

# dental mirror

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Ms Jacey Yeh

## Centre for Advanced Dental Education (CADE)

- Launching the CADE website & the Graduate Diploma (Dental Implantology) programme



Over 60 general dental practitioners turned up at the Faculty of Dentistry Auditorium on 13 October 2006 to attend the public briefing for the new Graduate Diploma (Dental Implantology) programme and to witness the launch of the Centre's official website at [http://www.dentistry.nus.edu.sg/CADE/CADE\\_main.htm](http://www.dentistry.nus.edu.sg/CADE/CADE_main.htm)

The Centre for Advanced Dental Education (CADE) is one of the Faculty's strategic initiatives and was established in July 2006. The website aims to be the main platform of communication to the profession with up to date information on the continuing education courses and graduate diploma programmes offered by the CADE. Dean A/Prof Keson Tan officiated at the launch ceremony.

to be continued...

It's been 6 months since the start of the academic year and the Faculty of Dentistry has once again welcomed its new members! This year is significant as the Faculty has increased the intake of dental students from 34 to 42, to service the need for dentists in Singapore. The Freshman Orientation Committee went all the way with the preparations, with activities and projects for the freshmen to accomplish. Have a read at what the freshmen had to go through...

The Faculty also continues to promote life-long learning with the opening of the Center for Advanced Dental Education. This center aims to provide dentists with an avenue for furthering their education, and the launch of the Graduate Diploma in Dental Implantology course is one such example. Find out more about the programme in our cover article.

Lastly, dentistry mourns the loss of one of its pioneers in Singapore dental education. In this issue the alumni section is devoted to highlight the life of Tan Sri Tay Teck Eng. Dr Tay served as Council Chairman of the University of Singapore from the 1960-70s and contributed immensely to Singapore education in general, and dental education in particular. Truly, his work will be remembered by many, and especially by those among us whom he has helped.

Dr Joanne Uy

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## Centre for Advanced Dental Education (CADE)

### - Launching the CADE website & the Graduate Diploma (Dental Implantology) programme



The new Graduate Diploma (Dental Implantology) programme is the first graduate diploma programme which the Centre will be starting. Prof Chew Chong Lin, Director of the CADE, spoke on the occasion to launch the new programme.

Over the past years, there has been an increase in the number of people requesting for dental implant treatment. Demand for training in this area of work has also been growing. Hence, it was timely that the Faculty, in its position as a leading dental training institution in Singapore and the region, provide relevant training through the newly established Centre for Advanced Dental Education (CADE).

The new 2 year part-time programme, which will commence in January 2007, will be accepting six students in its first intake.



# NUS Alumni Mentorship Scheme

## Seventy one alumni answer call to be mentors

Ms Jacey Yeh

The Guild of Dental Graduates and the Faculty of Dentistry jointly launched the Alumni Mentorship Scheme in Academic Year 2006/2007 to good response from the alumni community. The scheme engages interested and committed alumni in the mentoring, coaching and guiding of our undergraduate students. Through the mentor-mentee relationship, students shall be provided opportunities to meet, get to know and visit their mentor's place of practice.

We would like to thank all of the 71 alumni mentors for giving us your precious time. Your valued contributions have made the scheme a success and we look forward to your continued support. Alumni who are interested in mentoring for Academic Session 2007/8 may contact Ms Perina Chiang (dencip@nus.edu.sg) or visit our website [http://www.dentistry.nus.edu.sg/fod\\_guild\\_mentor.htm](http://www.dentistry.nus.edu.sg/fod_guild_mentor.htm) for more information.

Dr Terence Jee • Dental Officer, NUH Dental Centre

## Exercise Sparrowhawk II

In preparation for the threat of an Avian Flu Pandemic, the Ministry of Health conducted Exercise Sparrowhawk II on 21-22 July 2006 to test Singapore's readiness. The island-wide exercise, which simulated the scenario of a flu outbreak, involved both the Faculty of Dentistry and NUH Dental Services.

Preparations for the exercise started early in the week. All clinicians, including lecturers, postgraduate and undergraduate students of NUS as well as staff of NUH Dental Centre underwent Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) training to assess their competency in the donning and removal of N95 masks, gowns and gloves. Over the 2-day exercise all visitors to the hospital had to register at the triage station, where their temperatures were checked and surgical masks issued.

All in all, the exercise was a success and people were assured that if a flu pandemic arises in Singapore, the Faculty and the Dental Centre will be prepared to handle the situation.



Faculty would also like to take this opportunity to thank the following sponsors for their support towards the Student Exchange Programme. >

# Student Exchange Programmes

Ms Lee Wan Zhen • Ms Ngo Di Ying Joanna

## King's College London Dental Institute



During our visit to Central London's Guy's, King's & St Thomas Dental Institute, we toured around the different clinical departments such as the Oral Medicine Department, where we saw an aspergillus-infected patient, the Periodontology Department, where we witnessed an implant surgery, and the Oral Surgery Department where complicated extractions were undertaken. Furthermore, we attended some exciting lectures with the undergraduates who were lively and well made-up, unlike the 'pale and dying' us. Finally, the awesome sightseeing, wild parties, haunting musicals, ridiculously expensive shopping and delicious bagels completed our kaleidoscope of the colourful student exchange programme!



## Peking University School of Stomatology

Ms Low Li Zhuang Tammy

On 3 September 2006, six dental students—Jonathan Foo, Hong Kanglun, Tammy Low, Jacinta Lu, Randy Pang and Wu Shenhua went on a Student Exchange Program to Peking University School of Stomatology in Beijing, China. We had a fruitful time learning from the doctors and professors at the university. The highlights of our visit include observing surgeons at work in the operating theatres and visiting the Department of Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) and Oral Medicine. It was particularly interesting learning about how western diagnostic tools and TCM can be combined to treat oral mucosa diseases. During our leisure time, the friendly dental students brought us to the Great Wall of China and the Forbidden City. In addition, the Dean also treated us to a sumptuous dinner at the famous Quanjude Roast Duck Restaurant. Our stay in Beijing was definitely an enriching and enjoyable one.



Sightseeing at Beihai Park with two of the friendly dental students



Our first meeting with the Dean, Prof Yu Guangyan (fifth from the left) and members of the Dental faculty

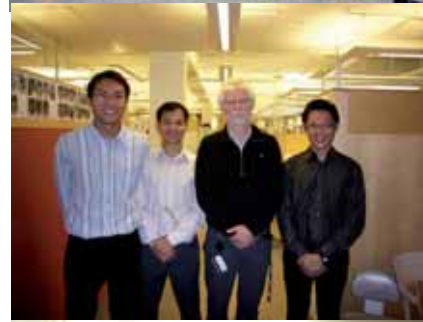
## Karolinska Institute

Mr Dennis Soh

Undergraduates Bey Yee Hau, Dennis Soh, and Tiong King Wei participated in the Student Exchange Programme in Stockholm, Sweden, from the 4 to 16 September 2006, hosted by Karolinska Institute.



Front façade of the University



With our gracious host Professor Stein Bjarkman, in the undergraduate clinic



Not to forget the students who, despite their work, extended a warm welcome.

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**Global Outlook**

**Royal Dental Hospital of Melbourne**

*Mr Ivan Prabowo Budiharto*



Outside the Royal Dental Hospital of Melbourne.

We went to the Royal Dental Hospital of Melbourne from 2 to 15 September 2006. Over the course of our exchange programme, we managed to observe how lessons are conducted in the dental faculty, interact with students, and observe various fields in dentistry. The Dental School in Melbourne operates on a different system compared to NUS, as they have a 5-year education system. Patient allocation and management are done by the Hospital, and the bulk of patients come from people with health concession cards as they are eligible to obtain free treatment in the dental teaching clinic.



Students in Melbourne University during their Pedodontic technique class

**Tokyo Medical and Dental University**

*Ms Tabitha Chng Si'en*



Traditional Japanese dinner with our hosts

We greatly enjoyed our visit to Tokyo Medical and Dental University. The Japanese hosts were very hospitable and brought us around the faculty. We were impressed with the advanced technology utilized within the faculty. The professors were also very keen to share their knowledge and expertise with us.



**University of Adelaide**

*Ms Leng Shu Jun • Ms Wong Elaine*

We spent a total of seven days in the Royal Adelaide Dental Hospital observing students and doctors at work. During this time we had the opportunity to see a wide variety of treatment being carried out, such as prosthodontics, orthodontics, endodontics and minimal intervention dentistry. The students and staff were all very friendly and made us feel welcome. Special thanks to Professor Coates and Ms Vivien Joseph who helped coordinate our stay in the school!



The two of us with our exchange coordinator, Professor Anthony Coates



By the Torrens River with the North Terrace Campus in the background

**University of North Carolina**

*Mr Hu Shijia • Mr Lih Wei Siong*



Wei Song and Chien Joo at the School of Dentistry, University of North Carolina



NUS students with our mentor Mr Luten. He toured us around the campus and made our life comfortable.



Assisting with S&P in the student clinic

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill is one of the most renowned dental schools in the USA. We were very fortunate and honoured to be given the opportunity to spend a week there. During our short but memorable stay, we were able to interact with the friendly staff and students, and we got to see how the DDS programme was run. We were also greatly impressed with the research and clinical excellence of their graduate programme.

## PSU-MU-NUS Games 2006

The PSU-MU-NUS games, a tri-university dental student annual sporting event was held in Singapore from 12 to 14 May 2006. A total of 68 students and 2 lecturers from Prince Songkhla University, 17 students from University of Malaya and 35 students from NUS participated.

On the first day, the opening ceremony was graced by Dean A/Prof Keson Tan and Chair of the Faculty External Relations Committee Prof Loh Hong Sai. After the faculty and school tours, we started the first of many games – Basketball. Our Thai and Malaysian counterparts were skilled and swift, giving us a run for our money! We were not too surprised to be given a drubbing. However, our women's team managed to seal our first victory.

The next morning came too soon for many of us. After a sumptuous breakfast, we had our second competitive sport – Netball. As most of the participants had no inkling of its rules, we were given a short introduction by our own star player – Cindy. Soon after, a downpour came and we had lunch while waiting for the rain to stop. By noon, we conducted Netball and Street Soccer simultaneously. Our opponents displayed true sportsmanship throughout the games and we all had a great workout by the end of the day. NUS performed extremely well to clinch championship for both games. That night, we took our visitors to places of interest such as the Esplanade, Clarke Quay, Boat Quay and riding along the Singapore River.

On the last day, the final game – tug-of-war, was a welcome change. The enthusiasm from the participants was extremely high! Our team managed to win the championship. The MU students, though the smallest group of the three universities, managed a respectable second. Everybody really had a wonderful time. After the closing ceremony, we had a photo-taking session. Medals and trophies aside, the most important things we gained from this event were the memories and friendship. These I felt were the true mark of the games!



## The 33rd APDSA Congress (Korea, 10-15 August 2006)

Prof Loh Hong Sai • APDSA 1971



The lush garden in the Seoul Olympics Park was the setting for the opening ceremony of this successful event, which attracted about 450 delegates from more than 10 countries! In the warm evening, the delegates were feasted with local delicacies, entertainment and hosted by very enthusiastic local students. Many deans of dental schools with some government officials graced the occasion, which ended with a colourful display of fireworks.

The congress kicked off with a session of invited speakers, who were previous leaders and APDSA participants. One interesting topic was the history of this organization and its developing missions. Immediately after that, all the participants donned the bright green T-shirts for a city tour. The cultural richness and splendor of this country was evident from the places visited. Of course, we did not miss out Lotte World! Students were grouped with different nationalities to provide the opportunity for interactions and sharing.

The highlight, to me at least, was the research competition, which had taken a significant achievement, in terms of the number of entries and the quality of the work done. Indeed, this could be the springboard for future dental leaders amongst these young and bright minds. There's also play to accompany all the work, in the form of an afternoon of group sports – which was a first for APDSA, and a big success too.

The Cultural Nite was again the event that the students most looked forward to. And again, the standard and preparations for each item put up by the participating countries, could match a good theatre production. There were songs and dances, skits, acrobatics and lots of bright national costumes to match. What a night! Already, we are looking forward to the next one in Taiwan 2007. See you there!

## Dental Student wins the National Youth Achievement Award

Dr Joanne Uy



Mr Boey Mao Jie, a final year student, won the prestigious National Youth Achievement Award (NYAA) for the Year 2005/06. He was presented the Gold Award by President SR Nathan on 5 October 2006. The Gold Award judges participants in 5 different areas, namely: community service, skills, physical recreation, adventurous journey and residential project.

When asked what drives him to serve, Mao Jie said that helping out is his way of giving back to his alma mater, Anglo-Chinese School (Barker Road). He reflects on how joining the Scout Troop instilled discipline and leadership skills in him. His dental studies have also helped him in completing projects for the award. Mao Jie, with his helpful spirit has gone on dental mission trips to Bintan, not to mention participating in the Dental Public Health Screenings. Aside from the NYAA Award, Mao Jie was also awarded the NUS Student Achievement Award for Distinguished Leadership on 27 October 2006 at the NUS Guild House. Congratulations to Mao Jie for doing dentistry proud!

## Dental Public Health Screening 2006

Ms Sim Chien Joo



The Dental Society of the Faculty of Dentistry, together with the Medical Society, successfully organized a dental and medical health screening cum exhibition on 28 October 2006 at the Toa Payoh HDB Hub. This event was organized to allow the public to have free dental screenings with advice on oral hygiene. This one-day event served to raise public awareness of oral health.

An opening ceremony was held in the morning, followed by a tour with Guests of honour, Prof John Wong, Dean of the School of Medicine and A/Prof Keson Tan, Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry, around the screening area. There was a constant stream of patients and all the students were busy screening and giving oral hygiene advice. At the end of the event, the final count was 361 patients.

On behalf of the Dental Public Health Screening Organizing Committee, I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to the faculty staff, sponsors and my fellow committee members, as well as all dental students who put in effort in making this a meaningful and successful event.



## Commencement 2006

Dr Phang Hui Jing • Class of 2006

Dental school had been a challenging four years for us. It was a lot of fun, but more often than not, it was hard work. We were challenged academically, physically and even financially. We saw tears in each other's eyes at different times. In the last few months all of us were working very hard to complete our schedules as well as to prepare for the final exams. All these were endurable only because they have been a shared journey.

The commencement ceremony on 6 July 2006 was the proudest moment for us and our families. All that we went through in the past four years seemed to have paid off. Our loved ones and the entire faculty staff applauded as they watched the ceremony with joy. As we were conferred our degree and given our scrolls, every step on the stage was filled with joy and memories. Despite the challenges we faced, dental school has made us tougher and stronger. And even though the journey was not easy, we finally found the light at the end of the tunnel! That was a precious moment and it will always be.

Congratulations Dental Class of 2006!



# Freshmen Orientation 2006

Freshmen Orientation 2006 kicked off with preparations for the NUS Rag Day, *Sketches of the Past, Portrait of the Future*. The freshmen spent nearly two weeks constructing the float which consisted mainly of a giant television screen and speakers. On 12 August 2006 - Rag Day, the freshmen gave their best performance with a dance presentation featuring graceful ballerinas, ferocious Red Indians, smart tin soldiers and cool cowboys! They did us proud with a magnificent show, executing flawless dance moves and exciting stunts that were impossible to do without countless practice and rehearsals, and of course, talent! Furthermore, our float won the Most Environmentally Friendly Float - thanks to their resourcefulness in recycling unwanted materials. Well done freshmen!



Yay! We won the Most Environmentally Friendly Float!



Mr Leonardo Saigo • Dental Year 2 • Chairman, Dentistry Freshman Orientation Committee 2006

Watch me save Sleeping Beauty!  
- student performance at Buffet Night 2006



Besides Rag Day, the freshmen were kept occupied with other events such as Flag Day and Welcome Tea. Flag Day is part of the NUSSU Orientation Programme and was held on 8 August 2006. The freshmen went island-wide selling flags to raise funds for various charities. On 10 August 2006, the freshmen were officially welcomed and introduced to the faculty during Welcome Tea. The tea reception provided an opportunity for them to interact with the faculty staff and seniors.

All Night Long, an annual must-have event and the highlight of the orientation programme, was held on 11 August 2006. The night started off with a barbeque dinner at Prince George's Park Residence, providing a good time of interaction between the freshmen and their seniors. The guests were then entertained by the freshmen's Rag Day preview performance, complete with the beautifully done-up float. Thanks to everyone who came down to support the event!

On 2 September 2006, the Freshmen Orientation Programme ended on a high note with the Buffet Night, *Rhapsody in Blue*, held at NUS Kent Ridge Guild House. The event was graced by a number of faculty staff including the Dean, A/Prof Keson Tan. All our major sponsors of the orientation were also present. The guests were treated to a feast for both the stomach and the eyes, with a sumptuous buffet meal and unforgettable performances by students from the various years. The Year 1s were outstanding with their live performance, as were the other batches with their high quality video performances. All these did not fail to induce hearty laughter from the audience. It was truly a night to remember!

Finally, the freshmen also took part in the NUS Trifac Bash 2006 which is an annual event held in conjunction with the Department of Pharmacy and Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine. Our team put up an awesome dance performance that combined elegant ballroom dancing with funky hip hop moves. We sure did rock Gotham Penthouse that night!



Presenting all of the 42 freshmen in the Class of 2010

Freshmen Orientation is definitely one of the most memorable times in the dental school. Through all the events, the freshmen have bonded more strongly and grown closer to one another by working together as a class. For that, the project has been a success! Here's a thank you to all who helped made this possible!!!

## ● In Memoriam ●

### Tan Sri Dr Tay Teck Eng PMN, OBE, LL.D (Hon. Causa), LDS (Hons)

Dr Tay Wei Ming • BDS 1965



Tay Teck Eng passed away peacefully at Alexandra Hospital, Singapore on Sunday 15 October 2006 at the ripe age of 92. Born in China on 11 April 1914, Teck Eng had a long and distinguished career in dentistry running a successful private practice, and serving the causes of dental and medical education in both Singapore and Malaysia. He is also remembered for his unstinting devotion to his favourite charities, such as the Society for Aid to the Paralysed (of which he was Founder President), the Singapore Cancer Society, the Eye Foundation and the YMCA. The Rotary Club was also his other love in life, and he became a President of his club and eventually District Governor of the regional clubs.

Teck Eng graduated with Honours from the King Edward VII College of Medicine in 1937. In those days, the College did not have an Honours Diploma available to Licentiates, and Dr G.V. Allen, the Principal had to hand-inscribe the words "he graduated with honours" on a normal diploma. Teck Eng has always attributed his success to three renowned teachers of the day, E.K. Tratman, K. Vellasamy and E.S. Monteiro.

The war years were a particularly difficult and dangerous time for him. By now he was married (his wife, Whay Yee predeceased him in 1999) with a young child. With the British staff interned, Teck Eng worked at the old Kandang Kerbau Hospital (renamed Chuo Byoin) under the Japanese. In what was to become known as the "Double 10 Incident" because it happened on 10 October 1943, the Japanese began rounding up those whom they suspected of passing information to the Allies following a successful sabotage of some Japanese ships in the harbour by a few Allied midget submarines. Teck Eng was one of those caught in the dragnet and was imprisoned in the notorious Kempetai Headquarters at the YMCA. He could hear the sounds of torture around him but was fortunately spared this fate through the fortuitous intervention of the Japanese Mayor of Singapore who happened to be his patient at Kandang Kerbau Hospital!

After the war and with his release from internment, Prof Tratman reopened the Dental School with Teck Eng as his Deputy. However, with career prospects for a local in academia being very poor at that time, Tratman advised Teck Eng to go into private practice for a better future. Although disappointed at not being able to pursue an academic career, his association with the school and tertiary education in Singapore and Malaya was to enter a new and highly significant phase.

After the war in 1948, Teck Eng served in the Alumni Association committee to discuss with the Colonial Government parity in salary scales between local and expatriate staff. This was eventually achieved in 1950 after undergoing three Commissions of Enquiry. During the period 1951-1958, Teck Eng was elected to serve on the Council of the University of Malaya and subsequently became Chairman of the Council until 1961 when the University of Singapore (later to evolve into the present day NUS) was established. He continued as Chairman of Council, University of Singapore until 1966. During this momentous period he oversaw the development of the dental school into a department within the Faculty of Medicine, and ultimately into a full Faculty of Dentistry. The appointment of local staff into key posts without discrimination and entirely through merit led to the raising of the standard of the bachelor's degree. This improvement impressed Sir Robert Bradlaw, who was President of the General Dental Council at the time, to grant the degree registrable status without examination in the United Kingdom.

Besides all this, Teck Eng also found time to be the Founder Secretary of the Malayan Dental Association, Secretary of the Alumni Association Building Committee, which developed the Alumni Medical Centre. He also served as a Dental Officer in the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, later to become the Malaysian, then Singapore Naval Volunteer Reserve, retiring in 1969 with the rank of Surgeon Commander.

For his services to higher education, he was conferred the Panglima Manku Negara by the Yang di Pertuan Agong of Malaysia, the Order of the British Empire by HM Queen Elizabeth of the United Kingdom, and an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws by the University of Malaya. He was also awarded the Alumni Association Gold Medal in 1986. He is survived by sons Wei Ming and Wei Lien, their spouses Mary and Poh Imm, daughter Pitt Kuan, three granddaughters, and generations of dental surgeons of the National University of Singapore.

## Graduating Class Party to welcome our newest alumni

Ms Jacey Yeh



Twenty six graduates from the BDS class returned to celebrate with faculty members at the Graduating Class Party held on 23 June 2006 at the Republic of Singapore Yacht Club. Everyone had a great time and left with more memories of times spent with friends and teachers. Photographs of the event are mounted online at [http://www.dentistry.nus.edu.sg/GCP\\_web/index.htm](http://www.dentistry.nus.edu.sg/GCP_web/index.htm) for all to view and reminisce.

Mr Varian Han

## Bowling Good Times 2006

Fifty-three energetic and enthusiastic students, staff from the Faculty of Dentistry, family, friends and members of the Guild of Dental Graduates and the Singapore Dental Trade Association congregated at the West Bowl, West Coast Recreation Centre on the morning of 29 July 2006 for the Bowling Good Times 2006 organized by the Guild of Dental Graduates.

The tournament consisted of 3 events; Mens and Ladies Singles as well as a Team Trios. The Mens Singles was an extremely intense competition which saw Dr Chua Ee Kiam come from behind to claim victory with a score of 235 in his final game. This score also won him the High Game prize! The Team Trios event was also a nail-biting encounter and the winner was decided only after a tie break! Two teams had amassed the same total number of pinfalls after 3 games. In the end, team "Born to Win" led by Dr Chua Ee Kiam and his team members Zainal and Jacky took the Team Trios title over Team "Bao Chiak" led by Prof Loh Hong Sai and his team members Joseph and Dr Ge Zigang.

Although some of the bowlers seemed to be physically exhausted after the games, the participants enjoyed themselves tremendously and it was indeed BOWLING GOOD TIMES...

The Guild of Dental Graduates would like to thank Dr Chua Ee Kiam for donating the prizes and supporting the event and all bowlers for their participation. We look forward to seeing you again for Bowling Good Times 2007.

Till then, MAY THE STRIKE (continue to) BE WITH YOU!!



Prof Loh Hong Sai presenting Dr Chua Ee Kiam with a token of appreciation



Bowling "Crystal" Ball, show me the future... am I gonna strike on the next roll??

## Get Connected!

Presenting your 15th Guild of Dental Graduate Executive Committee...

President - Dr Chin Yee Fatt	Hon Treasurer - Dr Kelvin Chye Chuan Hee	Member - Dr Loke Weiqiang
Vice-President - Dr Susan Ang Hwee Quan	Member - Dr Xiao Yian San	Member - Dr Alvin Lee Weizhi
Hon Secretary - Dr Tristan Peh Gek Chuan	Member - Dr Bertand Chew Chen Hui	Member - Dr Terence Jee Shizhuan

## Apologies!

Dr Susan Ang was wrongly listed as "Dr Susan Ang (Mrs Ng)" in Issue 17 (page 9) of the Dental Mirror.

## 10th Clinical Dentistry Symposium

The 10th Clinical Dentistry Symposium was held on Sunday, 29 May 2006 at the Dental Auditorium of NUH. Dean A/Prof Keson Tan gave the opening address which kick-started the event. This year's meeting had the usual mix of foreign and local speakers. We were pleasantly surprised with the number of attendees which consisted of 155 dental practitioners, students and nurses.

Among the distinguished speakers were Prof J P Macdonald from the University of Glasgow, Prof Christian Lindqvist from Helsinki University Central Hospital and Prof Derrick Setchell from the Eastman Dental Institute in UK. Four local staff complemented the panel, including A/Prof Varawan Sae-Lim, Dr Neo Tee Khin, Dr Rashid Tahir and yours truly.

The topics covered ranged from minimum intervention in caries management, endodontics and the restoration of endodontically-treated teeth, trouble shooting in removable prosthodontics, bioresorbable osteosynthesis, to breathing difficulties in children and adults. As usual, the atmosphere at the meeting was cordial with many of the participants taking the opportunity to meet up with old friends and colleagues.

Prof Chew Chong Lin, Director of the Division of Graduate Dental Studies gave away the mementos to the speakers at the end of the afternoon session. We commend the organizing committee for making this a successful event!

A/Prof Keng Siong Beng



## Faculty Research Day 2006

Ms Ng Bee Wee

The Undergraduate Research Opportunities Programme (UROP) provides every undergraduate in NUS with an opportunity to carry out supervised research work. Students work in groups under the guidance of a research mentor to explore research ideas and test hypotheses as a way of discovering new knowledge. Since its inception in 1996, the UROP has been the primary means in which dental undergraduates are exposed to research. Starting in the last term of Year II, dental students work on the UROP projects for 1.5 years and this culminates in the annual Faculty Research Day.

This year's Research Day was held on 3 November 2006, and saw eight groups presenting their findings to a panel of judges comprising Prof Chew Chong Lin, A/Prof Lim Lum Peng and A/Prof Varawan Sae-Lim.

The results of the competition were as follows:

**Winner**

**Group members:** Chay Pui Ling (Miss), Chen Weimin, Evelyn (Miss), Teow Wan Wah (Miss)

**Supervisors:** Assoc Prof Kelvin Foong and Assoc Prof Keng Siong Beng

**Project title:** Accuracy of lateral cephalometric tracing performed by dental undergraduates and postgraduates as compared to the gold standard

**1st Runner-Up**

**Group members:** Lee Tien Tien (Miss), Lim Wanyi (Miss) & Song Lin Lin (Miss)

**Supervisor:** Dr Anil Kishen

**Project title:** Fiber Optic Back Scatter Spectrophotometer: a method for assessment of incipient enamel demineralization and remineralization.

**2nd Runner-Up**

**Group members:** Kok Chen Hong, Stanley, Png Lu Lin (Miss), Lee An Qi (Miss), Chia Puay Koon (Miss), Chng Si'en, Tabitha (Miss)

**Supervisor:** Dr Lim Kian Chong

**Project title:** An investigation into the role of flowable composite resins and its influence on Microleakage of Class II Composite Restorations



The winning team (left) will represent the Faculty at the coming SEAADE-Dentsply Student Clinician Programme, and the 2nd and 3rd winners at the APDSA Scientific Competition and the 8th Students' Scientific Conference organized by the University of Malaya, respectively. In addition, the three winning teams will be nominated for the annual Outstanding Undergraduate Researcher (OUR) Prizes organized by Registrar's Office, NUS.

## Recent events at the Faculty



MDS residents

### Postgraduate Welcome Tea

Introducing the incoming cohort of postgraduate students on the occasion of the Postgraduate Welcome Tea 2006 held on 16 August 2006 - MDS residents (left picture) and postgraduate research students (right picture) together with the Vice Dean of Research (extreme right).



MSc postgraduate students



### Dean's Tea

Dr Anil Kishen brings the parents of our dental freshmen on a tour of our facilities as part of Dean's Tea held on 24 August 2006. This is an annual event specially organised by the Faculty.



### Faculty Awards Day

Celebrating the achievements of our staff and students at the Faculty Awards Day on 31 August 2006. Provost Tan Chorh Chuan (centre, back row) graced the occasion as our Guest of Honour.



### Deepavali and Hari Raya Puasa Celebrations

Staff gathered to celebrate the two festivals - Deepavali and Hari Raya Puasa - on 2 November 2006. They tucked into a scrumptious spread in the foyer amongst ketupats and tealights.

## Upcoming Events

### The Centre for Advanced Dental Education presents Second Faculty of Dentistry Symposium

"Managing Perio-Restorative Problems"  
13 and 14 January 2007  
Grand Ballroom, Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel

For details on the lecture topics, speakers and registration, please visit the website at <http://www.dentistry.nus.edu.sg/symposium/symposium.htm>.

Registration closes on 23 December 2006.

# Team Retreat @ Sijori Resort Sentosa

Ms Jacey Yeh



On 2 September 2006, non-academic staff from both NUS Faculty of Dentistry and NUH Dental Services gathered at Sijori Resort, Sentosa for an invigorating workout and fruitful learning experience. Dean A/Prof Keson Tan kicked off the one-day Staff Retreat on Team Building in the morning.

The programme, which included both indoor and outdoor activities, was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone and laughs were aplenty when the facilitators showed the group choice video clips and pictures taken of the day's events. At the end of the tiring day, everyone shared their one valuable tip learnt from the programme and joined in enthusiastically to sing the finale song - "When we hold on together" before saying goodbye. Though tired, spirits remained high and everyone left Sijori with a smile on their face and memories to savour.

## Nature Walk at Kent Ridge Park

Mr Varian Han

On 9 June, 10 staff from the Faculty set off to the nearby Kent Ridge Park for a nature walk. This event was organized by the Sports, Social & Welfare Committee which will kick start a series of such walks to other parks in Singapore.

First stop was the Reflections of Bukit Chandu Museum. This centre tells the story of World War II battles that took place in Singapore with special reference to one of the last battles fought on Pasir Panjang Ridge, and the gallantry of the Malay Regiment soldiers who took their last stand at Pasir Panjang Ridge.

After visiting the museum, we proceeded to the Canopy Walk. The Canopy Walk is a bridge measuring 280m long, linking Kent Ridge Park to the Museum. During the walk, we got to see various flora and fauna. Signs placed along the bridge also provided educational information on the various plants.

The exercise had gotten us hungry, and so we settled down at a pavilion to rest our tired legs and have some refreshments. After recharging, our next stop was the summit, the highest point of Kent Ridge Park. And what a breathtaking sight it was! We could see the ports and the southern islands of Singapore very clearly.

Finally, it was time to bid farewell to the flora and fauna of the park. We wished we could have stayed longer to watch the sunset. Even though we left with a heavy heart, we found comfort in looking forward to the next nature walk and get together!



On our way down, we stopped by the pond to feed the fishes and tortoises

# Faculty Sports, Social and Welfare Committee Trip

Ms Jacey Yeh

## - Plenty to sing about on Batam Island



It was a sunny Saturday morning when we gathered at the Harbour Front Centre to board our boat to Batam Island. I was excited as it was my first Faculty organised overseas trip (Sentosa does not count!). Organised by the Faculty's Sports, Social & Welfare Committee, the two-day Batam Trip was an intimate affair between 24 staff and their family members. Our itinerary included visits to the must-see Vihara Duta Maitreya (biggest temple in Southeast Asia) and Tua Pek Kong temple (oldest historical temple in Batam); devouring must-try local spicy sedap Indonesian cuisine; and indulging in Singapore's favorite pastime – shopping! The highlight was definitely enjoying the mighty fine company of our fellow colleagues, especially the impromptu dinner entertainment performed live on-stage by none other than our very own Ms Ng and Prof Loh! By the end of the evening, we were so inspired that we continued to party the night away with even more singing at the Hotel Harmoni's karaoke facility. Unfortunately, just when the party started to get going, we had to say our goodbyes the very next day. I am keeping my fingers crossed that the next trip would be sooner rather than later.



Filling our bellies with delightful Indonesian cuisine



Rounds of applause for Bee Wee!

## Best wishes!!!

Dr Joanne Uy

Dr Mohamed Azharashid bin Mohamed Tahir, fondly known as Dr Rashid, has been a familiar face in the Faculty since 2002. A pedodontist, he is an Assistant Professor with the Dept of Preventive Dentistry. Dubbed by the Straits Times as one of the people to look out for, Dr Rashid will be moving on to private practice in Camden Medical Center.

Dr Soh Jen is an Assistant Professor with the Dept of Preventive Dentistry. An orthodontist by training, he has taught in both the postgraduate and undergraduate programmes. After 4 years of dedicated service Dr Soh will also move on a practice in the International Building.

To Rashid and Soh Jen, thank you for your contribution to the faculty!!! We wish you all the best!!!



## Recent Happenings

# Welcome

**Department of Oral & Maxillofacial Dentistry**

- Dr N.Ravindranathan (Adjunct Associate Professor)
- Dr Xu Liqun (Visiting Senior Fellow)

**Department of Preventive Dentistry**

- Professor Toshio Deguchi (Visiting Professor)
- Dr Arthur Lim (Adjunct Assistant Professor)
- Dr Marlene Teo (Assistant Professor)
- Dr Nyi Lay Maung (Research Assistant)
- Mr Vijayaraghava S. Sundararajan (Research Fellow B)

**Department of Restorative Dentistry**

- Dr Ansgar Cheng (Adjunct Associate Professor)
- Dr Adrian Yap (Adjunct Associate Professor)
- Dr Joel Khoo (Dental Instructor)

**Dean's Office (Dentistry)**

- Miss Rasamal D/O Gurusamy (Management Support Officer)
- Ms Chiang Im-Ping, Perina (Assistant Manager)
- Ms Ivy Poh (Administrative Officer)

# Farewell

- Dr Wendy Wang (Visiting Fellow, Department of Restorative Dentistry)
- Dr Mohd Azharashid bin Mohd Tahir (Assistant Professor, Department of Preventive Dentistry)
- Dr Soh Jen (Assistant Professor, Department of Preventive Dentistry)
- Mdm Rosnia Binte Huri (Dental Support Officer, Dean's Office)

## Academic Staff List

### DEAN'S OFFICE

Dean	A/P Keson Tan
Vice-Dean (Academic Affairs)	A/P Grace Ong
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Director	Prof Chew Chong Lin
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Head of Department	A/P Yeo Jin Fei
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Professorial Fellow	Prof Loh Hong Sai
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Adjunct Assistant Professor	Dr Ho Kok Sen
Adjunct Assistant Professor	Dr Aidan Yeo
Visiting Senior Fellow	Dr Xu Liqun

### DEPARTMENT OF PREVENTIVE DENTISTRY

Head of Department	A/P Grace Ong
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Associate Professor	A/P Lim Lum Peng
Associate Professor	A/P Kelvin Foong
Associate Professor	A/P Stephen Hsu
Assistant Professor	Dr Soh Jen
Assistant Professor	Dr Mohd Azharashid bin Mohd Tahir
Assistant Professor	Dr Marlene Teo
Senior Lecturer	Dr Betty Mok
Adjunct Associate Professor	Dr Teresa Loh-Lee
Adjunct Assistant Professor	Dr Holy Koh Jr
Adjunct Assistant Professor	Dr Arthur Lim
Visiting Professor	Prof Toshio Deguchi

### DEPARTMENT OF RESTORATIVE DENTISTRY

Head of Department	A/P Jennifer Neo
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Associate Professor	A/P Keson Tan
Associate Professor	A/P Varawan Sae-Lim
Assistant Professor	Dr Anil Kishen
Assistant Professor	Dr Willy Chang
Assistant Professor	Dr Joanne Ngo Uy
Senior Lecturer	Dr Hilary Thean
Dental Instructor	Dr Joel Khoo
Adjunct Associate Professor	Dr Ansgar Cheng
Adjunct Associate Professor	Dr Adrian Yap
Adjunct Assistant Professor	Dr Neo Tee Khin

## Promotions & Appointments

- Dr Hilary Thean was promoted to Senior Consultant, Department of Restorative Dentistry, NUH
- Clinical A/P Patrick Tseng was appointed as Chief Dental Officer, Ministry of Health.
- Prof Loh Hong Sai was appointed Consultant, Office of Alumni Relations, NUS.

## Staff Achievements

- Dr Soh Jen was awarded the European Orthodontic Society Best Poster Award at the 82nd Congress of the European Orthodontic Society held at the Hofburg Congress Centre, Vienna, Austria from 4 to 8 July 2006.
- Dr Alexis Heng was awarded by the Board of the Baltic Summer School to attend THE 8TH BALTIC SUMMER SCHOOL, Stem Cell Biology: Future Perspectives and Possible Treatment Options in University of Kiel, Germany.
- Dr Liu Hua was awarded by the RIKEN Research Center for Allergy and Immunology (RCAI) International Summer Program Organizing Committee to attend RCAI International Summer Program in RCAI, Yokohama, Japan.
- Dr Joanne Uy and A/P Lim Lum Peng were awarded the Faculty Excellence in Teaching Awards for Academic Year 2005/6.

The following staff were awarded the Performance/ Merit Award for the good work done in Academic Year 2005/6-

Performance Award	Merit Award
- Miss Amy Kang	- Mdm Ek Ben Lai
- Mr Chan Swee Heng	- Mrs Ng-Tan Sok Lan
	- Mr Ho Weng Siak
	- Mdm Jamanah Bte Ahmad
	- Mdm Valliamah d/o Thangavelu
	- Mdm Tay Poh Suan

## Student Achievements

- Faculty of Dentistry won the Most Environmentally Friendly Float Award at the NUS Rag Day 2006 held on 12 August 2006.
- Dr Ge Zigang was awarded the Singapore Millennium Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowship on 25 August 2006.
- Mr Toh Wei Seong was awarded the President Graduate Fellowship for August intake in Academic Year 2006/7.
- Mr Zhang Xu was awarded the President Graduate Fellowship for January intake in Academic Year 2006/7.
- Mr Boey Mao Jie was awarded the National Youth Achievement Gold Award by His Excellency President SR Nathan as well as the NUS Student's Achievement Award (Distinguished Leadership).

## Long Service Awards

The following academic and non-academic staff were recognized with the NUS Long Service Award in 2006

Name of Staff	Years of Service
Miss Tan Poh San	35
Assoc Prof Keng Siong Beng	30
Mrs Wong Lai Chan	30
Mr Lai Yong Lim	25
Assoc Prof Tan Beng Choon, Keson	20
Mdm Vadivale Navaammal	10