



Industry Engagement

Colgate-Palmolive – HKU Faculty of Dentistry internship scholars share their experience

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Two students—Dr Stefani L Cheung and Ms Yedda KY Tsoi—gave positive impressions of the 2012 Colgate-Palmolive – HKU Faculty of Dentistry summer internship scheme at an experience-sharing session on 15 October 2012.

The month-long internship programme was thoughtfully planned, was eye-opening, and provided a valuable learning and professional experience, according to Ms Yedda Tsoi (BDS V student, pictured top, left of Ms Tiffany HY Huang [Director, Colgate Professional Oral Care, Greater Asia Division]). Activities included clinic and factory visits and project planning to strengthen academic partnerships in Asia. The highlight came at the end of the internship, at a regional expert workshop titled “Patient-centric approach in managing dentin hypersensitivity”, which was held in Hong Kong on 31 August 2012.

Both participants of the 2012 industry internship programme encouraged the audience of 50 fellow undergraduate and postgraduate students to apply for next year’s scheme. The 2012 scheme details are archived online at <http://facdent.hku.hk/docs/2012/InternshipProgramme.pdf>. Details on the 2013 intern scholarships (for one undergraduate and one postgraduate from the Faculty) will be available soon on the Faculty website and on Facebook, at www.facebook.com/facdent.

In her presentation, Dr Stefani Cheung (MDS student in implant dentistry) pictured bottom, left of the HKU Dean of Dentistry, Prof Lakshman Samaranayake) offered 10 reasons for spending a summer at Colgate. In ascending order, they were *To learn and get a scholarship*, *To feed your mint addiction* (consumer product knowledge), *To get dressed up* (site visit), *To meet future colleagues* (clinic visits), *To embark upon an adventure*, *To solve brain-teasers*, *To meet celebrities* (dentist scientists at the regional expert meeting), *To hear Colgate’s Ms Tiffany Huang say “Guys, let’s do this”*, *To get even more dressed up* (social evening), and *To embrace a partner in oral health* (this was the third year that Colgate provided the Faculty industry intern scholarships).

More photos of the 2012 industry intern experience-sharing session can be found at the Faculty website album at <http://facdent.hku.hk/gallery/index.php?album=2012-industry-intership-experience-sharing-session>.

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