



Community Engagement

HKU Faculty of Dentistry students raise oral health awareness on campus

8 – 12 March 2010

The Dental Public Health Committee of the Dental Society of the HKU Students' Union joined forces with the Dental Unit of the University Health Service to raise oral health awareness on the main university campus from 8 to 12 March 2010.

Named "True or False, Tooth or Not" ("齒：是而非"), the 4-day interactive oral health exhibition was designed to clarify oral health misconceptions and to educate students, staff, and visitors about periodontal (gum) diseases and personal oral hygiene. The exhibition consisted of oral health instruction booths where participants learnt how to brush and floss effectively, a dental consultation area staffed by two dentists from the University Health Service, and poster-board displays.



"This year, the committee chose to supplement the board displays by personally discussing them with the 1000 or so visitors," says Jennifer Yu (BDS II), Chairperson of the Dental Public Health Committee. "Participants said they enjoyed the clear explanations, and also the novel theme of oral health misconceptions, as it gave them a chance to clarify some common misunderstandings about dental procedures and dental problems."

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Knowledge exchange (KE) at the HKU Faculty of Dentistry (<http://facdent.hku.hk>) aims to maintain a two-way dialogue between the Faculty and all sectors of the community. The Faculty's KE strategy, public education, and community activities form part of the Faculty's fourth mission of "engagement". We will be pleased to consider any suggestions or comments, or community/school invitations; please e-mail dentktu@hku.hk