

HKU Faculty of Dentistry holds exhibition to mark *World No Tobacco Day*

About 450 members of the public visited an oral health exhibition arranged by the HKU Faculty of Dentistry on Friday, 30 May 2014 to mark the World Health Organization's "World No Tobacco Day" (31 May 2014).



With the theme "Healthy rewards for healthy mouths", the whole-day event at the Prince Philip Dental Hospital aimed to increase public awareness of oral and general health and to encourage quitting smoking.

Visitors were invited to take away quit-smoking information packs and educational leaflets on oral health, and to explore the exhibition's poster boards about the benefits of giving up tobacco use. They won prizes for correctly answering quizzes about the poster board information and about maintaining oral health. They also won prizes at the "Do you smell well?" game desk, which raised awareness of the negative effects of smoking on taste by testing if visitors could recognise the smell of some well-known foods.

"The Faculty sincerely thanks the staff and students who volunteered to run this successful educational event," says Dr Chun-hung Chu, the Faculty's Assistant Dean for Research, Innovation, and

Enterprise, as well as the Manager of the Faculty's Knowledge Exchange Unit, which organised the exhibition for the second year in a row. "Although this year we held our exhibition the day before World Oral Health Day, since the hospital is not open to the public at the weekend, one of our messages to the visitors was 'Make Every Day World No Tobacco Day'."

In addition to Dr Chu, volunteers at the oral health exhibition were Dr Gillian Lee, Dr Mei Lei, Sau-wan Cheng, Manson Tong, Joann Zhao, and Sherry Gao, and students Cao Ying, Shinan Zhang, and Shuping Zhao. Prizes were donated by Wrigley, Oral B, and Colgate-Palmolive, and financial support was provided by the HKU Knowledge Exchange Fund, granted by the HKSAR University Grants Committee to HKU.

The Faculty blogsite for this event can be found at: <http://bit.ly/VLwwrE>. The Faculty website photo album for this event can be found at: <http://facdent.hku.hk/gallery/index.php?album=wntd-2014>.

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