



UP VOICE

The Official Newsletter of the University of Puthisastra (UP)

UP TOWN HALL MEETING 2025



Reflecting on Achievements, Shaping the Future

University of Puthisastra (UP) hosted its mid-year Town Hall Meeting at Hall H, bringing together all staff members for a moment of collective reflection and forward planning. The event began with participant registration and a formal agenda announcement, followed by the singing of the National Anthem of the Kingdom of Cambodia, an important tradition that united the room in shared purpose.

Professor Ian Rouse, President and Vice-Chancellor of UP, delivered the welcome remarks and led the main presentation of the morning. His address focused on two key areas:

1. A review of UP's key accomplishments from the first half of 2025
2. The launch of the Strategy Plan 2025–2029, outlining the university's bold vision for the future and its roadmap to continued excellence. The session also featured a Q&A segment, providing an open platform for discussion and feedback from all attendees. A group photo session followed, capturing the spirit of unity and progress that defines the UP community. UP extends its sincere thanks to all staff for their continued dedication and contribution. Together, we move forward toward a stronger, more innovative future.

WHAT'S UP ON CAMPUS

• 10 AUGUST 2025 | UP SPORT DAY 2025

WE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU! send your comments, news, testimonies to upvoice@puthisastra.edu.kh

PROF. CHEA SIN TO REPRESENT CAMBODIA AT THE 12TH AASP CONFERENCE IN JAPAN



28 June 2025

Prof. Chea Sin
Doctor of Specialist Pharmacy (HPh, MSc, DSS)
Vice-President (Academic Affairs)
University of Puthisastra
Cambodia

Dear Professor Chea Sin,
On behalf of the Asian Association of Schools of Pharmacy (AASP), I would like to invite you to join us for the 25th Anniversary Celebration of AASP and participate in the 12th AASP Conference in Saitama, Japan. This conference event for AASP will take place between 1 and 4 August 2025.

In addition, AASP will also be holding its 49th Board of Directors Meeting and Annual General Meeting on 1 August 2025 during the Conference. You are invited to attend these two events as a member of AASP Board of Directors and AASP member.

We are looking forward to seeing you to begin in August.

With regards,

Shu Chuen Li

Professor Shu Chuen Li
Executive Director
Asian Association of Schools of Pharmacy

Note: the details of the 12th AASP Conference, please visit the website:
(<https://aasponline.jp/en/2025/aug2025/>)

Asian Association of Schools of Pharmacy
(AASP) (aasponline.jp)



Phnom Penh, Cambodia – 30 July 2025 — The University of Puthisastra proudly announces that Professor Chea Sin, Vice-President (Academic Affairs), is departing Cambodia to attend the 12th Asian Association of Schools of Pharmacy (AASP) Conference in Saitama, Japan. The conference will be held from 1 to 4 August 2025, marking the 25th Anniversary Celebration of AASP.

As a member of the Board of Directors of the Asian Association of Schools of Pharmacy (AASP), Professor Chea Sin has been officially invited by Professor Shu Chuen Li, Executive Director of AASP, to participate in this milestone event. The conference will gather academic leaders, researchers, and professionals from across Asia to discuss innovations, challenges, and future directions in pharmacy education and practice.

In addition to attending the conference sessions, Professor Chea Sin will also join the 49th Board of Directors Meeting and Annual General Meeting of AASP on 1 August 2025. He will participate in these important discussions as a recognized Board Member of AASP and representative of Cambodia.

Speaking on this occasion, Professor Chea Sin expressed his honor and commitment to representing Cambodia at this significant international forum. His participation highlights the University of Puthisastra's dedication to advancing pharmacy education and strengthening collaboration with regional and global partners.

The University of Puthisastra extends its best wishes to Professor Chea Sin for a successful and impactful participation in the conference.

UNIVERSITY OF PUTHISAstra SECURES INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT TO TRAIN FUTURE STUDENTS!



Recently, the Japan Dental Education Program, an organization including Bell Dental Clinic in central Ebina City, signed an agreement with University of Puthisastra in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, to train dental students. Director Akira Suzuki and Professor Ian Rouse, President and Vice-Chancellor of University of Puthisastra, who are central figures in the program, signed the agreement on site.

Director Suzuki has been involved in volunteer student training for about 10 years, providing practical training and lectures on site with volunteer dentists, hosting students in Japan for training, and introducing them to dental equipment factories. The agreement was signed to ensure smooth continued cross-border support.

Cambodia suffered the massacre of many intellectuals during the Pol Pot regime, and as a result, there remains a shortage of dental instructors. Treatment methods are outdated nationwide, and patients often only visit the clinic after their tooth decay symptoms have significantly worsened.

Director Suzuki said, "This is not only a contribution to society, but also an opportunity for talented Cambodian students to come to Japan and interact with young Japanese dentists, which will inspire each other and help them grow."

PHARMACY STUDENTS EMBARK ON EDUCULTURAL-RESEARCH FUSION PROGRAM IN MALAYSIA WITH STRONG FACULTY SUPPORT



On the morning of July 22, 2025, a group of ten pharmacy students, led by Ms. Ung Huykhim, Assistant Dean of the Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Puthisastra, departed for Malaysia to participate in the EduCultural-Research Fusion Program, which runs from July 22 to 29, 2025.

This meaningful initiative reflects the Faculty's strong commitment to encouraging international academic exposure and cross-cultural learning. Under the leadership of Ms. Eng Huy Khim and the guidance of the faculty, the program aims to broaden students' global perspectives by providing opportunities to gain new scientific knowledge, exchange experiences with international pharmacy students, and build lasting academic and professional relationships.

By actively promoting participation in international programs, the Faculty of Pharmacy continues to empower students to grow as competent, globally aware professionals ready to contribute to the advancement of pharmacy both locally and internationally.

MEET AND ENGAGE WITH OUR FOUR EXPERT SPEAKERS: INTERNATIONAL VIRTUAL FORUM ON PHARMACY PRACTICES FROM CAMBODIA AND THE PHILIPPINES



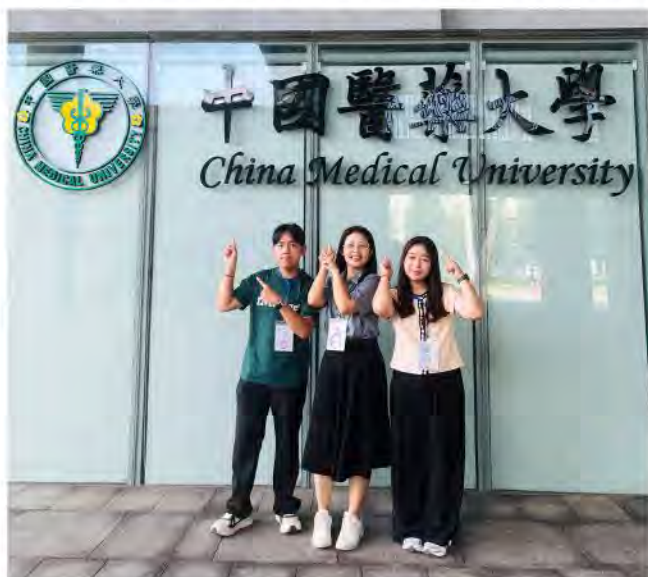
Join us for an insightful International Virtual Forum featuring distinguished pharmacy professionals from Cambodia and the Philippines, who will share their real-world experiences and expertise across various pharmaceutical sectors. This cross-border dialogue aims to deepen understanding of pharmacy practices in community settings, clinical care, pharmaceutical leadership, and pharmacy education. The international virtual talk will take place on Tuesday, July 29, 2025, from 12:00 PM to 3:30 PM (GMT+7).

Meet and engage with our four professional speakers:

1. Dr. Thay Kosal – Manager, Ucare Pharmacy Chain (Cambodia)
2. Mr. Soh Sampsith – CEO, OUR PHARMACY (Cambodia)
3. Ms. Donna Neza H. Atole – Operations Manager & Pharmacy Educator (Philippines)
4. Ms. Anne Margarette O. Mendoza – Clinical Pharmacist, St. Luke's Medical Center (Philippines)

This virtual session offers a unique opportunity for pharmacy students, practitioners, educators, and healthcare professionals to explore comparative practices, foster regional collaboration, and expand their global outlook on pharmacy's evolving role in healthcare systems.

ADVANCING GLOBAL PHARMACY EDUCATION: UP PHARMACY STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN 2025 SDGS & IPLN PROGRAM IN TAIWAN



On July 16, 2025, two pharmacy students from the University of Puthisastra proudly represented their institution at the 2025 Program of Applying Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and International Pharmaceutical Learning Network (iPLN) held in Taiwan.

The program commenced with a vibrant Opening Ceremony, followed by an informative introduction to the objectives and structure of the initiative. Engaging group activities and ice-breakers fostered teamwork and cultural exchange, while an educational campus tour provided valuable insights into the host institution's facilities. This participation signifies an important milestone in advancing global cooperation and sustainable development within pharmaceutical education.

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In the afternoon, participants experienced Osotsala, a traditional Thai pharmacy practice model, and toured the Museum of Natural Medicine to explore Thailand's extensive heritage in herbal and natural remedies. The day concluded with a guided visit to Chulalongkorn University's main campus, providing the students with an opportunity to engage with peers from across Asia and immerse themselves in one of Thailand's leading academic environments.

BRIDGING TRADITIONS AND INNOVATION: UP PHARMACY STUDENTS ATTEND AASP-PECT SUMMER SCHOOL 2025 IN THAILAND



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TEN PHARMACY STUDENTS TOUR NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF MALAYSIA'S CAMPUS, LABORATORIES, AND PHARMACY STORE AS PART OF EDUCULTURAL-RESEARCH FUSION PROGRAM



On July 23, 2025, ten pharmacy students took part in the EduCultural-Research Fusion Program in Malaysia, marking a valuable academic and cultural exchange experience. During their visit to the National University of Malaysia (UKM), Kuala Lumpur Campus, they explored state-of-the-art laboratories, innovative academic classrooms, and the university's well-organized pharmacy store within the Faculty of Pharmacy.

This exposure provided the students with meaningful insights into advanced pharmacy education, research integration, and professional practice in Malaysia. Furthermore, they had the chance to engage with local faculty members and students, fostering academic networking and cultural understanding. The program significantly enhanced their awareness of international standards in pharmaceutical sciences, inspired academic curiosity, and strengthened their motivation for future research and clinical practice.

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR CHHEA SOPHEAROM SECURES JAPANESE VISA TO REPRESENT UNIVERSITY OF PUTHISAstra AT THE 12TH ASIAN ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS OF PHARMACY (AASP) CONFERENCE 2025 IN JAPAN



We are delighted to share that Assistant Professor Chhea Sophearom, Dean of Faculty of Pharmacy, received a Japanese visa to attend the 12th Asian Association of Schools of Pharmacy (AASP) 2025 Conference at Nihon Pharmaceutical University, Saitama, Japan which will be held from 2 to 4 August 2025.

The conference is a major forum for the pharmaceutical education and research community in Asia, bringing together strategies, new ideas, training activities and experiences from schools of pharmacy in many countries. Participation in this forum demonstrates Cambodia's

potential and active participation in the development of the international pharmaceutical sector, as well as a sign of recognition of the quality of studies, teaching and research of the Faculty of Pharmacy, as well as an important step in the mission to continue providing knowledge and sharing experiences in scientific teaching and research.

The participation of Assistant Professor Chhea Sophearom in this prestigious international forum is a valuable opportunity to share experiences, research and new knowledge with faculties from Asia and the world. Please join us in congratulating and wishing he successfully completed her mission in Japan to continue playing an important role in promoting pharmaceutical education in Cambodia to an international level.

CONGRATULATIONS TO FACULTY OF PHARMACY REPRESENTATIVES AT UNIVERSITY OF PUTHISAstra FOR JAPANESE VISA APPROVAL TO ATTEND THE 12TH ASIAN ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS OF PHARMACY (AASP) CONFERENCE 2025 IN JAPAN



We are proud to announce that two staff members and four students from the Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Puthisastra, have been granted Japanese visas to participate in the 12th Asian Association of Schools of Pharmacy (AASP) Conference 2025. This prestigious event will be held at Nihon Pharmaceutical University, Saitama Campus, from August 2 to 4, 2025.

This valuable opportunity will enable them to acquire new knowledge, strengthen their professional networks, and gain firsthand experience in pharmaceutical and medical fields by engaging with experts, including renowned national and

international professors. We extend our best wishes for their success and anticipate that this experience will enhance their expertise and broaden their global professional connections.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MS. CHAN PUTHEARA, A PHARMACY STUDENT, ON BEING AWARDED A PRESTIGIOUS GRANT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SEMINAR ON "TRADITIONAL CULTURE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATION FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES," TO BE HELD IN BEIJING, CHINA

We are delighted to congratulate Ms. Chan Puthera, a dedicated pharmacy student, on being awarded a prestigious grant to attend the "Traditional Culture International Communication for Developing Countries" seminar in Beijing, China. The program also includes a cultural study tour in Xiamen and Longyan City.

This 21-day seminar, taking place from 21 August to 9 September 2025, is sponsored by MOFCOM (Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China) and organized on the Cambodian side by the Association of Cambodian Students in China (ACSC). The training focuses on enhancing participants' understanding of Chinese culture and its global communication.

Key training topics include:

1. An overview of China's National Condition
2. Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era
3. Traditional Chinese Festival Culture and UNESCO Heritage Application Experience
4. Protection and Promotion of Intangible Cultural Heritage
5. Global Culture Dissemination – Innovations of Overseas Chinese Cultural Centers
6. Preservation and Development of Traditional Culture in the Digital Era
7. Contemporary Expression of Chinese Peking Opera Culture
8. Development of Traditional Culture-Based and Creative Products.

This is a valuable opportunity for Ms. Chan Puthera to engage in cross-cultural learning and contribute to cultural exchange between Cambodia and China. We are proud of her achievement and wish her the very best in this international academic journey.



SCIENCE RESEARCH STAFF ATTENDED THE TRAINING PROGRAM AT MAE FAH MUANG UNIVERSITY, CHIANG RAI PROVINCE, THAILAND.

Mr. Be Sokkeang, a program manager of the Bachelor of Science Research, Faculty of Science and Technology, University of Puthisastra (UP), attended a training program at Mae Fah Muang University, Chiang Rai Province, Thailand. The training was held under the theme of Frontier public health personnel capacity development for preparedness for future severe human health threats in the region. For the second module of the training, entitled "Steps of Disease Investigation and

Control, including essential biostatistics,” took place from 21st to 25th July 2025. The main objective of the program is to strengthen 100 public health professionals and physicians working in Myanmar, Laos, Cambodia, Thailand, Vietnam, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Nepal, and Bangladesh in disease prevention and risk management skills and other leadership skills.

SUSAN WAKIL SCHOOL, UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY JOIN CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM WITH UNIVERSITY OF PUTHISASTRA: COMMUNITY NURSING PLACEMENT



On July 14, 2025, the department of nursing of University of Puthisastra (UP) organized a 9days of cross-cultural exchange program between UP and University of Sydney, Susan Wakil School of Nursing, from 14 to 25 July 2025. The program aims to foster each cultural understanding and strengthen academic and relationship ties between the two Universities.

This program started with opened remarks by Prof. Ian Rouse, president and vice chancellor, University of Puthisastra, who warmly welcome to Australian delegation and emphasize the importance of international cooperation of nursing education. Truly this program focuses on community nursing placement but UP has provided students engagement experience such as sharing health care systems in both countries and clinical skills practice, visiting the campus, Tuol Sleng museum, Royal Palace, and all the students have conducted health education at Cambodia Children Fund Organization and community mission for 03 days in order to provide health check up to the resident.

This program not only benefits the students even staff of faculty of nursing and midwifery also received training on mentorship from Prof. Jacqueline Bloomfield and share experiences among UP staff and Sydney University delegators. At the end of this program, students from both universities take reflection and close remarks by Prof. Jacqueline Bloomfield and Prof.

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OFFICIAL VISIT OF PROF. IAN ROUSE, PRESIDENT, AND MR. ANDREW SINCLAIR, HEALTH CENTER MANAGER



During the recent dental mobile outreach at the National Center for Infants and Children, we were honored to welcome Prof. Ian Rouse, President of the University of Puthisastra, and Mr. Andrew Sinclair, Health Center Manager. This marked their second visit to the program. Prof. Ian Rouse took the opportunity to observe the ongoing dental outreach activities at the Borey Center, underscoring the university's continued support for community-based health initiatives and its dedication to inclusive care for children with disabilities.

Throughout the visit, Prof. Rouse engaged with the dental team, expressed appreciation for their commitment, and highlighted the value of practical experience in preparing students to serve vulnerable populations. His presence served as a strong source of encouragement for the team and reinforced the university's mission to deliver quality education and healthcare to those in need. Children requiring more comprehensive treatment were referred to the UP Dental Hospital and Poly Chenda Clinic for further care.

PROVIDE DENTAL TREATMENT AT NATIONAL CENTER FOR INFANTS AND CHILDREN



The Collaborating Centre for Innovation in Population Oral Health (CIPO) at the University of Puthisastra, together with fifth-year dental students and two dedicated CIPO team members, is devoted to delivering essential dental care to children with disabilities. At one of our key partner schools graciously supported by Ivoclar we provide comprehensive treatments, including scaling, fillings, extractions, Silver Diamine Fluoride (SDF) application, and fluoride varnish. One of our greatest challenges is managing behavior during treatment, especially encouraging children to keep their mouths open. However, the active involvement of caregivers and teachers who receive oral health instruction beforehand has played a crucial role in preparing the children. To ensure ongoing care, we have scheduled regular monitoring and follow-up visits every three months. We are also exploring modified toothbrushes designed to help children with limited cooperation maintain their oral hygiene. Our goal goes beyond treatment. We strive to empower caregivers and teachers to help children to keep brushing properly.

ANNOUNCEMENT: 2ND ENTREPRENEURSHIP TRAINING COURSE ON “PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT FOR COMMERCIALIZATION” BY FACULTY OF PHARMACY IN COLLABORATION WITH KHMER ENTERPRISE

The Faculty of Pharmacy at the University of Puthisastra, in collaboration with Khmer Enterprise, is proud to announce the 2nd Entrepreneurship Training Course, titled “Product Development for Commercialization,” which will take place on July 29, 2025, at Hall B, Building B, University of Puthisastra. This specialized training is designed for students who are candidates in the 4th Natural Products Competition and will be conducted by Assistant Professor Dr. Tan Reasmey, Vice President of the Research and Innovation Center at the Institute of Technology of Cambodia.

This program aims to equip students with advanced knowledge and entrepreneurial skills essential for transforming natural products into viable commercial ventures. The course will cover critical topics such as developing sustainable business models, understanding the key steps in the natural products value chain, gaining insights into market access and

product pricing, and exploring effective approaches for linking local resources to both national and international markets. Through this initiative, led by the Faculty of Pharmacy in partnership with Khmer Enterprise, students will have a valuable opportunity to enhance their business acumen and explore innovative strategies for the commercialization of natural products.

CELEBRATING ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE: SCHOLARSHIP AWARD CEREMONY FOR OUTSTANDING FOUNDATION YEAR PHARMACY STUDENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF PUTHISASTRA



On July 21, 2025, the Faculty of Pharmacy at the University of Puthisastra hosted a prestigious Scholarship Award Ceremony to honor outstanding Foundation Year Pharmacy students for their exceptional academic achievements and commitment to excellence.

The ceremony was graced by the presence of the University's distinguished leadership, including Prof. Ian Rouse, President and Vice-Chancellor; Prof. Chea Sin, Vice President for Academic Affairs; Ms. Lynette Bayly, Vice President for Student Experiences; and Asst. Prof. Chhea Sophearom, Dean of the Faculty of Pharmacy. Faculty staff and student representatives also joined this memorable occasion to show their support and encouragement.

This scholarship initiative underscores the University's enduring commitment to nurturing academic talent, reducing financial barriers, and promoting the holistic development of future healthcare professionals. More than just a financial award, the scholarship serves as recognition of the students' dedication, discipline, and pursuit of excellence.

This year, the University proudly awarded scholarships to the following exemplary Foundation Year Pharmacy students:

- Chhun Mouychou
- Sopheap Sreyneth
- Sok Kimtang
- Seung Vichet Rachana
- Hong Sokheng
- Tek Chanrina

Each recipient has demonstrated outstanding academic performance and embodies the values and spirit of the University of Puthisastra. Their achievements serve as an inspiration to their peers and a testament to the Faculty of Pharmacy's mission to cultivate future leaders in healthcare. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to all scholarship recipients and encourage them to continue their journey of academic distinction, leadership, and community engagement.

CLERKSHIP ACTIVITIES OF YEAR 2, BATCH 13 MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNOLOGY STUDENTS



In the morning of Monday, July 14, 2025, the Year 2, Batch 13 students from the Medical Laboratory Technology program of University of Puthisastra, are currently undertaking their clerkship in the Medical Laboratories of the National Pediatric Hospital, Cho Ray Phnom Penh Hospital, and Preah Ang Duong Hospital from July 14, 2025, to August 09, 2025 with the topics:

- Mycology
- Specimen collection and safety in medical laboratory

STEM CHAMPION AWARD CEREMONY 2025



The Faculty of Science and Technology, University of Puthisastra (UP) proudly hosted the STEM Champion Award Ceremony 2025 at Hall-B, to honor and recognize the exceptional achievements of 16 outstanding STEM champions and a group of committed volunteers. The ceremony was graced by the presence of distinguished university leaders, including Prof. Ian Rouse, President and Vice Chancellor, Prof. Chea Sin, Vice-President (Academic Affairs), and Assoc. Prof. Tam Sakirin, Dean of the Faculty of Science and Technology and Each delivered an inspiring speech, emphasizing the importance of STEM education in driving innovation, solving real-world problems, and shaping the future of Cambodia. Throughout the event, the audience celebrated the awardees' dedication, creativity, and commitment to excellence in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. These individuals have not only demonstrated exceptional talent in their respective fields but have also served as role models for their peers and future generations. Special appreciation was also extended to the volunteers whose tireless efforts contributed to the success of various STEM-related activities and events throughout the academic year. Congratulations to all the awardees for their remarkable achievements. Your passion for STEM truly lights the path toward innovation and national development. The University of Puthisastra remains committed to nurturing STEM talent and fostering an environment where students can thrive, innovate, and lead.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDYING MASTER OF SCIENCE IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AT PUTHISAstra UNIVERSITY!!

To encourage students who wish to pursue higher education at Puthisastra University for the upcoming academic year in the field of Information and Communication Technology (ICT), the university is offering 11 scholarships through a competitive examination as below:

- 100% scholarship will be awarded to the 1st place winner.
- 40% scholarships will be awarded to the 2nd through 11th place winners.

Application Period: Open from today until 29 September 2025.

Register for the examination now

(<https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSdZstKZjILTW.../viewform>)

Examination Date: 01 October 2025

Results Announcement: 08 October 2025 on the official Puthisastra University Facebook page www.facebook.com/UniversityofPuthisastra

For more information on enrollment, please contact the official Puthisastra University Telegram Group: (<https://t.me/upinformation>) and Dr. Tam Sakirin 081 948 585 and Ms. Khon Mantha 061 717 003

MOTIVATION VS DISCIPLINE: HOW TO BOOST WORK PRODUCTIVITY

Monthly CPD Training conducted by the Faculty of Arts, Humanities, and Languages

The Faculty of Arts, Humanities, and Languages (FAHL) always shares knowledge, skills and experience through UP's monthly Continuous Professional Development training. In June, our English lecturer, Ms. KANGRY Marica led a session titled "Motivation VS Discipline: How to Boost Work Productivity," focusing on differentiating motivation and discipline, enhancing productivity, and applying these skills in real-life scenarios.

Nine participants from our university attended. The session began with a "pat your back" activity, where

attendees wrote positive notes for each other. They were touched by the sweet and kind comments they received from their colleagues. Then, the trainer briefed intrinsic and extrinsic motivation and workplace discipline types. The training ended with a group discussion on solving real-life demotivating work situations using motivation and discipline. Our participants exchanged some interesting and practical solutions related to those scenarios. We wrapped up our session with a home task called 'A letter to myself' for self-reflection and gratitude for the journey we all have been through.

The session was successful, with open exchanges of experiences. We truly appreciate the presence of our participants. FAHL will be doing more training in the future, and we'd love for everyone to join us. See you in the next training session!

ENHANCING RESEARCH COLLABORATION FOR IMPROVED CHILD HEALTH



On the morning of July 23, 2025, the Faculty of Health Sciences and Biotechnology at the University of Puthisastra held a fruitful meeting with the Laboratory Department of the National Pediatric Hospital to discuss on the planning and development of an upcoming research initiative focused on pediatric health and antimicrobial resistance. This partnership marks a significant step forward in research capabilities, promote data-informed healthcare advancements, and

support national initiatives aimed at fighting infectious diseases affecting children. Thank you to our partners at the National Pediatric Hospital for the warm welcome and strong commitment to this initiative together!

INTERNAL EXIT EXAM (IEE) FOR MEDICAL STUDENTS – BATCH 6 AND BATCH 7



The Faculty of Medicine at the University of Puthisastra successfully conducted the internal exit exam for 7th year and 8th year medical students from Batch 6 and 7 on July 15–17, 2025.

The assessment included both a Multiple-Choice Question (MCQ) examination and the OSCE. The OSCE is a practical, station-based evaluation designed to assess core clinical and communication skills. This year's OSCE consisted of six computer-based stations focusing on key areas: history taking, physical examination, investigation, diagnosis, treatment planning, and patient education. To pass the IEE, students were required to achieve a passing score of MCQ and all OSCE stations.

The successful implementation of the examination was made possible through the collaboration of examiners from various hospitals and universities, invigilators from the Ministry of Health and the Registrar's Office, and the dedicated organizing team from the Faculty of Medicine.

We extend our sincere gratitude to all individuals and departments involved for their valuable contributions in ensuring the smooth and successful execution of this important clinical assessment.

CALLING FOR REGISTRATION AND SPONSORSHIP FOR THE UP MEDICAL MISSION 2025

The "UP' Medical Mission" is organized by the Faculty of Medicine for all students in the University of Puthisastra. It is an annual medical mission aimed at providing medical checkup to communities in the province.

The project seeks to address the lack of accessible healthcare services by offering basic health screenings and consultation, health referral if needed, health education, and first aid training. By mobilizing volunteer medical students and staff, the initiative aims to improve the community health outcomes, raise awareness about preventive care, and most importantly foster empathy and social responsibility in future physicians.

UP MEDICAL MISSION

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- Free consultation
- Comprehensive health screening
- Community-based health education
- Practical first aid training for teachers and parents
- Meaningful In-kind donations

This is more than a mission; it's a movement. A movement to bridge healthcare gaps, to educate and empower, and to make a lasting difference; one village, one patient, and one student at a time.



Representing the Faculty of Pharmacy, seven Bachelor of Pharmacy students proudly attended the event, which focused on advancing the integration of digital technology within the health sector. The forum highlighted how digital innovation is transforming healthcare services—enhancing patient monitoring, streamlining medical operations, facilitating virtual consultations, and ensuring more effective and safer treatments.

EMPOWERING FUTURE PHARMACISTS WITH LIFE-SAVING SKILLS: FIRST AID TRAINING COURSE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF PUTHISASTRA



The course emphasized critical emergency response skills, particularly Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and first-response actions during life-threatening situations. Led by two experienced professionals—Dr. Thim PichThida and Mr. Yem Sokha—the session combined theoretical knowledge with hands-on demonstrations to ensure participants gained both conceptual understanding and practical confidence.

SPECIAL WEBINAR ANNOUNCEMENT!



Faculty of Health Sciences and Biotechnology

Special Seminar:

The Use of Human Monoclonal Antibodies for *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* Infection

Guest Speaker: Ms. SOVANN Saren
Master Degree of Science in Molecular Biology,
Lunds University, Sweden

2 August, 2025
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Google Meet

REGISTER NOW
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The Faculty of Health Sciences and Biotechnology of the University of Puthisastra is excited in inviting all students, researchers and anyone interested in science field on the topic:

"The Use of Human Monoclonal Antibodies for *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* Infection"

Date: 2 August 2025

Time: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Where: Google Meet

Guest Speaker: Ms. SOVANN Saren, Master of Science MSc in Molecular Biology Lunds University, Sweden

Webinar Objectives:

- + To investigate the possibility and use of human monoclonal antibodies against *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, a common opportunistic pathogen.
- + To keep following the latest biotechnological and immunotherapeutic treatments.
- + To motivate students through hands-on research and approach in molecular

biology.

Free register by scanning the QR code on the poster.

We are looking forward to welcoming and seeing you in our webinar.

PRESENTATION ACTIVITIES OF THE 1ST YEAR MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNICIAN STUDENTS, 14TH BATCH, DEPARTMENT OF LABORATORY SCIENCE



Presentation activities of the 1st year medical laboratory technician students, 14th batch, Department of Laboratory Science, Puthisastra University, on the subject of Chemistry, by presenting 5 topics as follows:

1. Chemical compounds
2. Chemical reactions in aqueous solutions
3. Physical properties of solutions
4. Organic chemistry
5. Proteins, DNA and RNA

Under the guidance and evaluation of Ms. Chhun Sreynich, a chemistry instructor at Puthisastra University.

For more information about the curriculum, please inquire via Telegram ADL Information UP:

<https://t.me/+3elkZJiyV-BmOTZI>

WEBINAR ON SILVER DIAMINE FLUORIDE (SDF)



We successfully conducted an online training session on Silver Diamine Fluoride (SDF), engaging 30 dentists from referral hospitals across Cambodia. The primary goal of this webinar was to introduce and promote the adoption of SDF

applications within government healthcare facilities. Dr. Bethy led the session with a comprehensive presentation covering the benefits, indications, and clinical applications of SDF. Dr. Sieng Chanthya followed with a detailed overview of the SDF protocol to support practical implementation. To ensure accessibility, Dr. Sopharith provided real-time Khmer translation during Dr. Bethy's presentation. The training was well-received, with participants showing strong interest in integrating SDF into their daily practice marking a significant step forward in enhancing preventive oral health care in Cambodia.

COLLABORATIVE DENTAL TREATMENT PROGRAM WITH CARDIFF TEAM AT CHATOMUK SCHOOL (TAKE)



The Collaborating Centre for Innovation in Population Oral Health (CIPO) at the University of Puthisastra hosted the Global Oral Health course in collaboration with a team from Cardiff, UK. This program aims to provide dental students with opportunities to practice cross-cultural communication and engage in the planning, observation, and delivery of preventive and routine dental treatment in a mobile clinic setting. A team of 6 dental professionals from Cardiff, along with 4 local dental students, provided dental care to children at Chatomuk Primary School over a two-week period. In the first week, the team focused on Level 1 care, applying Silver Diamine Fluoride (SDF) to 463 children. During the second week, Level 2 and Level 3 treatments were delivered to 89 and 35 children. The program was supervised by Dr. Sieng Chanthya, Co-Director of CIPO.

This marks the second year of this valuable collaboration. We were honored by the visit of the University President, who came to Chatomuk Primary School to support the team and meet with the Cardiff delegation. In addition to school-based care, the Cardiff team also visited a Bell dental clinic to observe common dental practices in Cambodia.

Special thanks to Dr. Mengkeng for his warm hospitality and for sharing his clinical experience with the visiting team.

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CELEBRATING GROWTH AND CONTINUITY: CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE 2024 PHARMACY CLUB AND OPENING OF THE 2025 TERM AT THE UNIVERSITY OF PUTHISAstra

Phnom Penh, July 14, 2025 – The Faculty of Pharmacy at the University of Puthisastra hosted a dual-purpose event marking the Closing Ceremony of the 2024 Pharmacy Club and the Opening Ceremony of the 2025 term, under the honorable

chairmanship of Asst. Prof. Chhea Sophearom, Dean of the Faculty. The ceremony was attended by faculty members and more than 100 active student club members.

In his address, Asst. Prof. Chhea Sophearom reflected on the consistent efforts of the Faculty in establishing these study clubs since 2017, which by the end of 2024 have amassed a membership of approximately 1,800 students. He emphasized the critical role these clubs play in motivating students, bridging academic gaps, and cultivating professional values—essential for shaping future pharmacists with both competence and ethics.

The event also featured a comprehensive activity report for the 2024 academic year, delivered by Mr. Heim Mengkhim, Study Club Coordinator, summarizing key milestones and student engagement. The program continued with an orientation session led by Ms. Huot Huysean, introducing new members to the objectives, structure, and learning opportunities of the 2025 Pharmacy Study Club.

PHARMACY STUDENTS SUCCESSFULLY CONCLUDED AN OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC PRESENTATION FOLLOWED BY A FORMAL CERTIFICATE HANDOVER CEREMONY AT THE RETZKY COLLEGE OF PHARMACY -UIC



We are delighted to congratulate six outstanding pharmacy students who successfully delivered their academic presentations at the College of Pharmacy, UIC. Your presentations demonstrated strong knowledge, professionalism, and dedication to the pharmacy profession. We are proud of the confidence and clarity with which you shared your insights.

To honor your hard work and academic contribution, a Certificate Handover Ceremony was held, recognizing your excellent performance and commitment to learning.

Congratulations once again on this meaningful achievement!

May this accomplishment inspire you to reach greater heights in your academic and professional journey.

MOU SIGNED WITH JDEP



On the 17th of July, another landmark MOU was established between the Faculty of Dentistry, University of Puthisastra, and the Japanese Dental Education Programme-JDEP Project. This momentous MOU was signed by the Honorable President and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Puthisastra, Professor Ian Rouse, Dr. Akira Suzuki, and Ms. Ai Yamazaki as the project leaders for the JDEP. This MOU was signed not only to initiate new student exchange activities for the benefit of Cambodian students, but also to recognize the outstanding work that both the project leaders and many of the visiting Professors have carried out in the past.

Under this project, UP Dental students will have more opportunities to travel to Japan in the future, and UP will invite many more Japanese Professors to provide academic and clinical teaching at the University campus in Phnom Penh. As part of the student exchange program, students will have the opportunity to visit world-renowned Japanese dental product factories, dental clinics, and university hospitals, thereby enhancing their learning experience.

During the ceremony, Professor Ian Rouse thanked both project leaders for their tremendous contributions towards student learning experiences and charitable activities in the past. He expressed his delight at signing this new MOU, which would enable both parties to continue their collaboration and plan many new activities. The ceremony was also attended by the Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry, Professor Anand Marya, Ms Rien Samriththya, the Director of Engagements and Partnerships, and Mr Andrew Sinclair, the Director of Clinical Services at UP, all of whom expressed their happiness at the signing of this MOU to start a brand-new collaborative project.

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENT ALERT!



Faculty of
Dental Surgery

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND

Welcome to the FDS
Membership number:

Dear Professor Selvaraj,

We are delighted that you have joined the Faculty of Dental Surgery. Your Membership will be formally endorsed by the FDS Board at its next meeting.

You are now entitled to use the letters FDS after your name for as long as you remain a fellow. Your membership number is:

Fellowship diploma

A Fellowship diploma will be given to you at a Ceremony of Presentation at a convenient time.



We are proud to share that Assoc. Prof. Siddharthan Selvaraj, Deputy Dean (Research), Faculty of Dentistry, University of Puthisastra (UP), has officially received confirmation of the Fellowship in Dental Surgery from the Royal College of Surgeons England (FDS RCS).

This prestigious fellowship is a mark of clinical excellence, professional distinction, and commitment to advancing dental surgery and education. Assoc. Prof. Siddharthan Selvaraj now joins a distinguished group of dental professionals recognized globally for their contributions to the field.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Assoc. Prof. Siddharthan Selvaraj on this remarkable achievement and expresses special appreciation to our Dean, Prof. Anand Marya, for his continued mentorship and support.

🌟 Please join us in celebrating this proud moment!

ENSURING ACADEMIC INTEGRITY OF STUDENTS' WORK THROUGH RIGOROUS QUESTION-BASED VALIDATION



In its continued pursuit of academic excellence and ethical scholarship, the Faculty of Arts, Humanities, and Languages has recently implemented a rigorous oral validation process within the Year 4 course syllabus. This initiative marks a significant step forward in the faculty's commitment to cultivating authentic student engagement, enhancing scholarly accountability, and improving the overall quality of academic output.

The oral validation was introduced specifically to assess and verify student authorship in the Article Critique writing assignment—a core component in the faculty's curriculum that develops critical reading, analytical thinking, and scholarly writing. While written submissions provide a measure of academic capability, the oral validation process offers a deeper, more holistic approach to verifying learning outcomes and intellectual authorship.

During the validation session, each student responds to structured questions within a specific time frame. Responses are expected to be detailed, coherent, and critically insightful. All sessions are voice-recorded to ensure procedural fairness and provide a record for review if necessary.

Initial results have been both promising and encouraging. Lecturers observed marked improvement in the quality of student work, with clearer articulation of arguments, stronger analytical depth, and more responsible engagement with academic sources. Students themselves have expressed a heightened sense of responsibility, pride in their work, and greater motivation to internalize their learning.

This process not only serves as a safeguard against academic dishonesty but also functions as a pedagogical tool, reinforcing essential academic values such as integrity, critical reasoning, and independent thinking. The faculty's implementation of oral validation reflects a broader institutional vision: to nurture graduates who are not only knowledgeable but also ethically grounded and intellectually rigorous.

As the Faculty of Arts, Humanities, and Languages continues to refine its practices, this initiative stands as a testament to its unwavering commitment to uphold the integrity, quality, and transformative power of higher education.

FACULTY OF MEDICINE DISCUSSING WITH RESEARCH INSTITUTE ON CONTEMPORARY SOUTHEAST ASIA (IRASEC) REGARDING THE PARTNERSHIP FOR 2025 WINTER SCHOOL PROGRAM



Dean of Medicine and Deputy Dean for the Research and Thesis Coordination held an online meeting with the Representatives from IRASEC, that operates under the auspices of the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique and French Ministry of Foreign Affairs, to discuss potential collaboration on the upcoming 2025 Winter School Program. The program, which targets PhD students and Master's students/Holders from across Southeast Asia, will focus on the social sciences and health and is to set to take place over 2 weeks- One weeks in Thailand's Mahidol University's campus and one week in University of Puthisastra's campus (December 8th-13th, 2025)

The discussion centered on the UP's role in providing the logistical support, academic supervision by UP Faculty and guidance for fieldwork activities in collaboration with NGOs and community institutions.

In Return, UP will benefit from the sponsorship for 2 participants, opportunities to build regional research networks and potential to establish long -term academic partnership across Southeast Asia and beyond.

This partnership is seen as a meaningful step toward enhancing UP's international visibility and reaffirming its role as one of the regional leaders in research and education.

CLERKSHIP ACTIVITIES OF YEAR 2, BATCH 13 MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNOLOGY STUDENTS



Year 2, Batch 13 students of the Medical Laboratory Technology program, under the Department of Laboratory Science, Faculty of Health Sciences and Biotechnology, University of Puthisastra, are currently participating in a one-month clerkship. The clerkship training is taking place at the field medical laboratories of Cho Ray Phnom Penh Hospital, National Pediatric Hospital, and Preah Ang Duong Hospital. Please note that the clerkship starts from July 14, 2025, to August 9, 2025.

MEMOIR DEFENSE FOR FULFILLMENT COMPLETION DEGREE OF BRIDGING BACHELOR OF MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNOLOGY



Congratulations a Group of BBL Student Successfully Defended their Memoir!

On Thursday, July 24, 2025, the Department of Laboratory Science, Faculty of Health Sciences and Biotechnology, Puthisastra University, organized an evaluation of the memoir defense presentations for the degree fulfillment of Bridging Bachelor Degree in Medical Laboratory Technology, from the student from BBL1, Group 4, which included the following:

1. Mr. HOR Kosal
2. Ms. ON Sopheap
3. Ms. CHANTHA Soursdey
4. Ms. SAO Socheatey.

The student's memoir's topic title "'DIAGNOSTIC OF MYCOBACTERIUM TUBERCULOSIS BY USING GENEXPERT MACHINE AT KONG MEAS REFERRAL HOSPITAL IN 2022 AND 2023" under the advisor, Professor Mam Chandara, a professor at the Faculty of Health Sciences and Biotechnology, University of Puthisastra.

The memoir's defense of the Bridging Bachelor of Medical Laboratory Technology students was thoroughly and accurately evaluated, with a satisfactorily and a decision that the defense was successfully fulfil the requirement and completed by a well-structured Memoir Examiner Committee of the University of Puthisastra, which consists of 4 members:

1. Mr. SAY Sinith, Medical Laboratory Programs Manager as Chair of Examiner Committee
2. Ms. Eat Sokhoeun, Course coordinator of Khmer History & Culture and Introduction to Research Methodology as the represent of University of Puthisastra Research Committee (UPRC)
3. Ms. CHHUN Sreynich, Full-time lecturer, at the University of Puthisastra
4. Ms. Heng Sreyly, Full-time lecturer, at the University of Puthisastra

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

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ENTREPRENEURSHIP TRAINING ON BUSINESS MODELS: EQUIPPING PHARMACY STUDENTS FOR THE 4TH NATURAL PRODUCTS COMPETITION



Phnom Penh, July 16, 2025 – The Faculty of Pharmacy at the University of Puthisastra, in partnership with Khmer Enterprise under the Ministry of Industry, Science, Technology, and Innovation, organized a specialized training session on “Business Models” as part of the 4th Natural Products Contest 2025. The session was held under the distinguished leadership of Asst.

Prof. Chhea Sophearom, Dean of the Faculty of Pharmacy, and was attended by honorary guest speakers, faculty members, and over 100 student competitors.

The training was conducted by Ms. Tep Chantanath, Marketing Operations Analyst at The Coca-Cola Company, who introduced participants to the fundamentals of business models as strategic tools to create value, deliver innovations, and generate sustainable revenue. Her session highlighted the importance of linking entrepreneurial thinking with scientific knowledge, particularly in leveraging Cambodia's abundant natural resources.

The training aimed to empower students to develop innovative, market-oriented natural products, encouraging responsible entrepreneurship and contributing to the country's green economic growth. It served as a critical component in preparing participants not only for the competition but also for future roles as science-driven business leaders.

A DISTINGUISHED RESEARCHER FROM ALTINBAŞ UNIVERSITY RESEARCHER SHARES EXPERTISE IN PHARMACOGNOSY AT UP FACULTY OF PHARMACY



On July 23, 2025, the Faculty of Pharmacy at the University of Puthisastra had the honor of welcoming Dr. Sefa Sönmez, a distinguished researcher from Altınbaş University in Istanbul, Turkey, renowned for his expertise in Pharmaceutical Botany.

During his visit, Dr. Sönmez toured the Pharmacognosy and Pharmaceutical Technology laboratories, where he engaged in insightful discussions with faculty and students. He shared practical methodologies and academic approaches related to pharmacognosy, plant biology, and herbal specimen analysis. His valuable input broadened our understanding of laboratory practices in Pharmacognosy and promoted meaningful academic dialogue between local and international experts.

This visit reflects the faculty's strong commitment to fostering scientific collaboration and global academic exchange—marking another important step in expanding research horizons and enhancing the quality of pharmaceutical education. Together, we continue to cultivate knowledge and shape the future of pharmacy. On July 23, 2025, the Faculty of Pharmacy at the University of Puthisastra had the honor of welcoming Dr. Sefa Sönmez, a distinguished researcher from Altınbaş University in Istanbul, Turkey, renowned for his expertise in Pharmaceutical Botany.

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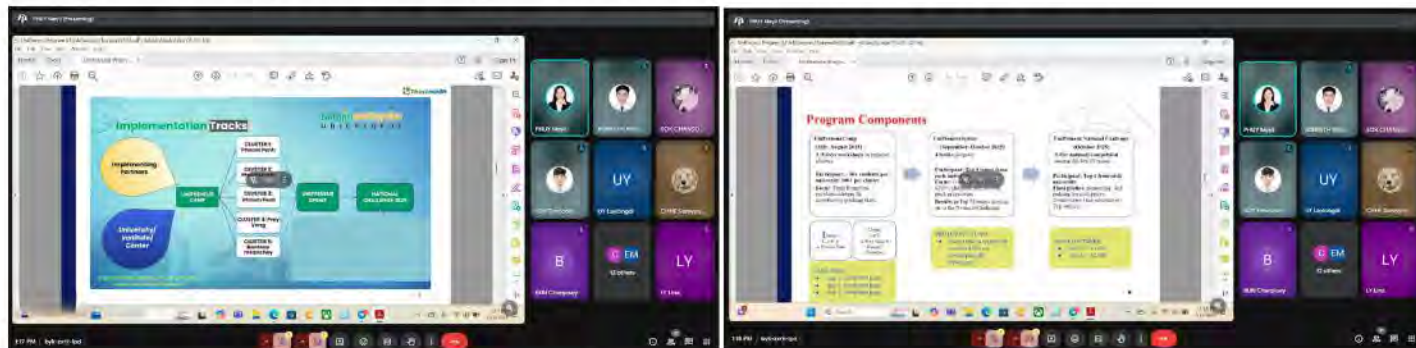
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EMERGENCY MEDICINE COURSE - JOINT CERTIFICATE BY UP & HARBOR-UCLA MEDICAL CENTER

The Faculty of Medicine at the University of Puthisastra, in collaboration with the Department of Emergency Medicine, Harbor-UCLA Medical Center (USA), proudly presents the short course of the Emergency Medicine, a high-impact program designed exclusively for Year 6 UP medical students.

Course highlights include recognizing common emergency presentations, stabilizing and resuscitating critically ill patients, performing basic emergency procedures, applying a systematic approach to emergency care, interpreting diagnostics for clinical decision-making and formulating appropriate differential diagnoses. The course is delivered in a hybrid format, both

FACULTY OF PHARMACY, PUTHISAstra UNIVERSITY PARTICIPATED IN UNIPRENEUR PROGRAM SEASON 3 THAT SUPPORTED BY MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY, SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION



On Thursday, July 17, 2025, Ms. Phuy Meyli, a full-time lecturer at Faculty of Pharmacy of University of Puthisastra, organized an online orientation session for UniPreneur Program Season 3 for over 20 students who will participate in the training. Ms.

Phuy Meyli explained the program's purpose in creating entrepreneurial teams at universities to train new ideation techniques in a national competition, demonstrate their ability to describe business ideas, receive funding for product prototype development, participation in future national competitions.

Over 20 pharmacy students will represent Faculty of Pharmacy and University of Puthisastra in this program with students from different majors and different universities from July 18 to 20, 2025 at the American University of Phnom Penh. Wishing our students new experiences in developing sustainable business ideas in the health sector.

FACULTY OF DENTISTRY PUBLISHES IN SCOPUS-INDEXED JOURNAL ON VITAMIN D AND BONE REGENERATION



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Evaluation of vitamin D supplementation in osteogenic differentiation potential of diabetic and non-diabetic dental pulp stem cells

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July, 2025

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Siddharthan Selvaraj, Deputy Dean (Research) at the Faculty of Dentistry, University of Puthisastra, in collaboration with an international team of researchers from India and Ghana, has co-authored a significant study published in a Scopus-indexed journal titled: "Evaluation of Vitamin D Supplementation in Osteogenic Differentiation Potential of Diabetic and Non-Diabetic Dental Pulp Stem Cells."

The study explored how Vitamin D supports bone formation using stem cells derived from dental pulp in both diabetic and non-diabetic individuals. Results revealed that Vitamin D significantly enhances the ability of these cells to differentiate into bone-forming cells, particularly in healthy individuals. While diabetic derived stem cells showed reduced bone regeneration, Vitamin D still improved their osteogenic response.

This research contributes valuable insights into the therapeutic potential of Vitamin D in bone healing, especially in diabetic patients, and reflects UP's strong commitment to international collaboration and high-impact scientific research.

🌟 Congratulations to Assoc. Prof. Dr. Siddharthan and his research partners from India and Ghana!

CAMBODIA SMILE MEETING AT KAMPONG CHHNANG



The Collaborating Centre for Innovation in Population Oral Health (CIPO) at the University of Puthisastra held a meeting in Kampong Chhnang with Dr. Unsan, Head of the Oral Health Bureau (OHB), and Dr. Sokutheary to discuss the progress of the Cambodia Smile Program. I presented the recent achievements and outcomes of our activities, followed by a discussion on the next steps. The meeting focused on strategies to enhance program sustainability, address implementation challenges, and review feedback from the Training of Trainers (ToT) sessions. Dr. Sopharith represented the University and provided valuable input on strengthening technical support and fostering continued collaboration. For 2025, we plan to scale up the program to cover a total of nine health centers, building on the six that have already been successfully implemented.

5TH YEAR PHARMACY STUDENTS FROM UNIVERSITY OF PUTHISAstra COMMENCE CLINICAL CLERKSHIP AT THE NATIONAL HEALTH PRODUCTS QUALITY CONTROL CENTER



On the morning of Monday, July 14, 2025, a cohort of fifth-year Bachelor of Pharmacy students from the University of Puthisastra began their clinical clerkship at the National Health Products Quality Control Center.

The Faculty of Pharmacy extends sincere gratitude to the center's management and preceptors for their generous support and dedication in providing students with invaluable opportunities to apply and deepen their pharmaceutical knowledge and practical skills. We anticipate that this immersive experience will significantly contribute to the students' professional development and success throughout their clerkship. On the morning of Monday, July 14, 2025, a cohort of fifth-year Bachelor of Pharmacy students from the University of Puthisastra began their clinical clerkship at the National Health Products Quality Control Center.

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UNIVERSITY OF PUTHISAstra'S SENIOR PHARMACY STUDENTS INITIATE CLERKSHIP AT THE CAMBODIAN TRADITIONAL MEDICINE RESEARCH CENTER



On Monday morning, July 14, 2025, a group of fifth-year Bachelor of Pharmacy students from the University of Puthisastra began their clerkship at the Cambodian Traditional Medicine Research Center.

The Faculty of Pharmacy gratefully acknowledges the center's leadership and clinical supervisors for facilitating a rich learning environment that enables students to engage directly with traditional medicine practices. This clerkship promises to enhance students' competencies and understanding of Cambodia's herbal medicine heritage, preparing them for successful careers in pharmaceutical sciences.

THE FACULTY OF DENTISTRY ORGANIZED AN ADVANCED IMPLANTOLOGY WORKSHOP AND COLLABORATION WITH THE HIMED IMPLANT COMPANY FROM SOUTH KOREA, MARKERS, AND DENTAL STUDIO



On July 10th, the Faculty of Dentistry organized a half-day Advanced Implantology Workshop in collaboration with the HIMED implant company from South Korea, Markers, and Dental Studio.

This advanced-level academic workshop featured 3 internationally renowned speakers from the Seoul National University Dental Hospital (SNUDH), Republic of Korea. The session was designed to update Cambodian dentists on evidence-based approaches and modern clinical techniques in implant dentistry. The first speaker was Dr. Choi Dong-Ju, a Professor at Seoul National University Dental Hospital, who enlightened the participants on the biomechanical and soft tissue advantages of Wing-neck implants and the clinical applications of the Wing-neck design.

The second lecture was delivered by Dr. Ku Jeong-Kui, also a Professor at Seoul National University Dental Hospital and the Director of Education at the Korean Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Implantology. He presented an excellent lecture and cases related to Implantation techniques. The third lecture was delivered by Dr. Jang Ho-Yeol, a Professor at Ajou University and a specialist in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. He enthralled the audience with cases and videos related to atraumatic tooth extractions and Sinus lifting procedures.

After the event, the 3 speakers were felicitated by the Dean of Dentistry, Professor Anand Marya, who reaffirmed our commitment towards providing the best dental education in Cambodia. The event was a grand success, with over 100 attendees in Hall B. We at the Faculty are excited to continue planning such workshops and lectures to help spread knowledge about advanced.

Celebrating Academic Excellence: Scholarship Award Ceremony for Outstanding Foundation Year Pharmacy Students at the University of Puthisastra

On July 21, 2025, the Faculty of Pharmacy at the University of Puthisastra hosted a prestigious Scholarship Award Ceremony to honor outstanding Foundation Year Pharmacy students for their exceptional academic achievements and commitment to excellence.

The ceremony was graced by the presence of the University's distinguished leadership, including Prof. Ian Rouse, President and Vice-Chancellor; Prof. Chea Sin, Vice President for Academic Affairs; Ms. Lynette Bayly, Vice President for Student Experiences; and Asst. Prof. Chhea Sophearom, Dean of the Faculty of Pharmacy. Faculty staff and student representatives also joined this memorable occasion to show their support and encouragement.

This scholarship initiative underscores the University's enduring commitment to nurturing academic talent, reducing financial barriers, and promoting the holistic development of future healthcare professionals. More than just a financial award, the scholarship serves as recognition of the students' dedication, discipline, and pursuit of excellence.

This year, the University proudly awarded scholarships to the following exemplary Foundation Year Pharmacy students:

- Chhun Mouychou
- Sopheap Sreyneath
- Sok Kimtang
- Seung Vichet Rachana
- Hong Sokheng
- Tek Chanrina

Each recipient has demonstrated outstanding academic performance and embodies the values and spirit of the University of Puthisastra. Their achievements serve as an inspiration to their peers and a testament to the Faculty of Pharmacy's mission to cultivate future leaders in healthcare. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to all scholarship recipients and encourage them to continue their journey of academic distinction, leadership, and community engagement.

MEETING AT THE ORAL HEALTH BUREAU, MINISTRY OF HEALTH



The Collaborating Centre for Innovation in Population Oral Health (CIPO) at the University of Puthisastra had the opportunity to meet with the Oral Health Bureau (OHB) of the Ministry of Health to discuss the feasibility of implementing the Oral Health National Action Plan 2023–2030. This meeting provided valuable insights into ongoing activities, challenges, and potential solutions to improve program implementation. Staff from the Provincial Health Department of Otdar Meanchey delivered a presentation sharing their local experiences, highlighting both progress and obstacles faced in the field. Dr. Bethy actively participated in the discussion, and the meeting also explored potential areas where CIPO could provide support and collaboration to strengthen oral health services across provinces.

5TH YEAR PHARMACY STUDENTS FROM UNIVERSITY OF PUTHISAstra BEGIN EXPERIENTIAL TRAINING AT THE DEPARTMENT OF DRUGS AND FOOD



On Monday, July 14, 2025, fifth-year pharmacy students from the University of Puthisastra commenced their clerkship program at the Department of Drugs and Food.

The Faculty of Pharmacy expresses its deepest appreciation to the department's management and mentors for their commitment to providing students with practical exposure to regulatory and quality control processes. This experiential learning opportunity is expected to equip students with essential skills and knowledge, fostering their readiness for professional practice in pharmaceutical regulation and public health.

ENHANCING QUALITY THROUGH ENGAGEMENT: WEEKEND CLASS SPOT CHECK FOR MASTER'S PROGRAM

Dr. SAY Sreypich, a full-time lecturer in the Master's Program at the Faculty of Pharmacy, organized a team to conduct a spot check on weekend classes. The purpose was to gain a closer understanding of the teaching and learning activities happening on the ground.

This initiative provided a valuable opportunity to observe the classroom environment, interact with students, and listen to their feedback firsthand. Such visits play an important role in ensuring that the program remains relevant, interactive, and aligned with the faculty's academic standards and objectives.

We extend our sincere thanks to the dedicated lecturer and students for their warm welcome and openness. Your engagement and insights are essential to strengthening the program and fostering continuous improvement. Dr. SAY Sreyphich, a full-time lecturer in the Master's Program at the Faculty of Pharmacy, organized a team to conduct a spot check on weekend classes. The purpose was to gain a closer understanding of the teaching and learning activities happening on the ground.

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THESIS DEFENSE OF BATCH 4 DENTISTRY STUDENTS



On the 10th of July 2025, the Faculty of Dentistry hosted a thesis defense for batch 4 students under the topic of "Oral Health Management of Children with Blind or Deaf Disabilities Using the Healthy Kids Cambodia Approach at Krousar Thmey School". The students were HONG Sopheanith, HAN Monokitya, and LEANG Sokea. The thesis was supervised by Dr. Sieng Chanthya and co-supervised by Adjunct. Assoc. Prof. Bathsheba TURTON and Dr. CHRAY Mengkheng. The examiners' committee was led by Prof. Anand MARYA and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Siddharthan SELVARAJ and Dr. YOS Chantho. The result was Pass with Credit. The faculty congratulates and wishes the best for their future endeavours to the students.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE THIRD-YEAR BACHELOR OF PHARMACY STUDENTS OF UNIVERSITY OF PUTHISAstra ON SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETING THEIR CLERKSHIP INTERNSHIPS AT PREAH ANG DUONG HOSPITAL, CAMBODIA-CHINA FRIENDSHIP PREAH KOSSAMAK HOSPITAL, KHMER-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP HOSPITAL, NATIONAL MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH CENTER (NMCHC).



We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Preah Ang Duong Hospital, Cambodia-China Friendship Preah Kossamak Hospital, Khmer-Soviet Friendship Hospital, and the National Maternal and Child Health Center (NMCHC) for their invaluable dedication and commitment in providing our pharmacy students with exceptional clinical training.

Your support in delivering hands-on experience, professional knowledge, and practical skills has been instrumental in shaping the future pharmacists of Cambodia. We sincerely appreciate the collaboration and mentorship offered by all healthcare professionals involved in the hospital pharmacy internship program.

UNIVERSITY OF PUTHISAstra PHARMACY STUDENTS START CLERKSHIP ROTATION AT CENTRAL MEDICAL STORES



On Tuesday, July 15, 2025, a group of fifth-year Bachelor of Pharmacy students from the University of Puthisastra began their clerkship rotation at Central Medical Stores (CMS). The Faculty of Pharmacy sincerely thanks the CMS administration and preceptors for their valuable mentorship and for enabling students to gain hands-on experience in pharmaceutical supply chain management. This clerkship will provide critical insights into the logistics of medicine storage and distribution, further preparing students for future roles in healthcare systems.

PHARMACY CPD TRAINING FOR CAMBODIAN PHARMACISTS WAS CONDUCTED VIA ZOOM ON THE TOPIC "THE ROLE OF PHARMACISTS IN THE TREATMENT OF MUSCULOSKELETAL DISEASES: 5 CASE STUDIES," PRESENTED BY PROF. CHEA SIN, VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY

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The CPD training led to several important clinical outcomes, including an enhanced understanding among pharmacists of musculoskeletal disease management through real-life case studies. It improved their clinical decision-making skills for optimizing medication therapy in patients with musculoskeletal conditions. Additionally, the training increased awareness of the vital role pharmacists play within multidisciplinary care teams focused on musculoskeletal health. Participants also strengthened their ability to monitor treatment efficacy and manage adverse drug reactions associated with musculoskeletal therapies.

There will be 4 sessions in this topic:

- Session 1: Saturday, August 16, 2025, from 12:00 PM to 6:00 PM

- Session 2: Sunday, August 17, 2025, from 8:00 AM to 2:10 PM
- Session 3: Saturday, August 23, 2025, from 12:00 PM to 6:00 PM
- Session 4: Sunday, August 24, 2025, from 8:00 AM to 2:10 PM

CLERKSHIP SPOT CHECK AT PREAH ANG DUONG HOSPITAL, VS MEDICAL LABORATORY, NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC HEALTH (NIPH)



In July 2025, the Rotation Officer from the Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Puthisastra, conducted a thorough spot check visit to Preah Ang Duong Hospital, VS Medical Laboratory, and the National Institute of Public Health (NIPH). During the visit, constructive meetings were held with key personnel, including Mrs. In Thida, Head of the Laboratory Department; Mr. Ouk Chandara, Head of the Pharmacy Department; Dr. Nguon Vuthy, Clerkship Program Leader at NIPH; Miss Phon Sotheany, Document Manager at VS Medical Laboratory; as well as the dedicated preceptors involved in the clerkship program.

This evaluation was conducted to monitor the progress and ensure the quality of the ongoing clerkship training, fostering an enriching and supportive learning environment for the students.

The Faculty of Pharmacy sincerely extends its heartfelt gratitude to all department heads, preceptors, and staff for their unwavering

commitment, collaboration, and invaluable support in providing high-quality experiential learning. Their dedication is essential in shaping competent and confident future healthcare professionals.

CELEBRATING MID-YEAR ACHIEVEMENTS 2025: FACULTY OF PHARMACY, UNIVERSITY OF PUTHISASTRA

The Faculty of Pharmacy at the University of Puthisastra has demonstrated substantial progress during the first half of 2025, marked by achievements across academic development, internationalization, student engagement, research innovation, and community outreach.

Academic & Program Development

- Sustained international affiliations: UP remains the only Cambodian institution with institutional memberships in the Asian Association of Schools of Pharmacy (AASP), ASEAN PharmNET, and the International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP).
- Successfully implemented a new competency-based curriculum approved by the Ministry of Health.
- Course outlines for both Bachelor of Pharmacy (B.Pharm.) and Master's programs were completed and approved by the Curriculum Advisory Committee (CAC).
- Examination regulations were drafted and approved by the Academic Board.
- Preparation and administration of internal assessments, including MCQs and OSCEs, were effectively executed.
- Revised assessment policies, standards, and procedures were disseminated to students and faculty members.
- Recruited qualified full-time and part-time lecturers with extensive professional experience.
- Completed comprehensive reviews of exam content.
- Organized consultative meetings to enhance the Pharmacy program.
- Delivered remedial classes and conducted spot checks for both Bachelor's and Master's programs.
- Reviewed two Master's theses and prepared the thesis evaluation committee, which received UPRC approval.

International Exposure & Exchange Programs

- Six Year 4 and 5 students applied for the UIC Summer Program in Chicago; a sharing session on the UIC Summer Course 2025 was conducted.
- Nine students were selected to attend the RxSU International Summer School at Silpakorn University, Thailand, with a pre-departure meeting held.
- Five B.Pharm. students were accepted into a summer program at UGM, Indonesia.
- One student was selected to attend the 8th AAMLS Congress in Taiwan.
- Two students joined the SDGs & iPLN 2025 Program at China Medical University, Taiwan.
- Five students participated in the UP-SW Friendship and Cultural Exchange Program in Japan.
- Two students represented UP at the Regen Asia Summit 2025 in Singapore.
- Two students attended the ASSP-PECT Summer School 2025 in Thailand.
- Nine students joined the 2025 Education-Research Exchange Program at Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia.
- Nine students completed international internships at Khon Kaen University (KKU), Thailand, led by a faculty member.
- An international exchange program in pharmacy and pharmaceutical sciences was initiated.
- Nine award-winning students from the 2024 Natural Product Contest joined a cultural and educational exchange in Singapore, supported by Khmer Enterprise.
- One student received a grant to attend a seminar on "Traditional Culture International Communication for Developing Countries" in Beijing, China.
- Three faculty members and four students attended the AASP Conference in Japan.

Program Growth & Enrollment

- The 2025 Foundation Year Pharmacy Program, including outlines, orientation, lecturer assignments, and schedules, was approved and implemented.
- The faculty successfully welcomed 150 new pharmacy students, aligning with the Ministry of Health's quota.
- Nine Master's candidates were enrolled.

Faculty & Staff Development

- Conducted invigilation training for lecturers and staff to uphold examination integrity.
- Hosted training on AI-powered learning design and generative AI applications for health educators.
- Four staff members attended a workshop on ISO 15189-compliant lab documentation.
- One faculty member joined the IDF Workshop on diabetes care.
- Faculty members participated in IQA teaching assessment training and AIDE TTT (UNESCO Chair) modules.
- Orientation and UPERP/UPOP training were delivered to FY lecturers and students.
- Three staff members attended the First Cambodia EdTech Summit.

Student Learning & Development

- Successfully conducted Year 3 clerkship and pre-clerkship training.
- Finalized Semester 2 clerkship placements for both Bachelor's and Master's students.

- Year 4 students completed medical lab clerkships; Year 3 students completed hospital pharmacy clerkships.
- Year 5 students were placed in diverse institutions including PPM, Traditional Medicine Research Center, NHQC, CMS, and DDF.
- Three students interned at De La Gare Pharmacy, with four more starting internships.
- In collaboration with UCare Pharmacy, delivered 15 hours of hands-on training and organized a study tour for Clinical Pharmacy Club members.
- Conducted pre-internship training for students at UCare and De La Gare.
- Released the 3rd Edition International Internship Logbook.

Skill Development Workshops & Training

- Organized training on risk assessment for Type 2 diabetes and hypertension (Year 5).
- Delivered data analysis and voucher specimen collection training for ethnobotanical studies (Year 2).
- Clinical Pharmacy Club provided workshops on clinical knowledge, consultation skills, medicine combinations, eczema, and lab result interpretation.
- Conducted training on Bioderma's Sensibio and Hydrabio product lines.
- Pharma-Career Club hosted sessions on CV writing, pharmacy career exploration, internships, and hospital pharmacy roles.
- One staff member and eight students attended training on patents and intellectual property.
- Delivered entrepreneurship training for the 4th Natural Product Contest.
- Participated in webinars on patient management and pharmacists' humanitarian roles during disasters.

Student Support & Welfare

- Conducted free pre-medical checkups for 145 students before Semester 1.
- Six students received UP scholarships.
- Twelve students joined Project Lokun; five were chosen as new leaders. Additional students were selected for Projects Sothea and Sa'bai.
- Organized pre-departure meetings for exchange programs in Japan, USA, Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, Taiwan, and Thailand.
- Established three student clubs to provide academic and mental support.

Research & Innovation

- Drafted two research manuscripts and initiated two new research projects.
- Eleven Master's proposals were approved by UPRC.
- Two abstracts were accepted for poster presentation at the 12th AASP Conference in Japan.
- Strengthened research collaboration with Srun Chlat Cambodia Agribusiness Enterprise.
- Published one research article in the International Journal of Public Health Asia Pacific.
- Installed new instruments (CAPEX 2024) in labs J21, L51, and L52, including centrifuges, microwave extraction systems, and freeze dryers.
- Renovated laboratories with electrical upgrades, room divisions, and water system improvements.
- Conducted inventory audits with the UP-Finance Team and external auditors.
- Updated SOPs for labs J11, J21, L51, and L52.
- Negotiated cost-effective procurement and finalized CAPEX 2025 equipment lists.
- Renovated the faculty botanical garden.
- Provided ISO 15189-compliant training and hands-on training on centrifuge, extraction, and freeze dryer systems.
- Delivered training on business models for KE-supported pharmacy students.

Community Engagement & Outreach

- Hosted the 5th Pharmacy Conference 2025, themed on innovation and AI.
- Six students joined a Sunrise Charity Foundation health program in Kampong Cham.
- Conducted orientation for the 4th Natural Product Contest.
- One staff member and 23 students volunteered in eight health outreach events with Sunrise and Sunray Charity Foundations.
- Three Year 5 students participated in a cataract screening and surgery program.
- Students engaged in a community charity initiative in Kampong Cham.
- Executed the largest outreach project organized by a pharmacy school in Cambodia: Study Tour and Charity in the Northeastern Region, including an orientation and a dissemination workshop.
- Secured \$3,530.14 in sponsorship from nine institutions to support the outreach project.
- Supported PCC in attending a family planning seminar in Bangkok.
- Delivered CPD training (22 sessions) to 2,659 Cambodian pharmacists.
- Engaged in Sanofi's GHU Launch and Digital Health Symposium 2025.

Institutional Development & Collaboration

- Appointed Mrs. Ung Huykhim as Assistant Dean and Mr. Mao Kimchhay as Head of Basic Pharmaceutical Sciences.



- Finalized the Terms of Reference for the Assessment Committee.
- Submitted CAPEX 2025 (first tranche) and 2024 performance appraisals.
- Managed FY pharmacy admissions and completed Master's program interviews.
- Submitted WURI application and updated faculty website.
- Assisted RO with final assessment invigilation.
- Published results of a survey on first-choice applicant reduction.
- Collaborated with IT to enhance UPERP for lab and exam result management.
- Reviewed faculty structure and developed JDs for three Deputy Deans.
- Finalized payment procedures for PW teaching.
- Held regular FIP UNITWIN meetings.
- Initiated exchange collaboration with FEU-NUMF, Philippines.

Strategic Partnerships & Events

- Participated in the "Advanced Talent Attraction Guidelines" seminar by MISTI.
- Strengthened cooperation with Khmer Enterprise and MISTI for the Natural Products Contest.
- Met with the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia at the Australian Ambassador's residence.
- Reinforced ties with FEU-NRMF, Philippines.
- Held institutional meetings with Intercare Hospital and organized a study visit to Techo Santepheap National Hospital.
- Attended analytica Vietnam 2025.
- Dean Asst. Prof. Chhea Sophearom was elected to the FIP AIM Advisory Committee.
- Engaged in UNITWIN and WPR discussions with FIP-UNESCO.
- Participated in GenAI workshops with GIZ.
- Initiated collaboration talks with IPSF on membership renewal.

Student Life & Engagement

- Organized Welcome Junior, Orientation, and White Coat Ceremonies for FY students.
- Conducted the 4th Natural Products Contest orientation.
- Five pharmacy representatives attended the 4th CESCAM Biennial Conference.
- Hosted certificate handover at UCare Pharmacy.
- UYFC-UP participated in the Cambodia 4.0 Forum on youth leadership.
- Held the Oath-Taking Ceremony and Scarf Presentation for new Scouts.
- Prepared for Discovery Festival 2025 and supported UP Sankrantra.
- Facilitated UP Rover Scout activity planning and leadership training.
- Twenty-five students joined the UniPreneur Camp.

Sales Performance

- The UP Pharmacy recorded increased sales, particularly in cosmetic product lines.