



Community Engagement

HKU Faculty of Dentistry graduates teach expectant mothers about infant oral health

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Two fresh graduates offered educational sessions to expectant mothers at the Tsan Yuk Hospital this August.

Mentored by Dr Yanqi yang (Clinical Assistant professor in Orthodontics), Dr Yau-sing Wong and Dr Chao Zhong held three half-day sessions for a total of 60 antenatal women. During the individual consultations, the women learnt about common oral health issues arising during pregnancy, as well as how to care for their child's oral health in the early years.



The event was a follow-up to the 2011-12 Student Knowledge Exchange (KE) Project, "Promotion of children's oral health through knowledge-building among antenatal women", which was supported by the HKU KE Fund, granted by the HKSAR University Grants Committee to HKU. That project was part of a larger KE project for 0- to 6-year-olds and their parents called "Improving children's oral health and development by terminating poor oral habits and promoting healthy ones" for which Dr Yang and her team won the Faculty KE Award 2013, also funded by the HKU KE Fund.

"The KE Award 2013 of HK\$50,000 is allowing our students to extend their KE projects and further improve skills in transferring their academic knowledge to the public," says Dr Yang. "I am so glad that after graduating and before employment, two of the original team of the antenatal KE student project have continued to volunteer their time by holding three more sessions of individual consultations and by giving their personal attention to this needy group. As with the original KE project, the feedback has again been very positive."

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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

