



Community Engagement

HKU Faculty of Dentistry students promote public awareness of tooth sensitivity

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The Dental Public Health Committee (DPHC) of the Dental Society, HKUSU, Session 2010-2011, ended their year of office by holding a public health exhibition at a shopping centre in Kowloon, in collaboration with the Hong Kong Dental Association and Hong Kong Society of Periodontology and Implant Dentistry.

The “Tooth Sensitivity” Mall Exhibition at Metro City Plaza 2 Level 1, Tseung Kwan O, aimed to educate the public on causes, treatments, and preventive methods regarding sensitive teeth. The dental students used posters, tooth models, and discussions to explain to the 1000 exhibition attendees how and why gum recession, physical damage and chemical irritation of teeth, and acid erosion of the protective mineral layer of teeth affect the sensitive layers inside. They also offered advice on care for sensitive teeth and good oral hygiene habits.



“Our committee has enjoyed organising different visits and public exhibitions throughout the year,” says Chun-wai Mak (BDS III), Chairperson of the DPHC. “Through display boards, oral hygiene demonstrations, games, talks, booklets, and check-ups provided by local dentists, we hope our public events have contributed to improving the oral health of Hong Kong.”

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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 dentku@hku.hk

