HKU establishes Dental Library Endowment Fund

The University of Hong Kong Libraries have set up a Dental Library Endowment Fund to help maintain the first-class status of the HKU Dental Library.

As the only dental library in Hong Kong, the HKU Dental library serves all undergraduates, postgraduates, staff, and practising dentists. All registered dentists including HKU dental alumni can use the library freely on a walk-in basis, and current students and staff can use its electronic resources remotely.

However, prices for academic books, journals, and digital resources are increasing annually by 5% to 8%. In addition, the falling economy and costs associated with the upcoming 4-year curriculum (and 6-year dental curriculum) have prevented the University from being able to keep pace with the library’s materials budget. With the Dental Library Endowment Fund, HKU plans to raise supplementary funds to ensure that the dental collection continues to grow in both strength and size.

“The quality of the Dental Library is so important to Hong Kong’s dental profession,” says Dr Anthony W Ferguson, HKU Librarian (pictured above). “To maintain its quality, we need to raise HK$ 6.6 million immediately for the continued purchase of basic materials and to acquire advanced research materials.”

To contribute to the Fund and keep dental knowledge flowing in Hong Kong, please visit: http://lib.hku.hk/giving/dental.html. Donations from HKU alumni will have a dollar-to-dollar match by “The Stanley Ho Alumni Challenge”. Individuals, companies, and other organisations may also create their own Dental Library—named endowment funds.

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