



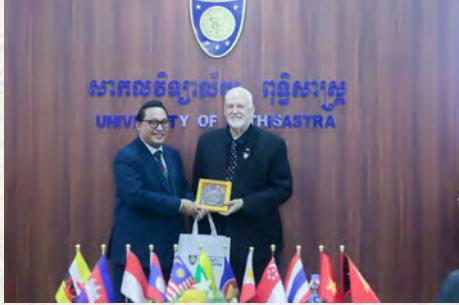
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THIS NEWSLETTER DEDICATED TO SHOWCASING UP'S LATEST ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS, INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATIONS, AND VIBRANT CAMPUS LIFE OF HEALTH SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.

UNIVERSITY OF PUTHISAstra CAMBODIA HOSTS 2026 AASMT BOARD MEETING



Phnom Penh: On Thursday, 5 February 2026, University of Puthisastra, Cambodia, was honored to host the 2026 ASEAN Association of Schools for Medical Laboratory Technology (AASMT) Board Meeting at E-meeting room, Building E. This important regional meeting reflected the University of Puthisastra's role as a leading higher education institution committed to academic excellence and regional engagement.

The 2026 AASMT Board Meeting was officially opened and conducted under the chairmanship of Prof. Ian Rouse, President and Vice-Chancellor of University of Puthisastra, followed by welcoming remarks from representatives of the AASMT Board of Directors.

The meeting aimed to strengthen cooperation within the ASEAN framework for medical laboratory technology through academic collaboration, accreditation development, and professional networking.

The meeting was attended by Prof. Chea Sin, Vice-President of University of Puthisastra and President-Elect of the ASEAN Association of Schools for Medical Laboratory Technology (AASMT), President of CAMT, UP's staff, and AASMT Board representatives from the Philippines, Malaysia, and Vietnam. The strong participation highlighted the University of Puthisastra's growing academic network within the ASEAN region.

During the AASMT Board Meeting, participants reviewed the 2025 outcomes, discussed updates to the accreditation framework, explored collaborative curriculum initiatives, and considered proposals for regional research networks. The afternoon working group meeting further discussed plans for the AASMT Conference to be hosted in Cambodia and included a site visit to the proposed conference hotel, coordinated by University of Puthisastra.

The successful hosting of this event demonstrated University of Puthisastra's strong commitment to regional collaboration, leadership in higher education, and the advancement of medical laboratory technology across ASEAN.

STEM CAMPAIGN AT PREY VENG AND SVAY RIENG PROVINCE



The Faculty of Science and Technology, with the support of the Marketing Team, successfully conducted a STEM Campaign at Hun Sen Kampong Leav High School in Prey Veng Province, Hun Sen Svay Chrum High School, and Svay Rieng High School in Svay Rieng Province.

The campaign took place on 2–3 February 2026 and showcased two STEM degree programs offered by the University of Puthisastra (UP): Science Research and Information Technology, along with information on available scholarship opportunities.

During the campaign, high school students actively participated in hands-on experiments and engaging interactive activities from both programs. These activities sparked curiosity, encouraged exploration, and allowed students to experience STEM learning in a practical and enjoyable way.

The STEM Campaign aimed to inspire students' interest in science and technology while building their confidence to pursue STEM-related studies. By presenting STEM careers as accessible, achievable, and exciting, the campaign contributed to raising awareness of future academic and career pathways in STEM fields.

ACTIVE LEARNING IN ACTION: FRESHMEN SHOWCASE BUSINESS IDEAS IN ENTREPRENEURSHIP COURSE

Just three weeks into the semester, freshmen enrolled in the Introduction to Entrepreneurship course are already stepping into the role of young innovators. As part of an early-semester active learning activity, students participated in a gallery walk, where each individual presented a business idea in poster format and shared it with classmates.

Beyond showcasing creativity, the gallery walk served a dual purpose. It was strategically used as a group formation mechanism for the semester-long project, allowing students to join teams based on shared interests and complementary ideas. This approach supports active learning and project-based learning, with a clear vertical progression from week to week.



By aligning multiple learning objectives into a single activity, students are able to maximize their learning time while working toward one coherent output: a business portfolio composed of smaller, structured assignment deliverables.

The Introduction to Entrepreneurship course provides students with foundational knowledge in entrepreneurship, including SWOT analysis, Business Model Canvas, and the A–Z of new product development. More importantly, it equips students with essential entrepreneurial skills, one of the ten core learning domains outlined in the Cambodia Quality Framework (CQF) by the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport.

Entrepreneurial education goes beyond starting businesses. It fosters creativity, problem-solving, critical thinking, and opportunity recognition—skills that are vital not only for individual career development but also for community and economic development. By engaging students early through experiential learning activities such as gallery walks, the course encourages confidence, collaboration, and ownership of learning from the very beginning of their university journey.

This early exposure sets a strong foundation for students to grow their ideas throughout the semester, transforming initial concepts into viable business proposals while developing competencies that will serve them well beyond the classroom.

LET'S GO TO TDTU 2026



Congratulations to Science Research Students from Batches 3 and 4 who were chosen to attend the International Exchange Program “Let’s go to TDTU 2026” in Vietnam

The Department of Science Research of the Faculty of Science and Technology, University of Puthisastra, would like to congratulate 6 Science Research Students from Batches 3 and 4 who were selected to participate in the International Exchange Program “Let’s go to TDTU 2026” in Vietnam, organized by the Faculty of Pharmacy, Ton Duc Thang University.

Insights from TDTU Research

Culture Presentation

Vietnamese Traditional Music Instrument Workshop

Culture Bridge- The Rhythm of Spring, where our students got 2nd Prize

research presentations from Vietnamese, Indonesian and Cambodian students.

international lecturers and practical class

The program will take place for two weeks from January 15 to February 6, 2026, in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, with three participating countries: Cambodia, Vietnam, and Indonesia.

FOURTH-YEAR PHARMACY STUDENTS CONTINUE INTERNSHIP AT VS MEDICAL LABORATORY



On 26 January 2026, a group of fourth-year Bachelor of Pharmacy students from the University of Puthisastra continued their internship at VS Medical Laboratory.

During the internship, students gained hands-on experience in hematology, biochemistry, and immunology, enhancing their technical skills, critical thinking, and problem-solving abilities in a real laboratory setting.

The Faculty of Pharmacy remains committed to strengthening experiential learning through partnerships with professional laboratories. The faculty also extends sincere appreciation to the management and instructors of VS Medical Laboratory for their valuable support and mentorship.

FACULTY OF PHARMACY SUCCESSFULLY CONDUCTS ORIENTATION SESSION FOR KINAL PRIZE 2026



Phnom Penh: On Tuesday, 27 January 2026, the Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Puthisastra, in collaboration with the Kinal Foundation, organized an orientation session for the KINAL PRIZE 2026 Research Paper Competition.

The session was chaired by Prof. Chea Sin, Vice President of UP; Mr. Saket Sophasila, Delegate Director of PPM Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Company and Secretary General of the Kinal Foundation; and Asst. Prof. Chhea Sophearom, Dean of the Faculty of Pharmacy. The event was attended by over 120 participants, including academic leaders, faculty members, and students, and was conducted via Zoom.

The program featured presentations on research proposal writing, research methodology, research ethics, and report writing, as well as experience-sharing sessions by previous KINAL PRIZE winners.

The orientation provided participants with essential guidance, knowledge, and inspiration to prepare for successful participation in the KINAL PRIZE 2026.

FACULTY OF PHARMACY CONGRATULATES MS. KANG SOVANNARY ON SUCCESSFUL INTERNSHIP COMPLETION AT NISTI



The Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Puthisastra, extends its warm congratulations to Ms. Kang Sovannary, a fourth-year pharmacy student, on successfully completing a three-month internship at the National Institute of Science, Technology and Innovation (NISTI) from 20 October 2025 to 20 January 2026.

During her internship, Ms. Kang Sovannary gained valuable hands-on experience in food science, particularly in food production processes and quality control using advanced technologies.

Reflecting on her experience, she shared:

“This internship allowed me to apply my academic knowledge in a real-world setting and significantly strengthened my practical skills. I am deeply grateful to NISTI for the training opportunity and to the Faculty of Pharmacy for coordinating and supporting my internship.”

This internship experience demonstrates the Faculty’s commitment to providing students with experiential learning opportunities that enhance professional readiness.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 13TH GENERATION OF MEDICAL LABORATORY SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETING THEIR CLERKSHIP



The second-year Associate Degree students in Medical Laboratory Technology, 13th Generation (2024–2025), from the Department of Medical Laboratory Science at Puthisastra University have successfully completed a 4-week internship in medical laboratories at national hospitals, including Preah Kossamak Hospital, National Pediatric Hospital, and Khmer-Soviet Friendship Hospital, from December 22, 2025 to January 16, 2026.

The internship aimed to enhance students’ knowledge and practical skills under the following topics:

- Blood transfusion
- Bacteriology

DR. THET SOPHEAK PARTICIPATES IN ISO 15189:2022 MEDICAL LABORATORY AND ASSESSOR COMPETENCY TRAINING



The five-day training, held from 2–6 February 2026, focused on the implementation of ISO 15189:2022: Medical laboratories – Requirements for quality and competence. The program took place at Sunway Hotel, with the final examination for assessor candidates conducted at the Ministry of Industry, Science, Technology and Innovation (MISTI).

The training comprehensively covered key components of the ISO 15189:2022 standard through expert-led lectures, practical examples, and interactive group activities to strengthen participants' understanding and real-world application of laboratory quality systems.

Key highlights included quality and risk management, resource and equipment control, pre- and post-examination processes, technical validation, internal audits, corrective actions, and continual improvement. The program concluded with a final examination for participants seeking ISO 15189 assessor competency.

Dr. Thet Sopheak's participation reflects the University of Puthisastra's strong commitment to quality assurance, accreditation readiness, and evidence-based laboratory practice, contributing to the advancement of medical and pharmaceutical laboratory sciences in Cambodia.

FACULTY OF PHARMACY STRENGTHENS COMPETENCY-BASED EDUCATION THROUGH OSPE



The Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Puthisastra (UP) continues to promote Competency-Based Education (CBE) by emphasizing the development of knowledge, practical skills, and professional competencies essential for future pharmacy practice.

As part of this initiative, fourth-year pharmacy students participated in hands-on laboratory training through an Objective Structured Practical Examination (OSPE) focusing on pharmaceutical materials analysis. The practical assessment included the evaluation of Total Phenolic Content (TPC), Total Flavonoid Content (TFC), Ferric Reducing Antioxidant Power (FRAP), and Total Chlorophyll Content (TCC) using a UV-Microplate Reader.

This training enhanced students' technical skills in reagent and sample preparation, instrument operation, data calculation, and result interpretation, while also fostering analytical and critical thinking in natural product research.

Through the integration of CBE principles and laboratory-based learning, the Faculty ensures that students acquire competencies directly applicable to pharmaceutical science, natural product analysis, and quality assessment, preparing them for professional laboratory practice.

CLERKSHIP ACTIVITIES OF ASSOCIATE DEGREE STUDENTS IN MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNOLOGY AT NATIONAL HOSPITALS



On February 02, 2026, the Associate Degree in Medical Laboratory Technology Year 3, batch 12, from the Department of Medical Laboratory Sciences, University of Puthisastra, have started their clerkship at the medical laboratories of several national hospitals, including:

- Cambodia China Friendship Hospital (Preah Kosamak)
- Khmer Soviet Friendship Hospital
- National Pediatric Hospital

This clerkship was conducted over a period of one week, from 2 to 6 February 2026. The program focused on Laboratory Quality Management Systems in Medical Laboratories (LQMS). The objective of this clerkship was to enhance students' knowledge and professional skills through practical experience.

ADNY2-B13 CLERKSHIP 4

On February 2, 2026, students from the Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN), Year 2, Batch 13 officially began their clinical clerkship at several partnered hospitals in Phnom Penh. This marks an important milestone in their nursing education as they transition from classroom-based learning to



real clinical practice.

The clerkship is conducted at the following hospitals:

1. Cambodia–China Friendship Preah Kossamak Hospital
2. Khmer Soviet Friendship Hospital

Prior to starting their clinical duties, students participated in orientation sessions organized by the hospitals. These sessions are designed to prepare students for a safe, professional, and effective clinical learning experience.

Through the orientation, students were able to:

- Gain an understanding of the hospital's organizational structure
- Learn about hospital policies, rules, and discipline
- Understand the learning expectations of the internship and the importance of nursing professional ethics
- Receive direct guidance from hospital staff on how to work safely and effectively with patients

This clerkship provides students with valuable hands-on experience, helping them develop essential clinical skills, professional behavior, and confidence in patient care. The Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery would like to express sincere appreciation to the partner hospitals for their continued support in nursing education and clinical training.

ORAL HEALTH CARE FOR CHILDREN IN NEED



The Collaborating Centre for Innovation in Population Oral Health (CIPO) at the University of Puthisastra, together with ten Year 5 dental students, carried out a routine three-monthly fluoride application for children at the National Center for Infants and Children.

This preventive care is essential in protecting young teeth, preventing early decay, and giving vulnerable children a healthier start in life. Our team completed 155 children.

The visit was made even more meaningful by the presence of Dr. Seema, Director of the UP-Health Center, whose support reflects a strong commitment to child health and inspires both students and staff to continue serving the community with compassion and dedication.

To further support daily oral hygiene, the team also provided 24 boxes of Essential Health Packages and 12 toothbrush holders, helping ensure that care continues beyond the clinic and into everyday life.

HEALTHY KIDS PROGRAM LEVEL 2 AT HANG NGOR PRIMARY SCHOOL AND LEVEL 3 CARE AT UP HOSPITAL



The Collaborating Centre for Innovation in Population Oral Health (CIPO), University of Puthisastra, in collaboration with the Cambodia Oral Health Partnership (COHP) and with generous support from Dr. Steve Cohn and his team, successfully provided Level 2 dental treatment services to children at Hang Ngor Primary School. On the first day, Dr. Steve Cohn and Dr. Chum Khemrak delivered a special lecture to the team, while Dr. Sieng Chanthyda conducted the overall orientation to ensure smooth coordination throughout the program.

Over the six-days activity, our dental team completed Level 2 treatment for approximately 300 children. The children expressed great satisfaction with the care provided, and it was particularly encouraging to see that many felt comfortable and no longer fearful of receiving dental treatment. Children requiring more advanced treatment were referred to UP Hospital for Level 3 care.

We sincerely thank Dr. Steve and his team for their dedication in helping bring healthy smiles to these children. Special appreciation also goes to Prof. Ian Rouse and Dr. Seema for their kind support and visit to encourage our team.

MEDICAL STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN THE MISSION OF SUNRISE CHARITY FOUNDATION

Two year-6 medical students participated in a charity health program organized by the Sunrise Charity Foundation. The event aimed to improve access to basic healthcare services for underserved communities and was held at Hun Sen Kor High School, located in Tamot Village, Kor Commune, Prey Chhor District, Kampong Cham Province.



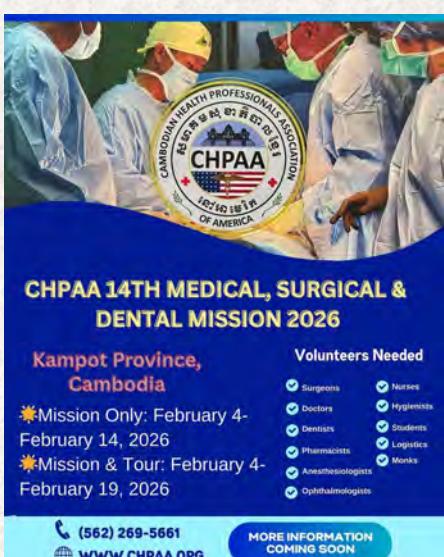
The charity program successfully provided free health check-ups and essential medicines to more than 300 individuals, including children, adults, and elderly residents from the surrounding communities.

Throughout the day, the two Year 6 MD students worked alongside healthcare volunteers to conduct medical examinations, perform basic diagnoses, and offer consultations tailored to patients' needs. They also assisted in providing appropriate treatment and guidance under professional supervision.

Beyond clinical services, the program placed strong emphasis on health education. Community members received practical advice on personal hygiene, healthy lifestyles, and preventive measures against common infectious diseases. These educational activities aimed to empower individuals with knowledge to better manage their health and reduce preventable illnesses in the long term.

This charity health initiative played a vital role in addressing healthcare gaps in the local area, where access to medical services is often limited. The involvement of Puthisastra University's Year 6 medical students not only contributed to the success of the program but also provided them with valuable hands-on experience in community-based healthcare. The event reflected the spirit of compassion, social responsibility, and professional commitment that future healthcare providers should uphold.

MEDICAL STUDENTS JOINING CHPAA 14TH MISSION TO KAMPOT PROVINCE



48 medical students from the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Puthisastra will participate in the Cambodian Health Professionals Association of America's (CHPAA) 14th Medical, Surgical, and Dental Mission to Cambodia, scheduled in Kampot Province from February 4 to February 19, 2026.

CHPAA is a nonprofit humanitarian organization formed by Cambodian and international healthcare professionals in the United States. It works to promote health and social well-being through ongoing service, medical care, and health education for underserved communities in Cambodia.

This year's mission will be supported by a dedicated team of 104 volunteer professionals, including specialists from medical,

surgical, ophthalmology, pain management, pharmacy, triage, and dental teams. Complementing these experienced practitioners, student volunteers from the University of Puthisastra will play an active role in critical support functions throughout the mission.

Their responsibilities will include patient registration, clinical triage, pharmacy assistance, translation, logistical coordination, and community outreach, enhancing the team's capacity to deliver comprehensive healthcare services to local residents in Kampot Province.

By engaging both experienced healthcare providers and enthusiastic student volunteers, the mission exemplifies collaborative, community-centered care, empowering future health professionals while extending much-needed services to rural and underserved populations.

MEDICAL STUDENT CONTRIBUTING TO SMILE CAMBODIA SURGICAL MISSION



Mr. Nov Mengfong, a medical student from the Faculty of Medicine, University of Puthisastra, participated in the Smile Cambodia humanitarian mission in collaboration with the Northwest Medical Volunteers from the United States at Khmer Soviet Friendship Hospital.

Throughout this six-day medical mission, Mr. Nov Mengfong served as an Operating Room Assistant, contributing to 49 surgical procedures for patients with microtia, cleft lip, cleft palate, and other minor plastic surgery conditions. His involvement supported the delivery of safe and effective surgical care to patients with congenital anomalies.

The multidisciplinary team worked diligently to ensure that all procedures were conducted in accordance with high clinical standards. As a result, all surgeries were completed successfully.

The primary objective of the mission was to provide specialized surgical care for children with congenital birth defects and individuals requiring reconstructive plastic surgery, thereby improving their quality of life. In total, approximately 100 patients received medical consultations, of whom 49 patients underwent surgical intervention. The remaining patients have been scheduled to receive priority treatment during the next mission in Siem Reap.

Mr. Nov Mengfong's participation reflects the University of Puthisastra Faculty of Medicine's commitment to academic excellence, professional responsibility, and community engagement through meaningful clinical service.

UP PHARMACY STUDENTS JOIN CHPAA FREE HEALTH SCREENING IN KAMPOT PROVINCE



Kampot Province: From February 9 to 14, 2026, 23 pharmacy students from Puthisastra University took part in a free health screening and mobile clinic initiative conducted by CHPAA in Kampot Province.

The program delivered a wide range of healthcare services to the public, including health screenings and medical treatment. In addition to hospital-based services, the pharmacy students actively supported mobile clinic activities, helping to expand access to healthcare for underserved and remote communities.

Throughout the program, the students were involved in key activities such as patient registration, blood pressure monitoring, and prescription medication distribution.

Their participation supported CHPAA's mission to improve community healthcare access while also enhancing the students' practical skills and professional experience in real-world clinical and community settings.

THE PREPARATION OF INTERNAL REVIEW/AUDIT: UP'S IQA STANDARDS AND SELF-ASSESSMENT REPORT



On 29th January 2026, the Internal Quality Assurance Unit (IQAU) of the University of Puthisastra conducted an IQA Orientation on "The Preparation of Internal Review/Audit: UP's IQA Standards and Self-Assessment Report".

The orientation was attended by IQA representatives from all faculties and departments across the university. The session aimed to enhance all 23 participants' understanding of UP's IQA Standards and to prepare them for the internal review and audit process.

During the orientation, Mr. Kol Ratha, QA Coordinator, delivered a presentation on Standards 1 to 6, providing an overview of the fundamental quality assurance principles and their practical application within academic and administrative units. Following this, Mr. Sok Sarin, QA Manager, facilitated on Standards 7 to 10 and guided participants through the Self-Assessment Report (SAR) template, highlighting its key elements and the importance of accurate and reflective reporting.

The orientation served as an important platform for strengthening institutional quality practices and promoting a shared understanding of quality assurance across the University of Puthisastra. The event reflects the IQAU's ongoing commitment to fostering a culture of continuous improvement and accountability within the university.

MOCK INTERNAL EXIT EXAM OF BBL BATCH 1ST



On 6th February 2026 the Department of Laboratory Sciences, University of Puthisastra has conducted the first Mock OSCE Internal Exit Exam for Medical Laboratory Technology student batch 1st.

This mock exam is conducted with the aim of preparing, improving the capabilities, and measuring the abilities of students so that they can be ready for the upcoming Internal Exit Exam and National Exit Exam.

BUILDING NATIONAL RESILIENCE: MOLECULAR ENTOMOLOGY CAPACITY STRENGTHENING IN CAMBODIA



Building National Resilience: Molecular Entomology Capacity Strengthening in Cambodia
 "As countries approach disease elimination, the work becomes more complex and precise. This program matters because it places advanced molecular tools—PCR and CS ELISA—firmly in Cambodian hands, strengthening national surveillance at a critical moment in our malaria elimination journey." — Prof.Ian, UP's President.

This week, we proudly marked the conclusion of a collaborative capacity-strengthening program delivered by the National Center for Parasitology, Entomology and Malaria Control (CNM), PMI Evolve Cambodia, and the University of Puthisastra (UP). This initiative is public health at its best:

a partnership where national institutions and universities align to turn science into a force for long-term sustainability and trust.

Congratulations to our Outstanding Trainees! We are thrilled to celebrate our Medical Laboratory Technology (Batch 12) students who successfully completed this intensive 2-month training (Nov 1 – Dec 21, 2025): Ms. TOUCH Channary Mr. UN Chin

Under the guidance of specialists from the PMI Evolve Project, they mastered: 1. Basic Morphology & Anatomy of Anopheles Mosquitos and Bisection. 2. CS ELISA for Sporozoite Detection. 3. Molecular Identification of Malaria Vectors via PCR.

A sincere thank you to CNM, PMI Evolve Cambodia, and all colleagues who contributed to building this national capability. Together, we are securing a malaria-free future for Cambodia.

THE ACADEMIC ENGLISH TEAM: SAME TEAM, BETTER SPACE



For two weeks, the Academic English team worked without a permanent office base. While the transition period came with its challenges, it also highlighted the strength of collaboration and support across the university.

With the collective effort and encouragement of various stakeholders, the team has now moved into a newly improved office space—one that is comfortable, health-conscious, and designed to support both productivity and staff wellbeing. The redesigned environment reflects the university's ongoing commitment to creating healthy and sustainable workplaces for its staff.

A key feature of the new space is the introduction of electric standing desks, which allow staff members to alternate between sitting and standing throughout the day. This supports physical health, encourages movement during work hours, and helps maintain focus and presence during long working sessions.

The office's cardio-friendly color scheme further enhances the environment, creating a space that feels energizing, welcoming, and conducive to collaboration. Together, these changes contribute to a more positive and supportive workplace atmosphere.

The transformation of the office is not only about physical improvement, but also about reaffirming the value placed on staff wellbeing, teamwork, and shared responsibility. With the same team and a better space, the Academic English team is well positioned to continue supporting teaching, learning, and innovation across the university.

If you would like to see how it looks and feels in real life, feel free to drop by E01 (the Academic English Office) anytime. You are always welcome.

APPRECIATION FOR 5 DENTAL CLINICS SUPPORTING STUDENT CLINICAL VISITS IN DENTAL PRACTICE MANAGEMENT



The Department of Dentistry, like to sincerely appreciate IMI Dental Clinic, Nobel Dental Clinic, Khemara Dental Clinic (Sovanna Branch), Gallery Dental & Aesthetic Clinic, and Vachana Dental Clinic for welcoming our dental students for a clinical visit as part of the Dental Practice Management subject, taught by Dr. Lao Ryna and Dr. Kong Kalyan.

As one of the key student assessments, providing valuable real-world exposure to dental clinic operations, professional practice, and patient care management. Your generous support and willingness to share practical experience significantly enrich our students learning and professional development. The clinics openness in sharing their experience has greatly supported our students learning and professional growth.

We truly appreciate your continued support in strengthening dental education in Cambodia and inspiring future dental professionals.

BUILDING ACADEMIC QUALITY: FACULTY OF DENTISTRY STAFF COMPLETES NATIONAL QA INSPECTION TRAINING



The Faculty of Dentistry is pleased to share that Asst. Prof. San Techly, Undergraduate Program Coordinator, has successfully completed the Training Course on Quality Assurance Inspection System organized by the National Institute of Education, Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport.

Conducted from October 18 to November 23, 2025, the training strengthened professional competencies in academic quality management, internal quality assurance mechanisms, and

inspection procedures aligned with national higher education standards.

This participation was made possible through the support of the management of the Faculty of Dentistry, University of Puthisastra, which provided both financial and logistical facilitation and the opportunity to engage in national-level professional development.

The knowledge and practical frameworks gained from this certification will contribute to continuous improvement in curriculum implementation, documentation, and program evaluation, further enhancing the faculty's readiness for accreditation and reinforcing the University of Puthisastra's commitment to a sustainable culture of quality.

EXPERTISE SHARING SESSION ON “DATA SOVEREIGNTY IN PRIVATE CLOUD”



The Faculty of Science and Technology, University of Puthisastra, in collaboration with First Cambodia, successfully hosted an Expertise Sharing Session on “Data Sovereignty in Private Cloud” at Hall H, University of Puthisastra.

Our speaker from First Cambodia, Mr. Chun Pheakdey, with more than 13 years of experience in the IT industry, brought deep expertise in technology to the session.

The session received active participation from ICT lecturers and students across various years, including both Bachelor's and Master's programs.

The sharing session provided valuable insights into data governance and private cloud technologies, fostering meaningful knowledge exchange and professional development.

THESIS DEFENSE FOR THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE RESEARCH BATCH 2, GROUP 2



Congratulations on the Thesis Defense for the Bachelor of Science Research Batch 2, Group 2. On Monday, January 27, 2026, the Department of Research Science, Faculty of Science and Technology, Puthisastra University, organized the thesis defense for the Bachelor of Science Research.

The students defended their thesis under the topic
“Determination of Prevalence and Antibiotic Resistance in *Staphylococcus aureus* Isolated from Pasteurized and UHT Cow Milk Sold in Phnom Penh, Cambodia”

The thesis was presented by group 2 batch 2, consisting of the following members:

1. Ms. Som Dalen
2. Ms. An Siev Y
3. Ms. Hak Meyhuoy
4. Ms. Ann Reaksa
5. Ms. Sim Nita

This project is under the supervision of Mrs. Heng Sreyly and Mr. BE Sokkeang with evaluated by three committees, namely;

1. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Tam Sakirin, Dean of the Faculty of Science and Technology
2. Asst. Prof. Chhon Yanvary, Full-time lecturer, University of Puthisastra
3. Ms. Muk Lykeang, Full-time lecturer, University of Puthisastra
4. Mr. Say Sinith, Program manager of Laboratory, University of Puthisastra

The Faculty of Science and Technology is proud of the efforts of its students and hopes that students will use their knowledge to benefit themselves and society.

MD THESIS DEFENSE: CERVICAL CANCER PREVENTION AMONG FEMALE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS



The Faculty of Medicine, University of Puthisastra (UP), conducted the MD thesis defense of Batch 5, Group 22 on the topic "Access to Cervical Cancer Prevention and Screening Services among Female University Students in Cambodia: A Cross-Sectional Study." The defense was held in a hybrid format at Building H, Hall H.

The defense was chaired by Asst. Prof. Dr. PROM Vireak, with Prof. Anand Marya and Dr. EM Sovannarith serving as examiners. The study was supervised by Dr. THIM Pichthida and Mr. CHHOUN Pheak, and conducted by students BUNNA Daneath, KHAT Bopha, and THOANG Darina.

The cross-sectional study involved 238 female students from the University of Puthisastra and the Institute of Foreign Languages. Findings showed that although over half of participants demonstrated moderate knowledge and favorable attitudes toward cervical cancer prevention, actual screening practice was very low. The study highlights the need for increased awareness and improved access to cervical cancer screening and HPV vaccination services among young women in Cambodia.

THE STUDY CLUB: MEDICINE BEYOND TECHNIQUES BY FACULTY OF MEDICINE

The Study Club: Medicine Beyond Techniques is a student-co-led initiative at the University of Puthisastra that aims to cultivate essential generic skills and professional values among medical students. Built on three guiding principles—student-co-led, values-based, and action-oriented—the club seeks to nurture compassionate, reflective, and responsible future healthcare professionals.



beyond technical expertise alone.

The club officially launched with Week 1: Gaps in Clinical Care, centered on the reflective question: "What do we offer as healthcare providers, and what do patients truly need?" This session encouraged students to critically examine real-world clinical encounters, communication gaps, and patient expectations that are often overlooked in routine medical training. Through guided discussions and shared reflections, students explored healthcare from a patient-centered perspective, reinforcing empathy and ethical awareness.

Building on this foundation, Week 2: Integrity – Building a Foundation of Trust emphasized honesty, accountability, and responsibility as core elements of medical professionalism. Using real-life ethical scenarios, students reflected on challenges commonly faced in healthcare settings and examined how integrity influences patient trust, teamwork, and institutional credibility.

Across both weeks, students demonstrated strong engagement in a supportive learning environment that fostered critical thinking, self-reflection, and moral reasoning. Faculty mentors facilitated meaningful dialogue, highlighting the importance of values-based practice in medicine.

The success of the first two weeks reflects strong collaboration between students, the Faculty of Medicine, and the Learning and Teaching Team. We extend our sincere appreciation to Asst. Prof. Prom Vireak, Dr. Cheab Sambath, Asst. Prof. Yi Vannary, Asst. Prof. Thao Titya, Dr. Hieng Kosalthyda, Ms. Ngov Sreynich, Mr. Veasna Sophatana, and all supporting teams and enthusiastic students for their dedication and guidance.

Looking ahead, the Study Club will continue with four upcoming themes—Collaboration, Resilience, Public Science Communication, and Responsibility—further strengthening students' professional identity and leadership capacity. Through these sessions, the Study Club remains committed to preparing students not only to become skilled clinicians, but principled and socially responsible healers.

FACULTY OF PHARMACY HOSTS SHARING SESSION ON JOURNAL OF CAMBODIAN HEALTH

The Faculty of Pharmacy is pleased to organize a sharing session for Master's students on: "Introduction to UP's Journal: Journal of Cambodian Health"

- Date: 13 February 2026
- Time: 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Sharing session for Master Students

Introduction to UP's Journal: Journal of Cambodian Health

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Online Training

Guest Speaker
Mr. KONG Sela
Research Coordinator
Research Department

Speaker
Dr. THET Sopeak
Deputy Dean of Research
Faculty of Pharmacy

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- **Venue: Zoom Meeting**

This session aims to enhance students' understanding of academic journals, publication processes, and ethical research practices. It will support students in developing strong research literacy and preparing for future publications.

Speakers:

- Mr. Kong Sela, Research Coordinator, Research Department
- Dr. Thet Sopheak, Deputy Dean of Research, Faculty of Pharmacy.

This initiative reflects the faculty's commitment to strengthening research culture and improving postgraduate academic outcomes. All Master's students are warmly invited to participate.

FACULTY OF PHARMACY ANNOUNCES MASTER'S THESIS DEFENSE IN MEDICAL BIOLOGY

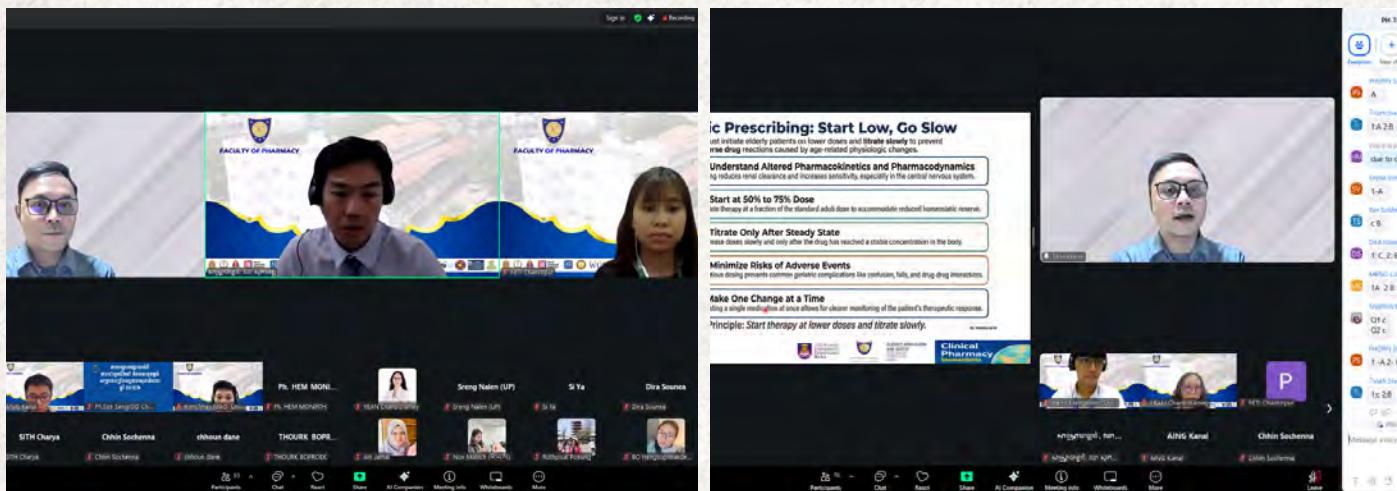
Ms. Seng Sethacharey will defend her thesis entitled “Prevalence of Hemoglobinopathies Among Cambodian Children at Angkor Hospital for Children (2014–2021)” on 20 February 2026, from 1:30 PM to 5:00 PM, at KOSPO Hall, University of Puthisastra. Her thesis is supervised by Prof. Chea Sin, with Asst. Prof. Chhea Sophearom as co-supervisor, and evaluated by Dr. THET Soppeak (Chairperson), Assoc. Prof. KET Vanseth, and Dr. TOR Pety.

Mr. Sok Socheata will defend his thesis entitled “Clients’ Satisfaction with Clinical Laboratory Services at VS Medical Laboratory in Phnom Penh, Cambodia” on 21 February 2026, from 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM, at Hall H, University of Puthisastra. His thesis is supervised by Prof. Chea Sin and evaluated by Asst. Prof. Chhea Sophearom (Chairperson), Dr. CHIEK Sivhour, and Dr. HUN Dylorng.

FACULTY OF PHARMACY, UP, SUCCESSFULLY CONDUCTED 1ST SESSION ONLINE TRAINING ON CLINICAL PHARMACY STEWARDSHIP WITH UITM, MALAYSIA

The Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Puthisastra (UP) successfully conducted a free online training course on Clinical Pharmacy Stewardship in collaboration with Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM), Malaysia on Saturday, 7 February 2026, from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM.

The training was designed for pharmacy students and practicing pharmacists and aimed to enhance knowledge and professional competencies in clinical pharmacy practice. The objectives of the course were to promote knowledge development in clinical pharmacy, strengthen learning and research in clinical pharmacy, and enhance professional practice through insights shared by experienced experts.



This collaborative initiative reflects the shared commitment between the Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Puthisastra, and Universiti Teknologi MARA to advance clinical pharmacy education and professional practice in Cambodia.

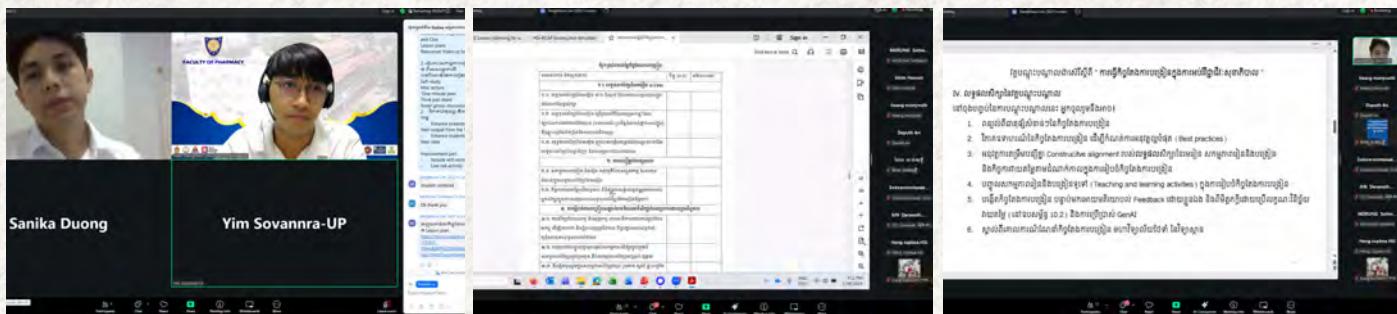
Key topics covered during the training included:

- Medication Management and Therapy for the Elderly
- Antimicrobial Stewardship (AMS) and Antimicrobial Resistance

The live sessions were delivered by distinguished experts from the Elderly Medication and Safety Research Interest Group (RIG), Faculty of Pharmacy, UiTM, Malaysia:

- Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mohd Shahezwan Abd Wahab
- Dr. Janattul Ain Jamal

FACULTY OF PHARMACY STAFF ATTEND LESSON PLANNING IN HEALTH PROFESSIONS EDUCATION TRAINING



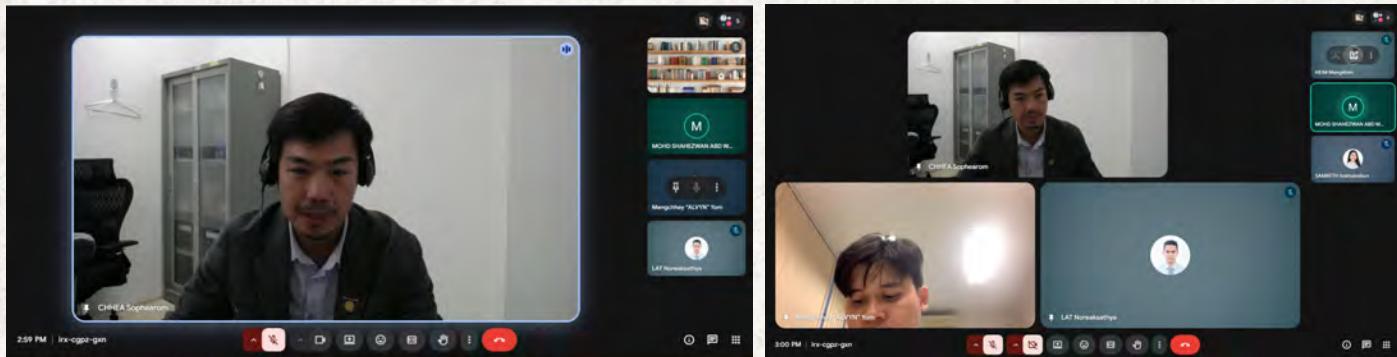
Phnom Penh: On Tuesday, 28 January 2026, staff members of the Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Puthisastra, attended a training series on "Lesson Planning in Health Professions Education."

The training was organized by the Royal Cambodian Armed Forces Institute of Health Sciences, in collaboration with the GIZ Improving Social Protection and Health II (ISPH-II) Project.

The program aimed to strengthen participants' teaching competencies, focusing on effective teaching practices, constructive alignment, lesson plan development, assessment strategies, and responsible use of Generative AI in health professional education.

By the end of the training, participants enhanced their ability to design structured lesson plans aligned with learning outcomes, teaching activities, and assessments, contributing to improved teaching quality within the faculty.

FACULTY OF PHARMACY, UP, CONDUCTED A BILATERAL MEETING WITH UNIVERSITI TEKNOLOGI MARA (UITM), MALAYSIA



Phnom Penh: On Thursday, 5 February 2026, Asst. Prof. Chhea Sophearom, Dean of the Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Puthisastra (UP), Cambodia, participated in a bilateral meeting with Assoc. Prof. Mohd Shahezwan Abd Wahab from the Department of Pharmacy Practice and Clinical Pharmacy, Faculty of Pharmacy, Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM), Malaysia.

The meeting was coordinated by the Department of Cooperation and Partnership of UP and conducted online via Google Meet. Discussions focused on strengthening collaboration under the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between UP and UiTM, particularly in promoting student mobility and exchange programs.

Both institutions also explored opportunities for academic and professional exchanges, including collaboration in teaching, learning, and other academic activities, aimed at enhancing educational quality and mutual institutional development.