



UP VOICE

The Official Newsletter of the University of Puthisastra (UP)

UP ONLY CAMBODIAN UNIVERSITY IN TOP UNIVERSITY WORLD THE 2023 RANKINGS – 3RD YEAR IN A ROW!



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UNIVERSITY of PUTHISAstra



World University Rankings

Times Higher Education (THE) released its global recognition of the University of Puthisastra on September 27th, 2023, as an impressive feat in the THE 2023 Rankings – for the 3rd year in a row.

THE is the top-ranking site in the world and recognizes only the worlds top universities.

UP is the only university in Cambodia that has been listed in the Times Higher Education, World University Rankings. The rankings recognize UP’s very strong commitment to academic excellence and innovation, research and student outcomes as well as significant strides at the forefront of cutting-edge research, teaching and learning, and innovation. Additionally, the university continues making meaningful contributions to society through its various outreach initiatives and community engagements.

THE puts Cambodia on the World stage

UP brings the World to Cambodia. UP brings Cambodia to the World.

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN!

Class starts: 8 January 2024!

Secure your scholarship with registration by 30/Oct/2023!

Start your journey at UP with the following programs with up to 65% Scholarship:

- Bachelor of Information Technology
- Bachelor of Science Research
- Bachelor of Arts in English, Business, and Entrepreneurship

Bachelor of IT is recognized internationally as a high-quality program – with 100% of graduates quickly getting high paid jobs.

Bachelor of Science Research – is Cambodia’s only dedicated research degree – opening up many exciting opportunities in STEM. Bachelor of Science Research is recognized internationally as a high-quality program

Bachelor of Arts in English, Business, and Entrepreneurship – is a unique degree focusing on combining both 1. business and entrepreneurship skills and 2. the language of Business – English. It also provides a solid foundation for those who want to gain an English degree – to upgrade or have their skills formally recognized with a degree. Bachelor of English, Business, and Entrepreneurship is recognized internationally as a high-quality program

UP addresses the future by focusing its world class-leading education – creating graduates in the disciplines that are transforming our 21st Century lives.

UP is committed to the values of excellence, integrity, tolerance, diversity, innovation and service. Through academic programs, exchanges and international and local partnerships, UP students acquire and apply leadership values enabling them to set professional standards as leaders in their field.

Apply now via: <https://uperp.puthisastra.edu.kh/registration>
For more information, please send us a message or join the university's official Telegram Group via (UP Admissions ព័ត៌មានសិក្សានៅសាកលវិទ្យាល័យ ពុទ្ធិសាស្ត្រ) <https://t.me/UPadmission>

MSIT ROUND 2 APPLICATION IS STILL OPEN AND EXAM WILL BE ON OCTOBER 2023!

Scholarship Exam date: 10 October 2023!

The Master of Science in Information Technology (MSIT) is a 2.5 years program designed for students working in the ICT industry. It enables students to gain the IT skills needs for the 21st century and gain high paying jobs. In includes a range of advanced specializations in emerging fields in IT such as Python programming, Cloud Computing, DevOps, Cyber Security, Statistics, Data Visualization, AI, Machine Learning, Computer Vision.

Besides building technical skills, the Master’s program also emphasizes Business skills (Entrepreneurship, Business Analytics) and Soft skills (Critical Thinking, Analytic ability, Leadership, Communication, Creativity).

Who can apply?

You have a Bachelor's Degree in ICT. It is recommended to have a good level of English for this program. SCHOLARSHIP EXAM Registration is now OPEN! Up to 65% Scholarship is now available with Limited seats ONLY!

Scholarship Exam Registration available here:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdZhL7X7KhuiBOj6F6uIA7YzKRKkJIbHnUkcHrsKDO1qC4MFw/viewform?fbclid=IwAR1sU7jKIJWbgo5p2TrnDAXaX5zTT4U5sxpIa2mP3926fciOILBA5TCi0Lk>

Registration Open: 04 September 2023

Registration Deadline: 30 September 2023

The scholarship exam date: 10 October 2023 2023 (Online)

Class start date: 6th November 2023

For more information about the admission, please join the university's official Telegram Group via the link (UP Admissions ព័ត៌មានសិក្សានៅសាកលវិទ្យាល័យ ពុទ្ធិសាស្ត្រ) <https://t.me/UPAdmissions>
For more information about the program, Join the Telegram group <https://t.me/upictmaster>

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MACHINE LEARNING
DATA SCIENCE
AI
CLOUD COMPUTING

REGISTER NOW!!! **SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE**

50-65% Limited seats!
SCHOLARSHIP TEST
10 OCTOBER 2023

BRIDGING BACHELOR DEGREE OF MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNOLOGY IN THE NEW ACADEMIC YEAR 2023-2024 IS NOW EXTENDED FOR REGISTRATION!

Students will spend 2 years (4 semesters) to complete this program. Generally, classes will be held from Friday to Sunday, on campus or via online and clerkship/internships will also be held on Monday to Friday.

Selection criteria:

- Associate degree in Medical Laboratory Technology or the equivalent recognized by Ministry of Health or Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport and has successfully passed the national exit exam.

Deadline of enrollment: 31 October 2023

Scholarship: 20% for the whole two-year program

Register NOW via: <https://uperp.puthisastra.edu.kh/registration>

For more information about the program: Please contact us via telegram group BBL Information UP (<https://t.me/+YeTt4dLginM3ZTFI>)

For more information about Admission: Please contact us via telegram group UP Admissions (<https://t.me/UPAdmissions>)

NUMBER OF PATIENTS ENROLLING FOR FREE IMPLANTS GROWING

For the last few weeks Dr Choun Lina our implant coordinator has been screening patients who wish to join the FREE DENTAL IMPLANTS program. So far more than 80 out of 150 patients have been accepted.

These patients will next year receive their implants and crowns during an implant training course for dentists.

Normally patients would have to pay over \$1000 for this type of treatment, so it is not surprising that more and more patients are turning up at the UP Dental Hospital wanting to get onto the waiting list.

If you have friends or relatives with missing teeth who want to get high quality implants (InKone from France) please call our Dental Hospital on 012-414 563 or 098 414 563 for a free consultation.



EXCITING MORNING AT THE COLLEGE FAIR WITH UNIVERSITY OF PUTHISASTRA!



We were absolutely thrilled to see such high engagement from the enthusiastic high school students. Their energy and curiosity were contagious!

Thank you to everyone who stopped by our booth, asked thought-provoking questions, and showed interest in pursuing their dreams at UP.

If you missed out on today's fair, don't worry! Reach out to us for more details about our fantastic programs, campus life, and the endless opportunities that await you at the University of Puthisastra. We are here to guide you towards a brighter future! Thanks to Rodwell Learning Center for this amazing college fair.

UP DENTAL STUDENTS PLACING IMPLANT USING LATEST TECHNOLOGY



Recently dental students Chhim Chamroeun and Phav Samnang placing three dental implants in a patient's mouth under the supervision of Dr.Tak Ranuch (Head of Implantology) and Dr. Horn Rithvitou (lecturer and tutor). The implants was placed using a “fully guided system”. This involved using modern equipment available at University of Puthisastra such as the CBCT (3D X-ray), the 3D Intra-Oral Scanner, and “IMPLASTATION” software, the students were able to visualize the anatomy and plan the implant location accurately prior to the placement. A surgical guide was constructed as an aid to the implant placement.

Using such techniques the surgical session was shorter, the placement more accurate, and the patient discomfort decreased. The students reported that they have learned a lot and felt really proud to be able to place their first implants with precision and accuracy. This followed two semesters in year 6 of implant training under Dr Ranuch and Dr Lyly, our two experts in implantology.

The UP dental hospital has ranges of treatment options with high standard of care. If you know someone who needs implants the UPDH can provide a range of high quality implants delivered by students, dentists or specialists, at affordable prices. We also have a special program where patients can get FREE implants – by participating in a training course for dentists.

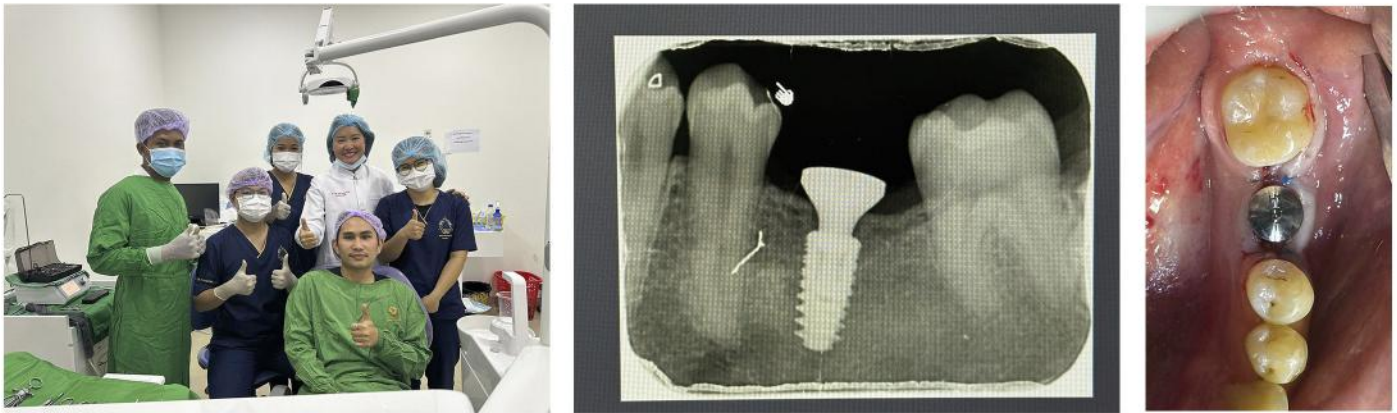
We would especially like to thank “ImplaStation” software for donating the STL file to the students in order to make the surgical guide for the patient.

SPECIAL SEMINAR ON “RESEARCH PROPOSAL WRITING”

On Saturday, 16 September 2023, the Faculty of Health Sciences and Biotechnology, the University of Puthisastra (UP) organized a special seminar under the title of “Research Proposal Writing” at Hall B, UP. The invited speaker of the seminar was Dr. Kaing Sokheng, from the University of Health Sciences, Cambodia and Master of Tropical Medicine from Khon Kaen University, Thailand. This seminar was specially organized to assist Medical Laboratory Technology Bridging Program and Bachelor of Science Research students to learn more and have a better understanding of Writing a research proposal for a bachelor's thesis project.



UP STUDENTS PLACING SIMPLE IMPLANTS AT LOW COST



Recently four dental students have placed implants on their patients under the supervision of our implant specialists Dr Tak Ranuch and Dr Sam Ly Ly . The case shown here is by year 6 student Mr. Tang Oun who placed a French implant on the patient using a surgical guide under the supervision of Dr. Lyly who has a PhD in dental implantology from Chiang Mai University. The patient was very happy with the result. If you would like a low cost implant by one of our dental students (or a dentist) please contact our UP Dental Hospital receptionist and make an appointment on Tel: 061 318 094

SHARING SMILE TO KOLAP 4 ORPHANAGE

UP visited Kolap 4 Orphanage Center in Phnom Penh's Village 11, Group 29, Sangkat Teuk Laak 3.

Pharmacy students delivered health education to 66 participants (kids) at Kolap 4 Orphanage, September 28. On this trip, our PH students have taught the children the importance of eating healthy food and practicing good hand, body, and period cleanliness. Additionally, we brought some school supplies for children. There are 50 pieces for notebooks, 50 pieces for rulers, 50 pieces each for blue and red pens, 50 pieces each for pencils, and 50 pieces each for erasers. This is the second time that we have organized a mission there. We adore spotting those tiny smiles.

This is our PH student's interest, Mr. Loun Channra. "Going to Kolap 4 Orphanage to teach the youngsters there about personal cleanliness, hand hygiene, and healthy eating was such a wonderful experience for UP students. Give us more challenges so we can develop our soft skills and engage with society. The children demonstrated great bravery and understanding during our instruction."



UP ENDODONTISTS VISIT AUSTRALIA TO LEARN NEW SKILLS



UP Endodontists Dr Chum Chenda and Dr Leng Ravuth were extended a special invitation to attend an advanced 3 -day hands-on course on the use of the operating microscope in endodontic practice held in Sydney Australia on September 19-21. The course was conducted by the Australian Dental Association (New South Wales Branch) Centre for Professional Development.

The course is designed for endodontists, endodontic postgraduate students and other dental specialists. The enhanced magnification and illumination provided by the dental operating microscope can be applied to many clinical situations.

During the first day of the course the microscope was used to identifying cracks, find calcified and additional canals, remove posts and broken instruments, remove gutta-percha and repair perforations.

The second and third day of this course was devoted to all aspects of microsurgical endodontics. The program was a mixture of tutorials and hands-on practical exercises on specially designed models for periapical surgery and pig's mandibles. All the exercises were carried out using the microscope. All delegates received a comprehensive set of notes and videos of re-treatment and surgical procedures.

Dr. Chenda and Dr. Ravuth hope to apply what they learned at the course when microscopes become more available in Cambodia. UP is fortunate to have its own dental microscope, and it has been well used during our postgraduate diploma training program.

UP would like to extend its sincere thanks to Dr Steve Cohn who helped organize the trip to Australia and who provided Dr Chenda and Dr Ravuth with excellent hospitality during their stay. Thanks also to the other Australian endodontists who have supported the development of endodontics in Cambodia over many years. For more information you can click on this link:

<https://www.adansw.com.au/CPD/Courses/Operating-Microscope.aspx?eventid=C1265>

CSDA PUBLIC SPEAKING SEASON 3



CSDA Public Speaking Season 3 – Charity, it is a very special competition dedicated to helping potential speakers grow and give back to society through charity. Speeches will be done in an impromptu and prepared format, and 50% of the funds go to charity.

As UPers, we are so proud that 3 students from UP joined this competition, and congratulations to UP student Ms. CHEM Sokea, who got the 4th winner in the university category for a remarkable achievement in this prestigious public speaking competition. We hope to see more UPers in the next season and get the best result. Thanks, Soma Group, for organizing every interesting event.

UP DENTAL STUDENTS AND STAFF TO PROVIDE ORAL HEALTH EDUCATION IN MORE SCHOOLS

UP has recently been in discussion with several local schools about a collaboration which will benefit both UP dental students as well as school children in Phnom Penh. The program involves our dental students and a supervisor going to the partner schools to provide oral health education in the classrooms, as well as dental checkups. Parents will be advised if any dental problems are detected, and encouraged to see their own dentist, or attend the UP Dental Hospital for treatment.

So far three schools have expressed interest in the program. Dr Sieng Chanthyda, the Co-Director of CIPO at UP, and her team have already conducted training to some of our staff on how to give oral health education. Training for dental students will be done in the coming days. Dr Hong Lengeav (Hospital Manager), Dr Magnus Wilson (tutor) and UPDH receptionist Reth Theavy are helping to coordinate the activities. This project is in addition to the existing Healthy Kids Cambodia project which has been running now for many years. UP is glad to be providing services in schools which will help to improve the oral health of Cambodian children.



UP IS READY FOR THE COMING LEARNING AND TEACHING CONFERENCE IN OCTOBER

The Learning and Teaching Conference is an annual event that brings together lecturers and professors from all faculties to learn new teaching methodologies and share good practice and innovation in learning and teaching.

The theme of this year's conference is "Assessment for Better Learning and Teaching," and it covers four key topics:

- (1) designing effective assessment strategies;
- (2) ensuring fairness and equity in assessment;
- (3) how to design good MCQs; and
- (4) the UP Assessment Standard.

To get ready for this significant event, the QLTS-Learning and Teaching Team has set up a working group and maintained weekly meetings and discussions with volunteer representatives from each faculty and department since September 1st, 2023, before conducting a big conference on October 27th, 2023.

The main purpose of having this working group is to have well-prepared planning and practices, better communication, strong cross-departmental collaboration, early problem-solution identification, team morale, flexibility, and accountability for a successful and fruitful conference.

UP firmly believes that these training topics will respond to the expectations of all participants who join, collaborate, and expect fruitful production in the upcoming academic year 2024.

UP BLOOD DONATION

The Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery was honored to conduct the UP Blood Donation Event with the cooperation with the National Blood Transfusion Center of Cambodia.

This event was held on September 18th, 2023, from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm at KOSPO room, University of Puthisastra. Aligned with World Blood Donor Day which happens under the Theme "Give blood, give plasma, share life, share often." Blood donation camps are those camps where blood is obtained from suitable healthy donors for people of various blood groups who are in need of blood.



FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES AND BIOTECHNOLOGY PARTICIPATED IN THE WORKSHOP ORGANIZED BY MMCA CO., LTD AND SNIBE CO., LTD

On Saturday, September 23, 2023, the staff and students from Associate Degree in Medical Laboratory Science and Bachelor of Science Research participated in the workshop on "Advanced Immunoassay Solution in Clinic Lab Testing". The workshop was organized by Millennium Medical Care Asia Co., Ltd (MMCA Co., Ltd) and SNIBE Co., Ltd at Sokha Phnom Penh Hotel.

In this workshop, there were presentations on two topics as listed below:

- Topic 1: "Different Types of Diabetes: Focusing on Laboratory Testing" delivered by Dr. Sum Satha
- Topic 2: "Infectious diseases panel and clinical application on chemiluminescence immunoassay" by Professor Ket Vanseth.

At the end of the workshop, staff and students gained and expanded their knowledge on the diagnosis of diabetes and infectious diseases, along with the showcase of Laboratory Machines from MMCA Co., Ltd and SNIBE Co., Ltd.



UP HEALTH CENTER BOOTH AT CHARITY FUNDRAISING FIESTA IN PHNOM PENH

Charity events are not only about having fun; they are also an opportunity to make a positive impact in the community. The Charity Fundraising Fiesta at MadMonkey Hostel in Phnom Penh is a perfect example. This event aims to raise funds for the Cambodian Children's Fund, an organization dedicated to providing education, healthcare, and support to underprivileged children in Cambodia.

The UP Health Center booth at the fiesta plays a crucial role in promoting wellness and making a difference in the lives of those in need and focuses on creating awareness and promoting health and wellness among event attendees. Its presence demonstrates the importance of maintaining a healthy lifestyle while simultaneously contributing to a worthy cause.

The UP Health Center booth's participation at the Charity Fundraising Fiesta at MadMonkey Hostel in Phnom Penh is an example of how we can unite to make a difference. By offering valuable health and wellness services, the booth not only supports the community but also raises awareness about the importance of well-being.



THIRD UP DENTAL FAMILY CHARITY AND EDUCATION FIELD TRIP

Faculty of Dentistry staff and students traveled to Mondulkiri Province from 23-25 September for a weekend of fun, fellowship and community service. Led by Deputy Dean Assistant Prof Soeun Sopharith and UP-UYFC committee members, two bus loads of students from years 2 to 7, accompanied by several staff (including Mr Mapha and Dr Magnus), set off at 5.15am on Saturday morning for the long ride to Mondulkiri. There was a real sense of excitement in the air.

Over the 3 days, the group took part in social activities, played games, sang, and viewed the beautiful scenery in the area. They also spent a few hours at a local school providing oral health education and applying silver diamine fluoride to the children's teeth, to arrest and prevent tooth decay. Each child received a writing book and a pen. The highlight of the trip was the visit to the famous waterfalls, where students swam and relaxed in the sun.

For students it was a great way to celebrate the end of exams, and an opportunity to get to know others from different years. Staff and students were supported in part with sponsorship from UP as well as the Metronicam Company, Rotaract Club of Phnom Penh Central, and the UP-UYFC.

A special thanks to the organizing committee who spent many hours planning this well organized and very fruitful field trip, and to UP for their generous support.



MEDICAL STUDENTS' ELECTIVES AT CHIANG MAI UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL, THAILAND

Six medical students from year 5 and year 6 have started a one-month Elective Program at Chiang Mai University Hospital in Thailand. The students have been assigned to the following departments, based on their interests:

- Internal Medicine
- Otolaryngology
- Upper and Lower Gastrointestinal Surgery
- Pediatric Surgery and Hepatobiliary and Pancreatic Surgery
- Emergency Medicine
- Radiology

Mr. Leng Sovannareach, year-5 medical student, says that on the first day, the students were impressed by the huge facilities of Chiang Mai University Hospital, where there is good integration and each department communicates with others when consultation is needed. Medical students from Austria are also doing electives in the hospital.

Mr. Sophapanha Yun, year-6 medical student, is also happy to have the opportunity of an elective at Chiang Mai University and to see how medical education and clinical training are in Thailand.



MD STUDENTS SUCCESSFULLY DEFENDED THEIR THESIS

On 18 September 2023, Mr. Te Englong, Mr. Nop Sodevy, and Mr. Nop Sodavid successfully defended their thesis entitled "Factors Associated with Annual Health Check-Ups in the General Adult Population in Phnom Penh and Siem Reap: A Community-Based Survey". The students passed with credit.

Their thesis was supervised by Dr. Yi Siyan. The Thesis Examination Committee, chaired by Prof. Callum S. Durward, included Dr. Vy Duchda, Dr. Kea Sokleng, and Dr. Mao Heng.

43.5% of people surveyed had had a health check-up in the last 12 months. The odds of having a check-up were significantly higher among participants older than 40 years, with a monthly income of ≥500\$, widowed and who perceived that they had poor health. The probability of having an annual health check-up was significantly lower among participants who resided in Siem Reap.

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TRAINING ON MEDICATION ADHERENCE AND CHRONIC DISEASE MANAGEMENT

On September 15-16, 2023, Faculty of Pharmacy of the University of Puthisastra, in collaboration with the VENNUE Foundation, organized training courses under topic of “Medication adherence and Chronic disease management “for Pharmacy students and pharmacists from all universities in Cambodia. This program also takes place in Hall B, Building B and Room L-42, Building L of the University of Puthisastra from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm.

There were presentations by 4 distinguished speakers on the following topics:

- Topic: Patient-Centered Care and Medication Adherence by Mr. Phalla Sovanrith
- Topic: Medication Safety During Pregnancy and Lactation by Mrs. Lya Benard, Pharm.D.
- Topic: Chronic Disease Management “Hypertension” by Mr. Christopher J. Hilleary, Pharm.D.
- Topic: Role of Pharmacists in Diabetes Management by Mr. Heim Meng Khim



VALUABLE DONATION BY DR FRANK CHO



Dr Frank Cho is a well-known Korean-American dentist from the USA. He spent 14 years in Cambodia as a dental missionary, and during much of that time he taught dental students at International University.

During his final few years in Cambodia he also completed a Masters degree in Endodontics. Many of our own UP lecturers and tutors were his former students, and hold Dr Frank in very high esteem.

Dr Frank returned to the US in 2016 where he retired and now spends much of this time involved in church work and looking after his many grandchildren.

Recently Dr Frank and his wife Tina returned to Cambodia for a one-week visit. He was warmly welcomed by large numbers of his old friends, students and colleagues, including many from UP.

Dr Frank paid us a short visit and was very complimentary about our exceptional new UP Health Center and very modern Dental Hospital. During his visit he donated a new high-tech fully adjustable dental articulator which can be used by our dental technicians and dentists for complex cases.

CLERKSHIP AND INTERNSHIP AT FACULTY OF PHARMACY

Faculty has provided many curricular and extracurricular activities to support students' learning such as study tours (both local and oversea), exchange programs, social activities, trainings, seminars, orientations, study clubs, internships, research. Moreover, Pharmacy students have opportunities to do international internship outside Cambodia.

During the last 7 years, 296 students have been sent to do international internship, exchange program and conference in:

- USA (3 students)
- Japan (13 students)
- Thailand (210 students)
- Korea (29 students)
- Indonesia (23 students)
- Malaysia (4 students)
- Singapore (7 students)
- Turkey (7 students).



Starting from year 3, pharmaceutical students will do clerkship within different such as:

- Hospital pharmacies: Cambodia-China relationship preh kosamak hospital, Kuntha Bopha hospital, National Pediatric hospital, Khmer-Soviet relationship hospital, Preh Angdoug hospital, Cho Ray Phnom Penh hospital, Etc.
- Medical laboratories: Kuntha Bopha hospital, National Pediatric hospital, Khmer-Soviet relationship hospital, Preh Angdoug Hospital, Institute Pastuar du Camboge, Etc.
- Pharmaceutical enterprises: Pharmaceutical Product Manufacturing (PPM), Chea Chamnan Laboratories Co.LTd, Etc.

PARTICIPATION IN THE ADVANCE IMMUNOASSAY SOLUTION IN CLINIC LAB TESTING ORGANIZED BY SNIBE DIAGNOSTIC OF STAFF AND PHARMACY STUDENTS OF THE FACULTY OF PHARMACY, UNIVERSITY OF PUTHISAstra

On September 23, 2023, staff and pharmacy students of the Faculty of Pharmacy of the University of Puthisastra participated in a workshop organised by Snibe Diagnostic under the theme "Advance Immunoassay Solution in Clinic Lab Testing" at the Sokha Hotel from 8:00 to 12:00 pm.

There were presentations by two distinguished speakers on the following topics:

- Topic 1: "Different Types of Diabetes: Focusing on Laboratory Testing" by Dr. Sun Satha, Diabetes Specialist, Senior Consultant at Calmette Hospital, Head of Internal Medicine Unit, and Lecturer at the University of Health Sciences
- Topic 2: "Infectious diseases panel and clinical application on chemiluminescence immunoassay" presented by Professor Ket Vansith, President of the Cambodian Association of Medical Technologist (CAMT) and Lecturer at the University of Puthisastra and the University of Health Sciences in the fields of haematology, immunology, and Parasitology.



UP FACULTY OF DENTISTRY SIGNS MOU WITH PRINCE OF SONGKLA UNIVERSITY

On 15 September the Deans of UP and Prince of Songkla University signed an MOU during an online meeting. This follows discussions at the 2022 SEAIDE meeting in Siem Reap, and other online discussions involving Prof. Callum Durward and Prof. Anand Marya over recent months.

One of the first activities is the Andaman Dental Congress (October 18-20) to be held at Prince of Songkla University in southern Thailand with the theme of Digital Technologies in Dentistry.

Professor Anand Marya will be attending the meeting representing UP. We hope many of our UP faculty and students can join this event. Thanks to the Dean of Prince of Songkla Professor Chidchanok Leethanakul for the invitation to collaborate with one of the most forward thinking universities in Thailand.



TRAINING COURSE ON INTEGRATED BEHAVIOR MODEL (IBM)

On September 22, 2023, Mr. So Visessakseth, Head of Pharmacognosy, Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Puthisastra, conducted a training course on Health Behavior Theories” Integrated Behavior Model (IBM)” an application in Pharmacy Practice that was held at KOSPO Room, Building B, from 14:00–15:00.

He also shared some of the following experiences:

- Subsequent development of the Integrated Behavior Model (IBM) theory
- Detailed explanation of Integrated Behavior Model (IBM) theory
- Use of analytical statistics in the Integrated Behavior Model (IBM) theory
- Application of Integrated Behavior Model (IBM) theory in healthcare

and other institutions in order to strengthen students’ capacity based on practices.



JOIN THE EVENT WITH TUX GLOBAL INSTITUTE

The Faculty of ICT was invited to join the conference organized by the Tux Global Institute. The faculty team members were pleased to attend the Cambodia-Japan Investment Conference which was initiated by TUX Global Institute. The conference intends to strengthen ties between Cambodia and Japanese investors, particularly, the technologies in education sector in Cambodia.



FACULTY OF ICT JOIN THE EVENT AT ACADEMY OF DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY OF CAMBODIA

The Faculty of ICT- University of Puthisastra was invited to participate in the announcement of the opening of the Digital Association of Cambodia on September 27, 2023, at the Academy of Digital Technology of Cambodia. There were 5 students from the faculty of ICT were attended the event and led by the faculty team.



FRUITFUL DISCUSSION WITH THE GLOBAL GAMECHANGER SUBMIT TEAM!

The faculty of ICT team had a very fruitful meeting with the Global Game-changer Submit which will be held virtually on the 04 to 06 of November.2023! The program is designed for the students and the interest candidates of the partners to catch a chance to involve in the program and also share the opportunity to the students to gain their leadership skills, entrepreneurship, networking, financial and business concepts!



THEORY WITHOUT PRACTICE IS EMPTY; PRACTICE WITHOUT THEORY IS BLIND

In order to improve the link between theory and practice, UP Nursing clinical instructors guided nursing students to do case presentations at hospitals. In late August, 2023, the nursing students presented their case studies at Preah Kossamak Hospital, Khmer Soviet Hospital and Sihanoukville Center of Hope Hospital. The hospital nursing educators, preceptors and hospital nursing staff participated in these events. After the end of each presentation, the nursing educators, preceptors and other staff contributed their comments as well as shared their experiences to our students to improve their case study.

Without knowledge (theory), answers might lack accuracy, and without experience (practical) answers might lack the level of execution they require in practice. Clerkship is an opportunity for nursing students to participate in practical care work in various health departments after completing their theoretical studies. In this sense, they will have to apply the knowledge gained in theory to their care skills in hospitals.

Clerkships are very important for nursing students to learn and enhance their care skills, which include: Soft skills (communication with patients, staff ...) and Clinical skills (implementation of life-saving routines, injections, IVF...). At the same time, in addition to the benefits, students will also face some problems such as: new work environment (working with patients ...), risk of infection, criticism and so on. It seems difficult that sometimes it makes us feel pressured, and yet, do not be upset, as "Pressure could improve perseverance and growth."



NEW RESEARCH ON DRUG-FACILITATED SEXUAL ASSAULT IN AFRICA

International and interdisciplinary research collaboration is a trending theme gaining ground in the world of internationalization. Our faculty in the university are highly engaged in such collaborations, and this constitutes one of the huge achievements of the university in its journey of become a leading global university.

Recently, Dr Kehinde Kanmodi, an Adjunct Assistant Professor and the Director of International Engagement at the Faculty of Dentistry at UP, co-authored a scoping review which mapped the existing evidence and gaps on drug-facilitated sexual assault in Africa. His co-authors are researchers from Nigeria (Prof. Jimoh Amzat [also affiliated to the University of Johannesburg, South Africa] and Dr Kafayat Aminu) and the United Kingdom (Ms Eynade Egbedina). In the review, Dr Kanmodi and his co-authors identified that sedatives and alcohol are the most reported substances used in drug-facilitated sexual assault in the African region. They also found that perceptions of date rape, as documented by sexual assault survivors, suggest the pervasiveness of victim blaming. Typical drug-facilitated sexual assault cases were also found to be opportunistic in nature, and an acquaintance is often the culprit.

The review concluded that drug-facilitated sexual assault is a significant dimension of gender-based sexual violence, and that infrastructure development should be improved to support systematic toxicological analyses and services to investigate and understand drug-facilitated sexual assault in Africa.

The full length of Dr Kanmodi's scoping review can be found in the volume two edition (article number: e119) of the journal named Public Health Challenges. Public Health Challenges is a journal published by Wiley. Wiley is one of the leading publishers of medical literature in the world.



EMPOWERING ENGLISH LANGUAGE EDUCATION WITH TESOL METHODOLOGY

Rangsey is thrilled to share that she has recently completed the TESOL Methodology course, a 64-hour online teaching training program delivered by the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC) as part of the Online Professional English Network. This certificate, sponsored by the U.S. Department of State and funded by the U.S. Government, and administered by FHI 360, has been a transformative experience in her journey as an educator.

She stated that “I am deeply grateful for the support and resources provided by the U.S. Department of State, the U.S. Government, FHI 360, and UMBC. I look forward to applying the principles and methodologies I've learned to empower students in their English language learning journey.

Last but not least, I am excited to bring this newfound expertise to my role as the General English Program Coordinator. This certification represents a significant milestone in my professional development and a powerful asset for our university. With the university of Puthisastra's continued support, we can enhance the quality of English language education, further enrich the learning experiences of our students, and solidify our position as a leader in higher education.”

