



"Why I do what I do": Meet Dr. Ang



"Everything started when I was a little kid. I really loved the sciences and wanted a medical career. The white coat of a doctor caught my eye and my soul. After I finished high school in 2014, I applied to university via the national medical exam and was accepted."

This is how Dr. Chhun Chheng Ang's journey into medicine began. By the time he graduated from Phnom Penh's University of Health Sciences in 2023, he had fallen in love with surgery and paediatrics. Since completing a three-month internship at AHC during university, he knew he wanted to return to pursue his specialty training.

"AHC is a great education centre with lots of learning opportunities for young doctors like me. I really value the culture of shared learning and strong teamwork."

Dr. Ang began his surgical training program at AHC in July 2023. Since then, he's been building his skills and confidence both in and out of the operating theater.

"I've learned that the most important part of being a doctor is your attitude – skill and knowledge come after that. When I'm working with a child, I'm not only trying to understand their symptoms. I'm also trying to build empathy and understanding for how they and their caregivers are thinking and feeling."

When Dr. Ang completes AHC's surgical specialty training curriculum in two years, he's excited to keep doing what he loves: connecting with families and saving children's lives.

"I'm a simple guy – I don't necessarily have any big, long-term goals yet. Right now, I'm just focused on the most inspiring thing for me: seeing a child in critical condition make a full recovery and grow up strong and healthy. That's why I do what I do."