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The Official Newsletter of the University of Puthisastra (UP)

UNIVERSITY OF PUTHISAstra AND YONSEI UNIVERSITY

SIGN MOU TO ADVANCE CLINICAL TRAINING AND ACADEMIC COLLABORATION



The University of Puthisastra (UP) and Yonsei University, Yonsei Wonju Health System of South Korea have officially signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to launch a strategic partnership focused on enhancing clinical training and academic cooperation between the two institutions.

The signing ceremony, held at the University of Puthisastra, was presided over by Her Excellency. Cham Krasna, CEO of the SOMA Group, along with Mr. Ly Daravuth, a member of Board of Trustees, Professor Ian Rouse, president and vice-chancellor, Vice-President, Directors, Deans from UP, and Professor Kyobo Lee from the Yonsei Wonju Health System.

The ceremony marks another remarkable kickoff and the beginning of a long-term collaboration that will significantly contribute to the advancement of healthcare education, the sharing of clinical experiences, exchange of research, joint academic activities, exchange programs for students and staff, institutional visits, and other cooperative activities.

WHAT'S UP ON CAMPUS

• 20-22 MAY 2025 | UP DISCOVERY DAY 2025

CONGRATULATIONS TO 9 PHARMACY STUDENTS SELECTED FOR THE 2025 EDUCATION-RESEARCH EXCHANGE PROGRAM IN MALAYSIA



We are delighted to announce that nine outstanding students from the Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Puthisastra, have been officially selected to participate in the prestigious 2025 Education-Research Exchange Program, hosted by the Faculty of Pharmacy, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM). This international program will be held from July 22 to 29, 2025, in Malaysia, and serves as a platform for fostering academic excellence, international collaboration, and cross-cultural understanding in the field of pharmacy.

The program is designed to provide promising pharmacy students with opportunities to broaden their academic horizons, gain insights into diverse healthcare systems, and develop a deeper understanding of the global landscape of pharmaceutical education and research. By connecting students from different countries, the program aims to cultivate a new generation of pharmacy professionals who are globally competent, research-oriented, and socially responsive.

Throughout this transformative week, participants will engage in a variety of enriching activities. They will attend interactive training sessions led by renowned academics and industry experts, which are designed to expose students to the latest advancements in pharmaceutical sciences, public health, and clinical practice. The program also includes educational visits to leading hospitals, research institutions, and pharmaceutical companies across Malaysia, providing firsthand exposure to real-world practices and innovations in healthcare and pharmaceutical industries.

In addition to its academic focus, the exchange program places strong emphasis on cultural exchange and international friendship. Through cross-cultural activities and collaborative group work, students will have the opportunity to share ideas, values, and perspectives with peers from different backgrounds, fostering mutual respect and understanding that are essential in today's interconnected world.

This achievement not only reflects the exceptional abilities and dedication of the selected students but also highlights the University of Puthisastra's continued commitment to nurturing leaders in pharmacy who are equipped to contribute meaningfully on both national and global levels. We extend our warmest congratulations to our selected students and wish them a fulfilling and inspiring experience in Malaysia.

OATH-TAKING CEREMONY AND SCARF PRESENTATION FOR NEW SCOUT LEADERS AND ROVER SCOUTS AT UNIVERSITY OF PUTHISAstra



Her Excellency Dr. Kim Sethany, Permanent Secretary of State and Vice President of the Cambodia Scout, represented by His Excellency Dr. Hang Chuon Naron, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Education, Youth and Sports, and President of Cambodia Scout, presided over the oath-taking ceremony and scarf presentation for newly appointed scout leaders and senior scouts of the first cohort of the Puthisastra Scout Unit. The ceremony included 150 members including 100 female participants and was attended by His Excellency, senior officials from the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports, representatives of Cambodia Scout, and members of University of Puthisastra.

Professor Ian Rouse, President and Vice Chancellor of the University of Puthisastra, marked the first time a formal Scouting training program and scarf presentation were held for leaders and academic staff at all levels, aligning with the university's overall management structure.

Her Excellency Cham Krasna, CEO of Soma Group, an honorary member of the Girl Guides Association of Cambodia, Board of Trusty of University of Puthisastra, stated that the Cambodia Scout has responded positively and effectively to the recommendations of Our former Prime Minister Samdech Aka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen to enhance the quality of education from primary to higher levels. This is being achieved by incorporating Scouting activities into extracurricular programs to promote discipline, morality, ethics, good manners, virtues, and appropriate student behavior, in line with the standards of model schools.

Her Excellency Dr. Kim Sethany spoke about the core values, principles, and missions of the World Scout Movement and the Cambodia Scout. She emphasized their active participation in implementing the National Policy on Cambodian Youth Development, the National Policy on Lifelong Learning, and the Education Strategic Plan, all of which aim to equip Cambodian children and youth with the knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary to thrive in the 21st century and the digital age.

The oath-taking and scarf presentation ceremony clearly supported the goals of the Royal Government's political program, in which Samdech Hun Sen encouraged Cambodian youth to contribute to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and to engage in the Messenger of Peace program. These efforts aim to develop young people into knowledgeable, ethical, and responsible citizens committed to helping others and serving the nation with loyalty to the Royal Government of Cambodia.

Before concluding, Her Excellency the Permanent Secretary of State provided the following recommendations for future action:

1. The University Scout Unit and the Department of Scout Cooperation should strengthen collaboration and develop annual activity plans to create diverse Scouting programs and events. These should support student initiatives, including camping, project competitions, the Messenger of Peace program, and community-based Scouting.
2. The University Scout Unit should explore the possibility of organizing exchange programs with other Scout units by sending scout leaders and senior scouts to participate in regional and international events across ASEAN, the Asia-Pacific, and globally, to enhance Cambodia's international presence.
3. The University Scout Unit and the Department of Scout Cooperation should continue to reinforce the patrol system and implement evaluation programs that award senior scout development certificates to encourage greater student engagement in community service.

Currently, the Cambodia Scout has a total of 185,356 members, including 19,016 junior scouts, 127,431 intermediate scouts, 22,737 senior scouts, 13,647 scout leaders, and 2,525 honorary members.

CONGRATULATIONS ON A REMARKABLE RESEARCH ACHIEVEMENT FROM THE FACULTY OF PHARMACY



We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Ms. Ly Lina, Dr. So Visessakseth, Mrs. Oeung Sokunvary, Mrs. Ung Huykhim, Mr. Poul Philip, Mr. Mao Kimchhay, Ms. Norng Sreyroth, Ms. Nara Vottey, Mr. Keun Mengky, Mr. Heim Mengkhim, and Professor Chea Sin, Vice President of the University of Puthisastra (UP), on the outstanding publication of their research article titled:

"Analysis of Secondary Metabolites, HPLC Analysis, Protein Content, and Antioxidant Properties of Calostoma insignis in Cambodia"

Published in the International Journal of Public Health Asia Pacific, this significant accomplishment-realized under the visionary leadership of Professor Chea Sin-is a testament to the unwavering dedication, intellectual rigor, and collaborative spirit of UP's faculty, staff, and students.

Their work not only advances scientific understanding of the bioactive and antioxidant properties of Calostoma insignis, but also exemplifies UP's steadfast commitment to excellence in basic pharmaceutical sciences and public health research. We are proud of this achievement and look forward to many more contributions that push the boundaries of knowledge and promote health and well-being in Cambodia and beyond.

STEM CHAMPION

Are you ready to become a STEM Champion?

The Faculty of Science and Technology, University of Puthisastra is calling all talented High school grade 12th students to join the STEM Championship 2025 – where your passion for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math can win you cash prizes and 100% scholarships! Whether you dream of becoming a scientist, engineer, tech innovator, or healthcare professional — this is your chance to shine!

- Top 1-5 Winners will receive Cash prizes + FULL scholarships!
- Top 6-10 Winners will receive FULL scholarships!
- Top 11-15 Winners receive Certificates
- Competition Date: 22 June 2025
- Location: Hall B, University of Puthisastra

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Lead the future of STEM in Cambodia – compete, learn, and unlock your future at UP!

WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS TO TWO EXCEPTIONAL PHARMACY STUDENTS

FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF PUTHISASTRA WHO HAVE BEEN SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PRESTIGIOUS ASIAN ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS OF PHARMACY-PHARMACY EDUCATION CONSORTIUM OF THAILAND (AASP-PECT) SUMMER SCHOOL 2025 IN THAILAND.



This highly competitive and internationally recognized program will be hosted by the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Chulalongkorn University, one of Thailand's most renowned academic institutions, from July 15 to July 28, 2025. Over the course of two intensive and enriching weeks, the selected students will engage in a wide range of academic and professional development activities designed to deepen their understanding of pharmaceutical sciences. They will have the opportunity to learn directly from esteemed professors, researchers, and industry leaders through lectures, workshops, and interactive sessions. The program also emphasizes cross-cultural exchange, allowing participants to collaborate with peers from across Asia, build lasting international networks, and foster a spirit of regional cooperation in the field of pharmacy education. In addition to the academic component, the students will explore the vibrant culture, history, and traditions of Thailand through various cultural immersion activities organized as part of the program. This experience will not only enhance their professional competencies but also broaden their global perspective and appreciation for diverse healthcare systems and practices.

The University of Puthisastra takes great pride in this achievement, which reflects the high caliber of its students and the Faculty of Pharmacy's commitment to nurturing globally competent and socially responsible pharmacy professionals. We wish our students a successful, inspiring, and transformative experience as they represent our university on the international stage.

UP HOSTS SUCCESSFUL BLOOD DONATION DRIVE IN COLLABORATION WITH NATIONAL BLOOD TRANSFUSION CENTER.



Phnom Penh, May 7, 2025 — The Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery at the University of Puthisastra (UP) successfully organized a blood donation drive in collaboration with the National Blood Transfusion Center of Cambodia. Held from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM at the university's KOSPO Room, the event attracted strong participation from both students and staff. The event aligns with the upcoming World Blood Donor Day 2025, to be celebrated on June 14, 2025 under the global theme "Blood connects us all." The drive aimed to promote the importance of voluntary blood donation and raise awareness of its impact on public health.

A total of 80 volunteers registered to donate blood, and after medical screening conducted by professionals from the National Blood Transfusion Center, 68 donors were deemed eligible. The donations included 40 female and 28 male donors which the blood types recorded were as follows: (Type A: 16 donors, Type B: 22 donors, Type AB: 3 donors, Type O: 27 donors)

Volunteers were provided with light refreshments, including drinks and bread, to help restore energy after their donation.

This blood donation is not only vital for saving lives but also offers health benefits to donors, such as reducing risks of cancer, liver and heart diseases, and aiding in calorie loss for body weight maintenance as well. This initiative is part of UP's ongoing commitment to public health promotion. That is why the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery actively engages in organizing events that enhance healthcare awareness and encourage civic responsibility among its students and staff. Being a part of healthcare providers, the faculty attempts to foster civic spirit of compassion in the health sector by promoting health education and supporting national healthcare efforts. The University of Puthisastra continues to initiate health activities that support the Cambodian healthcare system through education, community involvement, and other humanitarian activities.

UP PHARMACY STUDENTS SUPPORT COMMUNITY HEALTH THROUGH CHARITY PROGRAM IN KAMPONG CHAM



On Sunday, May 4, 2025, seven committed pharmacy students from the University of Puthisastra (UP) proudly joined a large-scale charity initiative organized by the Sunray Charity Foundation in Kampong Cham Province. The event was held with the goal of extending healthcare services to vulnerable populations in rural areas who often face barriers in accessing proper medical care.

As part of the program, the students played a crucial role in providing free health check-ups and distributing essential medications to more than 250 patients from surrounding villages. They collaborated with licensed healthcare professionals, assisting in screening patients for common illnesses such as hypertension, diabetes, respiratory infections, and gastrointestinal conditions. The students also provided patient education by offering guidance on proper medication use, explaining dosage schedules, and advising on preventive health measures, emphasizing the pharmacist's role as a frontline provider in promoting rational drug use and improving community health outcomes.

Two of the participating students were specially recognized with incentive awards for their continued dedication to community service, having participated in the foundation's outreach programs five times. Their consistent involvement reflects a strong commitment to both professional development and social responsibility. This charitable event not only allowed UP students to apply their academic knowledge in a real-world setting but also helped strengthen their clinical communication skills, cultural sensitivity, and teamwork—core competencies required in the healthcare profession. More importantly, it highlighted the essential contribution of future pharmacists in addressing healthcare disparities and serving the needs of underserved communities across Cambodia. The University of Puthisastra applauds the efforts of these students and remains committed to nurturing socially conscious healthcare professionals who are ready to lead meaningful change in society.

UP DENTAL STUDENTS ACCEPTED INTO PROSTHODONTIC SUMMER CAMP IN INDONESIA



Three-year dental students Horn Mengchay, Soeurn Buntong, and Lon Soly have been offered a place in the STOVIT Summer Course and Prosthodontic Summer Camp 2025 at the Faculty of Dental Medicine, Airlangga University, Indonesia. The faculty is one of Indonesia's oldest and most highly respected dental schools.

The program will take place in Surabaya from August 25 to 29, 2025. This exchange presents an exciting opportunity for our students to gain international exposure and broaden their academic and clinical perspectives. By engaging with peers and professionals from different cultural and educational backgrounds from around SE Asia, they will be able to learn collaboratively and strengthen their skills, especially in the field of prosthodontics.

As this is the first time any Cambodian students have joined this program, the students are eager to make the most of the experience. We believe our students will benefit greatly from the insights and guidance of the expert lecturers and hope that this collaboration marks the beginning of many more meaningful exchanges in the future. Congratulations to the three students.

THREE MASTER OF MEDICAL BIOLOGY STUDENTS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF PUTHISASTRA BEGIN CLERKSHIP AT KHMER-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP HOSPITAL

On Monday, April 21, 2025, three students enrolled in the Master of Medical Biology program at the Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Puthisastra, commenced their clerkship at Khmer-Soviet Friendship Hospital.

The Faculty of Pharmacy would like to extend its sincere gratitude to the hospital's management team and dedicated preceptors for offering our students this valuable opportunity to apply their knowledge and enhance their practical skills in a real clinical setting.

We are confident that this clerkship will provide the students with meaningful hands-on experience, deepen their understanding of medical biology, and contribute to their professional growth and success.



UP RESEARCH TEAM PRESENTS AT PREVENTIVE HEALTH CONFERENCE 2025 IN CANBERRA



Dr. Peng A Khun, Adjunct Associate Professor at the University of Puthisastra, along with his research team, represented UP at the Preventive Health Conference 2025, held in Canberra, Australia from April 28 to 30, 2025.

The team presented their scientific poster titled "Risk Factors for Hepatocellular Carcinoma in Patients with Liver Cirrhosis in Vietnam," which generated strong interest from international public health professionals and researchers.

The study explored the leading risk factors for liver cancer in patients with cirrhosis, particularly focusing on hepatitis B and C infections—a pressing issue in Southeast Asia. Their findings underscored a beacon of hope: antiviral treatments significantly reduce cancer risk, offering crucial insights that could shape more effective prevention strategies and save lives in vulnerable communities.

Join us in applauding Dr. Peng An and his team for their remarkable contribution to public health!

We look forward to supporting and celebrating more achievements from our academic community in future international conferences.

CONGRATULATIONS TO 8 BACHELOR OF PHARMACY STUDENTS FROM

UNIVERSITY OF PUTHISASTRA WHO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THEIR INTERNATIONAL INTERNSHIP AT THE FACULTY OF PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES, KHON KAEN UNIVERSITY, THAILAND



On Thursday, April 24, 2025, 8 Bachelor of Pharmacy students from University of Puthisastra successfully completed their international internship at the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Khon Kaen University, Thailand. Being the perfect host, the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Khon Kaen University, in the morning, lead the 8 students to visit the Academic Clinical Research Office (ACRO) of Srinagarind Hospital. During the visit, the students learned more about the clinical research conducted at the hospital. In the afternoon, the students presented the knowledge and experience they gained during their internship to Associate Dean, professors and staff of the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Khon Kaen University. After the presentation, all students received their internship completion certificates from Associate Professor Dr. Yaowared Chulikhit, Associate Dean for Research, Innovation, and International Affairs, Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Khon Kaen University.

Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Puthisastra, would like to congratulate the 8 students who successfully completed their internship at the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Khon Kaen University. Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Puthisastra, would like to thank the leadership teams, professors, and preceptors who have given the opportunity and welcomed all students to do their internship at Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Khon Kaen University with warmth and care. Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Puthisastra, wishes everyone good luck and success in all endeavors.

THE DEPARTMENT OF LABORATORY SCIENCE, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT

OF SCIENCE RESEARCH, UNIVERSITY OF PUTHISASTRA (UP), WILL ORGANIZE A COMMUNITY HEALTH, STUDY TOUR AND CHARITY PROGRAM UNDER THE THEME OF "DETERMINATION OF ANEMIA IN WOMEN AND DETERMINATION OF HEAVY METALS IN DRINKING WATER IN KRATIE PROVINCE" FROM JULY 2-4, 2025, LOCATED IN THOM VILLAGE, SANDAN COMMUNE, SAMBOR DISTRICT, KRATIE PROVINCE.



The "7th Community Health" project includes the following activities:

1. Study Tour Program at Hospital
2. Health Checkup Program for the Community
3. Research on Anemia in Women and Heavy Metals in Water
4. Charity Program for Primary School Students
5. Party Dinner and Entertainment Event for Faculty, Staff and Students of both Departments
6. Excursion Program, as well as many other programs.

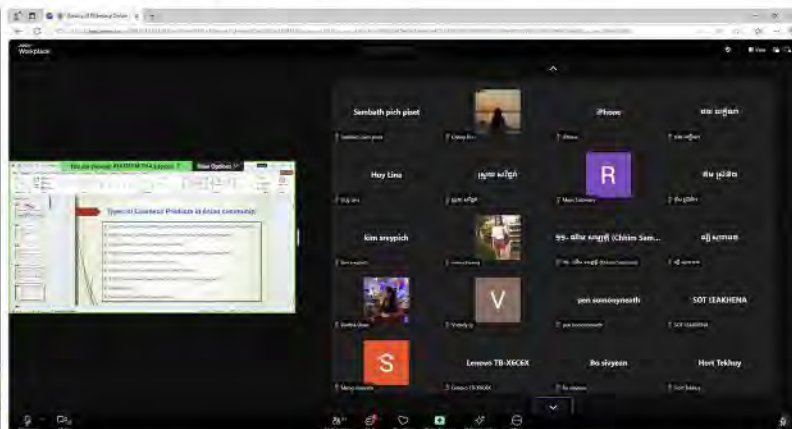
We would like to inform and respectfully request that your Excellencies, professors, teachers, students and the public who wish to contribute to the charity program by providing financial support or educational materials such as books, pens, pencils, rulers, as well as other materials to the students of Bunrany Hun Sen Phum Thom Primary School.

If your Excellencies, professors, teachers, students and the public are interested in donating, please contact us via phone number:

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685 PHARMACISTS ATTEND CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING ORGANIZED BY UP FACULTY OF PHARMACY

In April 2025, 685 pharmacists attended the Continuing Professional Development Training for Cambodian Pharmacists of the Faculty of Pharmacy.



In April 2025, the Faculty of Pharmacy at the University of Puthisastra successfully organized a Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Training program for Cambodian pharmacists. The event, conducted via Zoom, saw an impressive 685 pharmacists from across the country participate in this important educational initiative. The CPD training aimed to equip pharmacists with updated knowledge, enhance their skills, and foster professional growth within the field of pharmacy.

The program covered three key topics, each designed to address essential areas in the pharmacy profession. These topics were structured across six sessions to provide an in-depth understanding of each subject. The first topic, titled "Key Management Knowledge and Skills for Pharmacists", was delivered in two sessions and focused on the management practices and strategies needed for pharmacists to lead and manage pharmaceutical services effectively. The second topic, "Key Leadership Knowledge and Skills for Pharmacists", also covered two sessions, emphasizing the development of leadership skills, decision-making processes, and how pharmacists can take on more influential roles within healthcare systems. The final topic, "Cosmetics in the ASEAN Community", presented in two sessions, explored the growing role of cosmetics in the ASEAN region, including regulatory standards, market trends, and the pharmacist's role in promoting safe cosmetic products.

These training sessions were particularly significant for government organizations, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and private companies involved in healthcare, as they support the continued development of a highly skilled pharmacy workforce. The training's goal was to improve not only the professional capabilities of pharmacists but also the safety and well-being of the communities they serve.

UP YOGA CLUB IS BACK WITH A PROFESSIONAL INSTRUCTOR!!

Deep inside the University of Puthisastra, something nice and quiet happens every Thursday evening. Life as a student can be busy and noisy, with lots of assignments and requirements. But the university has found a peaceful way to help students feel calm and connected.

It's called the UP-Yoga Club. More than just a club, it's a growing community dedicated to student wellness. The university started it to help students in all ways, not just with their schoolwork. It's a place where students can connect with themselves and their friends. Each week, from 5:30 to 6:30 PM, the doors of Hall B open to a tranquil gathering led by a professional instructor from Le Village Yoga Studio. Mats are unrolled, shoes come off, and the stress of the week slowly melts away with each deep breath and gentle stretch. Yoga is an old way of moving and breathing that helps you focus. For many students, these classes are a

special quiet time in their busy week. It's a place to feel better in their minds and hearts, and even make new friends from different faculties. The UP-Yoga Club is not just about exercise. It's about finding peace, feeling balanced, and making friends.



CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM BETWEEN SINGAPOREAN STUDENTS AND PHARMACY STUDENTS FROM THE FACULTY OF PHARMACY, ORGANIZED BY KHMER ENTERPRISE



On Friday, May 2, 2025, nine Pharmacy students from the Faculty of Pharmacy at the University of Puthisastra participated in a cultural and educational exchange program with Singaporean students. This program was organized by Khmer Enterprise (KE) and was a special opportunity for the students, who were winners of the 2024 Natural Product Contest (NPC). The event aimed to foster international collaboration and promote cultural and academic exchange.

The day began with warm introductions where the participants had the chance to meet and get to know one another. KE staff then presented valuable insights into their initiatives, focusing on the role of innovation and entrepreneurship in Cambodia's growing economy. The event was further enriched by a visit from the Head of the Youth Leader Collective (YLC), who expressed strong support for the program, emphasizing the importance of youth leadership in driving positive change.

Following the introductions and presentations, the students participated in a lively ice-breaking session, where they shared personal experiences and ideas in mixed groups. A few Singaporean students later reflected on their experiences, emphasizing the meaningful connections they had made. The day concluded with an inspiring Q&A session with H.E. Dr. Chhieng Vanmunin, CEO of Khmer Enterprise, followed by a group photo, capturing the memorable moments of the exchange.

PHARMA-CAREER CLUB HOSTS EDUCATIONAL SESSION ON CAREER PATHS IN PHARMACY



On Friday, May 2, 2025, from 13:00 to 14:00 PM, the Pharma-Career Club at the Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Puthisastra, organized an insightful sharing session under the theme: "Flow of My Career as a Lecturer and Community Pharmacist". The event took place at Hall B, Building B, and featured Mr. Heim Mengkhim, a seasoned expert in both teaching and community pharmacy.

During this educational forum, Mr. Heim Mengkhim shared his personal career journey, offering valuable insights into the dual roles of being both an educator and a community pharmacist. He highlighted the key skills required to excel in these fields and discussed the real-world challenges faced by professionals in the pharmacy sector. He also provided practical strategies for overcoming these challenges, making the session highly relevant for students considering a career in either or both paths.

Benefits of attending this session included:

- Gaining a deeper understanding of two important career paths in pharmacy: teaching and community pharmacy.
- Receiving valuable tips on how to build essential skills for success in the pharmacy field.
- Listening to real-life stories and advice from an experienced professional.
- Feeling motivated to actively plan and shape their own career paths.

This session was an excellent opportunity for students to gather knowledge, ask questions, and gain inspiration for their future careers.

PHARMACY STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN SURVEY ON SELF-MEDICATION PRACTICES IN BATTAMBANG PROVINCE



Pharmacy students from the University of Puthisastra took part in an important research study on self-medication practices as part of a questionnaire survey conducted in Battambang Province. The study, titled "Assessment on the Knowledge and Application of the Theory of Planned Behavioral Model: Self-Medication Without Antibiotic Medication Among the Population Living in Battambang City," aimed to understand the knowledge, attitudes, and behaviors of residents regarding the use of antibiotics without prescriptions.

The research, funded by the RSTMH Early Career Grants Program (RSTMH) in 2024, was spearheaded by Ms. Ung Huykhim, Assistant Dean of the Faculty of Pharmacy, and Ms. Huot Huysean, Laboratory Assistant at the Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Puthisastra. The survey was conducted across ten communes in Battambang province, spanning four days, from April 24 to April 27, 2025.

The main objective of the study was to gather accurate and trustworthy data about the mindset, practices, and behaviors of individuals who engage in self-medication, particularly focusing on the misuse of antibiotics. The insights gained from this research will help shape future healthcare strategies and public health campaigns in Cambodia.

We are incredibly grateful to the RSTMH Early Career Grants Program for their generous sponsorship, which has made this study possible, and for supporting innovative research that aims to improve health outcomes in the community.

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING FOR CAMBODIAN PHARMACISTS VIA ZOOM ONLINE: ROUND 15

The Faculty of Pharmacy at Puthisastra University is pleased to announce the commencement of Round 15 of its Continuing Professional Development (CPD) course for Cambodian pharmacists. This initiative, approved by the Pharmacy Council of Cambodia, aims to provide pharmacists with the latest updates on critical issues in the pharmacy profession.

The topic for this round of training is "The Role of Pharmacists in Antibiotic Resistance", a subject of immense relevance in today's healthcare environment. With the rising global concern over antibiotic resistance, pharmacists play a vital role in managing and preventing the misuse of antibiotics. This course will delve into how pharmacists can help mitigate this pressing issue through patient education, appropriate dispensing practices, and the promotion of responsible antibiotic use. The training will be conducted via Zoom in four sessions, scheduled as follows:

- Session 1: Saturday, June 7, 2025
- Session 2: Saturday, June 14, 2025
- Session 3: Saturday, June 21, 2025
- Session 4: Saturday, June 28, 2025

Each session will run from 08:00 AM to 02:00 PM, providing a comprehensive overview of the topic. Registration is open until May 30, 2025.

To register, please visit the following link:
<https://forms.gle/bddUv3osWwaT7zEs6>




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EXPRESSION FROM MS. TRY KIMSOAN TOWARD THE CHARITABLE HEALTH CHECK-UP PROGRAM ORGANIZED BY THE SUNRISE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

My name is Try Kimsoan, a fifth-year student at the Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Puthisastra. I am truly honored to be part of the charitable health check-up program organized by the Sunrise Charitable Foundation. This marks my fifth participation in the foundation's free health check-up initiatives, and I am proud to contribute to promoting the rational use of medicines and delivering healthcare services to diverse local communities.

Beyond medicine distribution, I have had the valuable opportunity to educate and offer direct consultations to patients. These experiences have helped me develop essential soft skills, particularly in interpersonal communication and teamwork, while also enriching my knowledge and providing real-world experiences that go beyond what can be learned in the classroom.

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to the Faculty of Pharmacy at the University of Puthisastra—an institution renowned for its commitment to academic excellence and for encouraging student involvement in community service. I am especially thankful to all the professors, lecturers, and staff who have continuously shared knowledge, offered guidance, and provided unwavering support.

Most importantly, I extend my sincere appreciation to the Sunrise Charitable Foundation for its consistent efforts in organizing these meaningful charitable programs. I am deeply honored to receive the Appreciation Award, which serves as a powerful motivation for me to continue pursuing my mission of serving the community with compassion, integrity, and professionalism.



ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEES FOR THE 5TH PHARMACY RESEARCH CONFERENCE



The 5th Pharmacy Research Conference on July 18-19, 2025

Theme: Innovating Pharmacy Research: Advancing Therapeutics, Technology, and Health Care.

SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEES

All the abstracts will be reviewed and approved by Scientific Committee.



Mr. Mao Kimchhay
Head of Basic
Pharmaceutical Sciences



Ms. Phuy Meyli
Full-time Lecturer



Dr. So Visessakseth
Head of Pharmacognosy

We are excited to announce the appointment of the Scientific Committees for the 5th Pharmacy Research Conference, organized by the Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Puthisastra, Cambodia. These distinguished committees, composed of highly experienced researchers and academic professionals from diverse fields, have been selected to carefully review all submitted abstracts to ensure they meet the highest standards of scientific quality and academic relevance.

The primary responsibility of the Scientific Committees is to uphold the academic integrity of the conference. Through their thorough and meticulous evaluations, they will assess the innovative research and academic contributions made by students and professionals in the field of pharmacy. By providing expert feedback and ensuring the quality of presentations, they help create a platform that encourages the exchange of cutting-edge knowledge and forward-thinking solutions in pharmacy practice and research. Their work plays a crucial role in recognizing and promoting excellence in the pharmacy community, helping to highlight the outstanding achievements of researchers and fostering an environment of academic growth. Through their commitment, they are ensuring that the conference remains a key event for advancing the field of pharmacy in Cambodia.

We would like to extend our deepest appreciation to all the members of the Scientific Committees for their dedication, expertise, and valuable contributions to this important academic event. Their involvement is vital to the continued success of the conference, and we look forward to their guidance in shaping its future.

CLERKSHIP ORIENTATION AND PRE-CLERKSHIP TRAINING FOR YEAR 3 BACHELOR OF PHARMACY (PH32 & PH33) STUDENTS FROM APRIL 21, 2025.



On Friday, April 18, 2025, the Faculty of Pharmacy of University of Puthisastra conducted a clerkship orientation to inform Year 3 Bachelor of Pharmacy (PH32 & PH33) students about the clerkship learning outcomes, activities, assessment criteria, regulations, and disciplinary guidelines. The orientation also emphasized the required learning outcomes and practices that each student must fulfill, as outlined in the pharmacy clerkship logbook. Additionally, the pre-clerkship training aimed to equip students with the essential knowledge and skills needed before beginning their hospital pharmacy clerkship. By the end of the training, students should be able to recognize drug names, dosage forms, classifications, and routes of administration. They should also be able to verify valid prescriptions, receive medications, and accurately record essential information such as drug name, batch number, expiry date, quantity, and amount. Through this orientation and pre-clerkship training, the Faculty of Pharmacy of University of Puthisastra hopes that Year 3 Bachelor of Pharmacy students will successfully achieve the required learning outcomes and competencies by the end of their clerkship.

CULTURAL TOUR AND EXCURSION IN KHON KAEN, THAILAND FOR BACHELOR OF PHARMACY STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN THE INTERNATIONAL INTERNSHIP PROGRAM



On Friday, April 25, 2025, eight 4th- and 5th-year Bachelor of Pharmacy students from the University of Puthisastra took part in a cultural tour and excursion to Phu Pha Man District, Khon Kaen Province, Thailand. The trip was organized and led by staff from the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Khon Kaen University.

This excursion is part of the international internship program at the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Khon Kaen University. It provides students with a unique opportunity to explore the local culture and visit key tourist attractions in Khon Kaen Province, enhancing their cross-cultural understanding and enriching their international learning experience.

MASTER OF MEDICAL BIOLOGY STUDENT FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF PUTHISAstra BEGINS CLERKSHIP AT KAMPONG CHAM HOSPITAL

On Monday, April 21, 2025, Ms. Teang Beauty, a student enrolled in the Master of Medical Biology program at the Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Puthisastra, began her clerkship at Kampong Cham Hospital.

The Faculty of Pharmacy would like to express its sincere appreciation to the Kampong Cham Provincial Health Department, the hospital's management team, and the dedicated preceptors for providing Ms. Teang Beauty with this valuable opportunity to apply her academic knowledge and strengthen her practical skills.

We hope this experience will be enriching and instrumental in her professional development, and we wish her success throughout her clerkship journey.



FIFTH-YEAR PHARMACY STUDENT FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF PUTHISAstra ATTENDS WORKSHOP ON “SCIENCE DIPLOMACY IN A CHANGING WORLD”



On the morning of Tuesday, April 29, 2025, Miss Man Vimeansor, a fifth-year Bachelor of Pharmacy student from the University of Puthisastra, participated in a workshop titled “Science Diplomacy in a Changing World”. The event was organized by the National Institute of Science, Technology and Innovation, in collaboration with CamTech University and the AI Forum, and held at the Ministry of Industry, Science, Technology and Innovation. Joined by staff and fellow students from the University of Puthisastra, Miss Vimeansor gained valuable insights into the intersection of science, diplomacy, and technology. The workshop emphasized the growing importance of science diplomacy in shaping global cooperation and innovation. Key takeaways from her participation include:

1. The synergy between science and diplomacy plays a crucial role in strengthening international relations and accelerating technological advancement, ultimately contributing to economic growth.
2. Science diplomacy can promote peace, build trust among nations, and facilitate collaborative efforts to address global challenges for the collective benefit of humanity.
3. Artificial Intelligence (AI) is emerging as a vital tool for data organization and interpretation, significantly aiding research and academic work by enhancing the efficiency of content analysis and summarization. The University of Puthisastra commends Miss Vimeansor for her active engagement and encourages continued participation in such enriching academic opportunities.

STAFF AND STUDENTS FROM FACULTY OF PHARMACY, UNIVERSITY OF PUTHISAstra ATTENDED A TRAINING ON “PATENT AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY TRAINING”



On Friday morning, May 9, 2025, staff and students from the Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Puthisastra attended a training on “Patent and Intellectual Property Training”, which was organized by Cambodia University of Technology and Science (CamTech) and Ministry of Industry, Science, Technology & Innovation (MISTI) at Conference Hall at Level 6 of the campus of CamTech. Presided over by Dr. Leng Phirom, Vice President of CamTech and Dr. Siev Sokly, Deputy Director of Department of Science, Technology & Innovation, MISTI, the training featured presentations by two speakers, namely Ms. OR Vandyma, Director of the Department of Industrial Property, MISTI, and Mr. Tiv Sochindoeun, Deputy Director of the Department of Intellectual Property, Ministry of Commerce. The training course was also attended by relevant institutions including government agencies, higher education institutions, research institutes and the private sector, especially small and medium enterprises in the Kingdom of Cambodia. This training course is very important, allowing participants to learn more about the patent, the industrial property registration system in the Kingdom of Cambodia and the importance, rights and protection acquired from intellectual property registration. At the end of the Training, Dr. Siev Sokly shared a number of important information, which included the National Research Agenda 2025. The NRA has identified eight research missions that are at the center of investments and research activities:

- 1- Local food
- 2- Reliable energy supply
- 3- Quality Education
- 4- Electronic and mechanical spare parts
- 5- Cloud-based services
- 6- Electricity and potable water
- 7- Carbon neutrality
- 8- Digitally-enhanced health

OPENING CEREMONY OF THE SCOUTING ORIENTATION AT UNIVERSITY OF PUTHISAstra



His Excellency Kolpheng Vaddhana, Undersecretary of State, Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports, presided over the opening ceremony of the Rover Scouting Orientation Course for 150 Scout leaders and Rover Scouts of the University of Puthisastra.

Prof. Chea Sin, Vice-President in Charge of Academic Affairs, reported to the ceremony that today, University of Puthisastra has prepared to establish the structure of the first cohort of rover scout to participate in the Cambodia Scout. And he marked significance of the role of scout at the University. At the same he also reported the increased enrollment at University of Puthisastra with statistical data by faculty.

His Excellency the Undersecretary of State conveyed the condolences and well-wishes of His Excellency Dr. Hang Chuon Naron, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Education, Youth and Sports and President of the Cambodia Scout, to His Excellency, Madam, the teachers, and the entire ceremony.

His Excellency spoke about the mission of the Cambodia Scout, which is indeed in response to the recommendations of Samdech Thipadei Hun Manet, Prime Minister of Cambodia. The Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports has set priorities in continuing school reforms, in which the Ministry will strengthen school management towards improving student learning outcomes, changing school culture, and strengthening discipline, ethics, morals, virtues, and good behavior of educational staff and students.

FACULTY OF PHARMACY ENHANCES LABORATORY CAPABILITIES WITH THE ADDITION OF ADVANCED BIOBASE BKC-TH21RS CENTRIFUGE



tPhnom Penh, Wednesday, May 7, 2025 – The Faculty of Pharmacy at the University of Puthisastra is thrilled to announce the newest addition to its laboratory: the advanced BIOBASE BKC-TH21RS Centrifuge (220V). This acquisition reflects the faculty's ongoing commitment to upgrading laboratory infrastructure and providing students and researchers with access to cutting-edge scientific equipment.

This state-of-the-art centrifuge will play a vital role in enhancing the quality of teaching and expanding research opportunities in areas such as drug formulation, biomedical analysis, and pharmaceutical sciences.

Key Features of the BIOBASE BKC-TH21RS Centrifuge:

- Maximum Speed: 21,000 rpm – Ensures powerful and efficient separation of samples.
- Temperature Range: -20°C to 40°C – Enables precise temperature control for sensitive materials.
- High Capacity: 4 x 750 ml – Accommodates large volumes, ideal for high-throughput research.
- User-Friendly Interface – Features intuitive controls and advanced safety mechanisms for ease of use.

This latest upgrade will support student training, faculty-led research, and innovative scientific projects, reaffirming the faculty's dedication to academic excellence and innovation.

UP FACULTY LEADERS PARTICIPATE IN GIZ CAMBODIA'S "GENERATIVE AI FOR HEALTH PROFESSION EDUCATORS" TRAINING



Asst. Prof. Chhea Sophearom, Dean of the Faculty of Pharmacy, the University of Puthisastra, recently participated in the "Generative AI for Health Profession Educators" training course organized by GIZ Cambodia in collaboration with HSI-RCAF, KSFH, and CCFKH.

This intensive 4-week hybrid training program introduced participants to the fundamentals of Generative AI (GenAI), including prompt engineering, applications of AI models in teaching, and ethical considerations. Through a series of interactive and practical sessions, participants learned to:

- Write effective learning outcomes
- Plan engaging lessons
- Develop innovative instructional materials
- Design robust assessments
- Reflect critically on the ethical and responsible use of AI in education

This program represents a significant step in integrating emerging technologies into health professions education in Cambodia.

The University of Puthisastra is proud of its faculty's commitment to innovation and continuous professional development.

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION, ONE OF STUDENT-CENTERED LEARNING METHODS AT THE FACULTY OF PHARMACY, UNIVERSITY OF PUTHISAstra



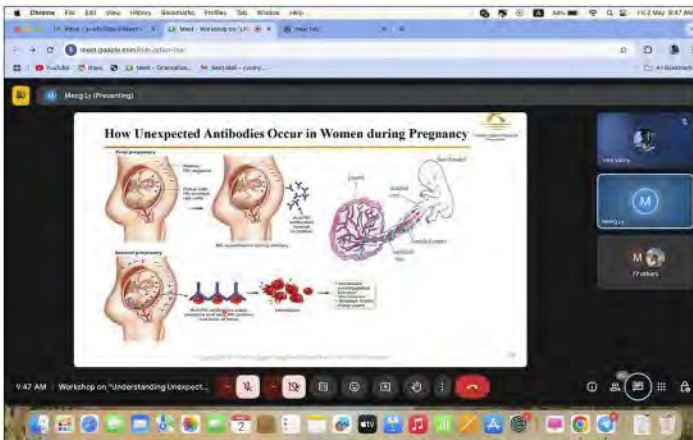
At the Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Puthisastra, small group discussions (SGDs) are an integral part of student-centered learning. These sessions are designed to actively engage students in the learning process by encouraging collaboration, critical thinking, and application of knowledge to real-world scenarios.

Typically conducted in groups of 5 to 10 students, SGDs allow participants to:

- Explore complex topics in pharmaceutical sciences and clinical practice
- Practice problem-solving and decision-making
- Improve communication and teamwork skills
- Support peer learning through discussion and shared insights
- Build confidence in articulating scientific ideas and clinical reasoning

Facilitated by experienced instructors, SGDs align with the university's commitment to active learning, competency-based pharmacy education, and preparing students for professional practice in both local and global healthcare settings.

“THE WORKSHOP ON UNDERSTANDING UNEXPECTED ANTIBODIES: A KEY TO SAFE BLOOD TRANSFUSIONS AND MANAGING PREGNANCY RISKS”



In the morning of May 2nd, 2025, the Faculty of Health Sciences and Biotechnology, University of Puthisastra cooperate with Japan Sunrise Hospital Phnom Penh conducted a Workshop on “Understanding Unexpected Antibodies: A Key to Safe Blood Transfusions and Managing Pregnancy Risks” successfully via Google Meet.

The Workshop has open remarks by Ms. Meas Sochanwattey, Dean of Faculty of Health Sciences and Biotechnology and many participants by lecturers, staff, medical technologist and students.

FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES AND BIOTECHNOLOGY OF UNIVERSITY OF PUTHISAstra (UP) PROUDLY PARTICIPATED THE SOMA CHALLENGE, THE FIRST EVENT OF 2025 HELD AT THE COMMUNE



This dynamic event was organized by SOMA Group. It brought together representatives from across SOMA to strengthen unity, foster teamwork, and grow together while embracing SOMA's vibrant culture.

We are honored to take part in building stronger bonds and shared success with our amazing SOMA family!

THE FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES AND BIOTECHNOLOGY IS PROUD TO WELCOME 28 STUDENTS WHO PASSED THE NATIONAL ENTRANCE EXAM TO ENROLL IN THE ASSOCIATE DEGREE OF MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM BATCH 14.

In the new academic year 2024-2025, 28 students passed the national entrance exam for the health sector, Associate Degree in Laboratory Technician, exam period 26-27 April 2025, to Puthisastra University.

The Faculty of Health Sciences and Biotechnology is committed to training them to become laboratory technicians who will be a strong backbone in serving our health sector in the next three years.

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STUDENTS OF BRIDGING BACHELOR DEGREE OF MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNOLOGY

OF THE FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES AND BIOTECHNOLOGY, UNIVERSITY OF PUTHISASTRA BEGAN THEIR INTERNSHIP AT PROVINCIAL AND CAPITAL-CITY HOSPITALS



Students of Bridging Bachelor Degree of Medical Laboratory Technology of The Faculty of Health Sciences and Biotechnology, University of Puthisastra began his internship at Kompong Cham Provincial Hospital, Kratie Provincial Hospital, Baray Santuk Referrals Hospital, Krouch Chma Referral Hospital, Boribo Referral Hospital, Kandal Steung Referral Hospital, Svay Rieng Referral Hospital, and Loung Mae Hospital from May 5, 2025 to June 27, 2025 with the topics of Hematology-Hemostasis, Biochemistry, Sero-Immunology and Bacteriology.

The Faculty of Health Sciences and Biotechnology, University of Puthisastra would like to express our gratitude to the management team and preceptors at all Provincial Hospitals for providing this student the opportunity to practice and improve their skills and knowledge during his clerkship.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE UP'S SCIENCE RESEARCH STUDENT ON ABSTRACT BEING ACCEPTED AT THE 20TH ASIAN CHEMICAL CONGRESS

The Department of Research Sciences of the Faculty of Science and Technology of the University of Puthisastra (UP) would like to congratulate the senior student majoring in Bachelor of Science Research, batch 2, **Miss Makara Seihakpanha**, who has been accepted to participate as a presenter (Poster) in the 20th Asian Chemical Congress (20ACC).

Research Topic: **Determination of formaldehyde in fresh seafood from Cambodia's local market**

Under the guidance of primary supervisor **Ms. Chhun Sreynich**, a full-time lecturer at the Faculty of Science and Technology of the University of Puthisastra.

The 20ACC is organized by the Chemical Society of Thailand under the Auspices of the Federation of Asian Chemical Societies (FACS). The event will be held in the Berkeley Hotel Pratunam, Bangkok, Thailand from June 22 to 27, 2025.

CONGRATULATIONS TO 2 SCIENCE RESEARCH STUDENTS, BATCH 5 WHO RECEIVED 100% SCHOLARSHIPS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF PUTHISASTRA!

Department of Science Research of the Faculty of Science and Technology of the University of Puthisastra (UP), is proud to announce and congratulate 2 Science Research Students, batch 5, namely; **Ms. Rin Rithiya** and **Ms. Ros Nataly**, who have received scholarships from the University of Puthisastra. The scholarship offers a 100% sponsorship on the tuition fee for the full 4 years and many opportunities with the Department of Science Research.

On Friday, May 2, 2025, Prof. Ian Rouse, President and Vice-Chancellor of the UP, met with, gave advice, and congratulated the two scholarship students. The Department of Science Research wishes them ongoing academic success and encourages even greater efforts in the future!

A BIG MILESTONE FOR OUR IT YEAR 1 STUDENTS!



This week, our Semester 1 students from the Faculty of Science and Technology are taking their very first Summative Assessments at the University of Puthisastra. This marks a key step in their academic journey as they apply what they've learned in the classroom to real-world scenarios. We're proud to see their hard work, determination, and growth. Good luck to all students — this is just the beginning of your journey in tech!

FACULTY OF MEDICINE ORGANIZED THE ELECTIVE SHARING SESSION



Faculty of Medicine organized the elective sharing session by inviting the senior medical students to share their experiences. The session was a great opportunity for medical students to learn about clinical electives. It helped students understand why electives are important and how to prepare for them.

Dr. Thim Pichthida highlighted the importance of electives in shaping a medical career, emphasizing the need for thorough preparation to maximize the experience.

She also shared about the hospitals outside Cambodia where students can go for elective posting. Practical guidance on pre-elective documents, shared by Miss Ly Sothyra, year-6 medical students, clarified administrative requirements, ensuring students understood the process before applying to institutions like Chiang Mai University.

The personal experiences shared by Mr. Chea Monisota and Mr. Chy Vannet, both are year-6 medical students, brought depth to the discussion.

Mr. Sota detailed the day-to-day life of an elective student and professional development required in a new clinical environment. Mr. Vannet shared his real experiences and challenges during elective at Khon Kaen University.

The Q&A session allowed for interactive engagement, addressing concerns about elective logistics, cultural adjustments, and academic expectations. The event concluded with a summary and group photo, marking a moment of shared learning and networking.

FACULTY OF MEDICINE PROVIDED THE INTRODUCTION TO R AND DATA VISUALIZATION TO UP STAFF

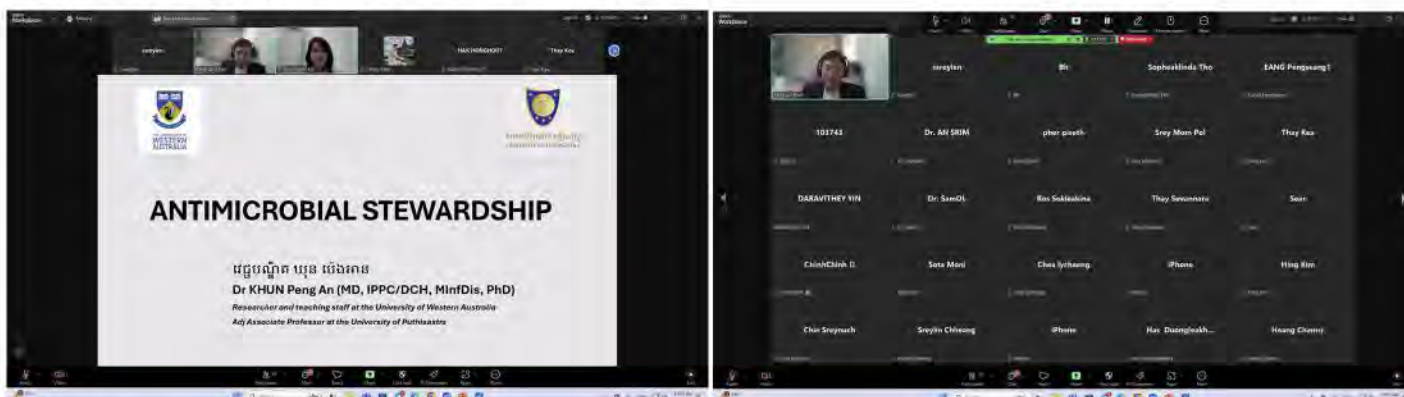


The Faculty of Medicine recently held a short training session on "Introduction to R and Data Visualization," led by Ms. POL Sreymom, the Deputy Dean for Research. This two-part workshop provided participants with an introduction to R programming for data analysis in a concise, hands-on format.

Attendees learned key skills such as importing, cleaning, and analyzing data using R, along with creating visualizations like bar plots, scatter plots, and histograms. The session also introduced the use of R Markdown, enabling trainees to produce integrated, reproducible reports combining code, results, and narrative explanations.

Participants expressed great enthusiasm for the session, noting the practical applications of R in both research and academic work. The faculty is excited to offer more short-format, skill-building workshops in the near future to support our learning community.

FACULTY OF MEDICINE ORGANIZED THE CME ON THE ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE



Seminar Highlights: Tackling Antimicrobial Resistance through Genomic Insights

The Faculty of Medicine hosted a successful seminar titled "Combating Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR): Genomic Insights & Global Strategies," led by Dr. Peng A Khun, Adjunct Associate Professor at the University of Puthisastra and researcher at the Marshall Centre for Infectious Diseases – UWA.

The seminar held as online at the University of Puthisastra, the seminar attracted over 100 attendees, including faculty staff, students, part-time lecturers, and members of the public. Dr. Peng an delivered a very detailed presentation on the global threat of AMR, the role of molecular epidemiology in tracking resistant organisms, and the importance of appropriate antibiotic use.

The session concluded with a dynamic Q&A, where both students and public participants raised thoughtful questions—reflecting strong engagement and growing awareness of AMR challenges in Cambodia and beyond.

We are looking forward to hosting more meaningful and impactful seminars in the near future. Stay connected!

MEDICAL STUDENTS STARTING THE CLINICAL ROTATION TO THE HOSPITALS IN SEMESTER II



On 12 May 2025, medical students from year 4 to year 6 started the clerkship to 6 different hospitals across Phnom Penh City, Cambodia.

Clinical rotations for Year 4 to Year 6 medical students are an essential part of their training, helping them move from classroom learning to real patient care. During this time, students get hands-on experience by working in hospitals. They practice important skills like talking to patients, examining them, and making medical decisions based on real cases. These rotations allow students to apply what they have learned in books to real situations, helping them understand how diseases present in different patients and how treatments are carried out.

Each rotation takes place in different medical departments, such as internal medicine, surgery, pediatrics, obstetrics and gynecology, and emergency care, giving students exposure to a wide range of health conditions.

A big part of clinical rotations is learning by doing. Keeping a clinical logbook helps students track their learning, making sure they reflect on each case and improve over time. Receiving feedback from mentors is also important. It helps students understand their strengths and areas they need to work on.

Overall, clinical rotations prepare students to become confident and skilled doctors. By participating actively, reflecting on their experiences, and continuously improving, they build a strong foundation for their future medical careers.

DEPUTY DEAN OF MEDICINE PARTICIPATED IN THE UNICATION TRAINING WORKSHOP



On May 6th, 2025, Ms. Pol Sreymom, Deputy Dean for Research at the Faculty of Medicine, University of Puthisastra, joined the UNICATION National Multiplier Training Workshop held at the National University of Management, Phnom Penh. The training was part of the Erasmus+ UNICATION Project, which aims to improve project communication and international collaboration between universities in Cambodia, the Philippines, and Europe.

Ms. Sreymom attended the session on “Internationalization at Home (IaH)”, where she learned how universities can bring global ideas into local teaching and research without sending students abroad. The session shared useful strategies like online collaborations, joint research, and international seminars and the possibility of having double degree.

This training gave Sreymom new ideas on how to make the Faculty of Medicine more globally connected while staying locally relevant.

PREHOSPITAL TRAINING PART 2 FOR MD STUDENTS YEAR 6



The 2-day hands-on training and examination for 6th-year MD students, conducted in preparation for their hospital clerkship, was successfully held on May 5th and 6th, 2025, at the University of Puthisastra. The training included practical sessions followed by a post-test assessment to ensure student readiness for clinical placement. The Pre-Hospital Training was a valuable hands-on experience, reinforcing critical emergency skills for future medical professionals.

The structured agenda, including Advanced Cardiac Arrest Management, Intraosseous (IO) Access, and Pelvic Examination, provided practical exposure to life-saving techniques. One important lesson was dealing with difficult patients, which showed how to stay calm, listen, and communicate well in stressful situations. A pre-test and post-test were administered to assess their knowledge and evaluate the effectiveness of the training. Students who successfully passed both the pre- and post-tests in Part 1 and Part 2 of the training received certificates of completion.

This training emphasized the integration of theoretical knowledge with clinical practice, fostering confidence and skill development. Overall, the training helped students feel more confident and ready for medical emergencies. Learning by doing was the best part.

FY LECTURER MS. KEO SOPHANETH WINS FIRST PRIZE AT INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH PRESENTATION CONTEST IN JAPAN



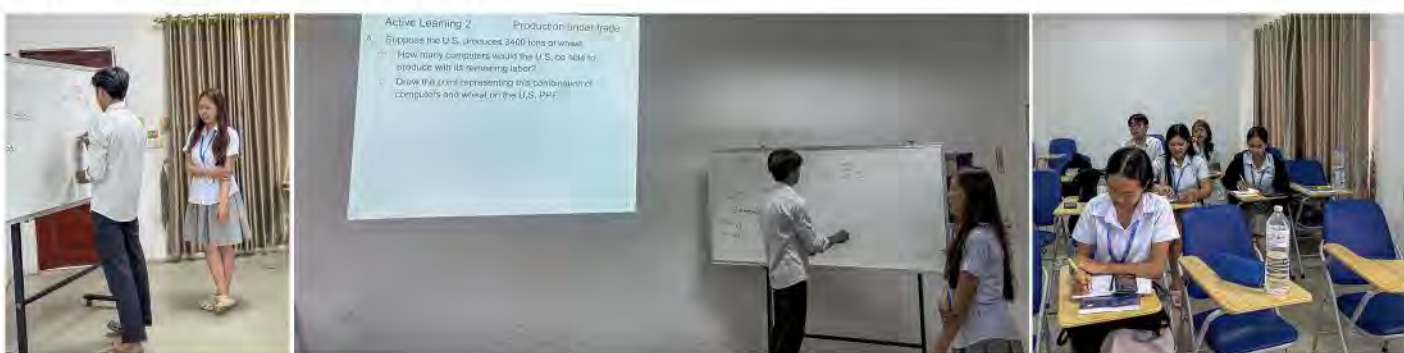
Congratulations to Ms. Keo Sophaneth, a full-time Foundation Year lecturer at the University of Puthisastra, for winning First Prize at the International English Presentation Contest held in Japan.

The competition centered around the theme of addressing challenges in building sustainable cities while achieving the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Ms. Sophaneth's winning presentation, titled "Biodegradable Plastic Products from Cassava Starch," proposed an innovative and practical solution aimed at promoting environmental sustainability.

Her project made significant contributions to SDGs 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), 12 (Responsible Consumption and Production), 13 (Climate Action), and 14 (Life Below Water). This remarkable achievement not only reflects her creativity and environmental consciousness but also showcases her exceptional communication skills and ability to present complex ideas effectively on an international stage.

Ms. Sophaneth's success is a source of pride for the University of Puthisastra and serves as an inspiration for students and educators alike, highlighting the vital role of research, innovation, and global engagement in advancing sustainable development.

THE POWER OF PARTICIPATION: INTRODUCTION TO BUSINESS STUDENTS LEARN BY DOING



In the "Introduction to Business" course, students actively engage in a variety of classroom activities designed to build foundational knowledge and practical skills in business concepts. A recent session highlighted dynamic student participation through interactive exercises and discussions. Everyone is actively involved in working together on the whiteboard to solve business-related calculations, such as cost analysis and utilization of resource efficiency.

This hands-on approach not only helped reinforce theoretical concepts but also encouraged peer-to-peer learning and problem-solving.

These activities reflect the course's emphasis on blending theory with practice. They prepare students for real-world business challenges while fostering teamwork and analytical skills. The active classroom setting supports a deeper understanding of fundamental business principles and strategies, which are the key components of today's business world. For more information about our course offerings, visit the Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Languages office.

By: Lecturer ORN Vannak

UP STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN THE 2ND ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE WORKSHOP AT DARA HOTEL



The Rotary Club of Phnom Penh Central supports a Rotaract Club which is mainly comprised of UP dental students. The club engages in a wide range of community service activities and encourages international exchanges and capacity building. On April 26-27, the Rotary Clubs of Phnom Penh Central and Phnom Penh Chaktamok collaborated to hold the 2nd Rotary Leadership Training Workshop, which was attended by many dental students. The course was a big success with many excellent presentations and interactive sessions.

Those UP staff and students who are involved in leading the Rotaract Club include:

Chapter President: Dr. Chray Mengkeng

President: Hout Techhong

President-elect: Ho Puthyka,

Past-President: Eang Sokun,

Public Relations: Sar Manyisa,

Community service: Thy Rasy

The Rotaract Club would like to invite other UP students to come to a meeting and learn more about Rotary and Rotaract. The motto of the club is: "help yourself, share with society, and develop together."

OUR FACULTY MEMBER FROM THE FACULTY OF DENTISTRY ATTENDS THE FIRST SOMA CHALLENGE 2025 | BAKONG TEAM



On May 05th, 2025, Mr. San Techly attended in whole day with the First SOMA Challenge 2025 at The Commune. The Faculty of Dentistry proudly announces that one of its esteemed faculty members recently represented the institution at the inaugural SOMA Challenge 2025, joining the distinguished Bakong Team. This prestigious event, aimed at fostering innovation, sport, knowledge base, and art for collaboration in each group of the SOMA Challenge, to engagement and connection. In addition, during the Sport Challenge, we cheered, splashed, and ran. In the Knowledge Base Quiz, we tested our cognitive abilities. In the Innovation round, we were able to escape rooms and crack codes. And the art competition concluded with a splash of color and inventiveness.

DEAN OF DENTISTRY ATTENDED THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE TENTATIVE PROGRAMME OF ORIENTATION COURSE IN SCOUTING NATIONAL AT THE UNIVERSITY OF PUTHISSASTRA (UP)



On May 08th, 2025, the University of Puthisastra (UP) proudly hosted the Opening Ceremony of the Tentative Programme of Orientation Course in Scouting National, held on its vibrant campus. The ceremony was honored by the presence of the Dean of Dentistry, Prof. Anand Marya, who represented the spirit of leadership and community commitment that UP strives to instill in its students. On the other hand, Mr. San Techly has successfully attended the Orientation Course in Scouting National on 08-09 May 2025 at the University of Puthisastra. The event kicked off a transforming journey for participants, introducing them to scouting's values and concepts of leadership, teamwork, and community service. The Orientation Course seeks to provide students with the necessary skills that will not only increase their personal development but also promote a stronger sense of social duty. The University of Puthisastra remains committed to nurturing well-rounded individuals through community-oriented programs, reflecting its mission to produce leaders who are not only skilled in their professions but also devoted to the betterment of society.

FACULTY OF DENTISTRY ACHIEVES PUBLICATION IN TOP-TIER JOURNAL



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Article Title:

Burden of neurological disorders in China and its provinces, 1990–2021: Findings from the global burden of disease study 2021

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We are excited to announce that Dr. Siddharthan Selvaraj, Deputy Dean (Research), has published an important article in Med Journal, a leading peer-reviewed journal under Cell Press (USA), renowned for its scientific excellence.

Title: Burden of Neurological Disorders in China and its Provinces, 1990–2021: Findings from the Global Burden of Disease Study 2021

This multinational collaborative study thoroughly examines the burden of neurological disorders in China and its provinces over the past three decades, utilizing data from the Global Burden of Disease Study 2021. The findings shed light on critical regional disparities and provide key insights into the evolving trends in neurological health, offering valuable implications for healthcare policy and future research.

About Med Journal:

Med is a premier, high-impact journal published by Cell Press, focusing on cutting-edge research in all areas of medicine. With an impact factor of 12.8 and ranked in Quartile 1, Med is considered one of the top journals in the field, publishing research that significantly influences clinical practice, healthcare policies, and medical research globally.

Dr. Selvaraj's publication in this prestigious journal reflects his continued dedication to global health research and highlights our university's commitment to advancing impactful research.

UP HAS ORGANIZED A WEBINAR SERIES "UP ORTHOFEST 2.0"

The Third topic in the webinar series is "Management of Orthodontic Malocclusion: From A to Z" by Prof. Norma Ab Rahman (Malaysia) | Webinar date: 20th May 2025 (8:00 PM to 10:00 PM, ICT) | The participants who register will be awarded 2 CPD points and a certificate of attendance after the webinar. Register yourself using the link below, the registration fee is \$5.

<https://forms.gle/t9cmBKmQG3UVCbVu9> | It is a request that you please fill out the registration form, without which your registration won't be complete/confirmed.

Kindly share this with dentists who might be interested in this webinar
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CONGRATULATIONS TO PROF. ANAND MARYA, DEAN OF THE FACULTY OF DENTISTRY AT UP, FOR BEING RECOGNIZED AS A 2024 HIGHLY RANKED SCHOLAR – PRIOR FIVE YEARS BY SCHOLARGPS!




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Dear Dr. Marya,

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Top Scholar - Prior 5 Years
#302 Dentistry
#31 Orthodontics

Prof. Anand Marya, Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry, University of Puthisastra (UP), specific global rankings highlight his expertise: #302 in Dentistry | #31 in Orthodontics. This award places Prof. Anand Marya in the top 0.5% of scholars worldwide in his field, a true reflection of his global impact and dedication to advancing dental and orthodontic research. ScholarGPS® provides rankings of scholars, programs, and institutions. However, ScholarGPS® rankings are quantitative and rigorous, enabled by innovative, accurate, and thorough ScholarGPS® algorithms that are used to factually assess and organize scholarly information in all forms including publication metadata (titles, authors, publication venues, types, and dates); citations both to and from any publication; and profiles of all scholars including their affiliations, their publications, and their co-authors. ScholarGPS® provides detailed profiles for over 30 million scholars (active, retired, and deceased), including a comprehensive list of their publications, affiliation history, fields, disciplines, and top specialties. ScholarGPS assesses each of these rankings across 14 broad fields (such as Medicine, Engineering, or Humanities), 177 disciplines (such as Surgery, Computer Science, or History), and even over 350,000 highly focused specialties (such as Cancer, Artificial Intelligence, or Ethics) in which institutions and individuals are active. These ranking schemes rely on quantifying research productivity, impact, and quality, all determined from archival publication records, thus establishing unmatched benchmarks fully independent of subjective judgments. ScholarGPS also offers extensive and in-depth profiles for over 30 million scholars, 55,000 research institutions and universities, as well as for all fields, disciplines, and specialties using its massive database.

A STAFF MEMBER FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF PUTHISAstra

PARTICIPATED IN A TRAINING SESSION LED BY UNFPA AND THE NATIONAL MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH CENTRE FROM MAY 8 TO MAY 9, 2025.



This workshop aimed to:

- Save lives and address gaps in maternal healthcare, specifically targeting hypertensive disorders during pregnancy and childbirth, which are the second leading cause of maternal and infant mortality.
- Teach essential life-saving skills, covering the entire maternal journey from pregnancy to birth and postpartum care.
- Base discussions on real maternal death case reviews, ensuring that lessons are drawn directly from real-world experiences.

