The top earners among all taught postgraduates at The University of Hong Kong are those who attained the Master of Dental Surgery (MDS) degree from the Faculty of Dentistry, according to an article in the Chinese-language Sing Tao newspaper published on 8 March 2006.

Quoting figures from the 2004 HKU Graduate Employment Survey for masters-level graduates who undertook a taught rather than research course, the Sing Tao Education News reported that MDS degree holders had an average monthly income of HK$41,625—up 6% from 2003 and the highest among all participants in the survey.

In comparison, the article noted, the average income of graduates who had attained the Master of Social Studies was HK$25,643 a month (down 16% from 2003) and that of lawyers graduating from the Postgraduate Certificate in Law was HK$23,152 a month (up 5% from 2003).

The highest individual earner among all HKU taught postgraduates in 2004 was also an MDS degree holder.

Overall, 9 in every 10 HKU taught postgraduates were able to find jobs within 6 months of graduation, with an average monthly income of about HK$17,000—about 1% higher than the level in 2003. The Sing Tao attributed these results to the improving Hong Kong economy.

The HKU Graduate Employment Survey (available at <www.hku.hk/cepc/survey/ges>) is conducted annually by the HKU Careers Education and Placement Centre. The 2004 survey results for bachelor degree holders show that 98% of Bachelor of Dental Surgery graduates were employed within 6 months of graduation (compared with 76% for the whole university) and the average income for Bachelor of Dental Surgery graduates was HK$22,632 a month (compared with HK$13,374 for the whole university).

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