

Setthathirath Hospital lauds success of Japanese training project

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Setthathirath Hospital in Vientiane and Japan's National Centre for Global Health and Medicine (NCGM) on Thursday concluded a three-year project on the training of personnel working in the hospital's laboratory and radiology department.

A meeting to wrap up the project at Setthathirath Hospital was attended by the facility's Director General, Dr Phayvanh Keopaseuth, Director of the Department of Human Resource Development, Bureau of International Health Cooperation, NCGM, Dr Miyoshi Chiaki, the administration boards of the hospital and NCGM, and doctors and medical students.

The two sides reviewed the project in which the NCGM helped the hospital by providing a grant for 12 personnel to undergo training

in Japan over the three-year period of the project. Two members of staff from the laboratory and the radiology department were selected for training each year.

The trainees gave presentations on the topics they had studied in Japan to other meeting participants.

Dr Phayvanh said "Over the last three years, thanks to the assistance of the National Centre for Global Health and Medicine, our laboratory and radiology department have improved and we have been able to see the progress made as a result of this project. The quality of work in each section has undoubtedly improved."

"Laboratory staff learnt how to check the operation and accuracy of the equipment they use, how to use and maintain chemicals, how to maintain machines, and other important skills."

"Radiology staff learnt to use X-ray equipment



Hospital staff and Japanese project personnel attend the final review meeting.

efficiently, how to prevent infection and how to protect themselves against radiation while taking X-rays," he added. "Every year we sent personnel for training in Japan and have continually evaluated the success of the project."

"Our hospital has received assistance from the government and people of Japan in many ways, including funding to build new facilities and to buy medical equipment," Dr Phayvanh said.

"On behalf of the hospital

management, as well as the laboratory and radiology department, I would like to express my gratitude to the NCGM for all the help they have provided for the development of these fields and the training they have provided for our staff over the

past three years."

"This has been very meaningful and important for our relationship and technical cooperation between the hospital and the National Centre for Global Health and Medicine, as well as for Laos and Japan," he added.

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