

Equal treatment for all, Lao hospitals vow



Associate Prof. Dr Khampe Phongsavath (second right) and Dr Alphons Schnyder (third right) with participants.

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Setthathirath Hospital, Children Hospital and Mother and Newborn Hospital seek to improve the quality of services for all their patients to increase public confidence and satisfaction.

These hospitals are moving to guarantee appropriate health service delivery and proper training for their human resources for health. To reach this goal, the central hospitals are focusing on improving management.

Hospital Management Consultant from Switzerland, Dr Alphons Schnyder, spoke yesterday at a hospital management intensive training course at Setthathirath Hospital.

He said that the training in management and leadership in cooperation with the Swiss Lao Hospital Project was organised for all members of the management team of doctors, nurses and administrators.

“Good leadership and good hospital management

have a strong leverage effect on the service quality of hospitals,” Dr Schnyder said.

“That is the reason why the Swiss Hospital Project is supporting the management training course, running from July 9-13.” During this one week course, participants are receiving intensive training on practical know-how and skills in hospital management.

They enhance knowledge and competencies in hospital management.

For example, strategic planning, hospital’s culture, financial management, human resources management, project management).

Tools, checklists and guidelines for hospital management are transferred.

Dr Schnyder said that there was a significant potential to improve the quality of hospital services and to use all resources to be efficient and effective through strengthening the management.

He said building up strong leadership was essential.

All doctors and nurses

should lead their teams to act in a patient-centred and quality-oriented manner.

All members of the management team should lead their staff as accountable role models as well as to motivate and empower all team members.

More than 50 participants who are leading officials at their hospitals will focus on improving the health of mothers and children in line with the government’s policy, Director General of Setthathirath Hospital, Associate Prof. Dr Khampe Phongsavath said.

There was a solemn duty to make sure that all persons of all ethnicities in Laos have equal access to treatment, he said. By asking for proof of funds first before providing treatment, some doctors had failed to understand and follow the government policy, he said.

“We should ensure medical ethics by giving treatment to a patient first and waiting for payment later,” he said.

What the Lao papers say

Seized wildlife products destroyed in Oudomxay

Translated by Times Reporters

Oudomxay provincial officials organised a ceremony last Thursday to burn wildlife products weighing 218.5 kg that were seized from several markets.

Oudomxay is one province which has taken steps to prevent the illegal sale of protected animals and wildlife products. Several people have also been arrested since provincial officials organised checks to seize animals and wildlife products being sold by traders in Nahuang, Maengda and Thin villages, and along the roadside in Lak 32 village in Xay district and Km 21 village in La district. Many kinds of wildlife products weighing 218.5 kg were seized since the drive began in May. The ceremony was attended by the Deputy Director of the Forest Inspection Department, Mr Thongphan Lattanalangsi, and other officials.

The efforts are part of the plan of the Agriculture and Forestry Department of Oudomxay to implement the aquatic animal and wildlife law and the order of the Prime Minister to protect endangered wildlife species and forest products.

Officials seized many kinds of animals, including iguanas, bamboo rats, turtles, wild boar, munjak, civet cats, chipmunks, bush-tailed porcupines.

--Socio-Economic Daily, July 9

Efforts to curb impacts of natural disasters in Xayaboury

Xayaboury province is usually affected by natural disasters every year and officials have put in place measures to prevent and reduce their impact.

Officials in Xayaboury organised a meeting at the end of last month to assess the work done to prevent and control disasters during 2017.

The meeting was attended by the Deputy Governor of Xayaboury, Ms Bounphack Inthaphanya, who said disasters and other problems caused by people continued to pose a serious challenge. Because of climate change and an increase in the population, hot weather has affected many countries, which must contend with natural disasters, including floods, earthquakes, volcanic eruptions and storms, she said. Natural disasters directly affect lives and the property of the government and people, and are an obstacle in the development of the nation, she added.

In 2017, Xayaboury was affected by floods, storms and accidental fires, Ms Bounphack said. From July to October last year, 96 villages with a total of 2,368 families in Xayaboury were affected by natural disasters, and the total losses were more than 98 billion kip. Provincial and district officials, and other authorities have helped rebuild these villages, she said.

--Vientiane Business-Social, July 9

Thai truck driver dies in accident

The driver of a truck transporting fruits from Thailand was killed instantly when it flipped over along Road R3 in Namphae village of Viengphoukha district in Luang Namtha province on June 23.

Three people were also injured when the driver of the 12-wheel truck lost control. Traffic police in Luang Namtha reported that at 5 pm on June 23, they received informed from officials in Namphae village group about the accident.

They set up a special unit to check the scene and found the driver Mr Xayphone, a 47-year-old Thai national, dead at the scene. They also found Ms Chanthi, a 22-year-old resident of Namkaeng village, Mr Lac, an 18-year-old worker from Mai village, and Mr Yeun, a 23-year-old worker from Namkaeng village, were injured. Ms Chanthi said Mr Xayphone was driving from Boten border checkpoint to Bokeo province.

Police said the accident may have occurred because the driver did not respect the traffic regulations and exceeded the speed limit.

--Khuamsangob Daily, July 9

Danger of drugs highlighted in Bokeo

Police in Bokeo province recently organised an event to inform people about the dangers posed by drugs. A total of 661 people from Namfa Neua village in Tonpheung district attendee the event, which was aimed at educating people, especially children, not to use drugs. The people were told to avoid drug dealers and all kinds of drugs in line with the laws of the country.

A police officer from Bokeo, First Lieutenant Vixaykeo Phetsada, said that drugs affect the body, especially when people get addicted to narcotics.

Besides, drugs make people feel weary, and they lose weight and cannot sleep. Drugs also damage the brain, and the addicts usually quarrel with family members, he said. Drugs also lead to social problems and anyone found using or selling drugs will be punished under the law, First Lieutenant Vixaykeo said.

--Pathetlao Daily, July 9

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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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