental science, pharmacy science, nursing science, lab science, IT, etc
- Technology** UP uses the very latest and best education technology – UPOP based using the same system (Moodle) used by the world's best universities
UP has modern equipment, unavailable in Cambodia
UP has a dedicated e-learning center accessing the worlds knowledge free of charge
- Innovation** UP has more than 200 research publications in 2022 alone
UP has Cambodia's only dedicated research degree

UP showcased its program offerings in Health Sciences, Technology, Research and also English Program. Visitors to the UP booth got a chance to interact with the current undergraduates as well as UP staff to find out more about the majors available, career possibilities as well as to try hands on experiments related to the degree courses offered at UP.

UP's skeleton made a popular selfie.

UP had the best booth and the most engagement from amongst all the universities!

UP provides top quality education to undergraduates. Over 65% of UP's teaching staff has a Doctoral degree (compared to only 8% at other Cambodian universities), with more than 90% with Masters or more in STEM. More than 80% have international qualifications/ expertise in STEM – brining international expertise to Cambodia to teach and inspire the next generation.

On top of that UP is Cambodia's most successful research university (~200 Publications in 2022)!

In addition to quality teaching, UP has many other qualities to help undergraduates such as free fast Wi-Fi, canteen, Student Clubs, and an online library that allows easy access around the clock for undergraduates doing research. As an internationally focused university, UP also provides intensive English tuition, no need to study (and pay) elsewhere.

WHAT'S UP ON CAMPUS

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WHY CHOOSE UP?

A STI (Science, Technology & Innovation based university)



Commitment to the Country

UP brings Cambodia to the World:

- Strong international reach with over 180 MOUs including many international universities
- International exchange programs/visits for UP students – each year approx. 1000 UP students attend international conferences and events
- English tuition allowing Cambodians to embrace the world using English – the Language of International Success. Four years tuition - provided free of charge
- Leading curricula and modern teaching ensuring Cambodian graduates are on the World Stage
- Cambodia's only Science (Research) degree – STEM focused.
- Fully Accredited by ACC (Maximum from Accreditation Committee Cambodia), MOEYS and MOH. Only 1 of 10 (out of 130) Cambodian HEI accredited by ACC.

UP brings the World to Cambodia

- UP is only Cambodian university recognized in elite THE World education rankings.
- UP is TOP 28th private university in ASEAN (AppliedHE)
- UP is the Top private University in Cambodia
- 65% of our academic staff have doctorates (compared to just 8% in Cambodian Higher education) with 90% with masters or above
- 61% of UP Academic staff are foreign experts bringing modern expertise to Cambodia. High quality training from international experts from international hospitals and organizations.
- International level CPD (continuous professional development) across all faculties.
- Regular visits & symposiums from international experts



Commitment to our Students

- Top Performing university in National Exit Exams: 100% Pass rate for Dentistry, 100% Medicine, 100% for pharmacy, 100% nursing and 100% midwifery. And 95% for associate degrees.
- Professional English Program taught by 100% Native level Speakers free of charge – UP Students train in English, the international language of Health Sciences and Technology.
- Highly qualified & experienced staff - over 65% of UP's teaching staff have a Doctoral degree (compared to just 8% in Cambodia overall) and more than 80% have international expertise/training
- Free high speed WiFi – one of the fastest in Cambodia
- Monthly Repayment Plan – to help spread payments.
- Convenient fee payments through partnership with ABA & WING.
- UP Online learning platform (based on Moodle – used by Top universities world wide). UP delivered >75,000 hours of online learning). Recognized as one of best in Cambodia.
- Modern teaching delivery – including online, hybrid, blended and flipped delivery
- Online Digital Library – allowing students access to the Worlds Knowledge and experience
- Internationally Focused Curriculum to provide students with World experiences.
- Careers Conference to link students to employers – High 100% employment rate (3 months) ensuring UP graduates get the best jobs with the highest salaries



Commitment to Society

Strong Community Focus

- UP spearheads many community missions providing free healthcare & education across Cambodia.
- UP health center including Cambodia's largest pharmacy, dental hospital & Medical center

Empowering women

- Empowering women through education – 51% of our students are female, 47% of our staff and 38% of our leadership.



Commitment to our Partners

- Cambodia's most successful research university (~200 publications in 2022)
- UP's regular contributions to International journals ensure that UP students are actively engaged with thought leaders

UP'S FOUNDATION YEAR WELCOMES ITS STUDENTS TO NEW ACADEMIC YEAR: 2022-2023



UP's Foundation Year arranged a three-day orientation (14th through 16th March with a support day on the 17) to welcome its new students. The aim is to ensure that our students transition well into university, get ready for the intensive weeks and adventure ahead.

A variety of use-fun activities and sessions were introduced to a total of around 475 students. These sessions included Selfie Scavenger Hunt, Information on IT Services, Introduction to UPOP and Student Services, overview on UP's Assessment and Attendance Policies and Payment Process, Introduction to academic integrity/ honesty, and Overview of FY program and English.

From the laughter and smiles worn on the students' faces, the program made memorable and useful moments for the students.

When asked how they found the orientation program, in particular the initially introduced activity 'Selfie Scavenger Hunt', a group of 6 students, who were actively engaging in this activity, said that it was tiring, but interesting and important, as they had to take selfies around the campus, while this was done with the purpose of getting them familiar with the overall atmosphere of the university and the offices.

Following the orientation week, the students had to join the intensive weeks (a three-week long program). Three courses have been introduced during these weeks: Academic Skills Development (ASD), Computer Applications (CA), and First Aid (FY).

UP INVESTS IN LABORATORIES



UP continues to invest in laboratories to improve the teaching quality and upgrade research capacity. Last week saw the arrival of new pieces of equipment that will upgrade laboratories to become practical and research centers that respond to national and international curriculum. In particular this equipment will boost medicinal plant research activities and expand the practice of pharmaceutical technology.

Below are the new equipment that just arrived.

- #1. Kjeldahl systems, which are Distillation Unit, Simi-digester Unit, SMS scrubber, and JP Water Vacuum. This system will be used for the determination of protein content in a wide range of samples. This apparatus is used in medicinal plant-based practice and research activities.
- #2. Tablet Hardness Testing is a tool used to determine the strength and durability of tablets. This apparatus will be used for pharmaceutical technology, quality control, and research activities.
- #3. Tungsten lamps for HPLC, which will be added to our existing HPLC to widen the capacity of the detector.

MEDICAL STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN AN EMERGENCY WORKSHOP AT KHON KAEN UNIVERSITY, THAILAND



8 medical students participated in a Cardiovascular emergency and general emergency Workshop organized by the Faculty of Medicine at Khon Kaen University, Thailand.

The workshops were part of the 5-days program of the International Competition in Emergency Medicine 2023 (ICEM 2023). Participants were from Cambodia, Thailand, Japan, Indonesia, Philippines and Malaysia.

The students were divided into small groups and rotated between various stations: Abnormal Heart Sounds, Arrhythmias, Heart Blocks, Emergency Cardiovascular X-ray, Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS), Advanced Airway Management.

UP'S FACULTY OF PHARMACY, PUBLISHES RESEARCH PAPER WITH KHON KAEN UNIVERSITY, THAILAND TO PUBLISHED A RESEARCH PAPER IN MOLECULES (IMPACT FACTOR 4.927)

Under the leadership of Dr Chea Sin, Dean of UP, the Faculty of Pharmacy collaborated with Assoc. Prof. Natthida Weerapreeyakul, and Dr. Tarapong Srisongkram, Khon Kaen University, Thailand, to publish research in the Molecules or MDPI Journals. Molecules is the leading international academic open access journal that provides unlimited and free access for readers. The article entitled "Bioactive Compounds, Antioxidant Activities, and HPLC Analysis of Nine Edible Sprouts in Cambodia" was accepted on 20th March 2023 in the volume of 28, issue 6, page 2874, get published on 22nd March 2023, DOI: 10.3390/molecules28062874. It is available online at <https://www.mdpi.com/1420-3049/28/6/2874>.

UP SIGNS MOU WITH THAMMASAT UNIVERSITY AND GLOBAL CHILD DENTAL FUND



Recently UP (represented by Prof Ian Findlay) signed an MOU with the Global Child Dental Fund (represented by Prof Raman Bedi from the UK) and the Faculty of Dentistry, Thammasat University (represented by the Dean A/Prof Sutee Suksudaj) with the aim of establishing academic and clinical programs to teach dental professionals in Cambodia about how to manage common Special Care Dentistry scenarios, and empowering them to feel more confident when treating patients with disabilities and special needs. The MOU states that the three partners will work together to achieve these aims, part of which will involve Cambodian dental students and dentists visiting Thammasat University to undergo training.

The MOU signing ceremony was held online between UP and Thammasat, which Professor Raman Bedi was visiting for the occasion. The Global Child Dental Fund has been working in Cambodia for many years supporting projects which promote child dental health, and last year produced a booklet (in Khmer) on Special Care Dentistry which is available for Cambodian dental students and dentists. It has also recently (with involvement from UP and other universities in the region) produced a series of educational videos on Special Care Dentistry.

MOU SIGNING CEREMONIES OF UNIVERSITY OF PUTHISAstra WITH CAMBODIA ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIST AND N HEALTH CAMBODIA



On March 17 and 22, 2023, there were MOU signing ceremonies between the University of Puthisastra and two institutions which are Cambodia Association of Medical Technologist (CAMT) and N Health Cambodia respectively.

Professor Ket Vansith, CAMT, and Mr. Nathakorn Wimonsittipong, N Health Cambodia with Professor Ian Findlay, President and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Puthisastra agreed to sign MOU and work hand in hand together in terms of technical training and get exchanged experiences through this MOU. The purpose of this MOU is to ensure the quality of training at the standard level by collaborating, providing knowledge, and experience on laboratory techniques, and sharing specific visions for future cooperation between the University of Puthisastra and the two partner institutions.

UP DENTISTRY CONGRATULATES THREE NEW SCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS



Following applications from many Foundation Year Students, three have been awarded scholarships to study dentistry at UP. They are Ms Nob Channetra, Ms Khy Mouykhim and Ms Thol Tharath. They are shown here with our Deputy Dean A/Prof Soeun Sopharith, and Assistant Dean Dr Kong Kalyan. Congratulations and welcome to the Faculty of Dentistry.

UP PHARMACY STUDENTS JUMP-START THE CAREER WITH A SUMMER INTERNSHIP ABROAD



Trying to get a great job post-graduation without an internship on the resume is like baking a cake without flour. These are global times, so the professional world that awaits upon student graduation becomes increasingly interconnected. In addition, in this digital economy technology continues to advance by leaps and bounds. Not surprisingly then, employers increasingly seek workers who have both cross-cultural competence and cutting-edge technical skills.

One of the best ways to prepare students for this global marketplace is to intern abroad, especially for those who are curious or ambitious about the big world out there. During this upcoming summer break, 20 pharmacy students from year 3, year 4 and year 5 are going to KKU (Khon Kaen University) in Thailand for their one-month internship. It is a great opportunity for UP students as both universities ranked top 25 in the Southeast Asia, according to the Times Higher Education (THE).

Students will intern in 4 sectors namely community pharmacy, clinical pharmacy, research and development (R&D), and Pharmaceutical Technology. Poul Philip, the class monitor from year 4 said he is really looking forward to it - excitedly telling us that interning abroad is an opportunity to learn about new people and cultures, taste delicious new foods, and make lasting memories whereas gaining more professional experience.

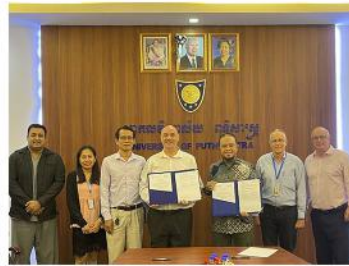
Equipped with pre-departure internship advice from the faculties, our students seem to be ready for this exciting journey. Go show off your talent on the global stage and bring back home some amazing international experiences, students! Remember your goal and keep your mind open to changes and the unexpected

TWENTY-PHARMACY STUDENTS RECEIVED A WARM WELCOME FROM THE KKU DELEGATE



On March 20, 2023, Professor Dr. Narin Chansri, Dean of the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences at the University of Khon Kaen, and Professor Yaowared Chulikhit, Associate Dean gave a warm welcome to twenty pharmacy students from the University of Puthisastra. This internship will begin from March 20 and end on April 20 of 2023. The University of Puthisastra has sent pharmacy students to Khon Kaen University's Faculty of Pharmaceutical Science for an internship nine times now, with an emphasis on four areas: community pharmacy, clinical pharmacy, research and development (R&D), and pharmaceutical Technology.

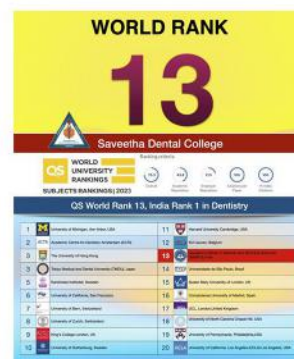
UP SIGNS MOU WITH CITY OF LONDON DENTAL SCHOOL



The Faculty of Dentistry is pleased to announce that they have signed an MOU with City of London Dental School based in the UK to offer post-graduate courses for dentists in Cambodia. Last week their representative in Asia Dr Ari Harsoputranto (Director of Octacademy) from Jakarta, visited UP to discuss collaboration between the two institutions. UP is the top CPD provider in Cambodia and with the signing of this MOU we aim to offer more internationally accredited courses. We are currently planning for courses in Implantology and Orthodontics and hope to provide more updates soon.

The City of London Dental School is an independent dental school which provides online blended postgraduate dental courses and degrees from the UK. It offers an extensive range of programs which are continually expanding and evolving through feedback from the dental profession, striking a fine balance between academic achievement and clinical training. They offer an extensive range of MSc degree program titles that have been validated and developed specifically for online delivery by the University of Bolton.

SAVEETHA DENTAL COLLEGE OFFERS EXCHANGE PROGRAMS AND MASTERS DEGREES FOR UP DENTAL STUDENTS AND GRADUATES



In the month of November 2022 UP had signed an academic MOU with Saveetha Dental College in India. In the latest QS Rankings Saveetha Dental College has moved up 5 places to be ranked 13th in the world.

UP is proud to put forward the fact that both UP and Saveetha college are ranked Number 1 in dentistry in their respective countries. Over the past few years Saveetha Dental College, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India, has become one of the finest institutions in the world with a unique curriculum that is a spectacular fusion of the best practices of the East and West. The college has over 9000 Scopus publications making it the highest-publishing dental college in the world.

Recently Assoc Professor Anand Marya, the UP Head of Orthodontics who is a visiting Professor at Saveetha Dental College, had an online meeting with them in which the institution offered to take undergraduate students for an academic exchange program and observership. This is an opportunity for our students to visit one of the world's most well-known and best dental schools.

Also, during the meeting UP was offered to send their graduates to do full-time Masters programs on full scholarships. This would again be a very good opportunity to specialize at one of the highest-ranked dental schools in the world.

UP SCIENCE RESEARCH STUDENT YEAR 1 BATCH 3 ORIENTATION



On March 16, 2023, the Faculty of Health Sciences and Biotechnology, in collaboration with the Foundation Year Department, organized an orientation for the Science Research Year 1 Batch 3. The purpose of this event is to build good relationships with students and share information related to the Science Research program, as well as job opportunities after graduating with a Bachelor of Science Research. At this event, there was the presence of faculty members, along with volunteers from the first and second batches of Science Research students.

THE FACULTY OF MEDICINE WELCOMES NEW BATCH OF STUDENTS



On 16th March 2023, Professor Sandro Vento, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, and Dr. Thao Titya, Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs, welcomed 131 new medical students starting their Foundation Year, and provided an orientation session outlining the most important information related to academic life, teaching, learning and assessment methods. The students asked many questions. The Faculty of Medicine wishes them to be successful in their MD program!

NURSING STUDENTS AND HOSPITAL CLERKSHIP AND INTERNSHIPS



All nursing students have Clerkship and internship at hospitals to practice their skills after they finish theory class.

Bachelor degree students have clerkship at the hospital for one month in year 2 for semester 2 and Internship have 3 months in year 4 for Semester 2.

Associate Degree students have clerkship at the hospital have one month in year 2 for semester 2 and internship have 3 months in year 3 for semester 2.

During students' practicum at the hospital, they will rotate to different areas of the hospital to gain a well-rounded set of experiences. It is expected that they will be using all of their nursing knowledge and skills, learned through their nursing education to provide a high quality of care to patients and their families. It is also expected that they will develop the behaviors and professionalism required of nursing students about to graduate into their chosen profession.

HEALTH EDUCATION IN THE COMMUNITY



On March 27th, 2023, UP's Dept of Nursing led 11 third generation undergraduate students to visit the community in Veal Thom village, Peam Ok Nha Ong commune, Lavear Em district, Kandal province.

Students achieved extensive practice in community nursing - which is different from the hospital nursing as the hospital has individual patients, whereas community nursing cares and heals the whole family. This community internship highlights the learning and teaching of students to use common sense.

It also help strengthen the capacity of nursing students to work with real life actual illnesses and provides education to the villagers to prevent various diseases, demonstrating that nurses play an important role in Patient health care.

And it is an important time for medical training students to gain experience and apply their knowledge, skills and attitudes before they become graduate nurses.

UP'S FACULTY OF PHARMACY PROVIDED TRAINING ON HIGH PERFORMANCE LIQUID CHROMATOGRAPHY (HPLC)



UP's Faculty of Pharmacy conducted training on High Performance Liquid Chromatography (HPLC) and its application in Pharmaceutical Sciences on 22nd March 2023, venue Hall H to UP staff.

HPLC is a state of the art modern instrument with high technology and is one of the most expensive instruments that UP has invested in. HPLC has many benefits and advantages not only in the field of pharmaceutical Sciences but in Medicine, Health Science, Laboratory, Chemistry, Food, Cosmetic, Environment as well.

The purpose of our training was to introduce the benefits of this new technology across wider UP to promote benefits for further studies, teaching and research activities.

TWO MD STUDENTS SUCCESSFULLY DEFENDED THEIR THESIS



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On 10th March 2023, Ms. CHEA Siek Ai and Ms. KONG Srey Nuch successfully defended their thesis entitled “Retrospective Study on Epidemiology and Clinical Features of Pneumonia in Children under Five Years of Age Admitted to the National Pediatric Hospital in Phnom Penh in 2017”. The students passed with credit.

Their thesis was supervised by Assistant Professor Choeung Chea. The Thesis Examination Committee, chaired by Professor Callum Durward, included Associate Professor Saint Saly, Assistant Professor Duch Moniboth, and Dr. Yenn Roumany.

The study found that the diagnosis of pneumonia at the National Pediatric Hospital in 2017 was based on clinical features more than just chest X-ray, and that no etiological diagnosis was made.

UNE INVITES DENTAL STUDENTS FROM UP TO VISIT



The Dean of the UNE College of Dentistry in Maine, USA, Dr Nicole Kimmes, has invited 1 or 2 UP dental students to visit their school later this year. Prior to Covid, UP and UNE had a very successful two-way exchange program in place and it was a great opportunity for staff and students to make reciprocal visits and learn from each other.

Due to resource constraints, the new program will be self-funded, however we hope that some students may be able to visit the beautiful campus at UNE for 1-2 weeks during the middle of 2023. Interested students should contact Prof Callum or A/Prof Sopharith for more details.

FACULTY OF PHARMACY PROVIDED ORIENTATION FOR FOUNDATION YEAR STUDENTS.



On 16th March 2023, Faculty of Pharmacy had conducted an orientation to all new pharmacy students in Foundation Year by Dr Chea Sin, Dean of Faculty of Pharmacy and 150 of Pharmacy students. The orientation presentation were focused in different topics from our staff:

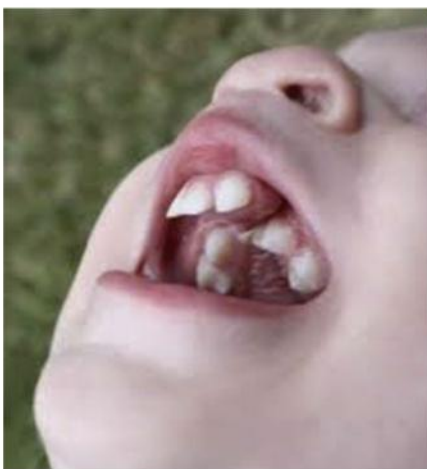
- Introducing to the pharmacy program,
- laboratories in faculty of pharmacy,
- the research innovation and development in pharmacy,
- Clerkship,
- Study tours
- Internship for both local and international for Pharmacy students.

Moreover, students also did the quick tour to visit all UP laboratories, UP Pharmacy store and around the UP Campus accompanied that led by our staffs.

UP FACULTY JOINS AFPORE MEETING



On the 19th of March the first APFORE meeting was conducted online hosted by the Thailand Orthodontic Association under the Chairmanship of Professor Somchai Satravaha, the honorable President of the committee. The Asian Pacific Orthodontic Society (APOS) was inaugurated on October 10, 2001, in Tokyo, Japan, by its nine-founding member countries. The Cambodian Association of Orthodontists (CAO) was also inducted as an associate member in 2017. The APOS was officially registered as a Society in Singapore with effect in 2011.



The purpose for which the APOS has been formed is to assist Affiliated Societies/Associations in promoting excellence in orthodontics through education and research in the Asian Pacific region. Moreover, the activities of the APOS are to disseminate scientific and clinical information relating to orthodontics, particularly through its biennial congress, the Asian Pacific Orthodontic Congress (APOC), and the Journal of the Society (APOS Trends in Orthodontics).

With the establishment of the Asia Pacific Foundation for Orthodontic Research and Education (APFORE) most recently, the APOS plans to use this additional arm to augment its goal to improve the development of orthodontics in the Asia Pacific region and beyond.

The meeting was attended by over 300 orthodontists along with the Presidents and

dignitaries from the regional Orthodontic Associations. Assoc Professor Anand Marya, the Head of Orthodontics at UP, was invited as special dignitary to attend the meeting from Cambodia. The meeting included a special session on cleft lip and palate. UP post-graduate students will shortly be involved with the provision of orthodontic treatment to children with clefts at the National Pediatric Hospital, as part of the new

FACULTY OF PHARMACY PROVIDED A TRAINING ON EX-PHYSIO AND EX-PHARM SOFTWARE.



A brief training course on "Ex-Physio and Ex-Pharm" electronic systems was conducted by Mr. Heim Mengkhim, a full-time lecturer. The goal of this training is to spread awareness of the advantages of the above electronic systems among all co-workers, particularly those in the field of health sciences, to improve how physiology and pharmacology applications are used. Also, students from all disciplines in the field of health sciences can use this electronic software applications Ex-Physio and Ex-Pharm to study and learn more about research.

ENGLISH LECTURER BIO 2023



Bio – Sade Lagerdien

My name is Sade Lagerdien, and I have joined the Faculty of English and Employability as an English Lecturer. I grew up in South Africa, where I earned my Bachelor's degree in Psychology and Criminology from the University of Pretoria, before completing my Honors Degree in Counseling Psychology at the University of South Africa. During my studies I felt the calling to the teaching profession, and so completed a diploma in Teaching English as a Foreign Language. I am passionate about helping others, and bringing out the best in students.

I am excited to bring my passion, commitment, and skills to the English and Employability Department, as well as the University of Puthisastra as a whole.



Bio- Andre E. PAPPADIMITRIOU

Andre's educational background is in human health, wellbeing, and environmental resilience. He has a Diploma in Law and Security from Georgian College, a Diploma in Nonprofit and Volunteer Sector Management from Ryerson University, a Certificate in Disaster Risk Management from the World Bank, a Bachelor's Degree with Honors in Environmental Studies from York University - research focus in Human Settlements and Population, a Master's Degree in Environmental Studies – research in urban planning and community development, a PhD (all but dissertation) in Human Geography from the University of Ottawa – research with Cambodian indigenous peoples and resource management. Andre's professional career has spanned over 25 years working with communities and the natural world. He has published articles, worked in all levels of government within Canada, and at several NGOs and academic institutions in Cambodia. His advocacy work has focused on wildlife, 2SLGBTQ+, and indigenous peoples.



Bio- Charles Crush

English Lecturer | Nationality, USA | Alma Mater: Virginia Tech

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UP DENTAL STUDENTS JOIN WORLD ORAL HEALTH DAY CELEBRATIONS WITH CDA

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OF YOUR MOUTH**
www.worldoralhealthday.org



On March 17th and 18th, Dr. Suorn Monika, the past President of the Cambodian Dental Association led a group of dental students from University of Puthisastra and the other dental schools to carry out activities in celebration of World Oral Health Day in Kampong Thom Province. The theme of the World Oral Health Day this year is “Be Proud of your Mouth”.

On the 1st day, oral health education was provided, and toothpaste and toothbrushes distributed to children and teachers at Ta Ok primary school.

On the 2nd day, the program started in the early morning at Hun Sen Primary School. The team led by Dr. Monika provided instructions on how to brush the teeth correctly, followed by distribution of toothpaste and toothbrushes to students and teachers. In addition, children from grades 4, 5, and 6 received fluoride applications, and children from grades 1, 2, and 3 were provided with fissure sealants.

The UP dental students enjoyed the opportunity to be a part of a team providing oral health care services to our community. They also made good connections with dental students from the other faculties of dentistry in Cambodia.

UP FACULTY JOINS SEAADE COUNCIL MEETING



The first council meeting of SEAADE was virtually held on the 21st of March, 2023 chaired by the new President, Professor Angky Soekanto. The South East Asia Association for Dental Education (SEAADE) was formed in 1990 at the Singapore meeting of the 78th FDI World Dental Congress. The early proponents of this organization included many leading educators in the region and they formed the Founding Council of SEAADE. In November 2022, UP hosted the annual SEAADE meeting in Siem Reap. In the council elections, Dr. Anand Marya the UP Head of Orthodontics was elected as a council member (replacing Professor Callum Durward).

This week the first council meeting was held and many important discussions took place regarding the upcoming SEAADE annual conference. This year NUS Singapore will be hosting the SEAADE conference from the 21st to the 22nd of November in Singapore, followed by the annual IADR (International Association of Dental Research) meeting. We look forward to UP students and faculty actively participating in the conference and presenting many papers and posters.

UP DENTISTRY WELCOMES FORMER GRADUATE DR KAING KOUNG AS HALF-TIME LECTURER



UP Faculty of Dentistry welcomes former graduate Dr. Kaing Koung to join our academic staff. In addition to providing some lectures, he will be teaching in the lab and dental hospital and helping with some administrative tasks. Since graduating Dr Koung has attended courses in dental implantology, prosthodontics, esthetic dentistry and orthodontics. Dr Koung's ambition is to undertake postgraduate studies in the future.

UP WOMEN ATTEND AMCHAM WORKSHOP: INITIATIVES TO SUPPORT WOMEN IN THE WORKPLACE



In honor of International Women's day, the American Chamber of Commerce hosted a panel discussion on Initiatives to Support Women in the Workplace.

Female staff from UP's English and other department, attended this empowering panel discussion on the 10th of March. The morning started off with a light breakfast, followed by the start of the panel discussion.

Throughout the discussion, panelists highlighted their initiatives on how to empower women in the workplace by addressing topics such as the gender pay gap, supporting female staff in management, and having policies within the workplace that promote a more gender-inclusive work environment.

It was a thought-provoking morning, and the English Department felt empowered and motivated when leaving the panel. We would like to thank the organizers and sponsors for such an amazing event to celebrate our women in the workplace.