



Participants come together during this week's training course.

Mahosot leadership training sees management setting path to improvement

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Management at Mahosot Hospital is receiving leadership training this week to enable the central health facility to lift its overall standards of care.

During the one-week course from July 2-6, participants are getting intensive training on practical know-how and skills in hospital management.

The training ultimately aims to upgrade Mahosot's medical services to international standard so it can compete with private hospitals in Vientiane and Udon Thani, Thailand.

A consultant from Switzerland, Dr Alphons Schnyder said the "Hospital

Management Intensive Course" aimed to develop the quality of leadership which was a key success factor.

Mahosot Hospital is improving its administration in cooperation with the "Swiss Lao Hospital Project" with training on leadership being organised for all members of the management team.

All doctors, nurses and other staff should be patient-centred and quality-oriented. To reach international standard, it was very essential for Mahosot Hospital to strengthen leadership and to empower its staff in hospital management, Dr Schnyder noted.

He said this included enhancing knowledge and

competencies in hospital management such as the power of an inspiring hospital-vision, developing human resources, as well as change management and project management.

"There is a strong cultural change needed in Lao Hospitals: The management team should lead all staff to be responsible for the needs of the patients. Good teamwork of all professions has to be established sustainably," Dr Schnyder explained.

"Every level of staff needs to be fully committed to serving the patients. All members of the management team should lead their staff as an accountable role model, as well as motivate and empower all team members," he added.

What the Lao papers say

Savannakhet checks reveal chemicals on fruit, vegetables

Translated by Times Reporters

Authorities in Savannakhet province detected chemicals in some fresh fruit and vegetables during testing conducted at Savanhxay market on June 26.

Officials took samples of onions, mint, long beans, lettuce, apples, dragon fruit and grapes imported from Thailand and Vietnam for the tests.

Officials found some of the fruit and vegetables contained high amounts of chemicals that pose a danger to human health, with the potential to affect the nervous system or possibly even cancer.

A technician from the Agriculture and Forestry Department of Savannakhet, Ms Mayouly Hongsathilath, said many kinds of fruit and vegetables are grown in the province for local consumption and sale while more is imported from neighbouring countries.

With intense market competition to meet consumer demand, some producers resorted to using chemicals to keep fruit and vegetables blemish free and make them grow faster.

Pesticides are among the chemicals used by farmers and their use has increased over the years but they are dangerous and can have a direct effect on the health of consumers, Ms Mayouly said.

The Agriculture and Forestry Department is giving priority to checking for chemicals in fruit and vegetables to keep consumers safe, she added.

--Vientiane Mai Daily, July 3

Drugs stockpile destroyed in Khammuan

Officials in Khammuan province organised a ceremony on June 29 to destroy five kilograms of amphetamine tablets and 269 kg of dried cannabis.

The ceremony was attended by the Deputy Governor of Khammuan, Mr Khamsy Outthivong, a senior police official, Colonel Keodavong Xayyaseng, and other authorities.

Last year, 165 drug cases were registered in Khammuan and police arrested 222 Lao nationals and 10 foreigners in connection with them. Police seized cars, motorcycles, mobile phones, televisions, money and many kinds of narcotics, including amphetamine tablets, methamphetamine, and dried cannabis while making multiple arrests.

Officials also organised treatment for 74 drug users from June 1, 2017 to June 1, 2018.

--Khuamsangob Daily, June 3

Sisattanak police nab eight for drug dealing

Police of Sisattanak district in Vientiane recently arrested eight alleged drug dealers and seized 9,000 amphetamine tablets.

Mr Vythaya, a 24-year-old resident of Dongnaxok village in Sikhottabong district of Vientiane, was arrested in a Nongbouathong village gaming shop with 25 amphetamine tablets. During questioning, Mr Vythaya admitted he had bought the tablets from other drug dealers. Police also arrested Mr Pankham, a 29-year-old resident of Dongnaxok Tai village of Sikhottabong district; Mr Alex, 23, and Ms Latsamy, 34, both residents of Nongping village in Chanthabouly district; Mr Phouthasone, 31, and Mr Santhiphab, 19, both residents of Nongtha Neua village in Chanthabouly district; and Mr Boutsady, 26, and Mr Ip, 17, both residents of Chommany village in Xaysettha district.

--Khuamsangob Daily, July 3

Gang of motorcycle thieves apprehended in Xaysettha

Police in Xaysettha district of Vientiane arrested five alleged robbers and seized seven stolen motorcycles as part of a crackdown against the theft of motorbikes.

Police reported that one robbery occurred on April 28. Mr Chanphim, a 49-year-old resident of Phonphanao village in Xaysettha district, informed officials that two robbers made off with his MSX motorcycle and escaped.

Police formed a special unit to collect information and evidence from closed-circuit television (CCTV) cameras from a nearby house and identified the robbers.

On May 4, police in Xaysettha district worked with local officials in Phonphanao to detain Mr Nouxay, a 36-year-old resident of the village.

Mr Nouxay admitted that more four more members of his group had jointly stolen motorcycles. Police later detained Mr Viengsavanh, a 36-year-old resident of Phonkheng village in Xaysettha district, Mr Phayvanh a 25-year-old resident of Huayteuy village in Xaythany district, Mr Mingkeo, a 27-year-old resident of Huayhong village in Chanthabouly district, and Mr Khao, a 25-year-old resident of Dongkhamxang village in Hadxaifong district. They also seized seven stolen motorcycles.

During questioning, Mr Nouxay and Mr Viengsavanh admitted they got to know each other while being treated for drug abuse at the Saynamngern rehabilitation centre. After they were released from the centre in 2017, they allegedly stole 13 motorcycles and sold them to Mr Khao. He also allegedly bought stolen motorcycles from Mr Phayvanh and Mr Mingkeo, which he then sold in neighbouring provinces.

--Khuamsangob Daily, July 3

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Notice

To Individuals, legal identities, local and foreign businesses

Subject: Pagodite rock auction

- Based on the Prime Minister's Office Notice No 376/----dated June 15, 2018,
- Based on the consent of Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Finance No 1066/----, dated April 4, 2018,
- Based on a minute taken at a meeting of the committee responsible for the open auction of 865 tonnes of pagodite rock in Attapeu province, dated 14/6/2018,

The Ministry of Finance's Office is pleased to inform individuals, legal identities, local and foreign businesses who are interested in take part in the auction of the 856 tonnes of pagodite rock in Attapeu province that the ministry is preparing to launch the bidding process.

At present, there are 270 sacks of (Khao) pagodite rock and 22 sacks of (Had) pagodite rocks available for purchase at auction. The remaining (Khao) pagodite rocks, being assembled at project sites, will be auctioned on other occasions.

The auction winner will be the one who submits a genuine bid in writing offering the highest purchase price for the assets as described above. However, the bid offer must be at or above the reserve price (floor price) which the committee has pre-set.

Auction bidding envelopes will be available from July 1 to 31, 2018. The deadline for bid submissions is August 8, 2018 and the auction winner announcements will be held at 9:30 am at the grand meeting hall of Attapeu province on the same day.

Any person or entity who is interested in taking part in the bidding is advised to purchase bidding envelopes at the State Asset Department, Ministry of Finance, Vientiane capital and State Asset Division, Attapeu Finance Department. Envelope price is 5.000.000 kip per unit.

In this regard, the office is pleased to make the announcement so that relevant sectors may comply with this notice.

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