

Press Release

## **HKU Faculty of Dentistry celebrates its 35th Anniversary cum being the World's No.1 Dental Faculty**



Guests of Honour (from left to right) Professor Peter Mathieson, Professor the Hon Sophia Chan, the Hon Mrs Carrie Lam, Professor the Hon Arthur Li and Professor Thomas Flemmig celebrate HKU Faculty of Dentistry 35th Anniversary cum being the World's No.1 Dental Faculty

(November 26, 2017 – Hong Kong) Celebrating the Faculty's 35th anniversary and its being ranked World's No. 1 dental faculty by the QS World University Rankings by Subject 2017 for a second consecutive year, the Faculty of Dentistry at the University of Hong Kong (HKU) held a whole day symposium at the Prince Philip Dental Hospital, followed by a gala dinner on November 23, 2017. Over 350 guests, including government officials, international scholars from China, Asia and Europe, the Faculty's alumni, dental professionals & researchers, bachelor and postgraduate students and prominent business representatives, participated in this most memorable event.

The day-time symposium provided knowledge of latest developments, challenges and opportunities in various dental disciplines, aspects of treatment considerations and legislative concerns, and voluntary community dental services. It was attended by about 200 local and international participants.

At the dinner, Mrs Carrie Lam Cheng Yuet-ngor, the HKSAR Chief Executive and HKU Chancellor; Professor Sophia Chan Siu-chee, Secretary for Food and Health; Professor Arthur Li Kwok-cheung, HKU Council Chairman; Professor Peter Mathieson, HKU President and Vice-Chancellor, together with Professor Thomas Flemmig, Dean of HKU Faculty of Dentistry officiated the ceremony to celebrate the Faculty's 35th Anniversary cum being the world's no. 1 dental faculty.

"It is a pleasure to be here to celebrate with you the 35th Anniversary of the Faculty of Dentistry. Congratulation once again on the Faculty being ranked the world no. 1 dental school. Your consistently outstanding ranking recognises the excellence of the Faculty in teaching and research," the Chief Executive praised the Faculty in her speech. She also mentioned, "The ambition of the Faculty goes well beyond teaching and research, indeed it is the close engagement with the local community and the world at large, that truly distinguishes HKU Faculty of Dentistry. The whole Faculty's staff and students are actively engaged in continuous community project and are committed to promoting oral and dental health in society."

"The Faculty focuses on research, education and knowledge exchange contributing to our achievements today, thereby contributing to the advancement of oral health and well-being in Hong Kong, the region and the world. Two out of three dentists and two out of three dental specialists practicing in Hong Kong were trained in the HKU Faculty of Dentistry", said Professor Flemmig in his welcome address. He added, "To address the issue of shortage of dentists, especially dental specialists in Hong Kong, the Institute of Advanced Dentistry (IAD) was established early this year." IAD is a centre of excellence for the management of complex and severe oral conditions, which also provides continuous education opportunities and dental care services to the Hong Kong community. It will contribute to the vision of the Faculty, i.e. to "Advancing oral health and well-being" in Hong Kong, China and the world.

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