



# UP VOICE

The Official Newsletter of the University of Puthisastra (UP)

## GLOBAL RECOGNITION FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF PUTHISAstra IN 2025 RANKINGS

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Join us in congratulating the University of Puthisastra for being ranked 10th for Ethics and Integrity, 12th for Student Mobility and Openness, and 44th for Entrepreneurial Spirit among the world's top universities in 2025.

These rankings are evaluated by the World University Rankings Committee, with an emphasis on three major criteria, including Innovativeness, Implementability, and Impact. This ranking body evaluates innovative programs or cases that positively impact society.

These incredible achievements have not only earned global recognition for the University of Puthisastra but also helped foster Cambodian higher education on the world stage.

It also reassured our university's commitment to positively impacting Cambodian society in particular and the world at large through research initiatives and inputs, innovative programs, ethical leadership, quality education, and student support services.

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WHAT'S UP ON CAMPUS

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## WORKSHOP ON “GOOD PRACTICES IN MICROBIOLOGY” AT UNIVERSITY OF PUTHISAstra



On July 5, 2025, the Cambodian Association of Medical Technologists (CAMT) collaborated with the University of Puthisastra (UP) to conduct a workshop on “Good Practices in Microbiology”. The workshop was held in Hall B of the UP, with the honorable participation of Prof. Ian Rouse, President and Vice-Chancellor, UP and Prof. Ket Vansith, President of CAMT, Ms. Meas Sochanwattey, Dean of Faculty of Health Sciences and Biotechnology, staff and student, together with participants working and studying in the medical area. The program covered both the theory and actual work in the UP-laboratory room. This workshop included 3 main presentations are:

- Topic 1: Principles of Development and Cultivation of Microorganisms by Professor Dr. Srey Viso
- Topic 2: Brief Lesson on Sample Collections for Microbial Analysis by Professor Dr. Nhem Somary
- Topic 3: Gram Stain Technique and Interpretation by Professor Dr. Chiek Sivhour.

All trainees have been trained by doing practical activities in the laboratory of the University of Puthisastra as well.

## PREDEPARTURE CEREMONY FOR THE LARGEST DELEGATION OF 27 UP PHARMACY

STUDENTS SELECTED FOR INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCES ACROSS 6 COUNTRIES: TAIWAN, INDONESIA, JAPAN, MALAYSIA, THAILAND, AND SINGAPORE



On the occasion of the Predeparture Ceremony for International Experiences, the University of Puthisastra proudly celebrated and encouraged its 27 outstanding pharmacy students who have been selected to represent Cambodia and the university in several prestigious international programs across six countries—Taiwan, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Thailand, and Singapore—in July and August 2025. The event was chaired by Prof. Ian Findlay Rouse, President and Vice Chancellor of UP, along with Prof. Chea Sin, Vice-President in charge of Academic Affairs, and Asst. Prof. Chhea Sophearom, Dean of the Faculty of Pharmacy. Faculty staff and fellow students gathered to offer support, guidance, and warm wishes to the departing pharmacy students.

This year marks a significant milestone, as 27 pharmacy students will join globally recognized academic and professional platforms:

- 2 pharmacy students will attend the 2025 Program on Sustainable Development Goals and International Pharmaceutical Learning Network (SDGs & iPLN) in Taiwan, from July 15 to 30, 2025, where they will explore sustainable healthcare solutions and engage in international pharmaceutical discussions.
- 5 pharmacy students will take part in the 2025 Summer Course Exchange Program at Universitas Gadjah Mada (UGM) in Indonesia, from July 27 to August 2, 2025. The program will focus on pharmaceutical science, intercultural exchange, and global academic collaboration.
- 6 pharmacy students will join the 12th Asian Association of Schools of Pharmacy (AASP) Conference 2025 in Japan, from July 30 to August 5, 2025, under the theme "Pharmacy Education for Global Health: Shaping Leaders for Another 25 Years." This event will be a platform for future pharmacy leaders to discuss education, research, and innovation in global health.
- 10 pharmacy students are assigned to participate in the Educultural-Research Fusion Exchange (EFEC) Program 2025, which will be held in Malaysia from July 21 to 30, 2025. The program promotes intercultural learning and research integration within the pharmaceutical field.
- 2 pharmacy students will represent UP at the Asian Association of Schools of Pharmacy – Pharmacy Education Consortium of Thailand (ASSP-PECT) Summer School 2025 at the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Chulalongkorn University, in Bangkok, Thailand, from July 15 to 28, 2025, where they will engage in regional academic collaboration and skill development.
- 2 pharmacy students will attend the Regen Asia Summit (RAS) at the National University of Singapore (NUS), taking place on July 4 and 5, 2025. The summit aims to empower young innovators and researchers in regenerative medicine and pharmacy-related innovations.

This predeparture ceremony not only marks a proud moment for the 27 pharmacy students selected for global exposure but also highlights the University of Puthisastra's continued commitment to international engagement, academic excellence, and

leadership development in pharmaceutical sciences. These international experiences will equip students with the skills, networks, and insights needed to contribute to both Cambodia's healthcare system and the global pharmacy community. This achievement is also a reflection of the strong leadership, commitment, and dedication of Asst. Prof. Chhea Sophearom, Dean of the Faculty of Pharmacy, whose continuous support and vision have played a vital role in promoting international mobility and creating global opportunities for pharmacy students at UP. His efforts in fostering international partnerships and encouraging student participation have significantly elevated the Faculty's presence on the international stage.

## TWO MEDICAL STUDENTS ATTENDED REGEN ASIA SUMMIT (RAS) 2025 IN SINGAPORE



Two medical students, Ms. Thea Sereyvichra and Ms. Khoun Sopeakneat, joined the Regen Asia Summit (RAS) for 2 days at the National University of Singapore (NUS). The summit brought together people from different countries and backgrounds, students, educators, Indigenous leaders, and environmental advocates to share ideas and learn how we can help restore the environment and build stronger communities.

The students attended some sessions throughout the day, each offering valuable insights:

### 1. Net Zero to Net Positive

This session introduced the idea of regeneration, going beyond sustainability to improve the environment and community well-being.

### 2. Regeneration in Asia

This session explored how traditional practices like agroforestry can work alongside modern technology to create local solutions.

### 3. The Future We Steward

In this youth-focused panel, they share how young people can take the lead in shaping climate policy.

### 4. Indigenous Futures

Indigenous speakers shared how their communities have long protected the environment.

### 5. Nature as Medicine: The Science of Forest Bathing and Ecotherapy

This session explained how nature can support mental and physical health.

One of the most impactful sessions was called "Fork to Future: Reimagining Food for a Regenerative World." Key points included ways to cut down on food waste and protect Indigenous food traditions.

## UP'S SCIENCE RESEARCH STUDENT ATTENDED THE REGEN ASIA SUMMIT (RAS 2025) IN SINGAPORE

Miss Sim Nita and Mr. Chao Tha Chea Buthra are senior students majoring in Bachelor of Science Research, batch 2 from the Department of Science Research, the Faculty of Science and Technology, the University of Puthisastra.

Both Science Research students were selected to attend the Regen Asia Summit (RAS 2025), which was held from 4 to 5 July 2025 at the National University of Singapore, Singapore. Regen Asia Summit (RAS 2025) is one of the premier regional gatherings for advancing regenerative and sustainable practices in the Asia-Pacific area.

It brings together politicians, innovators, and leaders in the industry to discuss practical approaches to climate action, environmental resilience, and sustainable development. It is a fantastic opportunity to widen students' horizons, learn important things, and actively participate in conversations that help shape a more sustainable future, thanks to this platform. As Nita and Buthra represented the University of Puthisastra on this global platform, the Faculty of Science and Technology is proud of them and wishes them a successful and motivating on any upcoming work.

## CELEBRATING THE SUCCESSFUL ACCEPTANCE OF ASST. PROF. CHHEA SOPHEAROM TO THE 12TH AASP CONFERENCE 2025 IN JAPAN



Asst. Prof. Chhea Sophearom's presence at the 12th Asian Association of Schools of Pharmacy (AASP) Conference 2025 underscore the Faculty of Pharmacy's commitment to academic excellence, research innovation, and regional collaboration. His dedication not only enhances the international reputation of the University of Puthisastra but also brings valuable insights and opportunities for faculty members and students alike. By actively engaging with leading pharmacy educators and researchers across Asia, He helps ensure the faculty stays at the forefront of local pharmaceutical education and contributes to advancing healthcare standards both locally and globally.

The Asian Association of Schools of Pharmacy (AASP),

founded in April 2001, promotes the advancement of pharmacy education and research across Asia. Since its founding, the AASP has alternated annually between conferences and education forums. The 12th AASP Conference will be hosted for the first time in Japan by Nihon Pharmaceutical University (Ina Town, Saitama Prefecture) from August 2–4, 2025. This event will also celebrate the 25th anniversary of AASP, welcoming renowned pharmaceutical and medical experts from Japan and across Asia. Dr. Daryono Hadi Tjahjono, AASP President (Bandung Institute of Technology, Indonesia), and all members warmly invite you to join this special occasion.

## UPHOLDING THE PROFESSION: PROF. CHEA SIN AND UP STAFF JOIN PHARMACIST ASSOCIATION OF CAMBODIA ELECTION



On July 13, 2025, Professor Chea Sin, Vice President for the Academic Affairs of the University of Puthisastra (UP), along with a delegation of UP staff, proudly participated in the Pharmacist Association of Cambodia Election—a vital event for the country's pharmacy sector held to elect new leadership committed to advancing the profession nationwide.

The presence of UP's leadership at the event reflected not only the university's strong engagement with national professional bodies but also its commitment to supporting regulatory development, ethical practice, and continued professional growth for Cambodian pharmacists. The Pharmacist Association of Cambodia serves as the official professional body for pharmacists in Cambodia. Its mission is to:

- Represent and protect the rights and interests of pharmacists across all sectors
- Promote ethical and professional standards in pharmaceutical practice
- Support continuing professional development (CPD) for its members
- Collaborate with government, academia, and stakeholders to strengthen healthcare delivery through safe and effective medication use
- Foster unity, collaboration, and innovation among pharmacy professionals

By participating in this election, Prof. Chea Sin and UP staff have reaffirmed their support for strong, transparent leadership and a unified vision for pharmacy development in Cambodia.

The event on July 13 was more than a formal election; it was a celebration of professional solidarity and the collective vision of those committed to the advancement of health care in Cambodia.

By Dr. So Visessakseth

## CONGRATULATIONS TO 4 UP PHARMACY STUDENTS ON THEIR INVITATION TO THE 12TH AASP CONFERENCE 2025 IN JAPAN



Celebrating the Successful to Ms. Ly Sovannary, Ms. Meng Saosolyta, Ms. Kao Chan Nyta, and Mrs. Tit Yukchan, fourth-year students from the Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Puthisastra, on receiving official invitation letters to attend the 12th Asian Association of Schools of Pharmacy (AASP) Conference 2025. The conference will take place at Nihon Pharmaceutical University in Saitama, Japan, from August 2 to 4, 2025.

This year's conference, held under the theme "Pharmacy Education for Global Health: Shaping Leaders for Another 25 Years," marks a significant milestone as AASP celebrates its 25th anniversary. It will bring together leading pharmaceutical and medical experts, along with distinguished guests from across Asia,

providing an enriching environment for academic and professional exchange.

This is a valuable opportunity for our students to expand their knowledge, gain international exposure, and build professional networks. We extend our best wishes to them for a successful and inspiring experience as they represent the University of Puthisastra on the international stage.

## ISATU INTERNATIONAL WEEK



Dr. Tam Sakirin, Dean of the Faculty of Science and Technology at the University of Puthisastra (UP), successfully concluded a productive one-week participation in the ISATU International Week at Iloilo Science and Technology University (ISATU) in the Philippines. The event, which brought together higher education institutions from across Asia, served as a dynamic platform for academic collaboration, cultural exchange, and innovation-driven partnership building.

Throughout the week, Dr. Sakirin engaged in a variety of meaningful activities, including:

- Signing of Collaboration Agreements with several universities, marking the beginning of formal partnerships focused on academic mobility, joint research, and exchange programs.
- Participation as a judge in the World Youth Skills Day educational fair, held at Boracay Island, where young talents showcased projects in areas ranging from technology to entrepreneurship.
- Cultural exchange programs that celebrated the diversity and shared values of participating nations.
- Visits to industrial projects and innovation hubs, allowing for deeper understanding of regional development models and opportunities for joint initiatives.

The event featured a strong international presence, with universities from Indonesia, Taiwan, and various state universities from across the Philippines in attendance. As a direct result of these engagements, at least seven universities have reached principal agreements with the University of Puthisastra, signaling the start of long-term academic partnerships.

These agreements will soon pave the way for expanded mobility opportunities for both UP students and staff, including exchange programs, collaborative research, and joint academic activities.

Dr. Sakirin's active participation and leadership throughout ISATU International Week reflect UP's continued commitment to strengthening its global network and enriching the learning and professional development opportunities for its academic community.

## SIX PHARMACY STUDENTS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF PUTHISAISTRA GAINED INVALUABLE INSIGHTS THIS WEEK THROUGH ENGAGING SESSIONS WITH PHARMACY COLLEAGUES AT UIC, USA



### BASIC PRINCIPLES OF PEDIATRIC PHARMACEUTICAL CARE

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UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS  
AT CHICAGO PHARMACY

Friday, June 27: Students explored Hepatitis and Telemedicine, deepening their understanding of managing liver diseases and the role of technology in patient care.

1. Improved understanding of hepatitis diagnosis, management, and treatment options.
2. Gained insight into using telemedicine tools to enhance patient monitoring and follow-up.
3. Developed awareness of how technology bridges gaps in healthcare access for liver disease patients.

Today, June 30: They attended a Pediatric Pharmaceutical Care lecture and worked through a clinical case, strengthening their skills in caring for young patients.

1. Enhanced knowledge of safe and effective medication use in pediatric patients.
2. Strengthened clinical decision-making through real-world case discussions.
3. Built confidence in communicating with caregivers about children's medication needs.

## BUILDING LEADERS FOR A BETTER TOMORROW: A REFLECTIVE JOURNEY FROM THE UP-SCOUT LEADERSHIP CAMP



From July 5–6, 2025, beneath the serene skies of Kampot at Tepy Camp & Farm, the University of Puthisastra (UP) hosted its first-ever Leadership Scout Camp, a landmark initiative designed not merely as a getaway but as a transformative platform for youth development, leadership cultivation, and civic engagement. The camp brought together scout members from UP, RUPP, and CamCEC, fostering a strong sense of solidarity and shared purpose. It was a vibrant blend of tradition, innovation, and service—all aligning with the core objectives of Scouting and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

### Empowering Youth Through Purposeful Activities

Over the course of two days, scouts engaged in eight curated activities, each meticulously designed to reinforce personal growth, social responsibility, and practical leadership.

#### 1. Leadership & SDG Training:

Guided by Prof. Chea Sin and Mr. Choeng Touch, the training laid a strong foundation in understanding global challenges and how young people, especially scouts, can be proactive change agents. The discussions emphasized project planning, critical thinking, and integrating SDG goals into everyday action.

#### 2. Challenge Game – The Power of Teamwork:

In this spirited segment, scouts were divided into patrols to compete in physical and mental challenges. More than just a competition, it was a lesson in collaboration, perseverance, and leadership under pressure—skills essential for any future leader.

#### 3. "Master Chef of Scouts" Cooking Contest:

Scouts embraced culinary creativity, preparing meals using local ingredients. Judged on hygiene, presentation, taste, and nutrition, this contest not only sparked teamwork but also highlighted food security and responsible consumption—key components of SDG 2 and SDG 12.

#### 4. Campfire Night – Where Stories Ignite Spirits:

As night fell, the campfire illuminated a heartwarming space for scouts to share songs, dances, and personal reflections. These moments of connection captured the essence of scout brotherhood and cultural appreciation, strengthening emotional bonds and mutual respect.

#### 5. Hiking with Geocaching – Bridging Tradition with Technology:

Scouts took on a digital hiking challenge using the Goosechase app—a modern twist to traditional navigation. The activity promoted environmental exploration, tech literacy, and sustainable tourism while encouraging problem-solving on the move.

#### 6. Community Voice – Lessons from the Forest:

A highlight of the program was a talk by Mr. Noun Thada, leader of the Phnom Torteung Forest Community. His insights into forest conservation, local wildlife protection, and community resilience offered scouts a real-world perspective on environmental stewardship (SDG 15) and intergenerational knowledge-sharing.

#### 7. Flag Ceremony – Honoring Discipline and Unity:

Morning and evening flag ceremonies reminded scouts of the values of respect, routine, and national pride. These rituals deepened their understanding of structure and shared identity within the scouting movement.

#### 8. Closing Reflections & Badge Awards:

The final day concluded with heartfelt reflections from participants, followed by a badge ceremony. These emblems of participation symbolized more than achievement—they represented growth, commitment, and the readiness to lead.

#### Scouting for a Sustainable Future

The UP-Scout Leadership Camp was more than just an event—it was a vision in motion. It embodied the transformative power of experiential education and youth-led action. Every challenge faced, every story shared, and every badge earned contributed to shaping resilient, mindful, and community-driven young leaders.

As we look ahead, the lessons from this camp will ripple far beyond its two-day timeline. They will echo in classrooms, community projects, and future scouting activities. In a world that increasingly needs compassionate and capable leaders, camps like these remind us: the future is already here, and it is wearing a scout badge. By Dr. So Visessakseth

## "EMPOWERING PHARMACY STUDENTS: INSIGHTS FROM THE REGEN ASIA SUMMIT ON FOOD, CLIMATE, AND COMMUNITY"



Mr. Loun Chanra, a pharmacy student, recently had the incredible opportunity to participate in the Regen Asia Summit (RAS) in Singapore, where discussions focused on the vital intersection of food, climate, culture, and community at Singapore.

The session that resonated with him most was titled "Fork to Future: Reimagining Food for a Regenerative World." In a dynamic panel featuring experts in food anthropology, culinary education, and food science, the discussion explored how

regenerative food systems can be fostered through a powerful blend of tradition, innovation, and inclusivity.

Key topics included strategies to reduce food waste and efforts to preserve Indigenous foodways—underscoring the idea

that transforming our relationship with food can drive climate action and spark social change across Asia. Mr. Chanra expressed how deeply inspired he was by the insights shared and is excited to share this knowledge with others. Together, we can work toward building a more sustainable and regenerative future. He would also like to extend his heartfelt thanks to all the faculty members of the Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Puthisastra, and especially to Asst. Prof. Chhea Sophearom, Dean of the Faculty, for their genuine support, encouragement, and for empowering students to step confidently onto the international stage.

## UP ALUMNUS DR. DY SOVANNARA GRADUATES FROM CHINA MEDICAL UNIVERSITY



Almost four years ago, UP dental graduate Dr. Dy Sovannara received a scholarship to pursue a Master's degree in Stomatology (Orthodontics) at China Medical University. There were 24 international students in the class, who studied alongside local Chinese students. The 3-year program was intense, with many clinical and academic requirements to be met. Among these, the thesis process was the most demanding. It involved multiple rigorous steps, including a proposal submission, review by the international office, internal review by the affiliated hospital, and the most challenging part — the external (blind) review, which was evaluated by a mentor from a different hospital in another city. Out of the 24 international students, only 12 successfully passed the blind review — a testament to how tough the standards are. Those who passed moved on to the final thesis defense, presenting their work before a panel of three judges. After his successful defense, Dr. Sovannara was approved to graduate.

At the graduation ceremony, Dr. Sovannara received four certificates in both Chinese and English. One of these specified his specialization in Orthodontics. He is proud to be the first Cambodian dentist to graduate from this postgraduate program at one of the top health science universities in China. Also, Dr. Sovannara is deeply honored to have been selected as the China Medical University Alumni Liaison Officer for graduating Cambodian students from various faculties.

Throughout his journey, Dr. Sovannara has never forgotten the roots of his academic career. He will always be grateful to the University of Puthisastra and the Faculty of Dentistry for their strong foundation, encouragement, and unwavering support. His deepest appreciation goes to Professor Callum Durward, who was his co-supervisor and mentor, and guided him with dedication from beginning to end. Dr. Sovannara would also like to thank his supervisor from China Medical University and the dedicated teaching staff who helped him along the way.

Dr. Sovannara is returning to Cambodia very soon and hopes to obtain a teaching role at UP if that is possible, so he can help develop the new generation of dental students.

## PHARMACY STUDENTS' TRANSFORMATIVE LEADERSHIP AND COMMITTEE EXPERIENCES IN PROJECT LOKUN L-36



Vattanak's Journey of Growth and Team Spirit (Head of Committee): Joining Project Lokun as a second-year pharmacy student was a core goal, proving incredibly rewarding. The project impressed me with its strong teamwork and diverse ideas from all participants, significantly broadening my skill set and opening unexpected learning opportunities. Facing challenges pushed me beyond my comfort zone, building resilience and revealing hidden strengths. The most memorable

aspect has been the strong bonds formed through brainstorming and team-building, filled with laughter and support. I'm truly grateful for the opportunity to exchange ideas with such talented peers, making this a journey of both personal and collective growth.

Education Committee Members' Gratitude (Sokkheang & Sarita): As Heads of Education, we joined Project Lokun to

improve health and education in Pursat, gaining far more than we gave. This incredible opportunity instilled a profound sense of purpose, showing that making a difference in others' lives brings ultimate fulfillment (Sokkheang). Being part of Project Lokun as Head of Education has been truly transformative. I've deeply valued every moment spent working alongside peers, sharing meals, and building strong connections. Each moment is a cherished memory, and I'm immensely thankful to belong to a community that has brought so much happiness and significance to my life (Sarita).

Marketing Committee Members' Impactful Experience (Vimean & Henglong): Being part of Project Lokun L-36, particularly as Marketing Committee members, has been one of the best decisions. Beyond valuable medical field experience, this role broadened my understanding of community engagement and communication. I learned more than expected, working with inspiring people and contributing to meaningful healthcare efforts, making it both educational and personally fulfilling (Vimean). I knew I'd regret not pursuing my passion, so joining Project Lokun L-36 was life-changing. Through challenges, I found unexpected strength, grew personally, built confidence, and realized the power of collaboration. I'm proud of my progress and eager to continue learning, making a difference, and strengthening my self-belief. Forever Lokun! (Henglong).

## HANDS-ON INTERNSHIP IN TRADITIONAL MEDICINE: PHARMACY STUDENTS EXPLORE MEDICINAL PLANTS AT KIRIROM GARDEN, KAMPONG SPEU PROVINCE, LED BY THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR TRADITIONAL MEDICINE.



Kampong Speu Province – On Friday, July 4, 2025, 18 pharmacy students participated in a community-based internship at the Medicinal Plant Garden at Kirirom. This hands-on learning experience was organized to deepen students' understanding of the practical applications of medicinal plants commonly used in traditional medicine for disease treatment.

This community-focused activity plays a vital role in preparing students for the pharmacy profession by connecting academic knowledge with real-world practices. Through direct exposure to traditional remedies and local health practices, students gained insights into the integration of traditional and modern pharmacy in addressing community health needs.

In addition to strengthening their foundations in traditional pharmacology, the program also encouraged innovation, research skills, and team collaboration—key competencies for future pharmacists working in diverse community settings.

## DR. THIM PICHTHIDA INVITED AS SPEAKER AT THE 70TH JAPAN SOCIETY FOR DIALYSIS THERAPY (JSDT) IN JAPAN



Dr. Thim Pichthida, Deputy Dean for Clinical Affairs at the University of Puthisastra, and an executive member of Cambodian Association of Nephrology, had the honor of being invited as a guest speaker at the Japan Society for Dialysis Therapy (JSDT) Conference 2025, one of the most prestigious international gatherings focused on renal replacement therapy, dialysis innovation, and kidney health. The conference was held on 27-29th June 2025 in Osaka, Japan, bringing together a global community of nephrologists, researchers, dialysis nurses, technicians, and healthcare policymakers.

As part of the scientific program, Dr. Thida delivered a presentation, focusing on the barrier in the selection of renal replacement therapy in the context of Cambodia.

The session was well-attended and drew interest from both local and international participants. It encouraged good discussions and sharing of ideas. Besides giving her presentation, she also joined important scientific sessions and connected with professionals from Japan, Singapore, Korea, the United States, and other ASEAN countries.

Taking part in the JSOT Conference helped strengthen academic discussions and highlighted the importance of working together internationally to improve the quality, access, and innovation in dialysis care around the world.

## STRENGTHENING PHARMACISTS' FIGHT AGAINST AMR: 398 PROFESSIONALS ENGAGE IN CPD TRAINING ON THE PIVOTAL ROLE OF PHARMACISTS, HOSTED BY THE FACULTY OF PHARMACY, UNIVERSITY OF PUTHISAstra



In June 2025, the Faculty of Pharmacy at the University of Puthisastra successfully organized an online continuing professional development (CPD) training course for Cambodian pharmacists via Zoom. The training, themed "The Role of Pharmacists in Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR)," comprised three insightful sessions and attracted 398 participating pharmacists.

The objectives of this CPD training were to enhance pharmacists' knowledge and competencies in:

1. Understanding antimicrobial resistance (AMR) and the adverse effects of resistant pathogens and antibiotics.
2. Comprehending the mechanisms of antibiotic resistance in pathogens.
3. Learning laboratory testing methods for detecting resistance.
4. Understanding the One Health approach in addressing AMR.
5. Defining the vital role of pharmacists in AMR prevention efforts.

This training is of great importance to government agencies, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and private sector stakeholders, supporting their initiatives to safeguard community health and well-being.

## FOUR PHARMACY STAFF AND STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN TRAINING PROGRAM ON "GOOD PRACTICES IN MICROBIOLOGY", ORGANIZED BY THE CAMBODIA ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL TECHNOLOGISTS (CAMT) FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES AND BIOTECHNOLOGY AT UNIVERSITY OF PUTHISAstra.



Phnom Penh: On Saturday, July 5, 2025, four pharmacy staff and students participated in a training program on "Good Practices in Microbiology" organized by the Cambodia Association of Medical Technologists (CAMT) Faculty of Health Sciences and Biotechnology at University of Puthisastra. The course was held at Hall B of the University of Puthisastra under the chairmanship of Professor Ket Vansith, President of CAMT, and Professor Ian Rouse, President and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Puthisastra. Also in attendance were Ms. Meas Sochanvattey, Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences and Biotechnology, university staff and students, as well as many students and trainees currently working and studying in the field of medical laboratory technology.

The training program featured three presentations:

1. Topic 1: Principles of Culture and Propagation of Viruses, presented by Dr. Srey Viso, guest speaker.

2. Topic 2: Procedures for Collecting Urine, Sputum, and Blood Samples for Microbiological Analysis, presented by Dr. Nhem Somary, guest speaker.

3. Topic 3: Gram Staining Technique and Interpretation of Results, presented by Dr. Chiek Sievhour, guest speaker.

## BUILDING A REGENERATIVE FUTURE: UP PHARMACY STUDENTS AT RAS SUMMIT 2025



On Friday, July 4, 2025, two pharmacy students from the University of Puthisastra attended the Regen Asia Summit (RAS) at the National University of Singapore (NUS). The summit gathered innovators, activists, and thought leaders working on regenerative solutions to Asia's ecological and social challenges.

Under the theme "From Net Zero to Net Positive," the event inspired action beyond sustainability—towards active restoration of ecosystems, communities, and cultures.

### Key Sessions Attended:

1. Net Zero → Net Positive – Rethinking sustainability with a focus on positive environmental impact.
2. Regeneration in Asia – Exploring regional strategies in agriculture, cities, and climate action.
3. Indigenous Futures – Honoring traditional knowledge and promoting inclusive regeneration.

## CLERKSHIP SPOT CHECK AT NATIONAL PEDIATRIC HOSPITAL, KANTHA BOPHA HOSPITAL, KHMER-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP HOSPITAL, CAMBODIA-CHINA FRIENDSHIP PREAH KOSSAMAK HOSPITAL



On Thursday, July 3, 2025, the Rotation Officer from the Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Puthisastra conducted a spot check visit to several key hospitals, including National Pediatric Hospital, Kantha Bopha Hospital, Khmer-Soviet Friendship Hospital, and Cambodia-China Friendship Preah Kossamak Hospital.

The spot check was divided into two main fields: Hospital Pharmacy Internship and Laboratory Internship.

For the Hospital Pharmacy Internship, meetings were held with Mrs. Theam Thavy, Head of Pharmacy Department at National Pediatric Hospital, and Mrs. Khun Channy, Head of Pharmacy Department at Khmer-Soviet Friendship Hospital. These preceptors participated in monitoring and evaluating the students' performance specifically in the hospital pharmacy internship program.

For the Laboratory Internship, the visit included meetings with Mr. May Samouth, Head of Laboratory Department at Kantha

Bopha Hospital, and Mr. Khum Ravy, Quality Officer at Cambodia-China Friendship Preah Kossamak Hospital. Together with the preceptors and students, they monitored and evaluated the ongoing clerkship program.

We also extend our thanks to the staff and administration of Kantha Bopha Hospital, Khmer-Soviet Friendship Hospital, and Cambodia-China Friendship Preah Kossamak Hospital for their continued support and collaboration in facilitating student clerkships. Preah Kossamak Hospital for their continued support and collaboration in facilitating student clerkships.

## UP PHARMACY STUDENTS PROMOTE COMMUNITY HEALTH THROUGH BLOOD DONATION DRIVE WITH SOMA INITIATIVE.



On Thursday, July 3, 2025, six dedicated pharmacy students from the University of Puthisastra took part in a lifesaving blood donation campaign held at The Commune, in collaboration with Soma Initiatives. The event aimed to replenish national blood supplies, assist patients in urgent need of transfusions, and promote a culture of regular, voluntary blood donation.

Beyond donating blood, themselves, the students played an active role in the event's success by:

1. Assisting with pre-donation screenings and educating donors on eligibility.
2. Providing basic health checks, including blood pressure and hemoglobin testing.
3. Guiding and supporting first-time donors to reduce anxiety and ensure a smooth process.

4. Helping with post-donation care, such as monitoring donor recovery and offering refreshments.

5. Engaging in community outreach, spreading awareness about the impact of blood donation through peer interaction and health advocacy.

Through their active involvement, UP's pharmacy students demonstrated a strong sense of social responsibility, professional ethics, and a commitment to improving public health—making them true ambassadors of the healthcare field.

## TWO PHARMACY STUDENTS AND OTHERS ACADEMIC PEERS IN UNIVERSITY OF PUTHISASTRA DEPART FOR REGEN ASIA SUMMIT 2025 IN SINGAPORE



Thursday, July 03, 2025: Two Pharmacy Students Depart for Regen Asia Summit 2025 in Singapore. The Faculty of Pharmacy proudly congratulates Mr. Loun Channra (Year 5) and Ms. Khon Lyheang (Year 2) on being selected to represent the University of Puthisastra at the prestigious Regen Asia Summit 2025, held in Singapore from July 4–5.

This leading regional event brings together innovators and leaders to advance sustainability and regenerative practices across Asia-Pacific. We wish them an inspiring and enriching experience as they engage with global experts and contribute to building a sustainable future!

## ANNOUNCEMENT: FIRST AID & CPR TRAINING – FACULTY OF PHARMACY, UNIVERSITY OF PUTHISASTRA

The Faculty of Pharmacy at the University of Puthisastra is proud to announce an upcoming First Aid Training Session with a focus on Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR). This vital training is part of the faculty's ongoing commitment to enhancing the practical competencies of students and health professionals, equipping them with the lifesaving skills needed in emergency situations.

This hands-on session reflects the Faculty of Pharmacy's dedication to producing well-rounded, emergency-ready health professionals. By empowering students and staff with the ability to respond confidently in real-life crisis scenarios, the faculty aims to strengthen its role in promoting community health and safety.

By the end of this training, participants will be able to:

Recognize the signs and symptoms of cardiac arrest and respond effectively.

1. Perform high-quality chest compressions with appropriate depth and rhythm.

**TRAINING FIRST AID FOR PHARMACY STUDENTS**

JULY 14, 2025 | 8:00 AM-12:00 PM

BY THE END OF THIS CPR-FOCUSED FIRST AID TRAINING, PARTICIPANTS WILL BE ABLE TO:

- 1. RECOGNIZE THE SIGNS OF CARDIAC ARREST AND RESPOND APPROPRIATELY
- 2. PERFORM HIGH-QUALITY CHEST COMPRESSIONS WITH APPROPRIATE DEPTH AND RHYTHM
- 3. ADMINISTER RESCUE BREATHS EFFECTIVELY USING MOUTH-TO-MOUTH OR BARRIER DEVICES

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2. Deliver effective rescue breaths using mouth-to-mouth or barrier protection techniques.

3. Understand the importance of immediate response time in increasing survival rates.

The training will take place on Monday, July 14, 2025, from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM, at Hall-B, University of Puthisastra. Participation is limited to a maximum of 40 attendees, so early registration is highly encouraged.

## WE ARE DELIGHTED TO WELCOME MS. CHANBORAMEY BACK TO THE UNIVERSITY OF PUTHISASTRA, WHERE SHE NOW SERVES AS A FULL-TIME LECTURER IN THE BACHELOR OF PHARMACY PROGRAM



Ms. Yean Chanboramey holds a Bachelor of Pharmacy degree from the Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Puthisastra, and a Master of Pharmacy in Clinical Pharmacy from the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Khon Kaen University, Thailand.

An accomplished and dedicated alumna from UP Generation 7, Ms. Chanboramey demonstrated strong leadership early in her academic journey. In 2019, she served as Head of the Sabai Project under SCW and gained valuable hands-on experience through student placements at Sokthy Clinic and We-Pharm Pharmacy. Her academic dedication and passion for the pharmacy profession earned her the prestigious ASEAN GMS Scholarship 2023, which supported her graduate studies at Khon Kaen University.

Throughout her studies, Ms. Chanboramey actively engaged in leadership and community service. In 2024, she was elected President of the Cambodian Students Association at Khon Kaen University, where she played a key role in connecting Cambodian and international students through collaborative and student-centered initiatives.

Her primary research interest focuses on behavioral studies in clinical pharmacy, specifically the use of migraine medications among university students. Her work

applies health behavior theories to explore migraine management in young adults, contributing valuable insights to support student health and well-being. She has presented her research at the Northeast Pharmacy Research Conference in Thailand on two occasions, reflecting the relevance and impact of her contributions. With a solid background in research, clinical practice, and student development, Ms. Chanboramey is committed to promoting academic excellence and making meaningful contributions to the field of pharmacy education and practice

## SUCCESSFUL PARTICIPATION OF UP FACULTY OF PHARMACY LEADERSHIP IN AI-ENHANCED CASE-BASED LEARNING WORKSHOP LED BY IMU, MALAYSIA



Asst. Prof. Chhea Sophearom, Dean of the Faculty of Pharmacy, and Mrs. Ung Huykhim, Assistant Dean of the Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Puthisastra, successfully participated in the online training titled "Designing Case Scenario for Case-Based Learning (CBL) Enhanced with Artificial Intelligence", held on July 10, 2025 from 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM. The training was led by the

International Medical University (IMU), Malaysia.

Case-based learning (CBL) is an excellent teaching and learning strategy in the field of health professions that serves several valuable purposes like promoting active learning and development of critical and analytical skills towards clinical reasoning. All public and private medical universities in Malaysia use CBL as a major teaching method.

This workshop will equip lecturers with the ability to integrate multiple disciplines in real-life case scenarios to accomplish the module learning outcomes. The workshop will allow the participants to design AI-enhanced CBL case scenarios.

### WORKSHOP OUTCOMES

After this workshop, participants will be able to:

- Develop CBL case scenarios based on educational principles.
- Integrate Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools in designing CBL case scenarios.
- Evaluate CBL case scenarios based on a checklist related to course outcomes, real-life context and integration of disciplines.

## CONSULTATIVE MEETING ON NEW CURRICULUM OF PHARMACY PROGRAM



On 7th and 8th July 2025 Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Puthisastra, conducted a two-day consultative meeting to review and strengthen the new Pharmacy curriculum. On the first day, we engaged with current students and alumni to gather their insights and experiences regarding the curriculum's structure and relevance to real-world practice. The second day focused on consultations with full-time lecturers, part-time lecturers, and preceptors to gain academic and professional perspectives.

The purpose of the meeting was to collect input from key stakeholders to ensure the curriculum is implemented in alignment with both national standards and international benchmarks. Discussions centered on identifying existing challenges, redundancies, and overlaps in course content and learning outcomes, as well as mapping curriculum components to the national competency framework. Participants also helped analyze obstacles and proposed practical solutions to enhance the curriculum's effectiveness and support continuous improvement.

We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to all stakeholders who actively participated in the two-day consultative meeting. Your time, valuable insights, and constructive feedback have been essential in helping us evaluate and improve the new Pharmacy curriculum.

We deeply appreciate the contributions from students, alumni, lecturers, and preceptors, whose diverse perspectives have enriched our understanding of the curriculum's strengths and areas for development. Your commitment and collaboration are vital to ensuring that our program remains relevant, rigorous, and aligned with both national and international standards. Thank you for your continued support in shaping the future of pharmacy education.

## WELCOME BACK TO THE CLINICAL PHARMACY CLUB 2025! FACULTY OF PHARMACY, UNIVERSITY OF PUTHISAstra



We are excited to welcome back all pharmacy students to the Clinical Pharmacy Club for the academic year 2025!

The club sessions will be held every other Friday from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM, providing a great opportunity for 2nd to 5th-year students to deepen their knowledge and skills in clinical pharmacy.

- Join us for engaging activities including:
- Sharing experiences and learning about a wide range of diseases relevant to pharmacy practice
- Exploring drug use and solutions to common health issues seen in pharmacies
- Educational visits to hospitals and community pharmacies for real-world exposure

We look forward to another successful year of learning, collaboration, and professional growth. Don't miss out—come and be part of the journey to becoming a skilled clinical pharmacist!

## ASST. PROF. CHHEA SOPHEAROM PARTICIPATES IN ACPS EXTRAORDINARY ONLINE GENERAL MEETING TO ADVANCE GLOBAL ACADEMIC PHARMACY

Asst. Prof. Chhea Sophearom, Dean of the Faculty of Pharmacy, actively participated in the AcPS Extraordinary Online General Meeting held on June 25, 2025, from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM (CEST) via Zoom.

Organized by the Executive Committee of the FIP Academic Pharmacy Section (AcPS), the meeting focused on voting for proposed updates to the AcPS Statutes. These changes include introducing online voting for AcPS Officer and Executive Committee positions, along with other key amendments designed to improve governance and promote inclusivity within the organization. Asst. Prof.



## ANNOUNCEMENT: PHARMACAREER CLUB 2025 REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!



We are excited to announce that PharmaCareer Club 2025 is now open for registration! This program is designed to support your studies, provide career advice, and share valuable insights about various opportunities in the pharmacy profession.

Learning Activities Include:

1. Overview of PharmaCareer Club's activities and objectives
2. Exploring diverse career paths for pharmacists
3. Resume writing and job interview preparation
4. Mind mapping to discover your interests within the pharmacy field
5. Sessions with experienced pharmacy professionals and guest speakers
6. Understanding current market demands for pharmacists
7. Gaining new knowledge and practical experiences

Join us to build your professional skills and prepare for a successful career in pharmacy!

## CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL YEAR 4 PHARMACY STUDENTS ON SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETING THEIR CLERKSHIP LABORATORY TRAINING!



The Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Puthisastra, extends heartfelt congratulations to all Year 4 pharmacy students for successfully completing their clerkship laboratory training at some of Cambodia's most prestigious and high-standard healthcare and diagnostic institutions. This significant milestone marks a major step forward in your journey as future pharmacy professionals.

The training took place across various renowned facilities, including:

- Kantha Bopha Children's Hospital
- National Institute of Public Health (NIPH)
- I. S Premium Laboratory
- National Pediatric Hospital
- VS Medical Lab

Through this clinical laboratory clerkship, students gained invaluable hands-on experience in essential areas such as clinical diagnostics, laboratory testing techniques, quality control, biosafety procedures, and interdisciplinary collaboration with healthcare professionals. These experiences are crucial for developing the technical skills, professional confidence, and ethical understanding required in the modern pharmacy and medical laboratory fields.

Your dedication, curiosity, and professionalism throughout the rotation reflect the core values of UP and the Faculty of Pharmacy's commitment to producing competent and compassionate healthcare professionals.

Once again, congratulations on this achievement! May this accomplishment inspire you to pursue even greater success in your upcoming academic and professional endeavors.

## UP LEARNING CENTRE JOINS REGIONAL VOICES AT CONSAL XIX



Between June 16th and June 19th, 2025, UP's Learning Centre team members attended the 19th CONSAL Conference and General Meeting (CONSAL XIX) in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Together with my colleagues, Ms. Chhorn Sreysros and Ms. Sorn Sokha, I was proud to represent the University of Puthisastra, joining 1200 library specialists from across Southeast

Asia to foster knowledge sharing, professional development, and networking among library professionals.

Delegates came from National Libraries and Library Associations of all 10 ASEAN countries, including a second-time attendee, Timor-Leste. Cambodia's 11 representatives came from institutions including the National Library of Cambodia (NLC), the Cambodian Librarians Association (CLA), the Department of Publishing (MoEYS), the Institute of Technology of Cambodia (ICT), and CamEd Business School.

The theme for CONSAL XIX, Inclusive Knowledge: Bridging Divides, Empowering All, reflected the shared vision of our Southeast Asian library community and its global engagement. The Conference tagline was Leveraging Inclusivity, Empowering Humanity. The tagline highlights both the commitment of library professionals to inclusivity and the importance of providing access to information and resources that support sustainable development. All this, while maintaining the more traditional 'library' role of supporter and information gatekeeper for active agents of empowerment.

Our Learning Centre is UP's academic hub, supporting learning, teaching, research, and student success in a digital and inclusive world. CONSAL XIX provided an exceptional platform for strengthening collaborations and fostering the growth of libraries, information sharing, and the empowerment of communities throughout our region and beyond. It was a unique opportunity to enhance the capacity of our staff, explore technological advancements, and establish valuable connections with regional and global library professionals.

The Learning Centre team returned from CONSAL XIX informed and sustained in our goal to deliver better services, foster inclusivity, continue our active role in empowering UP students and academic faculty members, and support community stakeholders.

Ms. Chin Chanthy,  
Manager, Learning Center

## SUPPORT SESSION ON SELF-LOVE AND POSITIVE HABITS



On June 26th and 27th, 2025, Year One Associate Degree in Nursing students (ADNY1) participated in a meaningful and fun activity organized by the Student Services Center under the theme "Self-Love and Positive Habits."

This session was not only for relaxation — it also provided students with a space to exchange ideas, reflect on their personal well-being, and foster a positive mindset toward the nursing profession. 🌟

The goal was to give students a break from their usual routine, helping them rest, recharge, and discover new ways to care for their mental health. Through interactive and reflective activities, students were encouraged to learn from one another, build healthy habits, and feel more balanced and motivated in their studies. 🌱

We are committed to providing continued support through similar initiatives — ensuring our students feel seen, supported, and empowered throughout their academic journey.

## STUDENTS ORIENTATIONS ON THE FIRST DAY OF THEIR INTERNSHIP AT HOSPITALS



On the first day of nursing students' internship there were 2 student groups there including year 3 associate degree in nursing (10 students at Kantha Bopha Hospital and 29 students at the National Pediatric Hospital). And year 4 bachelor of nursing students (17 students at Cambodia-China Friendship Preah Kossamak Hospital and 25 students at Techo Santepheap National Hospital and other 10 students at Kantha Bopha), were interned at the hospital on 07 July 2025.

Participate of this orientation will help students:

- ✓ Familiar to other departments at the hospital and also equipment and procedures need to be complete.
- ✓ Understand the hospital's policy and discipline.

✓ Awareness on learning expectations of the internship and nursing ethic.

✓ To receive guidance directly from hospital staffs on how to work safely and effectively with patients.

These orientations are crucial to ensure that students are aware of how to work at a hospital and convenience to perform procedures and provide nursing care smoothly and effectively.

#NursingEducation #ClinicalOrientation #StudentSupport

## BADMINTON TOURNAMENT SUCCESSFULLY CONCLUDED!



On July 6th, 2025, the Student Services Office successfully organized the Badminton Competition as part of UP Sports Day. The event welcomed 16 registered pairs from across all faculties and departments, including both students and staff.

After a series of strong and competitive matches, we are pleased to officially announce the winners:

- Champion (1st Place): Kea Sokheang (Faculty of Medicine) & Tang Chhengskovysal (Faculty of Medicine)
- 1st Runner-Up (2nd Place): Tam Vay (Faculty of Dentistry) & Yom Mengchhay (Engagement and Partnership)
- 2nd Runner-Up (3rd Place): Chhun Hokchheng (Faculty of Science and Technology) & Ngor Sourkhearphanun (Faculty of Science and Technology)

We sincerely congratulate all the winners and express our deep appreciation to every participant for demonstrating great sportsmanship and dedication to badminton and the spirit of sport.

Coming up next:

The Football Tournament – Week 1 will begin on July 13th, 2025 at Central Park Sports Complex. Let's see which team will become this year's champion.

## DEPARTMENT OF RESEARCH HOSTS INAUGURAL PUBLIC SEMINAR ON TRANSFORMING HEALTHCARE



On 28 June 2025, the Department of Research proudly hosted its first public seminar, "Transforming Healthcare: Innovations in Patient Pathways and Experiences." This marks the beginning of a new series aimed at connecting professionals across sectors and building shared knowledge to support better healthcare outcomes in Cambodia.

We were honored to welcome two outstanding guest speakers:

(1) Ms. Keo Vannpech, a seasoned healthcare service provider, emphasized the importance of empathy and care in service delivery. She highlighted the complexity of patient experiences and reminded us that understanding this complexity is essential to improving the patient journey; and (2) Ms. Chhim Socheata, a pharmacist and cancer palliative care

specialist, shared insights on the need to consider access and resource constraints when designing healthcare solutions. She spoke on the value of analyzing cause-and-effect pathways to deploy the right interventions at the right moment within the system.

A key theme emerging from the seminar was the powerful intersection of empathy and structured processes in healthcare. While clear steps, systems, and pathways provide patients with trust and predictability, empathy ensures that care remains personal, responsive, and humane. People are not products, and it is through empathy that care professionals meet each patient's unique circumstances—ensuring that systems work for people, not just on them.

Stay tuned for future events from the Department of Research, as we continue to foster dialogue, inspire innovation, and strengthen collaboration across Cambodia's healthcare and academic landscapes.

## ONE-MONTH INTERNSHIP BACHELOR OF BBL STUDENTS, BATCH 2, YEAR 2



The activities of the Bachelor of Medical Laboratory students, Batch 2, Year 2, from the University of Puthisastra have progressed to a one-month internship, which starts from June 30, 2025, to July 25, 2025.

It is important to note that one month of this internship focuses on the topics of Cytopathology and Bacteriology and is conducted at the Medical Laboratory Department of the National Maternal and Child Health Center and the Hebron Center.

## THE FACULTY OF DENTISTRY HOSTED A SMALL CERTIFICATION CEREMONY FOR DENTAL STUDENT VOLUNTEERS FOR THE UP-DISCOVERY FESTIVAL 2025



The Faculty of Dentistry recently hosted a small certification ceremony to recognize the dedication and contributions of Dental Student Volunteers who played an essential role in making the UP-Discovery Festival 2025 a success. Throughout the event, these enthusiastic students contributed their time, skills, and positive spirit to support various activities and engage with the community. Their commitment, teamwork, and passion truly showcased the best of our faculty and inspired everyone involved. Additionally, the person who is in charge of the UP-Discovery Festival 2025 hosted a small certification ceremony, such as Prof. Anand Marya, Dean of Dentistry, and Asst. Prof. San Techly, Program Coordinator of Dental Undergraduate, Ms. Tim Ninalisa, Dentistry Course Coordinator, KANG Mapha, Dental Lab Assistant, Dentistry Team, and Dental student volunteers. Congratulations to all the volunteers for your outstanding efforts—you have made us proud! Hope to see all of you again next year!

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS LETTER



I am writing to express my sincere gratitude for the honor of being promoted to Assistant Professor at The University of Puthisastra. I am deeply humbled and truly appreciative of this recognition of my work and dedication.

Firstly, I am deeply thanks to Professor Ian Rose, President and Vice-Chancellor, and special thanks also to Professor Chea Sin, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Chair of the Professorial Promotion Committee, for giving encouragement, mentorship, support, and guidance throughout my academic title promotion. Furthermore, I would like to thank Professor Anand Marya, Dean of Dentistry, for invaluable advice, guidance,

support, and contributions to my professional journey. Thanks to Senior Management, Colleagues, and students in advance, for the kind announcement and recognition of the recent academic title promotions. This milestone motivates us even more to continue contributing to the growth and success of our educational community.

Secondly, this milestone is not only a personal achievement but also a reflection of the supportive and inspiring environment that UP has cultivated. I am thankful for the opportunities provided to grow professionally through teaching, research, and service to our university community. Your trust and acknowledgment motivate us to continue striving for excellence and to contribute even more to the mission of empowering students and advancing knowledge.

Once again, thank you for this meaningful recognition. I am proud to be part of the University of Puthisastra and look forward to continuing our shared commitment to academic excellence and innovation.

Last but not least, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to my family, dad, mom, young brother, mother-in-law, sister-in-law, my wife (Hor Vouchnea), and my daughter (Ly Serey Vathana) for their emotional and physical support.

With the warmest appreciation,

Assistant Professor San Techly

Faculty of Dentistry, University of Puthisastra

## THE FACULTY OF DENTISTRY ATTENDED THE 1ST UP ROVER SCOUT CAMPING 2025 AT KOMPOT PROVINCE



In the month of July 5–6, 2025, representatives and students from the University of Puthisastra proudly participated in the 1st UP Rover Scout Camping held in the beautiful landscapes of Kampot Province.

This special event brought together Rover Scouts and faculty members across the University of Puthisastra to foster leadership, teamwork, and community spirit.

In addition, Professor Chea Sin, Vice President for Academic Affairs of the University of Puthisastra, is honored to attend the 1st UP Rover Scout Camping 2025 to give encouragement, mentorship, support, guidance, team spirit, and an inspiring environment at the 1st UP Rover Scout Camping 2025.

On the other hand, Asst. Prof. San Techly, Program Coordinator of Dentistry, was a member of the Obstacle Sports Competition, a member of Patrol 2 (Nickname: Chicken) to challenge the Scout Master Chef Program, and the Forest Hiking Program for engagements, team spirit, and an inspiring environment and then at the end of the three competitions, the chicken patrol was awarded and including scout badge the 1st UP Rover Scout Camping 2025, as a UP's scout team.

During the camping program, our UP colleagues and students engaged in a variety of meaningful activities, including team-building exercises, cultural exchanges, environmental stewardship, and skill-sharing sessions.

The experience provided an excellent opportunity to strengthen friendships, build confidence, and promote the core values of scouting and professional development. We extend our warmest thanks to the organizers and all participants for making this event memorable and impactful.

The Faculty of Dentistry is committed to supporting extracurricular programs that inspire personal growth and contribute to a vibrant, united campus community.

Congratulations to everyone involved for their outstanding enthusiasm and dedication! We look forward to more exciting adventures ahead.

# USING DIGITAL DENTISTRY AS AN INNOVATIVE TOOL FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH PROJECTS

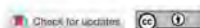


In a creative leap forward, Dr. Horn Rithvitou, A Full-time Lecturer in the Faculty of Dentistry, has recently applied digital dentistry to support community oral health efforts by designing a 3D-printed model of a tooth with an undermined carious lesion. This model was developed in collaboration with CIPO, an organization affiliated with the University of Puthisastra (UP) that is dedicated to improving children's oral health through outreach programs. As shown in the image, the model realistically simulates various stages and patterns of carious lesions, allowing students and community health providers to practice the Atraumatic Restorative Treatment (ART) technique. By offering a highly accurate and repeatable simulation, the learning curve can be significantly shortened, and confidence improved before engaging in real clinical settings. All stages of the model's development — from digital design to physical printing — were done entirely in-house using a 3D printer available at UP. This ensures a cost-effective and scalable approach to dental education, especially in outreach settings where traditional materials or extracted teeth are difficult to obtain. This model represents a promising innovation that bridges digital tools with public health impact. It enables more effective training, promotes sustainable practices, and ultimately contributes to better oral health care in underserved communities.

## FACULTY OF DENTISTRY ACHIEVES PUBLICATIONS IN SPECIALTY JOURNAL

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### Silver diamine fluoride: A SMART solution for special care paediatric dentistry

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Assoc. Prof. Siddharthan Selvaraj, Deputy Dean (Research), in collaboration with an international research team of researchers from India, Malaysia, Sweden and Jordan, has co-authored a significant study titled "Silver Diamine Fluoride: A SMART Solution for Special Care Paediatric Dentistry," recently published in *Endodontics Today*—a peer-reviewed journal indexed in SCOPUS.

The study explores two minimally invasive treatment strategies, Silver Diamine Fluoride (SDF) and the Silver-Modified Atraumatic Restorative Technique (SMART) for managing dental caries in children with special needs. Conducted on a group of 66 children aged 3 to 9 years, the research evaluates both clinical outcomes and microbiological efficacy.

Findings suggest that while SDF was highly accepted by patients and parents due to its simplicity, SMART outperformed SDF in both clinical effectiveness and bacterial reduction, offering a promising approach for caries arrest in Paediatric dentistry.

This cross-institutional study underscores the value of minimally invasive, patient-friendly dental care and reinforces the growing relevance of SMART techniques in special care dentistry.

## FACULTY OF DENTISTRY SIGNS MOU WITH DOMNAK TOEK ORGANIZATION



On the 8th of July, another landmark MOU signing took place between the Faculty of Dentistry, University of Puthisastra, and the Domnak Toek Organization.

This MOU will allow the Faculty of Dentistry, University of Puthisastra, to provide free basic dental care to the vulnerable children and their families supported by the Domnak Toek NGO.

Domnak Toek is a non-religious, non-political, non-profit, and non-discriminating NGO. Their work began in 1997 through the efforts of Goutte d'Eau—A Child Support Network. Since then, they have expanded their collaboration network to include other NGOs, community members, and government agencies. Their mission aims at working with the most vulnerable and marginalized children and youth in Cambodia. They focus on providing immediate intervention to mitigate the risk of abuse or harm to children. They also work to implement long-term strategies to benefit both the children and their families, to address the root causes of suffering. With the support of communities, government, and civil society representatives, Damnok Toek identifies and implements alternative and rehabilitative responses to enhance access to a better future for these children.

The signing ceremony was presided over by the Honorable UP President and Vice-Chancellor Professor Ian Rouse and the Executive Director of Domnak Toek, Mr. Im Norin. With the signing of this MOU, both organizations have agreed on starting to start offering free basic dental care to the children supported by Domnak Toek, and we at UP hope to continue our commitment to offer the best dental care to our community.

## THANK YOU TO MEDTRONICAM AND UNIDENT FOR SUPPORTING OUR SIM LAB TRAINING



We would like to express our sincere gratitude to Medtronicam and Unident for their generous donations of materials to support our Simulation Lab training for third-year dental students. Your contributions have played a crucial role in enhancing the quality of our hands-on education, allowing students to gain valuable practical experience in a safe and controlled environment.

Thanks to your continued support, our students have access to the tools and resources they need to build their clinical skills with confidence and precision. Your partnership not only strengthens our academic program but also contributes to the development of future dental professionals who are well-prepared to serve their communities.

Once again, thank you for your commitment to dental education and for helping us provide a stronger foundation for the next generation of healthcare providers.

## THE 51ST ASIA PACIFIC DENTAL STUDENT ASSOCIATE ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN VIETNAM



The 51st APDSA Annual Congress, held from July 2 to July 6, 2025, in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, brought together dental students and professionals from across the Asia-Pacific region under the theme “Uniting Smiles, Advancing Excellence.” Among the over 400 students, professors, and clinicians representing more than 17 countries, 11 delegates from Cambodia, 4 students from the University of Puthisastra, led by Thydanec Choeu, Cambodia Country representative and President of APDSA Cambodia division. As one of dental student from the University of Puthisastra, actively participated in a comprehensive agenda that featured lectures on digital dentistry, implantology, aesthetic techniques, and laser applications, along with hands-on workshops (e.g., 3D staining, intraoral scanning, periodontal flap surgeries) and academic competitions like the APDAXc Dental Quiz, Scientific Research, and Clinical Skill contests.

The congress provided invaluable opportunities for knowledge exchange, networking, and cultural celebration. Highlighting the event, Cambodia’s vibrant “រំលឹកនារីជាតិ” dance performance secured second place, proudly sharing Khmer culture with the international dental community.

## THE NATIONAL WORKSHOP ON THE DRAFT “NATIONAL ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE STRATEGY” AND THE OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF THE CAMBODIA: ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE READINESS ASSESSMENT REPORT



On July 1st, I had the opportunity to attend the National Workshop on the Draft “National Artificial Intelligence Strategy” and the official launch of the “Cambodia: Artificial Intelligence Readiness Assessment Report” at the Sokha Hotel in Phnom Penh.

The event, which brought together around 400 participants, was organized by the Ministry of Post and Telecommunications (MPTC) in collaboration with the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) and the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

The workshop aimed to launch and disseminate the country report on the Ethics of AI Readiness Assessment in Cambodia, validate and gather additional inputs from ministries and agencies, and engage all relevant stakeholders — including the private sector, academia, and civil society — in discussions to shape a comprehensive and actionable national AI strategy.

Participants also collectively identified key priority actions to promote AI adoption and governance at the national level and discussed strategies to mobilize stakeholders for the successful implementation of the strategy once adopted.

## THE FACULTY OF DENTISTRY ATTENDED THE WORKSHOP UNDER THE TITLE: DESIGNING CASE SCENARIO FOR CASE-BASED LEARNING (CBL) ENHANCED WITH ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE, ORGANIZED BY IMU UNIVERSITY



The Faculty of Dentistry, Professor Anand Marya, Dean of Dentistry, Associate Professor Kalyan Kong, and Assistant Professor San Techly have actively participated in the workshop titled “Designing Case Scenario for Case-Based Learning (CBL) Enhanced with Artificial Intelligence,” which was recently held to strengthen innovative teaching practices. The event brought together educators and experts to explore how artificial intelligence tools can enrich CBL methodologies, fostering deeper student engagement and critical thinking skills. During the workshop, faculty members learned practical strategies for designing realistic case scenarios, integrating AI-powered resources, and aligning them with curriculum objectives. This valuable experience underscores the faculty’s commitment to adopting advanced educational approaches that prepare students to excel in an evolving healthcare landscape.

## THE STUDENTS FROM THE FACULTY OF DENTISTRY ATTENDED THE FORUM ON "USING TECHNOLOGY IN THE HEALTH SECTOR" ORGANIZED BY THE 5TH CAMBODIA 4.0



From the Faculty of Dentistry, nominated 5 dental student volunteers to participate in the 5th Cambodia 4.0 Forum on “Using Technology in the Health Sector (Digital Health)”, to be held on the morning of Saturday, July 12, 2025, at The Kampus building. The purpose of the forum is to raise awareness of recent technological developments that are impacting the health sector, both globally and in Cambodia. The forum focuses on health policy and the progress of digital technology use in the health sector in Cambodia, with a focus on technologies being used to promote awareness of diabetes prevention, treatment, and care. On the other hand, this was a great opportunity for future health professionals to explore and discuss how emerging technologies are transforming the healthcare landscape. In this

new era, technology plays an increasingly vital role in the health sector by enabling intelligent health services and simplifying various healthcare processes—from medical procedures and patient monitoring to consultations, counseling, and high-efficiency, safe treatment solutions.

## MEDICAL STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN THE CATARACT AND PTERYGIUM MISSION TO KAMPONG THOM PROVINCE

Six medical students joined the Cataract and Pterygium Mission with of the Khmer Sight Foundation, in collaboration with the Humanitarian with Love team from Singapore and the National Bank of Cambodia, in Sontuk District, Kampong Thom Province. This mission aimed to deliver essential eye care services to underserved populations and successfully screened over 1,400 patients with the dedicated support of 42 doctors and 100 volunteers. Among the volunteers were six medical students from the University of Puthisastra, who actively contributed across various key clinical stations, gaining valuable experience while serving the community.

**Visual Acuity (V/A) Station:** Medical students assessed patients’ vision using techniques such as counting fingers and hand movement tests, and referred cases for further ophthalmologic evaluation.

**Doctor Consultation Station:** Students observed and assisted in eye examinations using tools like the ophthalmoscope and auto-refractor, gaining practical insight into prevalent conditions such as cataracts and pterygium.

**Eye Care Station:** We participated in the distribution of eye drops, eye wash, and sunglasses, while also educating patients



on correct usage and general eye hygiene practices.

**Surgical Preparation Station:** Students helped with patient registration and counseling for upcoming cataract and pterygium surgeries scheduled in August 2025, contributing to patient comfort by alleviating fears and promoting confidence in the procedure.

This mission not only delivered essential medical services to underserved communities but also offered us, as medical students, a valuable hands-on learning experience. It significantly enhanced our clinical skills, improved our patient communication, and deepened our understanding of community health outreach and the importance of compassionate care.

## FACULTY OF MEDICINE CONDUCTED A HOSPITAL-BASED SPOT CHECK ON MEDICAL STUDENTS



The clinical affairs team from the Faculty of Medicine at University of Puthisastra conducted a spot check of clerkship and internship at Cambodia-China Friendship Preah Kossamak Hospital and Khmer Soviet Friendship Hospital.

A spot check is an unannounced, on-site evaluation to monitor and support medical students during their hospital rotations. The primary purpose is to assess student engagement, professionalism, learning progress, and adherence to hospital protocols in a clinical setting.

During the spot check, we observe students' attendance and participation in clinical activities, as well as their communication with patients and healthcare teams. In addition, we held a meeting with officers from the Hospital's Technical Bureau Offices to strengthen our collaboration and ensure the continued quality of clinical training.

The spot check also serves as an opportunity to provide constructive feedback, reinforce clinical expectations, and address any concerns related to safety, professionalism, or learning challenges. It plays a vital role in ensuring that students are making the most of their clinical training and maintaining the standards of patient care and ethical conduct.

## FACULTY OF MEDICINE ATTENDED REGIONAL LEARNING COLLABORATIVE MEETING



On July 8, 2025, Dean and assistant Deans of Medicine at the University joined Regional Learning Collaborative Meeting via Zoom, along with colleagues from the University of Health Sciences (Lao PDR) and the University of Medicine and Pharmacy at Can Tho City (Vietnam) under the collaborative project of Competency-Based Medical Education.

During the meeting, all three university teams shared progress updates on their ongoing PDSA (Plan-Do-Study-Act) Cycle 3 activities. UP proudly presented its continued efforts to strengthen teaching and assessment practices across multiple modules, building on the successes of the previous cycles. Each team was encouraged to submit a detailed written update outlining their project goals, interventions, progress, evaluation data, and future plans.

A major highlight of the discussion was the preparation of manuscripts for a special edition of MedPharmRes, an international medical and pharmaceutical research journal. The UP team, led by Asst. Prof. Dr. Vannary Yi, has already drafted a comprehensive paper summarizing outcomes and key lessons learned from all three PDSA cycles. The manuscript is now almost ready for submission, after undergoing expert review by faculty from Harvard Medical School and the University of Medicine and Pharmacy at Ho Chi Minh City — a leading CBME medical school in Vietnam. This publication will not only share UP's achievements with the wider academic community but also reinforce the university's leadership role in regional medical education reform.

Looking ahead, the meeting also included planning for the final phase of the project and the upcoming VAME Conference, scheduled for November 7–8, 2025, in Vietnam. A tentative final in-person meeting and a working lunch are set to celebrate the collective accomplishments and discuss next steps for sustaining the impact of the Learning Collaborative Project.

The Faculty of Medicine remains committed to enhancing faculty capacity, improving student learning experiences, and contributing to regional collaborations that strengthen medical education standards. UP is proud to be at the forefront of this transformative journey, shaping the future of healthcare education in Cambodia and beyond.

## MEDICAL STUDENTS SUCCESSFULLY DEFENDED THEIR THESIS



On July 10, 2025, a thesis titled "Demographic Study and Clinical Types of Psoriasis in Patients Who Presented to the Department of Dermatology and Venereology at Khmer- Soviet Friendship Hospital in 2019" was successfully defended at Hall by the medical students from Batch 3. The session was chaired by Dr. Thim Pichthida, with examiners Asst. Prof.

Prom Vireak and Dr. Kea Sokleng. This thesis was supervised by Asst. Prof. SOEUR Chanthan and Dr. SENG Mala, and conducted by the group of medical students consisted of Mr. CHHIN David, Mr. TRY Sontara, Mr. NGIN Long.

The study reviewed a total of 469 psoriasis in patients who presented to the Department of Dermatology and Venereology at Khmer-Soviet Friendship Hospital in the year of 2019. They found that the highest incidence of psoriasis was found in the age group 31 to 40 years old and the most common type of psoriasis is plaque psoriasis with 73.56% which mostly affected on those who live at province.

Congratulations to the team for passing with credit!

## CONGRATULATION TO THE FACULTY OF MEDICINE THAT WAS AWARD THE SOUTHEAST ASIA BIOETHICS RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP (SEABION) GRANT



**CONGRATULATION TO THE FACULTY OF MEDICINE**  
**For Winning Research Fellowship Grant from Southeast Asia Bioethics Network 2025**  
**Reward Grant Funding 13,360\$**



The Faculty of Medicine has been awarded the Research Fellowship Grant 2025 offered by the Southeast Asia Bioethics Network (SEABION).

The project, led by Ms. Srey MOM Pol, Deputy Dean for Research as the Principal Investigator, in collaboration with Asst. Prof. Prom Vireak, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and Asst. Prof. Yi Vannary Yi, Assistant Dean for Education, this research funding is to work in the field of bioethics in Cambodia.

The awarded project focuses on the important but often under-addressed area of bioethics in medical education. As the medical profession continues to evolve, integrating ethics into the training of future doctors is becoming increasingly essential—especially in Cambodia and other low-resource settings.

This success reflects the faculty's growing leadership in regional conversations around ethical medical practice and its commitment to nurturing responsible, reflective healthcare professionals. It reflects UP's

commitment to producing not only clinically competent doctors, but also ethically grounded healthcare leaders.

Congratulations to the entire team on this remarkable achievement! We look forward to seeing the impact of this work both nationally and across the Southeast Asia region.

## EXPLORING CAMBODIA'S HISTORY AND ECONOMY: BAEBE STUDENTS VISIT SOSORO MUSEUM



On the 5th July 2025, Bachelor of Arts in English, Business, and Entrepreneurship (BAEBE) students, accompanied by lecturers of the Faculty of Arts, Humanities, and Languages and honored by the presence of the president, Professor Ian Rouse and the Head of the Faculty, Ms. Mirjam Vigier, visited the SOSORO Museum, officially known as the Preah Srey Içnavarman Museum of Economy and Money in Phnom Penh. The tour aimed to enrich students'

understanding of Cambodia's economic changes throughout history. The SOSORO Museum offers an engaging journey through the nation's financial history—featuring interactive exhibits, rare artifacts, and multimedia presentations that trace the evolution of trade, currency, and governance across centuries.

Throughout the tour, students explored Cambodia's economic timeline, from the peaks of the Angkorian kingdom through periods of decline and eventual recovery. They examined how shifts in political power, foreign influence, and global trade reshaped the country's financial systems across different eras. Guided reflections and group discussions helped students connect these historical patterns to modern economic challenges. Many students expressed how the visit deepened their critical thinking—allowing them to see how past strategies and missteps can inform more resilient, ethical approaches to business and leadership today.

This experience proved meaningful not only for the students but also for our faculty. It sparked new ideas for exploring and integrating local context to support students' education about the history, economy, business, and the building of entrepreneurial mindset.

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to Professor Ian and Ms. Mirjam for joining us and showing their support to the BAEBE students, encouraging them to explore the history of Cambodia. The Faculty looks forward to organizing more learning activities that nurture curiosity, engagement, and strengthen students' readiness to become future leaders and entrepreneurs.

## THE 5TH NATIONAL SCOUTING



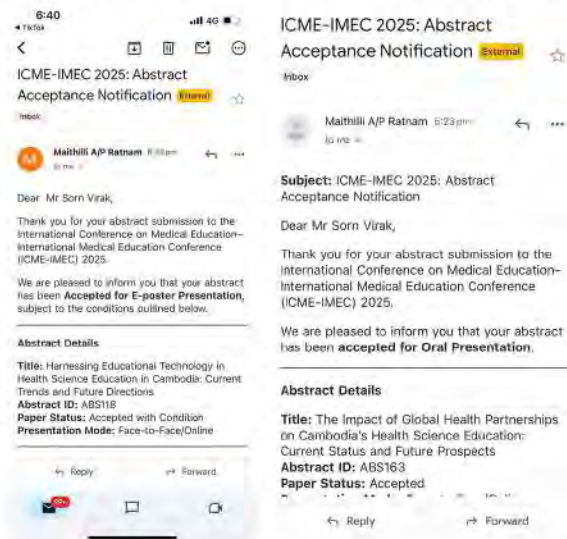
One of our members actively participated in the 5th National Scouting Trail, held in Siem Reap Province. The 5th National Scouting Trail organized with the aim of developing young scouts to reach their full potential physically, intellectually, emotionally, socially, and spiritually, the event followed the methods and principles of physical education, in alignment with the core values and laws of the scouting movement. The trail brought together scouts and youth leaders from various backgrounds for a meaningful multi-day experience designed to instill discipline and teamwork.

Key activities included:

- Trekking and navigation challenges through the historical landscapes of Siem Reap: Phnom Kolen
- Team-building and survival exercises to strengthen leadership and adaptability

The participation reflects the faculty's continued dedication to fostering well-rounded individuals who contribute meaningfully to both academia and the broader community.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO FY'S TEAM FOR BEING ACCEPTED TO PRESENT AS AN ORAL AND E-POSTER PRESENTATION AT ICME-IMEC 2025 CONFERENCE IN MALAYSIA



Congratulations to the Foundation Year Team for having two abstracts accepted to present at the ICME-IMEC 2025 conference, which is hosted by International Medical University (IMU), Malaysia. Under the lead of Asst. Prof. SORN Virak, an Acting Director of Foundation Year in the collaboration from the team members, two abstracts have been accepted for presentation at ICME-IMEC 2025.

(1) The Impact of Global Health Partnerships on Cambodia's Health Science Education: Current Status and Future Prospects – Accepted for Oral Presentation (Authors: Virak Som, Bunnarith AY, Sreyhak Sruong, and Sokchan Lorn)

(2) Harnessing Educational Technology in Health Science Education in Cambodia: Current Trends and Future Directions – Accepted for E-Poster Presentation (Authors: Virak Som, Yanvary Chhon, Lykeang Muk, Romnea Mao, and Sokhoeun Eat)

These two accepted abstracts will be published in the Scopus-indexed journal after the presentation. Again, congratulations to the FY team for

their effort and output. We are really proud to have such an impactful staff to bring UP to the international recognition at the global stage.

## GIVING LIFE THROUGH GENEROSITY: UP JOINS JULY 3RD BLOOD DONATION DRIVE AT THECOMMUNE BUILDIN

On July 3, 2025, the spirit of compassion and social responsibility filled the atmosphere at TheCommune (Toul Kork), where a community-wide Blood Donation Campaign was held under the inspiring slogan:

**"Give Blood, Save Lives!"**

Organized through a collaboration between the SOMA Initiative, Blood of Kindness, the Cambodian Red Cross, and BreadTalk, the event aimed to raise awareness on the importance of voluntary blood donation and to support hospitals in saving lives through a steady blood supply.

Among the many committed participants, a special delegation of staff and students from the University of Puthisastra (UP) stood out, led by Professor Chea Sin, Vice President for Academic Affairs of UP. Their presence reflected the university's ongoing commitment to community engagement, public health advocacy, and youth empowerment.



From 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, streams of generous donors arrived to contribute their blood and their hope. For many, it was their first time. For others, it was a reaffirmation of a lifelong habit of giving. The event not only helped replenish blood banks but also promoted a culture of volunteerism and social solidarity.

Professor Chea Sin noted:

"Every drop of blood is a drop of hope. It is inspiring to see our students and staff taking part in such a life-saving mission. This is what it means to grow not only as scholars but also as citizens."

The event also featured educational booths, refreshments, and opportunities for attendees to learn more about safe donation practices and the ongoing needs of hospitals across the country.

In a world where tragedy can strike at any moment, the act of donating blood is a quiet yet powerful form of heroism. The July 3rd event served as a reminder that saving lives doesn't always require a medical degree—it simply requires a willing heart.

By Dr. So Visessakseth

## DR. SO VISESSAKSETH JOINS AS HONORABLE GUEST AT THE INSTALLATION CEREMONY OF THE ROTARACT CLUB OF PHNOM PENH CENTRAL (2025-2026)



On June 28, 2025, the Rotaract Club of Phnom Penh Central hosted its Installation Ceremony to officially welcome the leadership team for the 2025–2026 term. The event was a heartfelt and inspiring celebration of youth leadership, civic engagement, and community service.

Dr. So Visessakseth, Academic Affairs Coordinator at the University of Puthisastra (UP), was invited as an honorable guest, joining distinguished participants including members of the Rotary Club of Phnom Penh Central, fellow Rotarians, Rotaractors, and a host of young leaders who share a commitment to making a meaningful impact in society.

The highlight of the evening was the formal installation of President Puthyka, a dental student from the University of Puthisastra. Stepping into her new role, President Puthyka brought with her a clear vision for advancing youth-led service initiatives, promoting collaboration, and strengthening engagement in both local and international community projects. Her leadership is anticipated to inspire many young professionals and students to take action for positive change.

As a guest at the ceremony, Dr. Visessakseth noted the significance of the occasion:

"This was more than just a transition of roles—it was a celebration of unity, purpose, and the enduring values that define the Rotaract spirit. It reminded us that leadership is not about position, but about the impact we make through mentorship, humility, and service."

The evening was further enriched by motivational speeches from Rotarian mentors, who shared stories and wisdom on what it means to lead with compassion and courage. The event concluded with fellowship activities and a family-style dinner, strengthening bonds among members and reinforcing the sense of community.