

# Japan promotes dental health



Mr Toshimitsu Mochida (right) presents dental equipment to Dr Souphathai Sorpaseuth (left), witnessed by Dr Aloungnadheth Sitthiphanh (fourth right).

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The Organisation of International Support for Dental Education (OISDE) from Japan is continuing to improve the dentistry skills of teachers and nurses in Vientiane province, aimed at reducing oral and dental problems.

The objective of the organisation's training courses is to raise dental treatment standards at dispensaries in the province.

Vice President of the University of Health Sciences, Dr Aloungnadheth

Sitthiphanh, said last week that the university, OISDE and health officials in Vientiane province want Lao people to have better overall health through the promotion of oral and dental health.

The project aims to reduce the number of infections and the number of people suffering from oral and dental problems. If the project is successful, it could be expanded to other provinces. The training courses can also be seen as models for other projects in dental and oral health.

The courses are supported by

Japan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs. They are implemented by the OISDE, Faculty of Dentistry at the University of Health Sciences, Vientiane provincial Health Department and Vientiane provincial nursing school.

OISDE-Japan Coordinator Mr Toshimitsu Mochida presented dental equipment worth US\$35,000 (more than 283 million kip) to the Director of Vientiane-provincial Health Department, Dr Souphathai Sorpaseuth, witnessed by other officials from the two organisations.

## News in Brief

### *Illegally felled timber seized in Savannakhet*

A forestry surveillance unit in Savannakhet province has seized more than 2,900 cubic metres of wood they believe was extracted illegally. The unit has been monitoring illegal logging activities in forest conservation areas since 2013.

The unit also checks for illegal timber crossing the Lao-Thai and Lao-Vietnamese borders.

On this occasion, the unit impounded 2,936 cubic metres of timber and semi-processed wood products.

### *Mahaxay district upgrades water supplies*

Mahaxay district in Khammuan province will build a reservoir to collect spring water in Phonxay village and an underground water collection system in Hay-neua village.

The projects will be financed under the province's rural development scheme at a cost of 140 million kip.

Construction has already begun after an agreement was signed last week with the ABT Company.

The reservoir in Phonxay village will be able to store 10,000 litres of water and the underground water project in Hay-neua village will help to resolve water supply problems for local residents.

### *Khammuan police detain drug dealer*

Khammuan Drug Control Police recently arrested Ms Vong, 41, of Phonkham village in Hinboun district, after they found 27 amphetamine tablets in her possession.

Ms Vong admitted she started buying and selling amphetamines last year. She bought 60-90 pills from a Ms Dam in Songhong village, Hinboun district, for 4,000-5,000 Thai baht and sold them for 25,000 kip per tablet. Following her arrest, she will go on trial.

### *Police searching for hit-and-run driver*

The Vientiane Traffic Police Department is searching for the driver of a car who drove away following a fatal collision with a motorbike in Sisomseun village, Sikhottabong district.

Police said that last Saturday the motorbike overtook the car at high speed but the rider lost control and the bike crashed on the road. The car then ran over the motorbike rider but the driver fled the scene.

The motorbike rider was killed instantly. He was identified as Mr Khen, 40, of Phonsomboun village, Sikhottabong district.