Korea provides training on ICT, leadership for Souphanouvong University

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Sookmyung Women’s University of Korea is continuing to support a programme of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) and leadership at Souphanouvong University in Luang Prabang province.

The programme has been held every year since 2017 but this year it took place online because of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The training session was organised by Souphanouvong University (SU) together with the Asia Pacific Women’s Information Network Centre and Sookmyung Women’s University of Korea, and supported by the Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Education, and National Education Initiative (NEI). The UNDP online training course on ICT and Leadership for Women’s Empowerment took place at SU from August 31-September 4. This was the fourth workshop held at SU and was attended by 51 trainees from six faculties.

Its purpose was to direct female students’ attention beyond the classroom towards learning about the needs of the surrounding community. There is also awareness of the importance of using ICT applications and leadership skills to be successful and prepare them for the future.

Bokeo police make arrests after woman held for ransom

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Bokeo provincial police this week arrested three men after they allegedly detained and held a woman for ransom in Huayxai district, demanding 500,000 Thai bath for her release.

An official in charge of the case, who wished not to be named, told Vientiane Times that on Monday police were informed that three men had detained a 35-year-old woman at a hotel in Huayxai district, later moving her to Tonphueang district with the intention of sending her to a marriage agency.

Police from the provincial Public Security Headquarters teamed up with officials from Huayxai district and Namkerng police station to arrest the three men involved in the alleged kidnappers and their victim were travelling.

They stopped a pick-up that was driving from Huayxai to Tonphueang past the Namkerng police station and arrested the three occupants.

Police were able to rescue the 35-year-old woman who were holding for ransom, who came from Xiayuhaeui-Neva village. The alleged kidnappers were identified as Mr Olay, 40, a police officer from Xiayuhaeui-Neva village, Mr Sengkeo, 33, also a police officer from Nanoy village, Huayxai district, and Mr Thongdam, 38, a teacher from Chansavang village in Sikhattabong district, Vientiane. Police are making enquiries in an attempt to identify other individuals involved in the case.

A similar incident occurred in Kaysone Phomvihane city, Savannakhet province in June when someone detained a man and held him to ransom for 500,000 Thai bath.

The victim’s body was subsequently found buried. Savannakhet police officials are continuing their hunt for the killers.