HKU Faculty of Dentistry alumni launch student consultation service

The HKU Faculty of Dentistry and HKU Dental Alumni Association (HKUDAA) are offering a new BDS Student Consultation Service to support undergraduate dental students at The University of Hong Kong.

The new scheme was launched by the Faculty Dean, Prof Lakshman Samaranayake, and the President of the HKUDAA, Dr Michael Mui (pictured, L and R, respectively), immediately after they officially opened the new HKUDAA Office at a ribbon-cutting ceremony on 5 July 2012.

Run by a roster of volunteer Alumni Ambassadors from the HKUDAA, the BDS Student Consultation Service will be based at the HKUDAA Office at Room 7B50B on the 7/F of the Prince Philip Dental Hospital. The consultation scheme aims to provide support, such as study skills, stress management, and careers advice, on an as-needed basis through one-to-one confidential appointments.

The BDS Student Consultation Service will complement the annual BDS II Mentorship Programme, also run by a panel of volunteer dental alumni. Both programmes are administered by the Faculty Knowledge Transfer Unit.

“Following the success of our mentorship programme in the past 2 years, members of the local dental community are once again generously volunteering to offer guidance and advice to the next generation of dentists,” says Prof Samaranayake. “We are very grateful for this additional source of support for the all-round development of our BDS students. This is especially important in the new academic year, when one of the two cohorts of BDS I students will be a year younger.”

HKU dental alumni wishing to volunteer as Alumni Ambassadors for the BDS Student Consultation Service and BDS I, III, IV, and V students wishing to use this service can contact the Knowledge Transfer Officer, Ms Sau-wan Cheng, at dentktu@hku.hk or (Tel:) 2859 0410.

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