



UP VOICE

The Official Newsletter of the University of Puthisastra (UP)

ACC MID-TERM EVALUATION UP PASSES WITH FLYING COLOURS



The Accreditation Committee of Cambodia (ACC) who conducted the mid-term review on August 15-19, congratulated UP for remarkable success in fulfilling its vision, mission, and goals.

UP is a beacon of hope for students seeking to achieve their academic programs and professional goals through its outstanding learning outcomes due to 100% success for national exit exam for health sciences. Employers stated that UP graduates are exceptionally well-prepared for the workforce and highly skilled in their respective fields including English competency - a testament to the high quality of education the university provides.

UP graduates are playing a significant role in driving economic growth in Cambodia and are highly sought after by employers. Many of them go on to become successful leaders and entrepreneurs, creating jobs and contributing to Cambodia's economic development.

UP has been scored by ACC team as excellent in all areas of its operation included strong outcomes in terms of economic development, learning outcomes, research publication, student services, virtual and physical learning resources, laboratories, and financial record that foster high students' achievement.

UP has developed and earned its place as the best university in Cambodia.

WHAT'S UP ON CAMPUS	• 24 SEPTEMBER 2023 CONSTITUTIONAL DAY
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AUSTRALIAN AHHA DENTAL TEAM VISITS UP FOR THREE PACKED DAYS



The Australian Health Humanitarian Aid (AHHA) is an Australian non-profit charity.

It has eye and dental teams which have been providing free eye and dental treatment in Cambodia since 2015. They also provide education for dental students and local health professionals.

In August the AHHA team returned to Cambodia for the first time since Covid-19. Following several months of organizing at both ends, the AHHA team arrived on 4 August and began setting up at UP's Dental Hospital for the 3 day mission.

This year the AHHA dental team had 10 dentists, 3 dental assistants, 2 admin staff, 4 students and 1 paediatrician, and was led by Paediatric Dentist Dr Michele Tjeuw. AHHA provided all the dental materials and some additional dental equipment.

Most of the dental care was provided by about 150 dental students from the University of Puthisastra who were supervised by the Australian dentists who also treated the more difficult cases.

Over 3 days, the UP-AHHA dental team saw approximately 500 disadvantaged patients, including 162 severely disabled children and monks from a pagoda.

13 organisations participated in the project. They included: Champa Village, Rabbit School (Disabled Centre), Kampong Chnang Snuk Tru Village, Buttom Thamayuth Pagoda, New Hope, Children Development Cambodia, Mekong Orphanage Centre, CICA, Domnork Therk (Disabled Centre), Floating Village, Prahauen Samakithor Pagoda, New Family (Disabled Centre), Som-Rong-Thom Village, and Kampong Loung.

AHHA was assisted over the 3 days by UP staff and some volunteers from the National Bank of Cambodia. Their support was acknowledged during a visit by HE Dr Chea Serey, Governor of the National Bank who spent an hour at UP talking to some of the disabled children, their families and caregivers, and the AHHA team. UP was also very pleased to welcome Princess Norodom Arunrasmy, who had arranged for some disadvantaged people to receive dental care.

On Monday afternoon, three of the AHHA dentists presented some interesting clinical cases to a packed lecture hall for the dental students.

The AHHA visit was a huge success, and we look forward to their return in 2024.

A huge thanks to all the AHHA team: Dr Michele Tjeuw (team leader), Christine Nguyen, Dr Hung Tran, Dr Hong Du (Paediatrician), Dr Anthony Lamb, Dr Steven Doan, Dr Joseph Do, Dr Thien (Tim) Huynh, Dr Lo-An Vu, Dr Alan Fitzpatrick, Dr Ryan Tsang, Dr Danielle Tsang, Maria Hang Tran, Suk Ting Ng, Ruba Abdul Razaq, Hannah Yap, Connor Fitzpatrick, Bethany Nguyen, Eunice Tsang, Le Cao.

UP'S SCIENCE STUDENTS PUBLISH PAPER IN THE SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION (SIT FOCUS)

Be Sokkeang



ABOUT

Mr. Be Sokkeang is currently Acting Head of the Faculty of Health Sciences and Biotechnology and he also a Program Coordinator and lecturer of Science Research at University of Puthisastra (UP). He holds a Master of Science in the field of Industrial Chemistry from King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi in Thailand in 2021, and a Bachelor Degree in Biochemistry in Cambodia at RUPP in 2019. His researches focus on Environmental (including soil, drinking water and wastewater) and food safety (including microbial and heavy metals). He leads several projects focusing on biomass conversion for pollution removal and use it for agriculture propose. In addition, he also working on heavy metal and microbial content in food.



Under the supervision of Mr. Be Sokkeang, Science Research Program Manager, at UP's Faculty of Health Sciences and Biotechnology, three Bachelor of Science Research students published a research article in Science, Technology, and Innovation (SIT Focus). Science Research students are Mr. Peng Kien Seng, Ms. Vimol Udom Monyneath, and Ms. Sim Nita.

SIT Focus is a national academic publication created and organized by the National Institute of Science, Technology and Innovation (NISTI) and supported by the Ministry of Industry, Science, Technology and Innovation of the Kingdom of Cambodia. The title of the Science Research students' article is "The Potential of Drinking Water Pollution at Various Stages of People's Consumption by Using H₂S Test" in No. 1, Vol. 2, pages 24 to 28, published in June 2023 which is available online at <https://www.misti.gov.kh/> or <https://misti.gov.kh/public/file/202308291693300779.pdf>

For more information about Bachelor of Science Research: Please contact us via telegram group <https://t.me/+VYAjSYs-eT4A3ZjM1>

UP DEPUTY DEAN APPOINTED AS COUNTRY ADVISOR TO THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS ENGLAND



Royal College
of Surgeons
of England



In August 2023, Prof. Anand Marya was appointed as country advisor for the Royal College of Surgeons of England. Prof. Anand's term will commence from 01 September 2023 for a period of three years.

The Royal College of Surgeons of England (RCS England) is an extremely prestigious independent professional body and registered charity that promotes and advances standards of surgical care for patients, and regulates surgery and dentistry in England and Wales. Its origins date back to the 14th century with the foundation of the "Guild of Surgeons Within the City of London"

Country Advisors act as key points of contact for members, both in the relevant country and in the UK. They will support the work of their Global Surgical Advisor by implementing regional priorities at country level, identifying opportunities for engagement, project collaborations and membership development.

The College has a global multidisciplinary membership, supporting 30,000 members in the UK and internationally by improving their surgical skills and knowledge, facilitating research, setting standards and developing policy and guidance. Almost 25% of its members reside outside the UK in approximately 100 countries around the world. In addition, many members are engaged in a diverse range of international projects and collaborations, which include global surgical trials, capacity building initiatives to strengthen surgical care systems and overseas faculty training and development.

Getting selected as a member or fellow of the Royal College is a huge honour and we hope more UP graduates and faculty apply to be a part of this historic institution.

UP JOINS MONASH INITIATE 2023 (MONASH INTERNATIONAL HEALTH SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE)



Five students and staff from the University of Puthisastra's faculty of pharmacy will attend a two-day seminar hosted by Monash University in Malaysia from October 25–26, 2023. Students and staff will share their research via oral presentation on "Knowledge, Attitude, and Practice on Antibiotics and their Associates Factors Among People Living in Phnom Penh, Cambodia" to the conference.

UP ROTARACTORS JOIN TRAINING IN BANGKOK



Recently 6 Board Members of the Rotaract Club of Phnom Penh Central, Mr. Heng Chansakada, Mr. Nov Chetra, Ms. Ly Sovannary, Ms. Sar Monilisa, Ms. Thea Sreydech and Ms. Yoy Sovatthey attended The Rotary District Training Assembly (RTA) in Thailand which was hosted by District 3350 at the Phatumwan Institute of Technology in Thailand.

UP is very proud that four of the six Board Members are UP dental students, and another is a UP pharmacy student.

The purpose of the event was to train Rotaractors in the region, and to share knowledge and experiences between each club. The Cambodian team got a lot of valuable ideas from other Rotaractors and Rotarians. During the workshops they were able to strengthen their soft skills (communication, leadership and foreign languages) and hard skills (including logo creating and photo editing). Moreover, each of participant was provided with a certificate from District 3350. It was such a great chance to get to know new people and learn new things, and be able to bring new ideas back to help the local club in Phnom Penh. The visit ended with some sightseeing around Bangkok.

The Rotaract Club of Phnom Penh Central invites other UP students become involved in the activities of Rotaract, including their charity work. Those interested can contact one of the Board Members listed above.

DENRICH EXCHANGE PROGRAM TO JAPAN A BIG SUCCESS



Recently three Year 7 dental students (Chhim Chamroeun, Hen Sopheakta, Kean Sereypanhaneath) and two lecturers (Dr Heng Rithi and Mr Andrew Sinclair) from the University of Puthisastra Dental Faculty visited Japan for the annual Denriche Exchange Programme.

During the trip we visited Yoh Dental Clinic, Nagata Dental Clinic and Bells Dental Clinic where they were made very welcome and were given the chance to look around the clinics and watch some procedures being carried out.

Special visits were also organised to the factories of GC Fuji and Morita, which are two of Japan's largest dental materials and equipment manufacturers.

The Shinkansen (Bullet train) then took us to Osaka where we joined the Osaka Dental Expo. On display was some of the latest dental equipment which is currently for sale. The Cambodian and Denrich teams were able to join a lecture given by our very own Professor Anand Marya who had been invited to be a guest speaker by the organisers. At the Expo we were also shown how Artificial Intelligence is able to play its part in modern dentistry.

Everyone on the trip had a wonderful experience and we are grateful to the many people who were willing to share their knowledge and experience with us which we can now pass on to our fellow students, tutors and staff. We would especially like to thank Dr Kawamoto, Dr Suzuki, Dr Nagata and Dr Kitazawa (who took the week off work to drive us around), Kaiseikai and Denriche for making everyone feel so welcome and for looking after us.

And a very big special thank you to Ms Ai Yamazaki who organised everything, made sure we were in the right place at the right time, and ensured that we all had the most amazing experience in Japan! Without her we would not have done as much as we did.

TWO YEAR-4 MEDICAL STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN THE 21ST INTERNATIONAL MUSLIM MEDICAL STUDENT CAMP IN MALAYSIA



Two year-4 medical students, Mr. Mit Nurotin and Ms. Ry Liyana, went to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia to participate for one week in the 21st International Muslim Medical Student Camp, under the program "Muslim Medical Professionals: Contemporary Challenges and Solutions". The program was joined by medical students from 19 countries.

Mr. Nurotin mentioned that the camp was an enriching experience for him and Ms Liyana, as they participated in many workshops and attended various lectures and were given advice on how to become excellent doctors with a great attitude, stick on the right path of mindset in the face of current ethics behavioral changes, and build a better society, contributing to health community service.

UP ATTENDS WORKSHOP AT UNIVERSITY GADJAH MADA (UGM), INDONESIA.



On August 12, 2023, four UP pharmacy students of the Faculty of Pharmacy, who attended the summer course in Indonesia, held a workshop on sharing their experiences in Indonesia. This workshop was attended by nearly 100 pharmacy students.

The purpose of this workshop is also to share

1. Sharing knowledge and experience for 3-week activities at the University Gadjah Mada (UGM), Indonesia.
2. Introduce internship activities at various institutions.

ABUNDANCE OF RESEARCH AND MODERNIZATION OF EQUIPMENT AT FACULTY OF PHARMACY.



Study combined with practice is an important foundation for students. At the same time, the Faculty of Pharmacy has contributed to the vision of the University of Puthisastra to improve the capacity of students in the health sector, especially the field of medicine. With the richness of research and modernization of equipment, students will have more opportunities to express their abilities and hidden potential.

UP DENTAL STUDENTS ATTEND THE APDSA ANNUAL CONGRESS 2023 IN BALI



The Asia Pacific Dental Students Association (APDSA) Annual Congress is an annual event that brings together dental students from APDSA member nations in the Asia Pacific region. Every year, more than 400 students, Professors and new graduates from more than 17 countries attend the congress.

This year, the APDSA Annual Congress 2023 was held from 1st until 5th August in Bali, Indonesia. The local organizing committee did a wonderful job which made the event a great success. There were almost 400 participants who came from all over the Asia Pacific region including Cambodia, Thailand, Vietnam, Singapore, Indonesia, Malaysia, Hong Kong, Philippines, Japan, and Taiwan to attend the congress.

Among all the participants there were three UP year-6 dental students, Mak Sangdor, Duy Ratha and Yeng Monyvora. They were amazed by the host country's warm hospitality and excellent organization of the event. They not only gained new knowledge from the interesting lectures and hands-on workshops, but were able to build networks and share in the cultures of the different countries in the Asia Pacific region.

The program was divided into many activities over four days. Day one: Opening ceremony and welcome reception. Day two: Dental quiz competition, research competition, exhibition, night tour. Day three: workshop, Alumni forum. Day four: Optional tour, cultural night, closing ceremony, Day five: farewell, post-conference tour.

There will be an APDSA mid-term meeting in December for some alumni and the Board in Malaysia which will include taking part in the Lend-a-Hand community outreach project. Next year the annual APDSA meeting will be in Bangkok in August, and a big turnout from Cambodia is expected.

CLINICAL PHARMACY CLUB



On August 14, 2023, the coordinator of the clinical pharmacy club, held the role play with the topics of "Peptic Ulcer disease" and "gastritis at Hall-H, Building H, University of Puthisastra from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The purpose of this role play is to help pharmacy students gain more knowledge and experience about consultation and medication review in the profession of pharmacy.

In addition, we focus on the medication review for prescriptions for treatment of peptic ulcer disease and non-pharmacotherapy for patients. Not only that, we also squeeze in some cases related to gastritis to make pharmacy students understand and apply them in a realistic way in the future

PHARMA CAREER CLUB



In the third week of the return of the Pharma Career Club on Employment options for pharmacists besides starting a pharmacy.

On Thursday, August 17, 2023, our guest speaker, Ms Vorn Sovatey participated in the discussion and shared experiences on the topic "Other employment options for pharmacists besides starting a pharmacy"

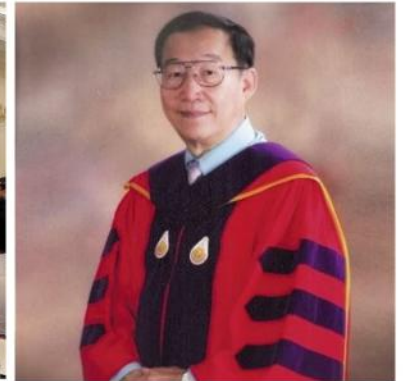
She has shared her expertise and professional experience and guided UP students on the career choices available to pharmacy majors, such as opening a pharmacy, working as a researcher or biologist at a clinic, or working for a pharmaceutical company, by sharing her expertise and professional experiences.

NURSING CONTINUES COMMUNITY PRACTICUM PRESENTATION



On August 25, 2023, 4 groups of 3rd year bachelor degree students of Nursing presented the results related to data collection, interviews on health and environmental issues, living in the community, who went to collect information at Prek Ray village, Prek Ray commune, Lvea Em district, Kandal province for three days. After collecting the data, the four groups of students analyzed the data collected, such as the number of families, the number of awareness related to eating, the number of awareness related to the environment, etc., which students were interviewed in The four groups of students prioritized health issues and topics in education in order to improve health and health care skills in the community in Prek Ray village, Prek Rai commune, Lavear district, Lvea Em district, Kandal province.

DENTAL NATIONAL CURRICULUM MEETING



UP was well represented at a recent 3-day workshop on the new National Dental Curriculum which is presently under review. The meeting was attended by the TWG from UHS and the NIPH, plus representatives from the other dental schools, the Cambodian Dental Association, the Cambodian Dental Council, and the Ministry of Health.

Professor Krassanai Wangrangsimakul, the World Bank international consultant from Thailand gave several presentations on syllabus, competency based curriculum, modular based curriculum, and course learning outcomes. He is the former Dean of Prince of Songkla University and an ex-officio member of the Southeast Asian Association of Dental Education (SEAADE) of which UP is a member.

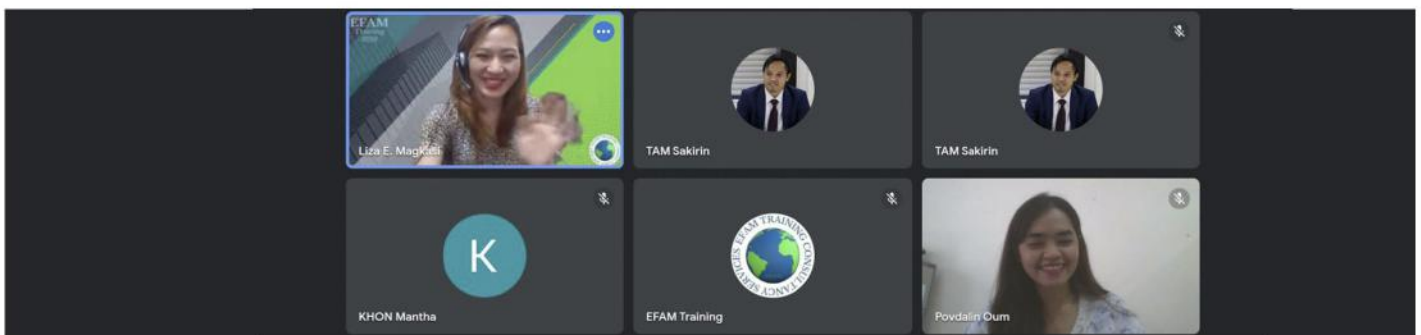
UP's Assistant Prof. Soeun Sopharith was appointed to be the Head of Module 1 (Scientific Foundation for Dental Practice).

Several of those present at the meeting have strong UP connections including Dr. Kong Kalyan (presently on leave from her position as Assistant Dean), and UP lecturers including Dr. Bich Sothea, Dr. Chum Chenda, Dr. Huy Chandarong and Ms. Chi Dany.

For each course in the curriculum, a working group has been set up which will meet and develop the course content, learning objectives and competencies. UP has many lecturers in these working groups, and will be leading some of them.

UP is very happy to have the opportunity to contribute to the process of developing the new national dental curriculum and looks forward to working with colleagues from other places in the coming months.

THE DISCUSSION BETWEEN THE JISTRA TEAM AND THE FACULTY OF ICT!



The Faculty of ICT had a discussion with the JISTRA Team to discover the opportunity of program accreditation and internship in Japan.

This opportunity is running under the EFAM Training Consultancy Service. With this regard, we are able to learn more from each other and see the potential for both organizations in terms of future collaborations that can provide the opportunity for the students to expose international skill and experience.

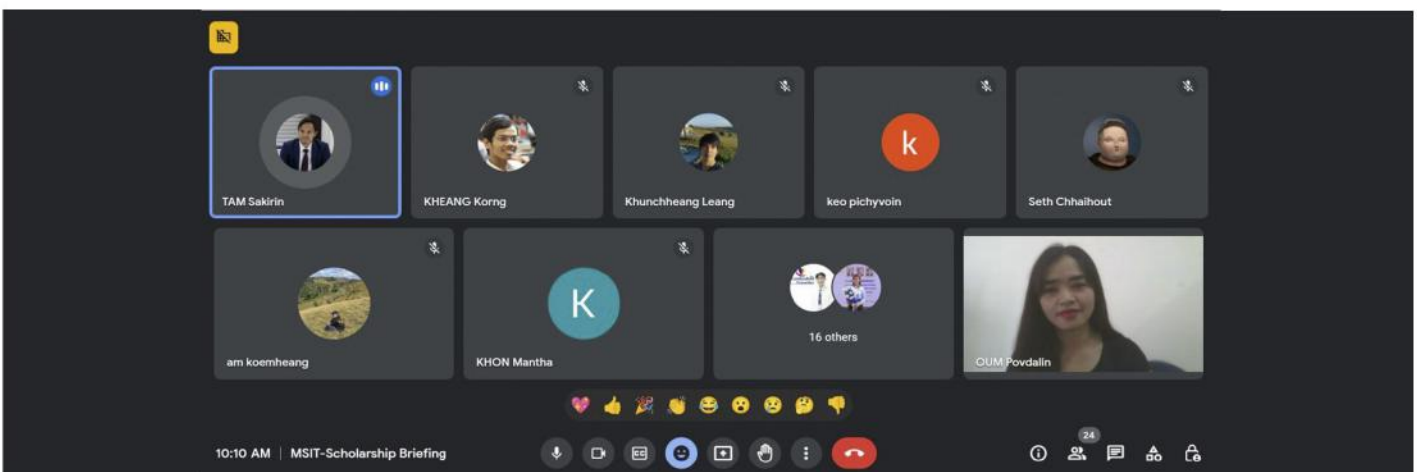
ON 25. AUG.2023, THE FACULTY OF ICT ORGANIZED THE ONLINE WORKSHOP WITH ODOO ACADEMIC!



The Faculty of ICT and Odoo Academic, had successfully conducted the online workshop which was provided by the Odoo Academic. Odoo is an enterprise, which is based in Honkong, providing ERP solutions across the globe. This workshop allows students and participants to get to know what ERP is and how it works to prepare them to be ready for the industrial demand.

Mr.Ivan Kwark from the Odoo Academic Team was the guest speaker in this workshop that allow the students and the participants understand on the Discovery Odoo ERP System, and also get to know the Scale Up Games that can be used as the Demo for the practice with the system and to understand about the business concept on the ERP system as well as the familiar with the centralize essential data to increase efficiency and improvement the standardize workflow.

UP PREPARES STUDENTS FOR MSIT SCHOLARSHIP EXAM



The MSIT Scholarship Exam will be taking place on the 2nd September.2023. However, before the Exam, UP's IT faculty conducted the Briefing session with the students.

The briefing was conducted online which was both convenient and flexible for students to access the details and the relevant information to be ready for the pre and post Exam. The briefing also showed students on how to use UPOP (UP Online Platform).

MEETING BETWEEN THE SALA DIGITAL CAMBODIA AND THE FACULTY OF ICT-UNIVERSITY OF PUTHISAstra

Sala Digital Cambodia and the Faculty of ICT-University of Puthisastra had a very fruitful discussion for continuing the strong collaboration between the Sala Digital and the Faculty of ICT. This collaboration aims provide consultation service on HEIs and major selection to high school student. This collaboration also helps ICT to extend our consultation service and boost the recognition among high school students.

CAMBODIA-FRANCE NATIONAL SCOUT FRIENDSHIP CAMP AT KIRIROM NATIONAL PARK UNDER THE THEME: SCOUTS LOVE THE ENVIRONMENT



During August 19-20, 2023, UP Rover and French Scouts attended Cambodia-France National Scout Friendship Camp at Kirirom National Park under the theme: "Scouts love the environment".

The purpose of this camp is to

- Create opportunities for young peoples to express their abilities and communication with foreign scouts
- Establish friendship between the Cambodian National Scouts and the French Scouts
- Provide knowledge related to camping and first aid to camp members
- Share knowledge on the effects of plastic
- Exchange of experiences between the youth of the two countries.

FRUITFUL DISCUSSION ON THE COLLABORATION BETWEEN FACULTY OF ICT AND TUX GLOBAL INSTITUTE



The Faculty of ICT and TUX Global Institute had a discussion and learn about each other for the collaboration and the potential for the future collaboration. The discussion ended up what a principal agreement to develop the official MOU between the University of Puthisastra- Faculty of ICT and the TUX Global Institute.

THE FACULTY OF ICT AND THE KYONG DONG UNIVERSITY OF KOREA HAD A DISCUSSION FOR THE FUTURE



The Faculty of ICT and the Kyong Dong University of Korea had a discussion for the potential academic collaboration that can be done together. This collaboration would improve our academic service and opportunities for our students.

The collaboration includes conducting the workshop/seminar, exchange lecturer, exchange student, exchange programs or sharing sessions for the specific topics. The discussion is now on the process of making the MOU between both of the universities for these potential collaborations.

PUBLISHED IN IEEE ACCESS ENTITLED “MULTIMODAL DEEP LEARNING CRIME PREDICTION USING CRIME AND TWEETS”.



The Faculty of ICT successfully published paper in IEEE Access which is on open access journal with Impact Factor of 3.476 with an entitled “Multimodal Deep Learning Crime Prediction Using Crime and Tweets”.

UP FACULTY INVITED AS KEYNOTE SPEAKER IN JAPAN



In the 1st week of August 2023, Prof. Anand Marya, the UP Head of Orthodontics, was invited as a Keynote speaker at the Osaka Dentistry Expo held in Osaka Japan.

The Osaka dentistry expo was one of the biggest events organized in Japan this year with over 3000 registrations and was a very well attended event. The expo was held from the 4th to the 6th of August and had 50 well known speakers from around the world speaking at the event. Prof. Anand was invited to speak on the topic: the role of artificial intelligence and XR technology in helping improve orthodontic education and treatment outcomes.

Prof. Anand has been working on XR technology with a Japanese company to develop AI based holographic models from actual patient CBCT's. These models can be utilized in the future for educational and treatment planning purposes.

RESEARCH VISIT TO KASETSART UNIVERSITY SRIRACHA CAMPUS



In the 3rd week of August Prof. Anand Marya the UP Head of Orthodontics travelled to Thailand to attend joint meetings with Kasetsart University at their Sri Racha Campus in Thailand. There were joint meetings conducted regarding the development of AI models for airway estimation in different skeletal malocclusions. Discussions were also held regarding future studies involving technology and dental biomechanics.

Prof. Anand was also invited to attend their annual event under the theme "Intelligent innovations for sustainable society."

Kasetsart University commonly known and referred to as Kaset or KU, is a public research university in Bangkok, Thailand. It is the largest university in Thailand. It was Thailand's first agricultural university and Thailand's third oldest university. It was established on 2 February 1943 to promote subjects related to agricultural science. Since then, Kasetsart University has expanded its subject areas to cover life sciences, science, engineering, social sciences, and humanities.

We hope to explore more research in collaboration with Kasetsart University in the near future.

UP DENTAL HOSPITAL SPECIALS FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER



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3. Free wisdom tooth removal – carried out by an overseas dentist attending a hands-on course in wisdom tooth removal at UP.
4. Approximately 50% discount on braces (orthodontics) – you will be treated by a qualified dentist doing a postgraduate course in orthodontics at UP. The price of \$500 includes the treatment provided over a 2-3- year period, with monthly visits for checkups and adjustments. Kindly note that payments can be spread out, so you might only pay as little as \$50 per month.

If you are interested in ANY of the above services, please make an initial appointment by calling our receptionist on +855 12 414 563 or +855 98 414 563 or you can book appointment at <https://healthcenter.puthisastra.edu.kh/book-appointment/>

EXCELLENCE IN ACADEMIC WRITING - ASSESSMENTS IN ENGLISH FOR ACADEMIC WRITING COURSES AT UP

Description

Students in Year 3 and Year 4 have recently completed their Summative Assessment 2 which was in the form of evidence-based writings. Each student was asked to write an essay title that fell within their field of study and interest a few weeks into the course. Outlines and drafts were created, reviewed and edited, so students could progressively adapt their writings over time. Throughout the semester, students learnt, discussed and adopted contents and tools that equipped them with crucial knowledge and skills for the project – evidence-based writing. By the end of the semester, the majority of the students were able to gather credible evidence, organize their thoughts and produce their writing in a concise manner.

Students' opinion

Chhay Sear, MD42: "It has been a long journey to write and share my understanding with the audience/readers. To prevail or portray one's apprehension is crucial for powerful writing. After writing my 4th year outline and final essay, I realize how essential it really is to have the skill of making excellent writing for my thesis later on in my studies."

Aliza Neang, MD42: "As I was working on an outline until I completed essay writing assignments throughout these four years, I noticed to have extensively improved my writing skills which will build a strong foundation for writing a Thesis later on."

Lecturers' opinion

Mr. SOK Neoun: "My year 4 students seemed curiously interested in the lesson on finding credible sources. This specific lesson showed them different educational search engines and websites for reliable sources as well as how to use and cite the sources. In a fast-growing society, UP students know the importance of research and technology and keep on practicing those skills."

Mr. THY Soklin: "Critical thinking skills are implemented and promoted among all faculties at UP. Each English lesson for year 3 students starts off with critical thinking questions that relate to real-life situations, and I normally draw the connections to the students' precise fields. I could see the positive change in students' perspectives and analytic skills in their productions of evidence-based writing."

Mr. VY Rawit: "Even though there are still mistakes in some students' work, we cannot overlook the essential improvement in students' skills for evidence-based writing."

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL MDC MISSION COMPLETED!



On the 19th of August the MDC (Mobile Dental Club) led a group of UP dental students from years 2,3 5 and year 6 to provide dental services for the children at the REACH NGO in Siem Reap province.

The team applied Silver Diamine Fluoride (SDF) to the 170 disadvantaged children (to arrest any caries present), and also provided oral health education to raise their awareness about the importance of oral health and how good oral health can be achieved. At the end of the mission, all the participating dental students received a certificate. The students enjoyed the experience of seniors and juniors working together as a team, and also benefited from practicing some basic dental skills.



MDC would like to thank the UP Faculty of Dentistry, REACH NGO, Rotaract of Phnom Penh Central, and Coffee Box for their support for this mission.

TRAINING ON “STRATEGIES FOR CREATING AN INCLUSIVE CLASSROOM” BY QLTS



QLTS-Learning and Teaching Team has provided training related to teaching methodologies on the topic "Strategies for Creating an Inclusive Classroom" on August 25, 2023. This training was attended by lecturers and support staff from the Faculty of English and Employability, the Faculty of Pharmacy, and the QLTS Department. The training aims to contribute to the big benefits of adopting an inclusive learning context and numerous pragmatic techniques to employ it well in teaching and learning.

As a matter of fact, creating an inclusive classroom environment will help maximize the teaching potential of educators and have a huge impact on student learning outcomes, such as increasing the learning success of all students, creating a learning environment that is welcoming, tolerant, and understanding, preparing learners for the real-world learning context, and fostering a sense of belonging for all students to engage in learning and feel motivated to succeed via collaboration, respect, and empathy.

During the training, participants were interactive with the activities provided, and they actively shared experiences and techniques they have been adopting in their daily teaching with each other for the sake of improving the quality of education not only within UP but in Cambodia as a whole.

DONATION OF DENTAL BOOKS TO UP LIBRARY - CORRECTION



**Australian Dental Association
NSW Branch**

Advancing dentistry to improve the health of every Australian



**ADA NSW
LIBRARY**



In the last edition of UP Voice, we stated that the dental book donation came from the Australian Dental Association. In fact, the donation was from the New South Wales Branch of the Australian Dental Association. We apologize for this error, and thank the NSW branch for their generosity.

GC ASIA WEBINAR HOSTED BY UP POPULAR WITH DENTISTS



Recently Dr Margaretha Yessi from GC Asia gave an online webinar for dental students and dentists on new developments on glass ionomer cements, entitled "Beyond Composites: Superior Alternatives for Challenging Environments".

195 (including 160 dentists) participants attended the interesting lecture, for which CPD points were given. GC is a strong supporter of UP continuing education, and also provides thousands of dollars worth of GIC products for the school programs in Cambodia. We look forward to welcoming Dr Yessi again in the future.

STUDENT MISSION



UP Student Mission to Chroy Changva Primary School

UP has organized the mission for our nursing and dentistry students on August 10, 2023 to apply their theoretical lesson into practical work experience with primary school students.

Specifically, the student mission aims to provide basic oral healthcare to prevent tooth decay and maintain healthy teeth habits, correct ways of hand sanitizing and teeth checkup to clean and apply fluoride on the cavities.

Meanwhile, our students have learned a lot of good lessons and made good relationships, love and compassion with the primary school students.



UP creates clubs to help support students – as well as supporting students during their studies. This Yoga club will run from July until the end of 2023. Having this club helps students to interact with UP and their university mates.

The goal is to encourage mental peace and clarity among University of Puthisastra students while also relieving stress and focusing their attention.

Yoga is an age-old discipline that calls for physical postures, mental focus, and deep breathing. In order to give students a break, care for their well-being, and help them meet new people. UP Yoga club is open every Tuesday, Thursday evening and Saturday morning. The location is the UP Club room. All UP students can join and it is free of charge.

*For UP lecturers or staffs that want to run a club please contact Student Services or Scan here to write your proposal.

UP MOVIE CLUB



Another club for UP students to have a good time, release stress and make friends with other students in the University.

This movie club will run from July until the end of 2023. Having this club helps students to interact with UP and their college mates. FREE popcorn awaits, but feel free to bring your own snacks and drinks to level up the fun with your buddies. It's time to gather 'round and soak up the cinematic awesomeness!

UP Movie Club is shown every month during lunch time. The location for this club is in Hall H.

