



Community Engagement

HKU Faculty of Dentistry student team promotes oral health in Yunnan, China

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An outreach service team consisting mainly of students from the HKU Faculty of Dentistry travelled to the mainland this summer to undertake a project called "Oral health promotion in Yunnan, China".

The 10-member team was led by Dr Chun-hung Chu (Clinical Associate Professor in Community and Family Dentistry, and Deputy Director of the Faculty's Knowledge Exchange Unit) and supported by a grant of HK\$19,500 from the HKU SERVICE 100 Fund 2013.



The student members of the HKU Oral Health Service Team were project coordinator Dr Shinan Zhang (3rd year Faculty PhD student in Oral Diagnosis and Polyclinics); core team members Ms Carolle KP Mok (BDSI), Ms Si-ling Pang (BDSI), Ms Phoebe PY Lam (BDSII), Ms Jessica KK Leung (BDSII), Dr Ying Cao (2nd year Faculty PhD student in Oral Diagnosis and Polyclinics), Dr Chenghui Jiang (3rd year Faculty of Education PhD student in Speech and Hearing Sciences); and project assistants Dr Lei Mei (Research Assistant) and Ms Rita PC Suen (Research Assistant).

The extracurricular project, which took place in rural Kunming, consisted of free clinical check-ups, simple dental treatment such as fillings and topical fluoride application, demonstrations, and fun educational activities for a total of about 400 children in four kindergartens. Souvenirs for participants were donated by Colgate Palmolive (HK) Ltd and Wrigley (HK) Ltd. With the permission of the HKSAR Department of Health, the educational material used in the event was prepared by the Faculty Knowledge Exchange Unit in simplified Chinese characters (available at <http://goo.gl/RES47v>). A student report of the event can be viewed at: <http://wp.cedars.hku.hk/web/snapshot/2013/08/07/oral-health-promotion-in-yunnan>. "This project was a good example of collaboration between university, schools, industry, and government, and we hope to make it an annual event," says Dr Chu.

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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 dentke@hku.hk

