



## 21 LECTURERS, STAFF, AND STUDENTS FROM THE FACULTY OF PHARMACY DEPART FOR ICPCOS 2025, MALAYSIA



From 3–4 December 2025, 21 lecturers, staff, and students from the Faculty of Pharmacy, UP departed for Malaysia to attend the International Conference on Pharmaceutical and Cosmetic Sciences (ICPCos 2025). During the conference, the delegates will present their research through oral and poster presentations. Their research topics include:

1. Phytochemical and Antioxidant Activity Analysis, and Development of Beetroot-based Lip Balm
2. Analysis of Phenolics and Flavonoids in Cambodian Tomatoes and Formulation of Lotion
3. Development and Evaluation of a Spray Formulation with Pandanus amaryllifolius Fruit Extract
4. Analysis of Nelumbo nucifera Composition and Development of Cleansing Balm
5. Development and Antioxidant Activity of Polyscias fruticosa (L.)
6. Evaluation of Composition and Antioxidant Activity of Sesbania grandiflora

We wish all delegates a safe trip and great success in their presentations at this international conference.

## UP STAFF AND STUDENTS DEPART FOR 6-DAY INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY SERVICE IN INDONESIA



Ten staff and students from UP depart to attend the 6-day International Community Service Program at Brawijaya University, Indonesia, taking place from 1–6 December 2025.

During this program, participants will engage in activities that promote community engagement, cultural learning, and public health awareness, including:

1. Aromatherapy product development
2. Aquatic exercise classes for the elderly
3. Direct education for people with mental health disorders (ODGJ)

We wish the delegation a safe journey and a meaningful experience in Indonesia.

## UP PHARMACY STUDENTS JOIN CULTURAL & ACADEMIC EXCHANGE AT NUS



National University of Singapore (NUS): From 30 October to 2 November 2025, UP pharmacy students participated in a Cultural and Academic Exchange Program at the Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, NUS, in collaboration with Project Sa'Bai Cambodia.

Students joined guided campus tours, cultural exchange activities, and interacted with peers and faculty from leading medical institutions. The experience provided insights into international medical education, exposure to a high-quality academic environment, and meaningful cross-cultural learning.

We extend sincere gratitude to NUS for their warm hospitality and support.



## UP PHARMACY STAFF AND STUDENTS DELEGATION PARTICIPATES IN ICPCOS 2025 AT MONASH UNIVERSITY MALAYSIA



Malaysia, 3 December 2025: The Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Puthisastra sent 21 faculty members, staff, and students to the 2nd International Conference on Pharmaceutical and Cosmetic Sciences (ICPCos 2025) at Monash University Malaysia.

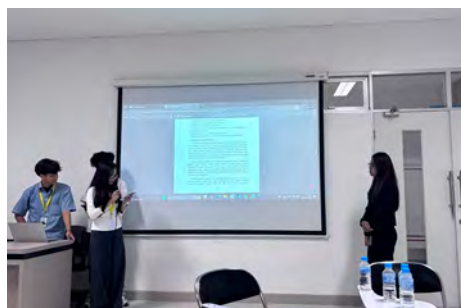
Delegates presented their research and innovative projects internationally, attracting strong interest from experts and partner universities. Students introduced newly developed natural products, demonstrating creativity and practical application in pharmaceutical and cosmetic sciences.

The conference offered valuable opportunities to:

- Build networks with international students and professionals
- Enhance communication and professional competencies
- Experience cultural exchange through social activities and study visits

UP is proud of its students' dedication and achievements. Participation in such international programs strengthens skills, broadens perspectives, and prepares them for future pharmacy careers in Cambodia.

## UP PHARMACY STUDENTS COMPLETE 5-DAY INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY PROGRAM AT BRAWIJAYA UNIVERSITY



Over five days, UP pharmacy students participated in an international community service program at Brawijaya University, Indonesia, gaining academic, cultural, and practical learning experiences.

Activities included:

- Cultural Change of Healthy Life presentation and campus tour
- Community outing on Water Jogging and elderly exercise

- Observation and counseling for Indigenous Peoples with Mental Illness (ODGJ) patients
- Presentation of digital educational media for elderly individuals with mental health concerns
- Aromatherapy and essential oil production training, including raw material handling, extraction, and safety testing

These experiences enhanced students' competencies in community engagement, pharmaceutical practice, natural product development, and global health perspectives.

## UP STAFF AND PHARMACY STUDENTS ATTENDED THE COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM OPENING IN INDONESIA



Indonesia, Monday, December 1, 2025 — Under the permission of Asst. Prof. Chhea Sophearom, Dean of the Faculty of Pharmacy, Mr. Heim Mengkhim led 10 UP students in a 6-day International Community Service Program at Brawijaya University, Indonesia, from December 1–6, 2025.

The program was officially opened by Prof. Dr. dr. Wisnu Barlianto, M.Si.Med., Sp.A(K), Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, along with Vice Dean, faculty leadership, department heads, and participating students.

Activities aimed at enhancing community engagement, cultural understanding, and public health awareness included:

1. Aromatherapy product development
2. Aquatic exercise classes for senior citizens
3. Direct education and support for individuals with mental health conditions (ODGJ)

## NURSES MAKE THE DIFFERENCE



On Saturday, November 29, 2025, Assistant Professor Tun Sreypeov, Dean of the Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery, together with faculty members, attended the 4th Annual Medical Care Conference of the Christian Medical Ministry to Cambodia (CMMC) – Jeremiah's Hope as



Presiding Guests, officially opening the conference.

The conference was formally declared open by Dr. Hok Tola, Country Director of CMMC Jeremiah's Hope. The event took place at the CJCC Building of the Royal University of Phnom Penh and welcomed approximately 200 participants, including management representatives, doctors, nurses, national and international guests of honor, and nursing students.

The purpose of the conference was to share knowledge, professional experiences, and advances in care skills, with the aim of serving the health needs of the Cambodian people with love, compassion, and dedication.

Nurses and midwifery are the first people a patient meets and the last ones they leave. Specifically, the role of a nurse is that of a caregiver who serves with dedication, patience, and love from the heart—reflecting the true essence of Patient-Centered Care.

## MS. LIM AILING CONDUCTED ORAL PRESENTATION AT RESEARCH AT ICPCOS 2025, MALAYSIA



Monash University, Malaysia — Wednesday, 3rd December 2025: Ms. Lim Ailing, a 5th-year pharmacy student at UP, had the honor of delivering an oral presentation on the topic “Phytochemical and Antioxidant Activity Analysis, and Development of Beetroot-based Lip Balm” at the 2nd Conference on Pharmaceutical and Cosmetic Sciences.

During the conference, she gained valuable insights and engaged in meaningful discussions with experts from around the world through questions, feedback, and academic exchange.

Ms. Lim Ailing sincerely expresses her gratitude to the Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Puthisastra, for their continuous support, which made her participation possible.

## UP PHARMACY STUDENTS SUPPORT TYDA FREE HEALTH MISSION IN KRATIE



Kratie, 29 November 2025 – Eleven UP pharmacy students participated in the TYDA mission, providing free medical check-ups and distributing medicines in Prek Saman Village, Kratie Province.

Students ensured safe and accurate medication dispensing by following the 5 Rights (5Rs) of Medication Use:

- Right Patient – Verifying patient identity
- Right Drug – Ensuring prescribed medication
- Right Dose – Confirming dosage and strength
- Right Route – Correct administration method
- Right Time – Clear instructions on medication schedule

This mission offered hands-on experience in community practice, strengthened communication, and enhanced clinical competency while serving patients professionally and compassionately.

## UP FACULTY OF MEDICINE HOLDS WHITE COAT CEREMONY FOR YEAR-4 MEDICAL STUDENTS



On 09 December 2025, the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Puthisastra (UP) held one of its most meaningful academic traditions, the White Coat Ceremony, honoring Year 4 medical students as they officially enter their clinical training in hospitals.

The event marked a profound transition: from pre-clinical learning in classrooms and laboratories to real-life patient care in clinical settings. In his keynote remarks, Professor Ian Rouse, President and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Puthisastra described the day as “one of the most moving moments in university life,” reminding students that the white coat is far more than a uniform. It is a promise to serve life, protect dignity, and uphold humanity at the center of medical practice.

President Ian emphasized that as students step into hospital wards, they step into a legacy larger than themselves, a legacy of healing in a country that deeply understands resilience and recovery. He also encouraged students to remember their purpose during moments of difficulty or self-doubt: “Your hands will learn procedures. Your mind will master science.

But your character, your integrity, humility, and courage will be what truly defines you.” Assistant Professor Prom Vireak, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, provided historical context behind the symbolism of the white coat. He explained that while doctors once wore black coats for formality, the shift to white in the late 19th century followed the rise of germ theory and the recognition of hygiene as essential to preventing infection. The white coat came to



represent purity, cleanliness, and scientific integrity, values that remain central in modern medical practice.

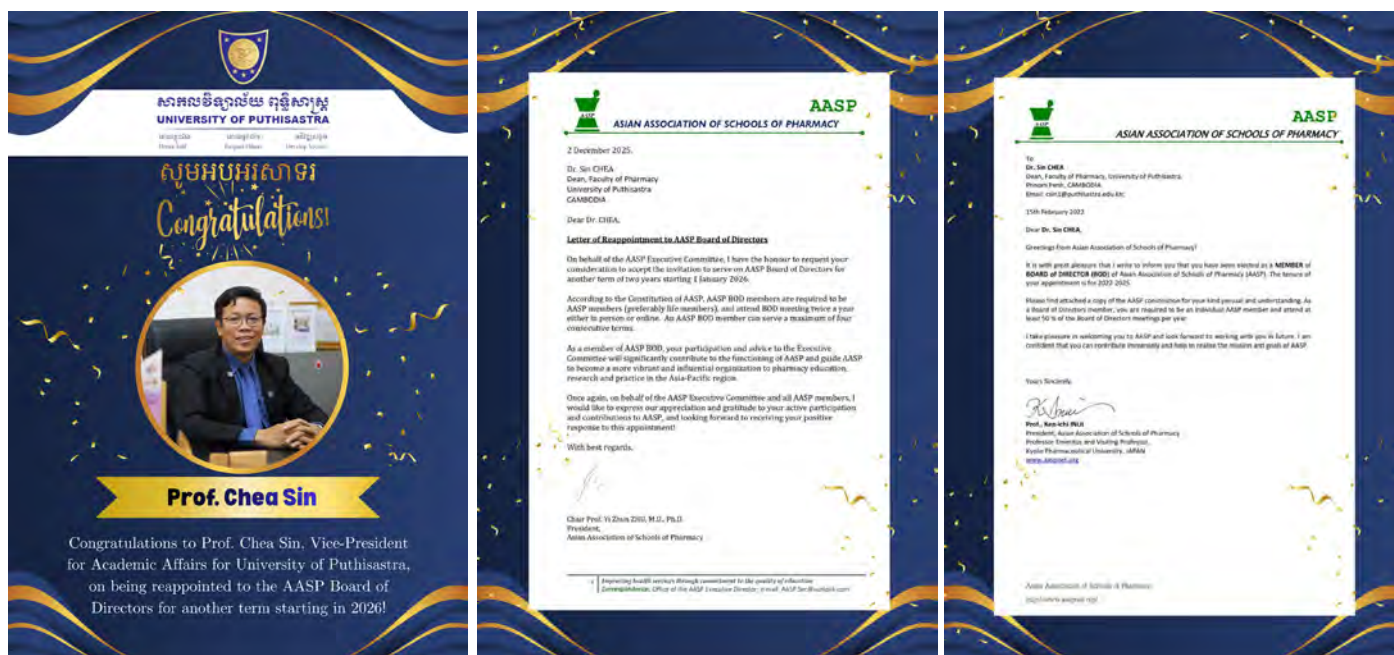
Speaking to the students, he highlighted five core meanings of the white coat: professional responsibility, compassionate care, authority rooted in expertise, strict hygiene, and a lifelong commitment to science. Medicine, he reminded them, is both a privilege and a profound responsibility toward human life.

The ceremony, celebrated annually at UP for over seven years, is a powerful rite of passage that prepares students emotionally and professionally for life inside the hospital. It marks the beginning of a journey where theoretical knowledge meets real patients, real families, and real human stories.

As the students donned their white coats, the message was clear: they are no longer just learners; they are future healers and future leaders of Cambodia's healthcare system.

The University of Puthisastra congratulated all Year 4 medical students and wished them courage, wisdom, and compassion as they begin their clinical training.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO PROF. CHEA SIN ON HIS REAPPOINTMENT TO THE AASP BOARD OF DIRECTORS!



The University of Puthisastra is proud to announce that Prof. Chea Sin, Vice-President for Academic Affairs, has been reappointed to the Board of Directors of the Asian Association of Schools of Pharmacy (AASP) for a new term beginning in 2026.

Prof. Chea Sin has served on the AASP Board from 2022 to 2025, contributing his strong leadership and strategic vision to the advancement of pharmacy education throughout the Asia-Pacific region. His reappointment is a testament to his exceptional achievements, unwavering dedication, and active engagement in both regional and international pharmacy education communities.

Throughout his tenure, Prof. Chea Sin has worked tirelessly to elevate educational standards, strengthen institutional collaborations, and foster innovation in pharmacy training. His

continued presence on the AASP Board will further enhance cooperation among member institutions and support the development of future-ready pharmacy professionals across the region.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to Prof. Chea Sin as he continues to play a pivotal role in shaping the future of pharmacy education in Asia. His reappointment reflects great honor not only for him but also for the University of Puthisastra.

We look forward to seeing his continued influence, contributions, and leadership in the years ahead!

## UNILEAD 2026 – GRANT AWARD ANNOUNCEMENT TO ASST. PROF. SO VISESSAKSETH



### Young University Leadership and Management Program

We are pleased to announce that Asst. Prof. SO Visessakseth has been awarded the prestigious DAAD Grant to participate in the DIES University Leadership and Management Training Course – UNILEAD 2026, hosted by the University of Oldenburg, Germany.

UNILEAD is an international leadership program designed for emerging higher education managers, bringing together

professionals from around the world to strengthen leadership capacity, enhance institutional management, and foster global collaboration.

### Key Focus Areas of UNILEAD

UNILEAD structures its curriculum around three core areas essential for modern university management:

#### 1. Project Management

Courses cover key methodologies in project planning, implementation, monitoring, evaluation, and financial management.

#### 2. Strategic Management & Academic Leadership

Participants build competencies in strategic planning, organizational development, and leadership skills through theory-based and practical training sessions.

#### 3. Human Resource Management

This module focuses on human resource development, conflict management, and tools to strengthen personnel and institutional capacity.

### Learning Approach & Schedule

UNILEAD uses a blended learning format consisting of two onsite phases in Germany and several mentor-guided online phases. The program runs for at least nine months, offering continuous learning and development.



Onsite Phases at the University of Oldenburg, Germany:

- March 8 – 28, 2026
- September 6 – 19, 2026

#### A Truly Global Network

UNILEAD 2026 brings together 25 higher education managers from different countries, offering a unique multicultural learning environment and opportunities for long-term international collaboration.

#### Grant Award Recipient

We are delighted to share that Asst. Prof. SO Visessakseth has been selected as a recipient of the prestigious DAAD Grant Award to participate in UNILEAD 2026.

#### Grant Benefits

The DAAD grant provides comprehensive support, including:

- Round-trip travel to Germany
- Accommodation during onsite phases
- Health insurance
- Participation fees and program materials
- Additional benefits to support learning and networking

UNILEAD 2026 in Germany marks an incredible opportunity for professional growth, international exposure, and leadership development. We look forward to sharing this journey and bringing valuable insights back to strengthen our institution and community.

## **YEAR-7 MEDICAL STUDENTS JOINED PROJECT ANGKOR IN SIEM REAP**



From 20–25 November 2025, four year-7 medical students of University of Puthisastra participated in Project Angkor, a medical consultation initiative in Siem Reap, collaborating with American physicians from specialties including internal medicine and pediatrics.

The students Chum Vannkheang, Vat Kompeak, Soem Tonglim, and Lor Chhay Sear gained practical experience in patient assessment, diagnosis, and management while providing consultations to local communities under the guidance of visiting doctors.

Project Angkor aims to improve healthcare access in underserved areas, promote international collaboration, and strengthen medical education. The students' participation allowed them to enhance their clinical skills and learn diverse approaches to patient care.

One student shared, “Working with international physicians broadened our medical knowledge and inspired us to provide better care for our communities.”

Their involvement highlights the Faculty of Medicine's dedication to hands-on training and preparing future physicians to address both local and global health challenges.

## UP STUDENTS SELECTED FOR PROJECT LOKUN 2025-2026 IN PURSAT PROVINCE



Sixteen pharmacy students from UP will participate in Project Lokun 2025–2026, a community health mission in Pursat Province, aimed at improving healthcare access and promoting better health practices.

Students will gain:

- Hands-on experience in community health services
- Opportunities to apply pharmaceutical knowledge in real settings
- Skills in patient education, screening, and consultation
- Stronger teamwork, leadership, and cultural understanding

## PRE-DEPARTURE MEETING FOR UP DELEGATES TO ICPCOS 2025 AND BRAWIJAYA UNIVERSITY PROGRAM



Phnom Penh: On Thursday, 27th November 2025, the Faculty of Pharmacy at the University of Puthisastra organized an official pre-departure meeting for 32 faculty members, educators, and pharmacy students. These delegates will represent the university at the 2nd International Conference on Pharmaceutical and Cosmetic Sciences (ICPCos 2025) in Malaysia and the International Community Service Program at Brawijaya University, Indonesia.

The meeting was chaired by Prof. Ian Rouse, President and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Puthisastra, Prof. Chea Sin, Vice-President of the University, and Asst. Prof. Chhea Sophearom, Dean of the Faculty of Pharmacy, along with faculty members and lecturers. During the meeting, the leadership team delivered inspiring remarks to participants ahead of their international programs, followed by an award presentation and group photo session.

These programs provide significant opportunities for teaching staff, educators, and students, including:

- Presentation of research by staff and students on an international stage
- Creation of aromatic herbal medicinal products
- Development of professional knowledge and communication skills
- Networking with overseas students and international partners



- Cultural learning through social activities and field visits.

We are proud of our students' dedication and achievements. Participation in these programs will enhance their competencies, broaden perspectives, and better prepare them for future careers in pharmacy in Cambodia. We wish all delegates a successful and enriching international experience!

## TWO MEDICAL STUDENTS VOLUNTEERING AS THE RESEARCH ASSISTANTS



The Faculty of Medicine is delighted to welcome two year-4 medical students, Ms. THEA Sereyvichra and Ms. LEAP Puthiya, who have joined the Research Unit as full-time Research Assistants (RAs) from 27 October to 15 December 2025.

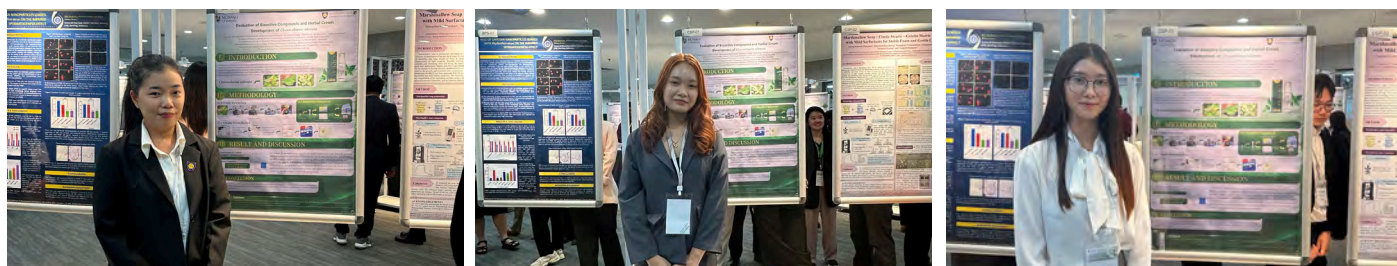
This opportunity provides early, hands-on exposure to academic research, allowing the students to support both MD thesis projects and faculty-led studies.

During their appointment, the research assistants have been assisting with key tasks including translation, data collection, document preparation, and coordination of research activities.

They will help organize materials, support surveys and interviews, translate tools between Khmer and English, and facilitate communication across research teams. After 15 December, they will shift to part-time work to balance their duties with clerkships and academic studies.

The faculty warmly welcomes these two young researchers and looks forward to their meaningful contributions to UP's growing research community.

## 4TH-YEAR UP PHARMACY STUDENTS PRESENT POSTER AT ICPCOS 2025



Monash University, Malaysia – Wednesday, 3rd December 2025: Ms. Khon Lyheang, Ms. Chim Chinda, and Ms. Samun Munenthunpichta, 4th-year pharmacy students at UP, participated as part of a research team under Ms. Ly Lina's guidance.

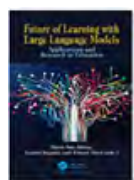
They presented a poster titled "The Evaluation of Bioactive Compounds and Herbal Cream Development of *Chromolaena odorata*" at the 2nd International Conference on Pharmaceutics and Cosmetics (ICPCos 2025).

Throughout the event, the team engaged in meaningful academic exchanges, received valuable feedback from international experts, and gained deeper insights into emerging research trends

and opportunities for collaboration in pharmacy academia and industry.

The students and team extend sincere appreciation to the Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Puthisastra, for their continuous guidance and support, enabling this participation.

## RESEARCH HIGHLIGHT FROM THE INTERNAL QUALITY ASSURANCE UNIT, ENGAGEMENT AND PARTNERSHIPS DEPARTMENT



Chapter

### Examining Graduate Students' Experiences in Using Generative AI for Academic Writing: Insights from Cambodian Higher Education

By Sarin Sok, Kimkong Heng, Koemhong Sol

Book: [Future of Learning with Large Language Models](#)

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Sarin Sok, a Quality Assurance Manager, is the first and corresponding author of this book chapter. His co-authored book chapter is included in the book entitled “Future of Learning with Large Language Models: Applications and Research in Education”, published by a renowned publisher, the CRC Press (Taylor and Francis Group).

Undoubtedly, contributing a book chapter in such a high-quality book can enhance academic

credibility and impact, particularly within the emerging research topic on generative AI in education.

This chapter not only enables the authors to build stronger network with global scholarly researchers but also demonstrates their expertise on an international platform. It also helps promote research in Cambodia to the global stage.

This study has examined Cambodian graduate students' experiences in leveraging generative AI for their academic writing, utilizing in-depth interviews with Cambodian master's and doctoral degree students.

The findings underscore the significance of promoting AI-human collaboration and the need for upskilling graduate students on the ethical and effective use of generative AI in academic writing to prevent them from over-dependence on AI technologies.

## YEAR 3 INSTRUMENTAL ANALYTICAL CHEMISTRY – TITRATION PRACTICAL IN ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-2026



In the first and Second week of the class, our third-year pharmacy students strengthened their laboratory skills through a hands-on titration practical, focusing on precision, accuracy, and analytical thinking—core competencies in pharmaceutical analysis.

This practical session allowed students to apply theoretical knowledge, interpret results, and understand the importance of standardization and endpoint detection in quantitative analysis.



## CONGRATULATIONS TO UP PHARMACY STUDENTS SELECTED FOR PROJECT SOTHEA 2025 AT BATTAMBANG PROVINCE



Congratulations to the 10 pharmacy students who have been successfully selected as participants for Project Sothea 2025–2026.



Ten outstanding pharmacy students from UP will participate in Project Sothea 2025, a community health mission in Battambang from December 7–17, 2025, aimed at improving healthcare access and promoting healthier practices.

Through this initiative, students will gain:

- Practical experience in delivering community health services
- Opportunities to apply pharmacy knowledge in real-world settings
- Enhanced skills in patient education, supervision, and consultation
- Strengthened teamwork, leadership, and cultural awareness

We wish them success as they contribute to community well-being and continue to grow as future healthcare professionals.

## CERTIFICATE CEREMONY FOR UP PHARMACY STUDENTS INTERNS WITH UCARE PHARMACY

The Faculty of Pharmacy, UP, in collaboration with UCare Pharmacy, organized a certificate awarding ceremony for the 10th and 11th batches of pharmacy students who completed 225 hours of internship in 2025.

The event took place at UCare Pharmacy Head Office on 3–4 December 2025, chaired by Asst. Prof. Chhea Sophearom, Dean; Dr. Pascal Catry, CEO; and other faculty and pharmacy leaders, along with 36 students and faculty members.

During the internship, students strengthened professional competencies through patient consultations, counseling, and real-world problem-solving. The training also provided exposure to community pharmacy operations, workflow, service delivery, and professional



responsibilities.

We sincerely thank the leadership, preceptors, interns, and staff of UCare Pharmacy for their support and collaboration, which enhances the quality of pharmacy education in Cambodia.

## 4TH-YEAR UP PHARMACY STUDENTS BEGIN MEDICAL LABORATORY INTERSHIPS ACROSS HOSPITAL IN PHNOM PENH



On Monday morning, December 8, 2025, 18 groups of fourth-year Bachelor of Pharmacy students from the University of Puthisastra officially commenced medical laboratory internships across multiple hospitals in Phnom Penh.

The Faculty of Pharmacy expresses sincere gratitude to the leadership teams and instructors of these hospitals for providing students with valuable opportunities to gain practical experience and enhance professional skills during the internship.

We wish all students meaningful learning experiences, good fortune, and success throughout their internships.

## MEDICAL STUDENTS SUCCESSFULLY DEFENDED THE THESIS IN NOVEMBER

On 27th November 2025, Faculty of Medicine proudly announced the successful thesis defense of an MD thesis titled “A Cross-Sectional Study of Foot Care: Knowledge, Attitude, and Practices of Diabetic Patients in Preah Ang Duong Hospital.” Led by Chair Asst. Prof. Dr. Prom Vireak, with examiners Dr. Aun Hemrin and Dr. Nov Tam, and supervision by Dr. Chin Chan David, the research team—RA Pachaka, Rachna Rathphiya, and Kheam Leakhena—delivered an excellent presentation demonstrating both academic rigor and strong commitment to improving diabetic care in Cambodia.





Their work highlights an important public health priority, addressing the widespread yet preventable complication of diabetic foot disease.

The study assessed knowledge, attitudes, and practices (KAP) among 300 diabetic patients at Preah Ang Duong Hospital and uncovered a significant gap between foot care awareness and actual practice.

Although many patients showed positive attitudes and moderate practice levels, overall knowledge remained low—emphasizing the urgent need for improved patient education and counseling. The findings underscore the importance of strengthening health literacy and targeted health education strategies to reduce preventable disability.

UP extends heartfelt congratulations to the thesis team and their supervisors for contributing valuable insights that can help enhance diabetes management across Cambodia.

## FACULTY OF MEDICINE CONDUCTED THE ORIENTATION FOR MD YEAR 2 AND 3



The Faculty of Medicine at the University of Puthisastra proudly welcomed year-2 and Year-3 medical students on November 25–26, 2025, for a two-day orientation designed to prepare them for the more advanced stages of their medical education. The program marked an important milestone as students transition into increasingly rigorous academic and clinical training.

The event opened with inspiring remarks from Asst. Prof. Dr. Prom Vireak, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, who emphasized the core values of professionalism, integrity, and compassion—qualities essential for future physicians. Students were then guided through key institutional policies and expectations. Mr. Yar Sophea, Registrar and Admissions Coordinator, provided updates on university regulations and payment policies.

Academic policies were introduced by Asst. Prof. Dr. Yi Vannary, including updates on assessment procedures for the new academic year and the launch of two new student clubs: Medicine Beyond Technique and Spark UP. Academic integrity principles were further reinforced by Dr. Prom Vireak in his role as Chair of the Academic Integrity Committee.

Student support services were presented by Asst. Prof. Dr. Thao Titya, who explained leave procedures and examination result appeals, while Dr. Thim Pichthida introduced upcoming OSCE simulation sessions and prehospital training opportunities. The orientation concluded with renewed motivation and readiness for the year ahead.

## DEFENSE ANNOUNCEMENT: MASTER'S MEDICAL BIOLOGY THESIS ON GLYCATED HEMOGLOBIN A1C TRAJECTORIES

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The Faculty of Pharmacy, UP, announces the defense of the Master's Medical Biology Thesis of student OUK Soksereivotanak, titled: "Identification of Risk Factors for the Progression of Glycated Hemoglobin A1c Trajectories Toward Type 2 Diabetes, a retrospective study."

The defense will be held on December 17, 2025, from 14:00 to 17:00 at KOSPO Hall H, University of Puthisastra.

Thesis Supervisor and Co-Supervisor:

- Dr. HUIJBREGTS Richard, Supervisor
- Mr. CHHOUN Pheak, Co-Supervisor



**Examination Committee:**

- Asst. Prof. CHHEA Sophearom, Chair
- Pharm.D. NHIM Sovanvatey, Member
- Pharm.D. CHHAY Sokdalis, Member

## OSCE SIMULATION & CLERKSHIP ORIENTATION FOR YEAR-5 MEDICAL STUDENTS



The Faculty of Medicine successfully conducted the Clerkship and Elective Program Orientation for year-5 medical students on 01 December 2025.

Held at Hall H, this important academic event prepared students for their transition into clinical training. Key topics covered included:

- Clerkship Policies and Responsibilities
- Logbook Requirements and Mastery
- Elective Program Overview

With these essential foundations, our students are now well-informed and ready to begin their upcoming clerkships. We wish them the very best as they move into this next phase of their medical education!

Following the main program, the session continued with the OSCE Simulation Training Orientation on the Musculoskeletal System, which students will participate in during Semester one led by Dr. Thim Pichthida, the orientation introduced students to:

- History taking for musculoskeletal complaints
- Musculoskeletal physical examination techniques

Students received clear, step-by-step guidance on approaching musculoskeletal cases and performing accurate clinical examinations.

The event concluded with a dedicated Q&A session, allowing students to seek clarification on OSCE expectations and strengthen their understanding of clinical skill requirements.

## SECOND MOCK OSCE FOR 10TH BATCH UP PHARMACY STUDENTS

Phnom Penh: On November 25–26, 2025, the Senior Club, Faculty of Pharmacy, organized the Second Mock OSCE (Rounds 2 and 3) for the 10th batch of pharmacy students at Room L41, Building L, University of Puthisastra.

The practice test, held from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., prepared students for the Internal Exit Examination (OSCE).



Objectives included:

- Increasing exam readiness: equipping students with essential clinical skills and confidence
- Providing practical exam experience: familiarizing students with station format, timing, examiner expectations, and assessment criteria
- Identifying strengths and weaknesses: helping students recognize areas for improvement and adjust preparation strategies

## UP FACULTY OF PHARMACY AND UP STAFF RECOGNIZED FOR LONG SERVICE AND ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARD



The Faculty of Pharmacy, UP, congratulates:

1. Prof. Chea Sin – 10 Year Service Award
2. Asst. Prof. So Visessakseth – 5 Year Service Award
3. Lecturer Mao Kimchhay – Employee of the Year 2025 Academic Encouragement Award & 5 Year Service Award
4. Lecturer Norng Sreyroth – 5 Year Service Award

These awards honor their dedication, hard work, and valuable contributions to the continuous development of the University.

## PREHOSPITAL SIMULATION TRAINING FOR YEAR-6 MEDICAL STUDENTS

The Faculty of Medicine, University of Puthisastra, successfully conducted the Pre-Hospital Training for MD Year 6 students on 02 December 2025, marking an important milestone in the new academic year 2025–2026.

This training aims to enhance students' readiness for real-world emergency situations before entering their clinical internship. Throughout the full training day, students rotated through three essential skill stations, including:

- Intraosseous (IO) access
- Breathing and airway management
- ECG interpretation workshop





Under the close guidance of our dedicated faculty members and experienced clinical instructors, students gained valuable hands-on experience, strengthened their procedural competencies, and practiced life-saving interventions in a safe and supervised learning environment.

This practical training not only reinforces foundational emergency medicine skills but also builds students' confidence, teamwork, and decision-making abilities—ensuring they are better prepared to respond to urgent and critical patient scenarios.

The Faculty of Medicine remains committed to providing high-quality, competency-based medical education that empowers future doctors with the skills and professionalism needed to serve the community.

## **FACULTY OF PHARMACY STAFF TRAINING: ENHANCING PATIENT EDUCATION AND BEHAVIOR CHANGE FOR UP STAFF**



Phnom Penh, 27 November 2025 – Ms. Srey Pich, B.Pharm, MPH, full-time lecturer at UP Faculty of Pharmacy, organized a training course for university staff on “Patient Education and Behavior Change: The Role of Healthcare Providers.”

The training covered:

- Key concepts of health behavior theories in patient care
  - Communication and counseling skills for lifestyle change
  - Motivational interviewing techniques for brief patient interactions
- Participants engaged in group discussions, Q&A sessions, experience sharing, and role-play activities as both healthcare providers and patients.

The Faculty of Pharmacy thanks Ms. Srey Pich for her dedication and all participants for their engagement in promoting health education.

## UP FACULTY OF PHARMACY EXPLORES COLLABORATION WITH UITM MALAYSIA FOR FACULTY DEVELOPMENT



The Faculty of Pharmacy, UP, led by Asst. Prof. Chhea Sophearom, held a constructive meeting with Assoc. Prof. Mohd Shahezwan Abd Wahab from the Department of Pharmacy Practice and Clinical Pharmacy, UiTM Malaysia.

The collaboration focuses on faculty development through training in:

- Geriatric Pharmacotherapy
- Infectious Diseases

FoP looks forward to enhancing the professional capacity of academic staff through this partnership

## ASST. PROF YI VANNARY OF MEDICINE WON STAFF AWARD: “EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR IN ACADEMIC”



On 5 December 2025, the University of Puthisastra proudly celebrated UP Staff Celebration Day, a joyful and meaningful event honoring the dedication, contribution, and long-term service of UP employees. The ceremony featured two major recognitions: the Long Service Awards (5- and 10-year milestones) and the prestigious Outstanding Staff Awards for both Academic and Support categories.

This year, the Faculty of Medicine is honored to announce that Asst. Prof. Dr. Yi Vannary, Assistant Dean for Education, has been awarded Employee of the Year (Academic), a testament to her exceptional leadership, academic contribution, and unwavering commitment to advancing medical education at UP and in Cambodia.

### A Journey of Contribution and Leadership Since 2019

Dr. Vannary joined UP in 2019 as Assistant Dean for Education and was recognized with the university's 5-Year Long Service Award in 2024. Over the years, she has played a central



role in academic leadership within the Faculty of Medicine, contributing to UP's growth and reputation as one of Cambodia's leading health science institutions.

Her responsibilities and achievements include:

Academic Leadership and Curriculum Innovation

- Overseeing curriculum design, course mapping, and academic policy implementation across the pre-clinical and clinical phases.
- Leading major academic reforms, particularly the transition toward Competency-Based Medical Education (CBME).

Faculty Development and Educational Advancement

- Designing and delivering comprehensive faculty development programs focused on teaching innovation, assessment reform, and the integration of digital and AI-enhanced learning tools.
- Preparing part-time and full-time faculty to meet modern medical education standards and best practices.

Administrative Excellence and Quality Assurance

- Coordinating more than 100 part-time lecturers annually to ensure adequate course coverage, teaching quality, and CBME alignment.
- Leading documentation efforts for national and international accreditation processes, contributing significantly to UP's quality assurance and institutional readiness.

A Remarkable Year of Scholarly Achievement (2025)

In 2025, Dr. Vannary achieved an outstanding record of research output, with three international publications, all contributing meaningful evidence to medical education reform:

1. Strengthening Faculty Development through Regional and Global Collaboration: An Innovative Virtual Program in Cambodia, DOI: 10.5334/aogh.4660
2. Integrating Case-Based Learning in a Cambodian Medical School: A Three-Cycle Plan-Do-Study-Act Study of Curriculum Reform, DOI: 10.32895/MPR.25.00066
3. Reflections on Challenges in Building Assessment Capacity Among Part-Time Faculty in a Competency-Based Medical Education (CBME) Transition, DOI: 10.32895/MPR.25.00065

These publications highlight the Faculty of Medicine's leadership in CBME innovation, assessment reform, and faculty capacity-building.

Securing Competitive Research Funding

Also in 2025, Dr. Vannary successfully secured three competitive research grants, strengthening UP's visibility and research capacity:

- 2025–2026: UP Research Grant (\$2,900) — Principal Investigator
- 2025–2027: Southeast Asia Bioethics Network Research Fellowship (£10,000) — Co-Principal Investigator
- 2025–2027: MoEYS, Second Higher Education Improvement Project II (HEIP2) (\$20,000) — Co-Principal Investigator

These projects contribute to ethics scholarship, CBME implementation research, and medical education quality improvement.

Driving Forward UP's CBME Transformation

Currently, Dr. Vannary is leading the development and evaluation of a 10-week Faculty Development Program aimed at preparing MD lecturers for UP's transition to the new national CBME curriculum, which is planned for implementation in 2026 under the Ministry of Health agenda. Her leadership ensures that UP is not only ready for this national shift but positioned as a model institution in teaching excellence.

### Celebrating Excellence

Dr. Vannary's recognition as Employee of the Year (Academic) reflects her exceptional service, scholarship, and dedication to student success and faculty capacity-building. The Faculty of Medicine extends heartfelt congratulations and deep appreciation for her contribution to UP's mission and the advancement of medical education in Cambodia.

## BACTERIOLOGY MIDTERM GROUP PRESENTATIONS



On November 26, 2025, ADL year-2 students in the Bacteriology course, led by Lecturer Heng Sreyly, successfully completed their midterm group presentations with excellent teamwork and scientific enthusiasm.

The four groups presented on the following topics:

- Group 1: Antimicrobial Susceptibility Testing (AST)
- Group 2: CLSI Guidelines for AST
- Group 3: AST for *Corynebacterium* Species
- Group 4: Rapid AST Methods for Positive Blood Culture

We are proud of their hard work, confidence, and ability to apply bacteriology concepts into real laboratory practice. Keep it up, future medical laboratory professionals!