

Hospitals move towards autonomy under health reform

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Champasak Provincial Hospital has begun strengthening leadership and management capacity to support the government's health reform strategy, which aims to make hospitals more autonomous and sustainable.

The hospital held a workshop from October 28-31 to discuss steps towards hospital autonomy, attended by 34 directors, doctors, nurses and administrators from provincial-level hospitals in Khammuan, Savannakhet and Champasak.

The Director of Champasak Provincial Hospital, Dr Khamsing Keothongku, presided over the event, with training led by Senior Specialist in Hospital Management from the Swiss-Laos Hospital Project, Dr Alphons Schnyder.

The workshop aimed to strengthen hospital management, improve service quality, and build patient trust in public healthcare.

Participants learned



Medical and management personnel gather for a hospital management and leadership workshop at Champasak Provincial Hospital.

how to maximise existing resources and strengthen administrative and financial systems to prepare for self-sufficiency.

Training topics included leadership, hospital management tools, financial and personnel management, project planning, patient-centred

care, and strategies for change and sustainability.

The lessons learnt at the workshop will help hospitals deliver better care and implement Phase IV of the

government's health reform strategy for 2025-2030.

The training represents an important step towards transforming public hospitals into self-

managed institutions under national legislation, promoting transparency, accountability and long-term efficiency in the healthcare system.