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The Official Newsletter of the University of Puthisastra (UP)

UP RANKED 13TH TOP PRIVATE UNIVERSITY IN ASEAN

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UP has been ranked in the top 13th private university in ASEAN universities by AppliedHE Public and Private University Ranking 2024, released on the 1st December 2023. UP has also been ranked in the top 7th on teaching and learning, 6th on employability, and 34th on research.

The Ranking is a testament to the institution's professionalism, exceptional performance and its commitment to providing hope and opportunity to Cambodians and making Cambodia a better place for all its citizens.

This achievement is yet another example of how UP embarks on an extraordinary journey of academic excellence.

UP is also:

- No 1 university in Cambodia (THE university rankings) (THE is the highest regarded ranking site)
- No 1 university in Cambodia (THE Impact Rankings)
- No 1 university in Cambodia (QS Top Universities for Cambodia. 99th in entire South East Asia)
- No 1 research university in Cambodia (Cambodia Scientist and University in Cambodia Rankings 2024 - AD Scientific Index 2024). UP has more researchers in the top 20 than all other Cambodian universities combined.
- No 1 university in Cambodia (University Multi-Rank)
- No 1 private university in Cambodia (UniRank (and 3rd overall behind RUPP and ITC))
- No 1 university in Cambodia (Webometrics Impact Ranking)
- No 1 private university in Cambodia (Webometrics World Ranking; 4th overall)

UP is a profound reservoir where knowledge merges with opportunity, nurturing the seeds of curiosity, innovation, and excellence to sculpt the future of brilliance and progress of the Cambodian young generation. As a beacon of educational distinction, UP remains standing firm as its unwavering commitment to excellence, making it an unquestionable choice for Cambodia and the ASEAN region.

WHAT'S UP ON CAMPUS

• 04 DECEMBER 2023 | START DATE OF NATIONAL ENTRANCE EXAM PREPARATORY COURSE

UP EARNS PRESTIGIOUS INTERNATIONAL AWARD - BIZZ FOR EXEMPLARY BUSINESS EXCELLENCE



UP has added yet another achievement from BIZZ Award, a distinguished honor presented by the World Confederation of Businesses (WORLDCOB). WORLDCOB, a global organization comprising more than 3,500 business members across 130 countries, recognized UP for its exceptional commitment to good business practices, the delivery of high-quality products and services, and its significant impact on society.

The BIZZ Award acknowledges the university's achievements, emphasizing its contributions to Cambodia's socio-economic landscape. One of UP's standout qualities is its unwavering commitment to corporate social responsibility (CSR). The university has consistently demonstrated its dedication to making a positive impact on the communities it serves, both locally and internationally. UP's commitment to CSR is reflected in its initiatives to improve education and healthcare in Cambodia. By focusing on these critical areas, the university plays an important role in uplifting the overall well-being of the Cambodian population. Through various programs and partnerships, UP has become a beacon of hope for those seeking access to quality education and healthcare services.

Furthermore, UP's emphasis on internationalization is a testament to its global vision. The university actively promotes international exchanges, providing its students with a platform to gain a global education. This not only enriches the academic experience of UP students but also contributes to the cultural diversity and understanding that is essential in today's interconnected world.

The BIZZ Award is a testament to UP outstanding achievements and the profound impact on society. UP commitment to improving education, healthcare, and fostering global perspectives underscores its dedication to creating a positive socio-economic impact, not only in Cambodia but on a global scale.

UP OPENS FOR APPLICATION FOR NON-HEALTH SCIENCES PROGRAM!

UP is now accepting applications for the upcoming academic year, which starts on January 8, 2024. UP offers a range of undergraduate programs with the following programs are eligible for up to 65% scholarship:

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

To apply, please visit the following link:

<https://uperp.puthisastra.edu.kh/registration>

UP LAUNCHES OPEN HOUSE 2023

Join us at the University of Puthisastra's Open House and explore your study options. This is your chance to dive into the exciting fields of ICT, Science Research, and the English Program.

Save the dates and be part of the UP experience:

1. Get to know ICT at UP

- Date: Tuesday, 5th December 2023
- Time: 10:00am-11:30am
- Location: Hall-H, University of Puthisastra

2. Discover Science Research at UP

- Date: Thursday, 7th December 2023
- Time: 10:00am-11:30am
- Location: Kospo room, University of Puthisastra

3. Immerse yourself in the English Program at UP

- Date: Friday, 8th December 2023
- Time: 10:00am-11:30am
- Location: Kospo room, University of Puthisastra

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UP ON PATH TO INTERNATIONALIZATION – BY DR KEHINDE KANMODI, UP DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENT



At UP, we are very ambitious! Our mission is to be the VERY TOP private university in South-East Asia. So far, and according to the prestigious AppliedHE, UP is the top 13 private universities in South-East Asia. To achieve this ambitious goal, we need to strengthen our position on internationalization. We have taken drastic steps towards that. One of these steps is to develop an Internationalization Strategy 2025 - 2030. The development of this strategy will provide a strategic blueprint on how we can achieve this huge ambition by 2030.

Fortunately, we have been able to secure external funding from the German Academic Exchange Service (popularly known as "DAAD") to develop this Strategy. Besides the funding from DAAD, we are also receiving support from other prestigious institutions in the course of the Strategy development. These supporting institutions include the German Rectors' Conference (HRK) (Germany), Leibniz University Hannover (Germany), and Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE).

At UP, we make plans based on evidence and a carefully thought-out process; this has been a major factor that has played a major role towards our pathway to greatness. We apply this philosophy to our ways of doing things, including our Internationalization Strategy 2025 – 2030. Currently, we are currently conducting a scoping review to substantially review the documented challenges of internationalization among universities in South East Asia. The review is half-way to completion, and we aim to complete the review project in the near future. After this, we aim to do a thorough situation analysis of our university concerning internationalization. The findings that we obtain from the scoping review and the situation analysis will go a long way towards informing our Internationalization Strategy 2025 - 2030. We hope to keep sharing with you the relevant updates about our Strategy development through our university newsletter. Stay tuned.

CAREER DAY 2023 AT UNIVERSITY OF PUTHISAstra



The Faculty of ICT and QLTS have organized a sharing session in UP Career Day Topic "The Career Path in IT" program for ICT students. The program was designed to equip students with the skills and knowledge necessary for a successful journey in the dynamic field of Information Technology. The session offers a well-rounded curriculum that covers foundational concepts as well as cutting-edge technologies relevant to the IT industry. This session also emphasizes professional development, providing students with career counseling, networking opportunities, and exposure to industry professionals. Graduates from the Career Path in IT program emerge with a robust skill set, ready to contribute effectively to the ever-expanding realm of information technology.

On November 20, 2023, the University of Puthisastra (UP) hosts an event called "Career Day," organized by Student Services. The event featured a leadership workshop where participants learned how to improve their employability skills, enabling them to be good workers and better leaders. Additionally, the forum offers information on current industry trends to help job searchers make the best choices for UPers' future jobs. UP is delighted to have the following sponsors taking part in the Careers Day: sponsored by Diethelm Keller Siber Hegner (DKSH), in partnership with: Dentiste', Ranong Cambodia, Woori Bank, Khema International Polyclinic, UCare Pharmacy, and Sunrise Japan Hospital.

"Respect yourself, respect others, develop the society" __The University of Puthisastra

UP CELEBRATES END OF THE YEAR PARTY 2023



The University of Puthisastra (UP) held its annual End of the Year Party on Wednesday, November 22nd, 2023 at Nagaworld. The event was a grand success, with a variety of activities and awards to celebrate the year's achievements. The evening began with President speech reflecting on how UP has made exceptional progress throughout the year with the dedicated support from leadership team and staff members.

The highlight of the evening was the awards ceremony, where the university recognized the hard work and dedication of its employees. The awards included the Employees of the Year and Long Service Awards. This year, the university had 10 Nominees 2023 and 7 Employees of the year 2023.

KOL Ratha from the QLTS department was named the Overall Employee of the Year, and received a standing ovation from the audience.

Employees of the Year 2023:

11	HING Rosaadevi	EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR 2023 Presidents Award	Admin
12	SORN Virak	EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR 2023 Presidents Award	Foundation Year
13	CHHUN Sreynich	EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR 2023 Encouragement Academic	Health Science
14	CHIN Chanthy	EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR 2023 Support Encouragement	QLTS
15	EANG Phanith	EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR 2023 ACADEMIC	Pharmacy
16	CHHUON Samean	EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR 2023 Support	HR
17	KOL Ratha	EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR 2023 Award Certificate	QLTS

List of other Nominees 2023:

Nº	NOMINEE	CATEGORY	DEPARTMENT
1	CHAN Sreymao	Employee of The Year 2023 Support Nomination	Dentistry
2	OEUNG Sreynet	Employee of The Year 2023 Support Nomination	Finance
3	CHHIV Sokchea	Employee of The Year 2023 Support Nomination	IT
4	SENG Ratanak	Employee of The Year 2023 Support Nomination	Admin
5	MAO Kimchhay	EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR 2023 Academic Nomination	Pharmacy
6	OEUNG Sokunvary	EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR 2023 Academic Nomination	Pharmacy
7	NEANG Lyda	EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR 2023 Academic Nomination	English
8	NORIN Rathana	EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR 2023 Academic Nomination	English
9	THY Kimlai	EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR 2023 Academic Nomination	Foundation Year
10	PROM Vireak	EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR 2023 Academic Nomination	Medicine

The evening ended with a lucky draw, where guests had the chance to win exciting prizes. The lucky winners were thrilled with their prizes, and the event came to a close with everyone in high spirits. Overall, the UP End of the Year Party 2023 was a huge success, and a fitting way to celebrate the year's achievements. The university looks forward to hosting more such events in the future.

MEETING THE AMBASSADOR OF TURKEY

The Faculty ICT had a meeting with Ambassador of Turkey - Mrs. Ulker Kocaefe to discuss education development in Cambodia. During the meeting with the Ambassador of Turkey, discussions centered on fostering educational development in Cambodia. The Ambassador emphasized Turkey's commitment to supporting Cambodia in enhancing its education system through collaborative initiatives. The focus extended to promoting Turkish scholarships to provide Cambodian students with opportunities for higher education in Turkey. Both parties explored avenues to organize scholarship orientation programs at University of Puthisastra. The meeting reflected a shared vision for empowering Cambodian youth through educational advancements and cross-cultural understanding, further deepening the diplomatic relationship between Turkey and Cambodia.



SIGNING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTAND WITH SRUN CHHLAT CAMBO AGRIBUSINESS (KAKSEKAR)



On Friday, November 17, 2023, UP's Faculty of Pharmacy, and Srun Chhlat Cambo Agribusiness signed a Memorandum of Understanding. Srun Chhlat Cambo Agribusiness is an enterprise that develops natural products such as cola oil, natural mosquito repellent spray from lemongrass and other natural products.

The vision of this small and medium-sized enterprises which not only promote local products but also helps Cambodians in agriculture. The signing of this agreement aims to further explore natural extracts by exploring and research through scientific equipment available in the faculty and further important activities agreed upon by both parties.

UP'S SCIENCE RESEARCH STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN "WORLD AMR AWARENESS WEEK" IN PHILIPPINE



Congratulations to Mr. CHAO Tha Chea Buthra, third-year student, batch 2 majoring in Bachelor of Science Research, the Faculty of Health Sciences and Biotechnology, University of Puthisastra who was selected to represent Cambodia in the World AMR Awareness Week entitled "The Power of Young People in the Fight against AMR in the Western Pacific Region" in the Philippines.

Buthra gave a presentation on "How to Raise AMR Awareness" and participated in discussions with other distinguished speakers on "We can and We can do more to empower young people in the long term." The event took place on November 21, 2023, at the Foyer Auditorium, WHO Office, Western Pacific, Philippines.

UP'S PRESIDENT MET MEDICAL LABORATORY STUDENTS FOR THEIR INTERNATIONAL ELECTIVE EXCHANGE PROGRAM AT KHON KAEN UNIVERSITY, THAILAND



On Monday, November 17, 2023, Professor Ian Findlay, President and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Puthisastra met 10 Medical Laboratory Technology (ADL) students, batch 10th from the Laboratory Sciences department, Faculty of Health Sciences and Biotechnology. They have been selected to join an International Elective Exchange Program at Khon Kaen University (KKU), Thailand. The president has addressed the importance of this program and provided advice and recommendations before their departure. This international elective exchange program will run from November 20, 2023, to December 02, 2023, for 2 weeks in the Medical Laboratories of Srinagarind Hospital, Khon Kaen University, Thailand.

UP'S MEDICAL LABORATORY STUDENTS JOINED THE INTERNATIONAL ELECTIVE EXCHANGE PROGRAM AT KHON KAEN UNIVERSITY, THAILAND



Congratulations to the Medical Laboratory Students of the University of Puthisastra !!!

On November 19, 2023, UP's staff from the Faculty of Health Sciences and Biotechnology, University of Puthisastra led 10 students of batch 10th of Medical Laboratory Technology to attend the International Elective Exchange Program at Khon Kaen University.

Students will participate in this program for 2 weeks from November 20 to December 02, 2023, in the Medical Laboratories of Srinagarind Hospital, Khon Kaen University, Thailand.

UP SIGNS FIRST MOU WITH SOUTH AFRICAN UNIVERSITY (SMU)



At UP, we have done it again! In the early months of the year 2023, the German Academic Exchange Service (popularly known as “DAAD”) made a call for applications to participate in its DIES Training Course on “Management of Internationalisation” 2023-24. The application process was a very competitive one, and only one application per university was permitted, and all eligible applicants must be nominated by their university management. Over 160 applicants from all over the world applied for the Training Course; however, only 30 applicants were successful. Dr Kehinde Kanmodi, the Director of Internationalization at the Faculty of Dentistry, UP, was among those successful applicants.

Dr Kanmodi attended his first workshop in the month of June 2023 in Germany, at the Leibniz University Hannover, and the DAAD office in Bonn. The workshop was attended by participants from several prestigious universities from Asia, Africa, and Latin America. In the workshop, Dr Kanmodi had the golden opportunity to give oral and poster presentations about UP and was able to network with participants from other universities.

At Hannover, Dr Kanmodi met the Director of Internationalization (Dr Carlien Jooste) at Sefako Makgatho Health Sciences University (SMU). SMU is a South African university of health sciences which shares a lot in common with UP. Since then, high-level administrative talks have been conducted between UP and SMU. Now, UP has signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with SMU. The MOU will help facilitate inter-institutional collaborations between UP and SMU, specifically in the areas of research, teaching, and learning. At UP, we believe that this collaboration will yield a lot of outstanding outcomes!

CLINICAL PHARMACY CLUB



On Monday 13 November 2023, Week 6 of Clinical pharmacy club with our invited speaker Mr.Sor Darayuth Ph, MMB candidates will come to sharing knowledge and experiences relevant to Medical biology at Hall-H , Building H, University of Puthisastra.

This week, the Coordinator of the Clinical Pharmacy Club gave a presentation under the topic "Pharmacists involved in Interpreting Laboratory Test Results" by Honorary Speaker Mr. Sor Darayuth, a Master degree student in Medical Biology. The benefit of this course is also to gain new knowledge about:

1. Interpret laboratory test results.
2. Educate patients
3. Timely and accurate refer patients to a healthcare provider

SHARING SESSION ON “HOW TO MANAGE STRESS”



On Saturday, November 18, 2023, the Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Puthisastra organized a seminar for students on the understanding of stress issues and stress management with our honorable speaker, Ms. Samel Penh Bormey, who graduated in Master of Education. We all know that stress is a topic that many people face at any age. The main purpose of this sharing is to enable participants, especially students, to identify the characteristics, levels and how to manage stress that students may encounter on a regular basis. The FoP would like to appreciate for her time, as well as for the team that worked hard to create this event.

PRESENTATION AT THE PHARMA-CAREER CLUB ON “THE ROLE OF PHARMACISTS IN HOSPITAL PHARMACY”



On November 21, 2023, Pharma Career Club invited an honorary speaker, Miss Has Sopheap, who pointed out and shared experiences on "the role of pharmacists in hospital". She also shared her personal experience working as a pharmacist in the hospital, as well as advice on the work that pharmacists have to do and the responsibilities of a pharmacist in hospital.

DECEMBER SPECIALS AT UP DENTAL HOSPITAL

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2. Free implant with free crown – for patients needing implants, the UP Dental Hospital can offer these for FREE by an overseas dentist at UP. You will be checked first to see whether you meet the requirements.
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 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 an appointment at <https://healthcenter.puthisastra.edu.kh/book-appointment/>

CAREER DAY AT THE FACULTY OF PHARMACY



Business partners from various companies gather at Faculty of Pharmacy (FoP) for a career day event where they exchange information about their jobs, workplaces, and the education and skills needed to succeed in their careers. On November 20, 2023, FoP had invited speakers and panelist from different pharmacy, company and industry to join the career day at University of Puthisastra. There were panel discussions, presentations, questions and answers on 3 different topics:

1. Role of Pharmacist in the 21st century.
2. How to write a good CV and how to recruit good employees.
3. How to recruit a qualified and effective employee.

Faculty of Pharmacy really appreciate the following panelists and speakers for their contribution, time and effort during this event.

1. Ms. Oeurn Sokuntheary, Sales and Marketing Manager, DKSH Cambodia
2. Ms. Tep Mona, CEO - Monaparydy (Pharmacie De La Gare) and Advance European Medicare Center (AEMC).
3. Ms. Eng Poliny, Manager, UP pharmacy.
4. Ms. Chhuon Samean, UP HR Officer.
5. Ms. Ken Prohmvirossny, UP HR Supervisor.
6. Mr. Sor Sampiseth, Founder of OUR pharmacy.
7. Mr. Tep Pheaktra, HR Manger, SOMA farm.
8. Mr. Thay Kosal, Pharmacist Manager, UCare pharmacy.

UP LAUNCHES OUTREACH CAMPAIGN TO RESULT CENTERS



The University of Puthisastra (UP) has launched an outreach campaign to result centers in Cambodia. The campaign aims to inform high school students about the university's programs and scholarships available for the upcoming academic year, which starts on January 8, 2024.

The following result centers are included in the outreach campaign:

- Chea Sim Chroy Changva High School
- Preah Sisowath High School
- Chaktomuk Secondary School
- Hun Sen Bunrany Wat Phnom Penh High School
- Hun Sen Bunrany Phsar Doeum Thkov High School
- Boeung Trabek High School
- Chea Sim Boeung Keng High School
- Preah Yukunthor High School
- Chea Sim Santhormok High School
- Bak Touk High School

In addition to the physical outreach campaign, UP is also using digital approaches such as Facebook geography ads to reach high school students in other provinces and cities in Cambodia. This will help to ensure that students across the country are well-informed about the university's programs and scholarships.

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UP LAUNCHES 1MN VIDEO CAMPAIGN FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS



The University of Puthisastra (UP) has launched an initiative called the 1MN campaign that utilizes short-form video content to inform its programs and scholarships. The campaign aims to reach high school students across Cambodia and inform them about the university's offerings.

These bite-sized videos are used to showcase campus life, highlight academic programs, and promote various aspects of the University of Puthisastra. By using short-form videos, UP is able to create engaging content that resonates with high school students and encourages them to learn more about the university.

In addition to the short-form videos, UP is also using digital approaches such as digital geography outreach to high school students in other provinces and cities in Cambodia from the touch of their mobile phones. This will help to ensure that students across the country are well-informed about the university's programs and scholarships.

PHARMACY HOLDS WHITE COAT CEREMONY FOR 154 YEAR 2 PHARMACY STUDENTS, BATCH 12.



white coat ceremony is a custom that signifies a student's shift to clinical health sciences studies in certain medical University and other health-related areas. In many Universities, the white coat ceremony takes place prior to the start of the first year because students get to interact with patients early in their schooling.

The ceremony was attended by Professor Ian Findlay, President and Vice Chancellor of the University of Puthisastra and was also attended by Professor Chea Sin, Dean of the Faculty of Pharmacy, Professors, Lecturers and staff of the Faculty of Pharmacy.

HAPPY TAPS FIND NEW HOMES



The Collaborating Centre for Innovation in Population Oral Health (CIPO) recently provided 6 Happy Taps to the National Borey for Infants and Children and 2 Happy Taps to Rabbit School to support teachers and special needs children for hand washing and tooth brushing inside the classroom. Thanks to all involved in this project

THE FACULTY OF MEDICINE PROVIDED AN ORIENTATION ON THE OSCE TRAINING PROGRAM TO YEAR-3 MEDICAL STUDENTS



The OSCE training for year-3 medical students focuses on History Taking and Physical Examination. The orientation held on 15th November consisted of two parts: presentation and demonstration of how history is taken. As in previous cases, the students will now be divided into groups of 13-14 and will rotate for four days in the UP Health Center to receive the OSCE training.

HIGHLIGHT OF PRE-HOSPITAL TRAINING ACTIVITIES FOR YEAR 4, 5 AND 6 MEDICAL STUDENTS FOR SEMESTER I OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2023-2024



1. Pre-hospital training for Year-4 Medical Students focused on Basic Life Support (CPR and Choking) in Adults, Abdominal Examination and Chest/Lungs Examination.

2. Pre-hospital training for year-5 Medical Students consisted of two skill stations (Basic Life Support - CPR and Choking in Children, Wound Suture and Dressing) and of a Workshop on the Interpretation of Chest X-Ray.

3. Pre-hospital training for year-6 Medical Students focused on Airway and Breathing Management and Lumbar Puncture, and included a Workshop on Electrocardiogram.

MD STUDENTS SUCCESSFULLY DEFENDED THEIR THESIS



On 16th November 2023, Ms. NGUON Sreylek, Ms. SOR Sreipich, and Ms. LOV Sreypov successfully defended with credit their thesis entitled "Retrospective Study on Epidemiology of Ectopic Pregnancy at Khmer Soviet Friendship Hospital in 2017".

The thesis was supervised by Dr. Yi Vannary. The Thesis Examination Committee, chaired by Prof. Sandro Vento, included Prof. Srey Sopha, Assistant Prof. Uong Sokhan, and Dr. Lao Chantha.

The data presented on 147 cases of ectopic pregnancies showed that previous abortion was the most common risk factor, and that amenorrhea, abdominal pain and vaginal bleeding were present in most cases.

LINGUA FRANCA OF RESEARCH

ENGLISH THE LANGUAGE OF GLOBAL RESEARCH



In today's interconnected world, research has transcended geographical boundaries, fostering a global exchange of ideas and discoveries. At the heart of this vibrant ecosystem of knowledge lies the English language, which has emerged as the lingua franca of scientific communication. The importance of English in research is undeniable as it serves as a bridge connecting researchers from diverse backgrounds and enabling them to share their findings and collaborate on groundbreaking advancements.

As English helps with global communication, it can support research on a global scale. Likewise, this language also gives access to a variety of sources from many different fields of research. Therefore, global communication and vast accessibility of resources can be obtained by English language. Additionally, it is the language of instruction and teaching in many universities where knowledge transfer takes place. This ensures the mobility of future researchers.

The English Faculty understands the importance of the English language for the university, students and research community. Hence, we have put effort into supporting the Research Club of University of Puthisastra to ensure that the next generation of researchers are not only able to appropriately use English in the research context but also convey their knowledge of research skills to other potential researchers of the forthcoming generations.

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DENTAL STUDENTS IMPRESSED WITH FACILITIES AT CHULALONGKORN UNIVERSITY



From 6th to 10th November 2023 a group of 5 dental students and Dr Choun Lina travelled to Bangkok for an exchange program with Chulalongkorn University, the largest university in Southeast Asia. We were well looked after by Mr Hua who took care of us and guided us from the beginning till the last day. We really enjoyed the program that they set for us which included visiting the Laboratories and Clinics. There are many different departments in the Faculty of Dentistry, full of modern technology and equipment. In the dental lab, they provide all instruments and materials for their students, and they also have many supervisors and dental technicians to supervise them. The university has a special room for students to relax in after their class or clinic, where they can sleep, eat, discuss, or do their homework or research during their free time. We were really sad that we couldn't go to see their Community Dentistry fieldwork because the project had been canceled.

During our program, we had a good exposure to new knowledge and technologies. We were also honored to meet and discuss with the Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry which gave us the chance to thank them for their hospitality. We strongly suggest that all dental students should have the opportunity to go on overseas exchange programs so they can benefit from new experiences, a different learning environment, new technologies, a different culture, and making new friends.

ANOTHER GROUP OF DENTAL STUDENTS VISIT KKU AND HAVE A WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE



This year two groups of students have been on exchange to KKU. The most recent group described the experience as "eye-opening". Students were given the chance to visit many specialized clinics and interact with very kind specialists and residents. Students said the trip broadened their perspectives of dentistry.

One student, Yorm Sileng, said he found the Orofacial Pain clinic fascinating and it matched with his own passion and interest, so he is now considering postgraduate education in oral medicine in the future. Overall, the students experienced so many things and met so many nice people. They are very thankful to UP and KKU for this opportunity. Of all the health science universities in Cambodia, UP offers by far the greatest number of exchange programs, and the benefits are very clear to see.

WELCOME TO OUR TWO NEW DENTAL LAB TECHNICIANS



Following the departure of Mr Jean and Mr Andrew, our previous dental lab technicians, UP recruited Mr Wilson Llaneta and Dr Flocerida (Flor) Llaneta from the Philippines. Mr Wilson graduated as a dental technician from De Ocampo Memorial College in 1981. He has worked in dental labs all his working life, both in the Philippines and in Saudi Arabia (for almost 20 years). Dr Flor graduated as a dentist from De Ocampo Memorial College in 1990 and worked a general dentist for many years in the Philippines before going to work in Saudi Arabia with her husband. Dr Flor has now given up dental practice, but is happy to work in our lab as a dental technician. Wilson and Flor have 4 grown up children and 6 grandchildren. They are adapting well to the new environment and looking forward to contributing to our faculty at UP.

FACULTY OF DENTISTRY HOSTS SUCCESSFUL WORKSHOP FOR CAMBODIAN DENTISTS



The Faculty of Dentistry successfully hosted a workshop on the "Efficient Esthetics with the Tetric N Line, Workflow of Variolink kits and Modern Oral Health Management" on November 17th at Hall-H. Over 60 dentists attended the workshop. The workshop was sponsored by Ivoclar Vivadent and organized by Dental Crown Company.

The speaker was Dr. Philipp E. Schneider, a dentist from Switzerland with over 40 years of experience. The workshop participants were very impressed with the information presented. It was a great opportunity for dentists to stay up-to-date on the latest developments and to learn new techniques.

We are grateful to Ivoclar Vivadent and Dental Crown Company for partnering in this event. We are also grateful to Dr. Philipp for giving such an informative and engaging presentation, and we look forward to more workshops in the future.

CIPO BRINGING SMILES TO CHILDREN AT PIO



In November the CIPO team from the Faculty of Dentistry provided level 2 and 3 treatment to children from the People Improvement Organization (PIO). Our team of 12 recruited UP dental students from year 6 and 7 to provide level 3 treatment supervised by Dr Tida and Dr Philipp Schneider from Ivoclar Vivadent.

The students were able to use the new portable dental unit donated from the Ivoclar company. During the 5 days our team completed level 2 for 79 children, Level 3 for 59 children, and provided oral health education to the high school children. In addition every child were shown how to brush their teeth before getting dental treatment.

Thank you to Ivoclar Vivadent and Dr Philipp for their ongoing support.

SPECIAL NEEDS PATIENTS FROM NATIONAL BOREY FOR INFANTS AND CHILDREN BOREY RECEIVE DENTAL TREATMENT UNDER GENERAL ANESTHESIA

Every Friday morning dentists from UP are providing dental treatment under general anesthesia for special needs patients from the National Borey for Infants and Children at the Chenda Polyclinic. These patients have extensive dental problems, and could not be treated in the normal way. The treatment is being provided by special needs dentist, Dr Magnus Wilson, and Dr Callum Durward and Dr Yos Chantho (pediatric dentists). Mr Puthisa (dental student) and Mr Kimhab (dental nurse from CIPO) assist. The Chenda Polyclinic is generously providing the general anesthesia and hospital stay at a heavily discounted price, and we have financial support from Dr Michele Tjeuw and the AHHA NGO in Australia.

The UP CIPO team provides administrative support so that the whole project runs smoothly. Thanks to everyone for making this important service possible.



BREAKFAST TALK ON DESIGNING WITH ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) WITH EUROCHAM



The Faculty ICT had joined Breakfast Talk on Designing with Artificial Intelligence (AI) organized by EuroCham. EuroCham's Real Estate & Construction Committee hosted a special Breakfast talk on the potential of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in architecture, and how AI will revolutionize the architecture industry. The discussion delved into the intersection of artificial intelligence and architectural design, exploring innovative ways in which AI technologies can enhance and revolutionize the field. Experts shared perspectives on how AI algorithms can optimize the design process, generate creative solutions, and streamline efficiency. The event provided a platform for networking with professionals who are at the forefront of incorporating AI into architectural practices. Overall, the breakfast talk offered a valuable opportunity to gain knowledge, exchange ideas, and stay abreast of the latest developments in the dynamic realm of AI-driven architectural design.

UPS ICT MEETS KYUNG DONG UNIVERSITY GLOBAL, SOUTH KOREA

Extensive Scholarships

Upon Admission (For the 1st Semester)	Enrolled Student (From the 2nd Semester)
IELTS: 5.5 and more 50%; 6.5 and more 70%; 7.0 and more 100% TOPIK: Level 3 70%; Level 4 100% GPA: 7.0 and more 50%; 8.0 and more 70%; 9.0 and more 100%	<p><small>*Each semester's GPA determines the scope of scholarship for the following semester.</small></p> 30% tuition fee for 75% to 79% average mark 50% tuition fee for 80% to 89% average mark 70% tuition fee for 90% to 94% average mark 100% tuition fee for 95% to 100% average mark

Under MoU, exchange students transferring to KDU:

100% Scholarship + Dormitory
for 1st semester

A very fruitful meeting (virtual) between The Faculty of ICT and Kyungdong University (KDU) Global, South Korea regarding exchange program opportunities for UP students. The meeting went well with the great presentation from Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ahmed Absi, Dean of Faculty of International Studies, Director of Global Academic Collaboration Centers and students.

The exchange program orientation for University of Puthisastra students embarking on their academic journey at KDU was a comprehensive and enriching experience. The orientation aimed to seamlessly integrate students into the new cultural and academic environment, providing insights into the university's facilities, academic expectations, and support services. Presentations covered cultural nuances, academic resources, and practical information to ensure a smooth transition. Students had the chance to connect with the representative from KDU, fostering a sense of community and mutual support. The orientation not only equipped students with essential information but also instilled a sense of excitement and readiness for their upcoming educational adventure at KDU.

UP'S SCIENCE RESEARCH STUDENTS PRESENTED THEIR CLERKSHIP REPORTS FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2022 – 2023



On November 13, 2023, the second and third-year Science Research students, from the Faculty of Health Sciences and Biotechnology, University of Puthisastra presented their clerkship reports. For the academic year 2022 - 2023, Science Research students have completed a one-and-a-half month clerkship at medical and microbiology laboratories of public and private partner institutions, including:

1. Institut Pasteur du Cambodge (IPC)
2. National Institute of Public Health (NIPH)
3. Consumer Protection Competition and Fraud Repression Repression Directorate-General
4. Cho Ray Phnom Penh Hospital
5. Pharma Product Manufacturing (PPM)

Clerkship is very useful for students to practice, and strengthen soft skills, especially ready for a career after graduation from the University of Puthisastra.

INTERNAL EXIT EXAM FOR ASSOCIATE DEGREE IN NURSING AND BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING BRIDGING PROGRAM



The Department of Nursing organized the 1st session of internal exit exam (IEE) in University of Puthisastra. MCQs (Multiple Choice Questions) and OSCE (Objective Structured Clinical examination) were conducted on November 13th and 14th, 2023, respectively. MCQs was conducted by using computer-based in the computer room and OSCE in the lab room with observation of representatives from the ministry of health and registrar officer.

The exam was to evaluate the knowledge and technical skills of nursing students before stepping to another nursing professional phase.

FINAL YEAR UP DENTAL STUDENTS ATTEND CAREERS DAY WORKSHOP



This year, UP Faculty of Dentistry organized two panel discussions for graduating dental students as part of the Careers Day event. The first panel was about postgraduate study, and the panelists were Dr Sam Lyly DDS PhD (implantology), Dr Sam Sovatdy DDS MSc (Oral Surgery), Dr Sao Soksan DDS Dip Implantology, Dr Hy Hongchien DDS Dip Endodontics. The discussion centered around why undertake postgraduate study, studying abroad, getting scholarships, and the benefits and challenges of postgraduate education. Each panelist shared their own experiences and encouraged students to consider this pathway for their careers.

The second panel discussion was about career pathways. The panelists each had chosen different career pathways such as private practice, NGO, academic, hospital and ministry of health. The panelists were Dr Hak Sithan (MOH), Dr Nam Chamnan (private practice), Dr Seang Chanthyda (NGO) and Dr Kong Kalyan (academic). The panelists described why they chose their particular career path, and some of the positive and negative aspects of each.

Later in the day students joined with other students to attend sessions about soft skills, how to write a CV and how to prepare for interviews. Thanks to Dr Horn Rithvitou and Mr Heng Chansakada for organizing and moderating the panel discussions.

SHORT COURSES

Artificial Intelligence (AI)
Professional course

- Explain intelligent agents and environments, real-world AI applications, and techniques, basic mathematics, such as matrix, vector, derivatives, to name a few, that are applied in AI.
- Use Python programming language and its related tools to develop AI algorithm and models.
- Understand data representation and roadmap to build the ML models.
- Classify Linear Classification, Image classification problems, segmentation, and other common detection deep learning.
- Demonstrate basic convolution neural networks (CNNs), which are a core building block of AI in detail.
- Explain some Cloud accelerators, such as Google Colab and Kaggle, to speed up the AI learning process and to enhance their AI learning speeds.
- Understand Auto Data Learning framework, which is crucial for building Deep Learning models, implement or develop ANN, or CNN models and fine-tune to improve the model performance accuracy.

REGISTER NOW!

Sunday 8:45am-12:00pm
Start date: 10 December 2023
End date: 24 March 2024

For more information: 091 25 05 94

Professional course
Machine Learning

- Describe basic concepts of machine learning and how its real-world applications impact daily life.
- Discuss a wide variety of machine learning algorithms.
- Implement machine learning algorithms to solve real-world problems, optimize and visualize the models learned etc.
- Classify various deep/machine learning frameworks using google cloud to speed up the learning process.
- Implement their own deep/machine learning algorithms and deploy to the web or mobile.

REGISTER NOW!

Saturday 2:00pm-5:15pm
Start date: 9 December 2023
End date: 23 March 2024

For more information: 091 25 05 94

PROFESSIONAL COURSE
Data Science Fundamentals

- Explain the periodical concept of data science.
- Use the principles to argue with data.
- Challenge a statement/assumption or a metric (accuracy).
- Leverage on data-informed decisions.
- Apply different data science methodologies.
- Describe the transformation of the data.
- Design and build data visualizations.
- Describe interpret visualizations, analyze the results, act on results, and share the result using data science tools.

REGISTER NOW!

SCHEDULE
Sunday 2:00 pm-5:15pm
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The faculty of ICT had launched another 3 short courses in AI; Artificial Intelligence, Data Science Fundamentals, Machine Learning. The opening of these AI short courses at the University of Puthisastra marks a valuable opportunity for individuals seeking concise and targeted learning in the fast-paced world of AI and data science technology.

These short courses aim to provide participants with a focused and practical understanding of key concepts and skills in AI and Data Science. Whether it's coding or data analysis the curriculum is designed to deliver impactful and immediately applicable knowledge. The short duration ensures accessibility for busy professionals or those looking to enhance their skill set efficiently. With expert instructors and hands-on learning experiences, the short course at UP promises to be an enriching venture for anyone eager to stay abreast of technological advancements and boost their proficiency in the digital landscape.

UP JOINS IADR-SEA MEETING IN SINGAPORE



In November the National Dental Centre of Singapore organized and hosted the International Association of Dental Research (IADR-SEA) annual meeting at the Academia conference center in Singapore. The organizing chairperson this year was Assoc. Professor Dr. Christina Sim Poh Choo who was also later elected as the President elect of the IADR-SEA Division. The theme of this year's conference was "Applying oral research excellence to advocate oral health for all".

UP was represented by Professor Callum the Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry, Professor Anand Marya the Deputy Dean (Research) and Dr Ngeth Sokunmonyneath (UP lecturer). All three were actively involved in the conference as the only participants from Cambodia. Professor Callum was invited to be one of the panel members to discuss the state of Universal Health Coverage (UHC) in the region. Professor Callum shed light on the Cambodian National Oral Health Action Plan and how this was a positive step toward achieving UHC for oral health. Professor Anand spoke in the symposium on Robotics and Artificial Intelligence and talked about the use of extended reality (XR) in helping improve orthodontic education and treatment outcomes. Dr Monyneath gave an interesting oral presentation on "Networking Approach to Building Engagement on Oral Health in Cambodia" sharing experiences and lessons learned during the development of the Cambodian National Oral Health Action Plan. She also took part in a panel discussion about Early Childhood Caries in the SEA region – and was able to share the situation here in Cambodia and some of the innovative approaches we have implemented here.

Professor Anand was also a part of the judging team for the Hatton awards and spent time analyzing the presentations for the IADR-SEA Hatton Divisional Award (Junior). He also presented a poster on the "Quantitative analysis of the pain perception of patients undergoing fixed orthodontic therapy in Cambodia" which is a thesis topic for a group of UP students that he is supervising. Prof Callum also judged one of the competitions. The conference was very well attended with 380 registrations from many countries across the Asia Pacific region.

At the culmination of the conference the elections were organized for the new council with Professor Anand getting re-elected as a council member representing Cambodia from 2023-2025.

UP JOINS SOUTHEAST ASIA ASSOCIATION OF DENTAL EDUCATION (SEAADE) CONFERENCE IN SINGAPORE



Following a very successful SEAADE meeting in Siem Reap in 2022, this year the conference venue was Singapore, and was attended by the UP Dean of Dentistry, Professor Callum Durward and the Deputy Dean of Dentistry (Research), Professor Anand Marya. The event was hosted by the National University of Singapore (NUS).

The focus of the 34th SEAADE Conference was on "Co-Creating Dental Education for Tomorrow: Building Capacity, Communities, and Collaborations". More than 250 dental educators from SEA countries and beyond were there to exchange ideas and foster dental education in the region.

Professor Callum was invited to help run a workshop on Special Care Dentistry in the region. He was one of a group led by Prof Raman Bedi of the Global Child Dental Fund which helped develop a package of educational resources in Special Care Dentistry (SCD) which could be used by dental schools worldwide, especially those which did not have a SCD program themselves. Much of the work for the SCD project was carried out by Assoc. Prof Jacob Johns from University of Malaya. The workshop had invited speakers from different countries reporting on Special Care Dentistry services and education in the region. It concluded with a presentation and discussion led by A/Prof Gustavo Molina and A/Prof Mas Suryalis from the International Association for Disability and Oral Health. The title of this part of the program was “a pragmatic plan to implement SCD in the undergraduate curriculum of South East Asian dental schools/faculties”. There was a consensus move forward and to set up a working group under SEAADE and the IADH to advance this plan.

During the SEAADE meeting both Professor Callum and Professor Anand were invited to be judges in the scientific presentation sessions in different categories. The program included many poster and oral presentations on education-related topics, several social events, a student community engagement competition, as well as the annual Deans meeting which included a workshop on “communities of practice” conducted by Professor Michael Botelho from the University of Hong Kong. Professor Anand was also invited to attend the SEAADE Council meeting as the elected council representative from Cambodia. Next year the SEAADE meeting will be held in the Philippines.

THE HISTORY OF TRADITIONAL DENTISTS IN CAMBODIA



On the 7th of November 2023, the Faculty of Dentistry hosted the thesis defense for batch 3 students THAY Timothy, SON Seyha, and KONG Sereivathnakrath, on the topic of “The History of Traditional Dentists in Cambodia”, under the supervision of Prof. Andrew SANDHAM (who joined the defense on-line from the UK) and co-supervisor Prof. Callum DURWARD. The thesis examination committee were Asst. Prof. SOEUN Sopharith, Adj. Assoc.Prof. HAK Sithan and Prof. HONG Someth. The thesis was defended in front of a large group of dental students, and the result was a PASS with Credit. Congratulations to the students on their success. The abstract is shown below:

Abstract

Background: Cambodia is one of few countries in Asia which still has many practicing traditional dentists. Some are now elderly, and have unrecorded knowledge about the history of traditional dentists over the past century.

Aim: The aim of the study was to investigate the history of traditional dentists in Cambodia.

Methods: This mixed methods research gathers some quantitative data but also uses a qualitative historical narrative study design. The study is part of a larger investigation of the history of dentistry in Cambodia. A convenience sample of traditional dentists of all ages was recruited to participate in the study. Once agreement to take part in the study was obtained, individual interviews were conducted at the clinic or homes of the traditional dentists, or other suitable locations. Three trained dental students interviewed participants and recorded the interviews on a mobile phone. The interviews were guided by a series of open-ended questions related to traditional dentists in Cambodia. Quantitative data were analyzed using SPSS and presented in tables. The interview recordings were subsequently transcribed and translated into English for qualitative analysis.

Results: Traditional dentists in Cambodia originally come from China and Vietnam. They came to Cambodia for a better life or because they were refugees from conflicts in other countries. Over time they and their descendants intermarried with local Khmer people and even adopted Khmer names. There was uncertainty about the present number of traditional dentists in Cambodia, although most were believed to be living in the provinces rather than Phnom Penh. Most had learnt

the trade from relatives, although several participants had received training in Vietnam. Almost all of the traditional dentists surveyed believed that they were restricted by the government because they did not have a dental degree. They were unhappy about this, but did not think that this affected their ability to practice dentistry; they had found ways of continuing to practice without coming to the attention of the authorities, and were still popular with the public. The traditional dentists believe that they remain popular with the public because many work in rural areas where there are limited medical and dental services and also because their fees are lower when compared to registered dentists. Traditional dentists of today have updated their clinics and their techniques, and provide a wider range of services than in the past.

Conclusion: Traditional dentists have had a long history in Cambodia. They still provide dental services throughout the country and are an accepted part of society. This study is an important historical document that records the history of traditional dentists in Cambodia, and provides information on their current situation. **Keywords:** Cambodia, traditional dentists, history of dentistry

DENTISTRY THESES INCLUDE HISTORY OF DENTISTRY IN CAMBODIA



On 14th November the Faculty of Dentistry hosted a thesis defense for batch 3 students YIN Kimseng, JEV Keomeng, and KHUN Sivlorn on the topic of "Dental Services and Dental Training from 1979-1993 in the Refugee Camps at the Thailand-Cambodia Border". The supervisors were Prof. Callum S. DURWARD and Dr.KONG Sophannary, and the examiners were Asst. Prof. SOEUN Sopharith, Adj. Assoc. Prof HAK Sithan and Adj. Assoc.Prof CHER Tepirou. The result was a PASS with Credit. The presentation was well received by the large group of students who were present. One highlight was the presence of a former refugee camp dental worker Mr Bunnath who used to work in Khao-I-Dang camp with Dr Callum. Mr Bunnath related some of his experiences in the camps, which was very interesting for the students to hear. The abstract of the presentation is below:

Abstract

Background: The dental services and dental education of Cambodian refugees during the 1980s following the Khmer Rouge period has been largely un-documented. Many of the trained dental workers from the camps later returned to live in Cambodia but little is known about what they experienced during that time and what happened to them following their return.

Aims: The aim of this study was to explore the dental services and training provided in the refugee camps and to investigate what happened to the dental workers on their return to Cambodia.

Methods: The study used a qualitative research approach with a set of in-depth interview questions to guide discussion with a convenience sample of 5 former refugee dental workers. The interviews were conducted by three trained Cambodian dental students to gather information about the participants' dental education, activities and practice experiences in the refugee camps, as well as their lives since returning to Cambodia in the early 1990's. The interviews were recorded, and then transcribed into both Khmer and English for analysis.

Results: The participants had worked in different refugee camps along the Thai-Cambodia border. In the camps they felt fortunate to find employment in the camp dental clinic, as this provided English training,

monthly payment (in-kind), and a range of dental skills by the camp foreign dentists. They became very skilled and at times had to work independently. Apart from treating patients who came to the clinic, they also conducted school preventive programs. Participants said they enjoyed their jobs, and made life-long friendships with other refugees who they lived and worked with. The participants recognized that the training and work experience they had in the camps had helped them achieve a better life when they returned to Cambodia. Many of them later went on to work in dental clinics or set up their own dental clinics in different parts of Cambodia. Many are still practicing today, in private or with NGOs. Some of the participants have sent their children to study dentistry at a local university.

Conclusions: This study is the first of its kind to describe the dental services and training provided in the refugee camps, and what happened to the dental workers on their return to Cambodia. Participants believed that the oral health care services for refugees were also necessary compared with other general health conditions. They also stated that their training and experiences in the refugee camps had a huge positive impact on their, and many are still involved in dentistry in some way.

ROTARACT CLUB VERY ACTIVE BOTH LOCALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY



Rotaract Club of Phnom Penh Central has been very active recently. Composed mainly of UP dental students, here are some of their recent activities:

- International exchange to the USA from 1st-23rd October 2023: RACPPC members visited multiple states in the USA for the purpose of learning about other cultures and places, making connections, and gaining experiences of living in new environments.
- Local mission around Tonle Sap River 29th October- 1st November 2023: RACPPC sent 37 members to Battambang and Siem Reap to join with Rotaract Club of Battambang Youth and Rotaract Club Siem Reap. There were discussions about the club's activities, mission, vision, and goal. We also donated toothpaste, toothbrushes, and educational supplies for the poor children in the area.
- 19th ASEAN Pacific Rotaract Conference 2023, Seoul, Korea *AWAKEN OUR IDENTITY* (2nd-3rd November 2023). Our CP, Dr Chray Mengkheng and CP's wife, Dr Da Sreykhuoch (both UP graduates) joined the event and waved the Cambodian flag high in front of the other 20 countries represented.
- On 4th-5th November 2023, Rotaract Club of Phnom Penh Central alongside the Cambodian Students Association in Korea, Cambodian Students Association in Japan, and Korean Alumni Association of Cambodia, went to Domrei Phong Primary School in Stung Treng Province to give out educational supplies to 139 students, teaching materials to teachers, install bookshelves and books in the school's library, rearrange the school's garden and plant trees to decorate the school. More importantly, since the Rotaract members are mostly dental students, the students in Domrei Phong got the opportunity to get their teeth checked and received oral health education as well.
- On the 15th-17th November 2023, Rotaract Club of Phnom Penh Central cooperated with Rotary Club of Sentosa Singapore to go to the Khmer-Soviet Hospital to help provide dental treatment and education for the children and parents.
- Last but not least, Food Bank Mission. This mission is held in Phnom Penh every two weeks on Saturday evenings with the purpose of donating food to Cyclo drivers and homeless elders who are having a hard time making ends meet.

UP is very happy that its students are involved in so many worthwhile activities which reflect our desire to serve our community.