



Community Engagement

HKU Faculty of Dentistry holds Summer Programme 2008 for prospective students

21-26 July 2008

Thirty-three secondary school students, about one-third from overseas (Canada, Thailand, UK, USA), enrolled in the Faculty's Summer Programme 2008 to get an introduction to a career in dentistry and oral health care.



Held between 21 and 26 July 2008, the Summer Programme offered participants a chance to try their first problem-based learning (PBL) tutorial, as well as to learn to be self-directed learners, take radiographs in Oral Radiology, and check and improve their own oral hygiene with a dental hygienist.

Students also applied a rubber dam, polished coins in the Simulation Laboratory, made models in Dental Technology, and observed the management of real patients in the Reception and Primary Care area. The evening social events allowed everyone to relax, make friends, and enjoy University and hall life.

"All the participants said they had gained valuable experience and, more importantly, many expressed an interest in pursuing a dental career in the future," says organiser, Dr Cynthia Yiu.

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Knowledge exchange (KE) at the HKU Faculty of Dentistry (<http://facdent.hku.hk>) aims to maintain a two-way dialogue between the Faculty and all sectors of the community. The Faculty's KE strategy, public education, and community activities form part of the Faculty's fourth mission of "engagement". We will be pleased to consider any suggestions or comments, or community/school invitations; please e-mail dentktu@hku.hk