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*"You will discover that you have two hands.  
One is for helping yourself and the other is for helping others."*

*~ Audrey Hepburn ~*

Dean's  
Message

The Faculty held its inaugural alumni dinner in September 2010. Alumni and staff had a good time catching up and renewing friendship. During the dinner, the Class of '81 shared that they would like to raise funds for a Bursary to celebrate their 30th Graduation Reunion in 2011. I found it inspiring that this class would like to celebrate by "giving back to the Faculty".

One morning, I was pleasantly surprised to receive an email from Helena Lee. She wrote and informed me that she would like to donate in her father's memory. Many others have continued their pledges and made anonymous donations. I am greatly encouraged that our alumni are so supportive of the Faculty.

Moving forward, the Faculty will be planning to increase our student intake and to expand our clinical services. This means that we will need new premises. We will soon embark on a building fund project to raise funds for a new building for the Faculty to house our education, research and clinical facilities all under one roof.

I would like to thank alumni and staff who have shared their time, talent and donations so generously. The Faculty is indeed grateful to have such strong support from you.

*Assoc Prof Grace Ong*  
Dean

A Daughter Pays it Forward with  
Gift to Faculty of Dentistry

*Contributed by Dr Helena Lee, edited by NUS Development Office*

It's a gift that Dr Helena Lee Hui Jing knows her father would really appreciate. She has set up a gold medal and prize for the Faculty of Dentistry to honour her father, the late Dr Henry Lee Thian Lin, a respected oral surgeon and an alumnus of NUS, who passed away in 1997. Helena practises at the clinic set up by her father. The Henry Lee T L Medal & Prize in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery will be awarded to the best student with Distinction in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery in the final Masters of Dental Surgery Examination.

Dr Helena Lee says, "My father always loved to teach, and taught at the Faculty of Dentistry for a number of years. I know that he would have loved to mentor oral surgeons but heart failure and an unsuccessful heart transplant took him away too early. To continue his love of teaching, I'm contributing in what small way I can to the undergraduate periodontology clinical supervision."

Aptly enough, Dr Henry Lee's path to a successful career started with a gift. He came from Malaysia to the University of Singapore thanks to a generous relative, a doctor, who sponsored his studies. Dr Henry Lee found his forte in oral surgery and was an award-winning student. He later won a scholarship to the Eastman Dental Institute in London, where his research thesis on the role of betel nut chewing on oral cancer received much acclaim. Known for his fast and precise work, Dr Henry Lee left a deep impression on many, among them his children, both of whom are dental specialists.

Dr Helena Lee says, "The relative who sponsored my father's education never accepted repayment. Now I would like to pay it forward. Hopefully, this gift will inspire future dentists to bring the field of oral surgery to new heights."

*Dr Helena Lee currently practises at Specialist Dental Group, the clinic set up by her father. For information on how to make a gift to the Faculty of Dentistry, please contact Ms Ng Bee Wee at (+65) 6772 4937 or email [dennngbw@nus.edu.sg](mailto:dennngbw@nus.edu.sg)*



**Taken in 1996, (from left): Dr Joseph Lee, Dr Henry Lee, Mrs Jenny Lee and Dr Helena Lee (at Henry Lee Dental Surgery, now known as Specialist Dental Group)**

## Colgate Scientific Medal &amp; Prize

*In November 2010, the Faculty of Dentistry received an endowed gift of S\$75,000 from Colgate Palmolive (Eastern) Pte Ltd. From AY2010/11, the best student with distinction in Microbiology in the Second Professional B.D.S Examination will be awarded the Colgate Scientific Medal and Prize. The Faculty wishes to thank Colgate Palmolive for their generous gift and support.*



## BDS Class of '81 Reunion cum Scientific Symposium

By Dr Eugene Tang

The BDS Class of '81 has always been a close-knit group since joining the faculty as students, helping one another in different areas of clinical and laboratory work. It was no surprise that they graduated as a class without a single academic casualty. This was an unusual feat in that era.



The Class of '81 with Dr Lim Lum Peng in 1980 (seated front row, third from left)

Since graduating from the NUS Faculty of Dentistry in 1981, the class had kept in contact informally. But come 17 July 2011, the Class of '81 has decided to hold a 30th Year Class Reunion in conjunction with a Scientific Symposium. With this Symposium, the Class of '81 hopes to raise funds in aid of the Dental Faculty Bursary Fund. After so many years, the class felt that it was time to give back something to the Faculty which had made it possible for the class to practise as dental professionals. It is also a golden opportunity for classmates to be reunited. Several members of the class will return from different countries around the world.



Picture taken in September 2010 after touring the new Dental Faculty premises (see article on "Inaugural Faculty of Dentistry Alumni Reunion")

The Scientific Symposium will feature Prof Winston Chee, a prominent member of the Class of '81, as the keynote speaker for the event. Other members of the class will also share their practising experiences of 30 years on different aspects of dentistry. There will also be a trade exhibition. This is indeed an occasion not to be missed!

The Class of '81 extends a warm invitation to everyone to join us for our special 30th year, to share with us the spirit of giving back to our alma mater as an alumnus of NUS!

## Study Visit by Shanghai Jiao Tong University

By David Chan

A delegation of 13 specialists from the Shanghai Jia Tong University (SJTU) visited the Faculty on 14 to 18 November 2010. Led by Professor Zheng Jia Wei, Vice Dean of the College of Stomatology, the SJTU delegates participated in an intensive two-day Problem-Based Learning (PBL) study programme led by A/P Grace Ong and A/P Lim Lum Peng.



SJTU delegates in a PBL class conducted by Dr Peter Yu (centre, with vest)

## Tokyo Medical & Dental University International Summer Programme

By Samreen Ahmed, MSc Student

I was fortunate to be selected as part of International Summer Program, ISP 2010, 6-8 September, organized by Tokyo Medical and Dental University. The theme for the programme was "Infection and Immunity". Infectious diseases and immunology are pivotal to the field of dentistry where 90% of the oral medicine involves dealing with infectious and auto-immune diseases either as a primary presentation or as secondary manifestation of systemic diseases.

Speakers from all over the world presented their research work during the three-day programme which I found very informative and interactive. The programme gave me the opportunity to share my work and exchange views with many students from all around the world.



Samreen Ahmed (front row, second from left)

## SEAADE and IADR SEA Division, 19-21 September 2010

By Nurazreen

In 2010, South East Asia Association for Dental Education (SEAADE) and the International Association for Dental Research South East Asia (IADR SEA) Division was held in Taipei, Taiwan, from 19-21 September.

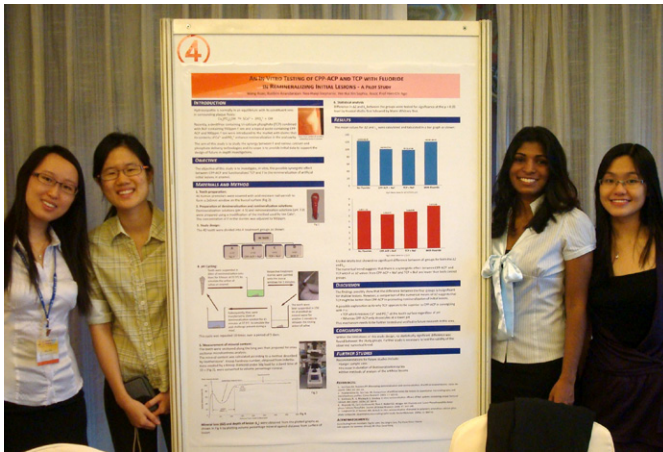
Staff members and students were privileged to be part of this significant event to showcase their research work through oral and poster presentations. The Faculty's team did exceptionally well and bagged 3 major awards!

Congratulations to your dedicated efforts in making the Faculty proud!

**Winner:** Dr Wang Yuan

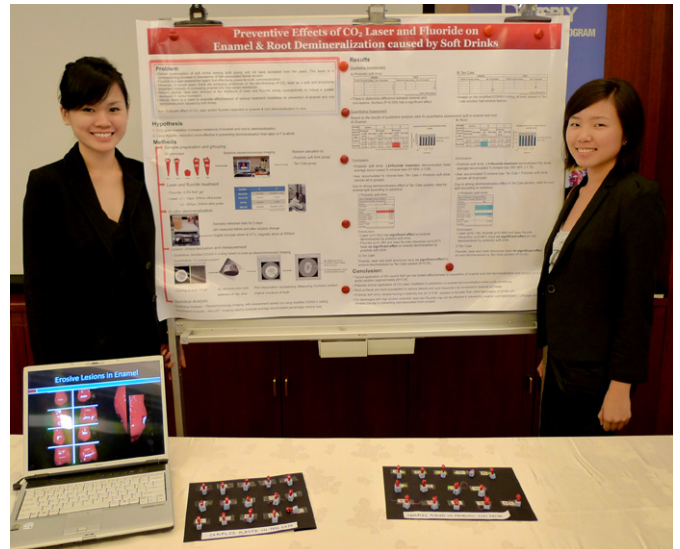
**Award:** Gold Medal – GC Student Table Prevention Competition

**Topic:** An in vitro testing of CPP-ACP and TCP with Fluoride in Remineralizing Initial Lesions – A Pilot Study



From Left: Dr Wang Yuan, Dr Sophia Yee, Dr Ruebini Anandarajan and Dr Stephanie Neo

**Winner:** Dr Quek Hui Qi Sheralyn & Dr Ho Shu Jun Cindi  
**Award:** Second Prize – Dentsply Student Clinician Program  
**Topic:** Preventive effects of CO2 laser on enamel & root demineralization caused by Yakult



From Left: Dr Sheralyn Quek and Dr Cindi Ho



**Winner:** A/P Stephen Hsu  
**Award:** Best Poster – Education Research Presentation  
**Topic:** Changing students' value and learning attitude through a hospice field trip

A/P Stephen Hsu

## 6th Clinical Symposium

By Doris Wong

The Centre for Advanced Dental Education (CADE) held its 6th Faculty of Dentistry Clinical Symposium at Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel on 8 – 9 January 2011. The theme this year was "Back to Basics".

CADE was very privileged to have Dr Stefano Gracis (Italy), Prof Ian Meyers (Australia) and our very own alumni, A/P Woo Sook Bin (USA), as speakers at the event, which attracted more than 350 participants.

The 7th Clinical Symposium will be held on 7 – 8 January 2012.



From left: A/P Jennifer Neo, Vice Dean (Clinical Affairs), A/P Grace Ong, Dean, Faculty of Dentistry, A/P Ian Meyers, A/P Woo Sook Bin, Prof Chew Chong Lin, Director, Division of Graduate Dental Studies



## Inaugural Faculty of Dentistry Alumni Reunion

By David Chan

The Faculty of Dentistry held its inaugural Alumni Reunion Dinner on 24 September 2010. Jointly organised with the Dental Guild, more than 100 alumni from various graduating classes, dating as far back as 1962, turned up for the reunion which was held at the faculty's rooftop garden. The alumni had a great opportunity to renew old friendships and create new acquaintances.



Dr Hu Shijia (extreme right) giving a guided tour of the facilities to dental alumni

Activities that evening included informal tours for the alumni to view the Faculty's latest clinic and lab facilities, and karaoke sessions for dental crooners. The success of this inaugural reunion has prompted the Faculty and the Dental Guild to make this a yearly event.

The 2nd Faculty of Dentistry Alumni Reunion will be held on 30 September 2011. So, dear Dental Alumni, please block your diaries! More details will soon follow.



The dental alumni had a great time catching up with cohorts

## 2011 FOD Annual Staff Party

By David Chan

Together with the staff of the Faculty, friends and colleagues from various departments and faculties from NUS, NUH and NUHS gathered on 7 January to welcome the New Year with a celebration at the 2011 FOD Annual Staff Party.

With more than 120 guests and staff, the celebration included a buffet dinner with prizes for games and lucky draws, all of which were sponsored and donated by the faculty's academic staff.



Our dental support staff toasting with Prof Loh Hong Sai



A/P Kelvin Foong, Vice Dean (Academic Affairs), giving away one of the many big prizes



One of the many guests included A/P Aymeric Lim, Chairman of the Medical Board (right), with A/P Robert Yee

## GEMS Award

By David Chan

The aim of the Go the Extra Mile for Service (GEMS) Award is to acknowledge and reward staff who have gone the extra mile and demonstrated exemplary behaviour to improve the customer service to internal and external customers.

In November 2010, in recognition for her commitment to go the extra mile in her work, in serving the patients/customers, and in helping her colleagues, Perina Chiang from Dean's Office was awarded the GEMS award. Her exemplary role model behaviour supports the National University Health System's (NUHS) core values, which contributed to making a difference to the organization. Congratulations, Perina!



Perina Chiang (left) receiving the GEMS Award certificate from Dean A/P Grace Ong

## Safety Awards

By David Chan

### ASHPA Merit Award

Organised by the NUS Office of Safety, Health & Environment (OSHE), the purpose of the Annual Safety & Health Performance Award (ASHPA) is to recognize and reward Departments, Research Institutes & Corporate Offices which have made or are making significant improvements to their occupational safety and health management system.

For 2010/11, the Faculty received the ASHPA Merit Award, and \$10,000 cash prize, for its efforts in improving occupational health and safety in the workplace.



Chairman of the Faculty's Safety Committee, A/P Yeo Jin Fei, receiving the ASHPA Merit Award on behalf of the Faculty from Guest-of-Honour, Prof Barry Halliwell, Deputy President (Research & Technology)

### SafetyMation

Launched in 2008 by the NUS Office of Safety, Health & Environment (OSHE), "SafetyMation" rewards the creative talents of our staff and students in developing digital animated clips that capture the safety and health best practices in laboratories. The clips are used for promotional and training purposes such as departmental safety day, training workshops, courses, etc.

For 2011, the Faculty of Dentistry was one of four Gold Award winners. Titled "We didn't start the fire", the clip was the creative brainchild of a team of mainly Year 2 students who are:

Anwar Zakaria (Team Leader) | C. Prashanna  
Amanda-Mae Nguee | Caslin Ong Wanqiu  
Foo Cher Li | Ng-Tan Sok Lan (Lab Technologist)



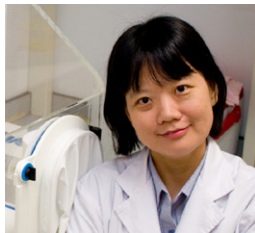
Year 2 student & Team Leader, Anwar Zakaria (left), receiving the "SafetyMation" Gold Award trophy from Guest-of-Honour, Prof Barry Halliwell, Deputy President (Research & Technology)



## Welcome New Faculty Staff

Dr Catherine Hong joined the Department of Preventive Dentistry as an Assistant Professor and Consultant in Pediatric Dentistry on 15 December 2010. Dr Hong is dual board certified in Pediatric Dentistry and Oral Medicine.

She graduated with BDS from NUS and Masters of Science, in Pediatric Dentistry from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, and Certificate Oral Medicine, from Carolinas Medical Center, Charlotte, NC. Dr Hong will be involved in teaching, research and clinical service in both Pediatric Dentistry and Oral Medicine.



Dr Tan Kai Soo (left) joined the Faculty of Dentistry as an Assistant Professor, from 1 January 2011. Dr Tan obtained her BSc (Hons) in Microbiology and PhD from NUS. She was a Post-doctoral Research Fellow at the University of North Carolina, USA from 2004-2006 and Research Fellow in the Dept of Biochemistry, NUS (2007-2009).

## New Adjunct Staff

Title	Name	Designation	Department
Adj A/P	Loh Fun Chee	Adjunct Associate Professor	Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery
Dr	Chan Siew Luen	Adjunct Senior Lecturer	Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery
Dr	Victor Fan	Adjunct Senior Lecturer	Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery
Dr	Ang Chee Wan	Adjunct Lecturer	Preventive Dentistry
Dr	Lee Hui Jing, Helena	Adjunct Lecturer	Preventive Dentistry
Dr	Tay Lai Hock, Alphonsus	Adjunct Lecturer	Preventive Dentistry
Dr	Chng Hui Kheng	Adjunct Senior Lecturer	Restorative Dentistry
Dr	Chin Yee Fatt	Adjunct Lecturer	Restorative Dentistry
Dr	Lim Eng Yong, Jerry	Adjunct Lecturer	Restorative Dentistry
Dr	Ong Teng Sin	Adjunct Lecturer	Restorative Dentistry

### NEW NUHS DENTAL CENTRE CLINICIANS

Name	Appointment	Department	Date Appointed
Dr Lim Ah Tong, Asher	Senior Consultant	Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery	4 October 2010
	Deputy Clinical Director	NUHS Dental Centre	3 January 2011
Dr Yu Tsao-Pan, Peter	Senior Consultant	Restorative Dentistry	1 October 2010



The Faculty warmly welcomes Dr Peter Yu (left) and Dr Asher Lim

## Visiting Professors

**Professor Harold Messer**, currently Emeritus Professor at University of Melbourne, was Visiting Professor in the Department of



Restorative Dentistry from 15 November 2010 to 10 December 2010. This was his second trip for the year and he was principally involved with the Graduate Endodontic programme.

**Professor Abdel Rahim Mohammad**, Professor of Geriatric Dentistry and Oral Medicine, Director of Geriatric Dentistry and Community Outreach & Engagement Programs, Ohio State University, College Of Dentistry, was hosted by both the Ministry of Health (MOH) and the Department of Restorative Dentistry from 1 September 2010 to 30 September 2010.

As Visiting Professor, he delivered a number of lectures/seminars covering the various aspects of Geriatric Dentistry, shared his experiences in the setup of a Geriatric and Special Needs curriculum with the MOH Geriatric and Special Needs Dentistry (GSND) workgroup and the Faculty Curriculum Committee.



**Professor Robert Gunnar Bergenholtz**, currently Emeritus Professor at University of Gothenburg, Sweden, was Visiting

Professor in the Department of Restorative Dentistry from 10 January 2011 to 25 March 2011. He was involved in both undergraduate and postgraduate teaching in Endodontics.

**Professor Jack Nicholls**, currently Emeritus Professor at University of Washington, US, was Visiting Professor in the



Department of Restorative Dentistry from 15 January 2011 to 4 April 2011. He was principally involved with staff and graduate students in materials research.

## Staff Awards

### Recipient Award Details

Prof Chew Chong Lin	25 Years Long Service Award (NUH)
Prof Loh Hong Sai	25 Years Long Service Award (NUH)
A/P Grace Ong	25 Years Long Service Award (NUH)
A/P Jennifer Neo	25 Years Long Service Award (NUH)
A/P Keng Siong Beng	25 Years Long Service Award (NUH)
A/P Yeo Jin Fei	25 Years Long Service Award (NUH)
Ms Perina Chiang	GEMS Award
Ms Connie Lim Seow Hwa	Outstanding Awards – Patient Services/Associate Category

### Promotion

Our heartiest congratulations to:

- Dr Joanne Uy who was promoted to Consultant
- Dr Tong Huei Jinn who was promoted to Registrar
- Dr Go Wee Ser who was promoted to Adjunct Associate Professor
- Dr Toh Wei Hon who was promoted to Adjunct Lecturer

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Sun 17 July 2011 - Class of '81 Scientific Symposium cum Reunion Shaw Foundation Alumni House Auditorium

For more details: [www.dentistry.nus.edu.sg](http://www.dentistry.nus.edu.sg)

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