



Course participants share their experiences.

New course opens up way to better dentistry

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Some 60 teachers and dental students from Vientiane province's technical medical school and nurses from provincial dispensaries are honing their skills in dental techniques.

The year-long training programme in the province is divided into four phases with technical and financial support from Japan's Organisation of International Support for Dental Education (OISDE).

The programme is now in the third phase, which includes lectures and practical lessons, while the fourth phase will focus on practical implementation. The trainees will be evaluated during practical work at various dispensaries in the province.

It is planned to extend the project to other provinces after impressive results with the initial programme.

The training course centres on theory and practical lessons to allow participants to learn as

much as they can.

In collaboration with the Faculty of Dental Education of the University of Health Sciences and OISDE, the Vientiane provincial Health Department also intends to promote dental and oral care and hygiene among local people so they can maintain healthy teeth and gums.

OISDE's dental professional, Dr Yuka Makino, was among the guest speakers who introduced new techniques and skills in dental practice.