HKU Faculty of Dentistry and HKU Dental Alumni Association start mentorship scheme

The HKU Faculty of Dentistry has partnered with the HKU Dental Alumni Association (HKUDAA) to provide a mentorship scheme for second-year dental undergraduates for 2010-2011.

All second-year Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) students will be able to take part in the mentorship scheme, which is based on the HKU Mentorship Programme. Practising dentists who graduated from the HKU Faculty of Dentistry will be paired with BDS II students and will stay in touch throughout the year, starting with the Inauguration Ceremony on 25 February 2011. Faculty alumni wishing to act as mentors can fill in [this application form] before 31 January 2011.

“This will be a great opportunity for knowledge exchange between our students and alumni,” says Professor Lakshman Samaranayake, HKU Dean of Dentistry. “We are delighted that the HKUDAA is keen to take part in this mentorship scheme, and that our Knowledge Transfer Unit is able to help coordinate the development and administration.”

Because Faculty alumni have been through the BDS programme already, they will be invaluable in supporting and encouraging current BDS II students. “In particular, our alumni have varying degrees of work experience and life-long learning, so they can share with students what real-life dental practice is like,” says Dr Michael Mui, HKUDAA President. “In turn, our alumni can learn from the younger generation and have another way to stay strongly connected to our Faculty and alma mater.”

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For more information about the HKU Dental Alumni Association, visit <http://facdent.hku.hk/hkudaa>.

The HKUDAA—HKU Faculty of Dentistry Mentorship Programme 2010-2011 is based on pairings of one mentor to two BDS II students, and is based on the HKU Mentorship Programme, <www.hku.hk/mentor>. For more information about taking part in the HKUDAA—HKU Faculty of Dentistry Mentorship Programme 2010-2011, e-mail: dentktu@hku.hk

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