



Community Engagement

HKU Faculty of Dentistry holds Summer Programme 2012 for prospective students

23-27 July 2012

Ninety-six of the 350 applicants gained places at this year's Faculty summer programme to have a taste of being an undergraduate dental student at HKU.

During the week-long programme, the participants (64 from Hong Kong and 32 from Canada, China, and the UK) received an introduction to problem-based learning and library research; virtual-reality procedures in the Simulation Lab, Haptics Unit, and Orthodontics and Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery clinics; oral hygiene procedures; dental technology; and clinic observations.

Faculty staff gave dental careers guidance and talked about the following popular dental topics at lunchtime mini-lectures: *Dentistry as a Career*, Dr CH Chu; *Dental facial deformities in Hong Kong*, Dr John Lo; *An introduction to Orthodontics*, Dr Yanqi Yang; *Over-the-counter dental products*, Prof Edward CM Lo; *What is Endodontics?*, Dr. Jeffery Chang.

Participants also had opportunities to explore hall and HKU life, make friends with each other, and ask current BDS students about dental studies. BDS student helpers at the summer school were Mr Au Shun Wai Wilson, Mr Chan Yat Him, Miss Fok Melissa Rachel, Miss Ho Cheuk Yu, Miss Lee Karen Shun Ka, Miss Tse Ming Nga, Miss Wong Choi Yan, Mr Wong Ling Man (BDS III); Mr Au Kwong Lun, Mr Au-Yeung Kwok Hang, Mr. Chan Chun Kin, Miss Chan Ka Lam, Miss Cheung Ching Man Chloe. Mr Chu Kin Shing Jackie, Miss Kwok Chee Yin, Mr Lee Pok Sem Clive, Mr Lo Ka Yiu, Miss So Stephanie Yuen Ting, Miss Szeto Wing Man, Miss Wong Man Ki, Mr Wong Tak Lung, Miss Wong Wing Chun, Miss Wong Wing Lam (BDS IV); and Mr Law Hong Yu (BDS V).

All the participants agreed that the Summer Programme helped them to better understand the dental profession and that it strengthened their interest in choosing dentistry as their future career. The Faculty website photo album for the Summer School 2012 can be found at: <http://facdent.hku.hk/gallery/index.php?album=dentistry-and-oral-health-summer-programme-2012>.

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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

