



**Community Engagement**

## HKU Faculty of Dentistry holds Summer Programme 2009 for prospective students

26 July – 1 August 2009



Potential dental students had a taste of university life at the Faculty's Summer Programme, which was held at the Prince Philip Dental Hospital from 26 July to 1 August 2009.

The 46 students (26 from Hong Kong and 20 from UK, USA, Canada, Thailand, and mainland China) explored various dental facilities of the Faculty. They also tried their first problem-based learning (PBL) tutorial with BDS student leaders, where they used advice on being a self-directed learner to perform literature and book searches in the Dental Library.

During lunch times, teachers from different Disciplines gave presentations about their areas, and in an evening careers discussion, information was shared concerning training and working as a dentist, dental surgery assistant, dental hygienist, and dental technician. Students had a chance to wind down, make friends, and explore exciting Hall life at HKU at social events organised by current students. "All participants said the Summer Programme helped them better understand the dental profession, and it strengthened their interest in choosing dentistry as their future career," 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](mailto:dentktu@hku.hk)