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Dr Rahul Nair

Dentistry 80th Anniversary Celebration



The year 2009 is a very special one for the alumni, students, staff and faculty at the Faculty of Dentistry (FOD) in NUS. As the veterans would remind us, the genesis of our beloved FOD can be traced to a dental department that was established in 1929 by Professor E K Tartman, who was the Head of the Dental School at King Edward VII College of Medicine. This department was established in a disused ward in the Singapore General hospital, and started with formal education in dentistry with a class size of seven! Since then, our FOD has grown vastly in size, scope and stature.

A part of where we want to be lies in our previous achievements. Dentistry as a profession has grown vastly in the last half century. It has been a great shift from the time when the norm was practicing dentistry standing and the professionals agreed that gloves reduced the "feel and accuracy" of the work, to using rubber dams and implants. Singapore was never behind the curve of advancement, and tried to lead the region at every possible opportunity. Many of the trends for these advancements were made possible by FOD, with its visionary leaders and able learners who kept dentistry in Singapore growing in the right directions.

Eight decades later, the mission of our faculty speaks volumes about our emphasis on three areas that include distinction in teaching, research, and clinical practice. As our Dean, A/P Keson Tan rightly noted, the faculty strives to be a leader in undergraduate and postgraduate training, and tries to be capable of providing quality continuing education and lead in dental research arena. The primary purpose of the institution continues to be academics, and ensuring that Singapore remains well resourced with quality dental professionals.

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Dear all,

We are at one of the most important milestones for our faculty, the 80th anniversary of formal dental education in Singapore. What an exciting time! This educational experience has produced many trail-blazers, who uphold the stature of Dentistry in this nation and beyond. A testament to the continuing success of our faculty can be seen in our newest graduates. They have earned their place to be among the future leaders of dentistry. Congratulations to the fresh graduates!

To meet the ever-increasing demand for dental professionals, we have a new batch with class strength of 48! This is the largest incoming group that we have had yet. Besides the new group of undergraduate students, there were some new additions to the faculty. There were 11 new positions that were filled in the past year, including myself. As the first member in this group, I would like to welcome all the other new members in the faculty.

Another major event for the faculty is the shifting of its premises from NUH into its new premises on Lower Kentridge Road. The move is scheduled for mid December and many in the faculty are working hard to ensure that the move happens smoothly. Kudos to all the good work to this end!

Coming back to our anniversary, the celebrations are afoot with events that span from merry making to philanthropy. We have a full scoop on the related events in this edition. Read on to get the latest scoop on all the developments in the faculty.

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So, the theme for the 80th Anniversary Celebrations is aptly termed 'Empowering the Future of Dentistry'. It emphasises the continuing role that the Faculty plays in educating the future generations of dentists. In fulfilling this role, the Faculty is also mindful of the students who need financial support to succeed. To this end, the Faculty aimed to raise funds for students that need financial assistance through the FOD 80th Anniversary Bursary Fund.

The Faculty of Dentistry celebrates its 80th anniversary in 2009. A warm welcome awaits you with two major celebratory events on the Friday, 6 November 2009 and the Saturday, 7 November 2009.

80th Anniversary Alumni Golf Event

To be held at the Laguna Golf & Country Club golf greens, the FOD 80th Anniversary Alumni Golf Event will tee-off on Friday, 6th November 2009 from 7am. This game of golf will bring together alumni and friends for a memorable time of fun and fellowship.

Gala Dinner

Come dressed in your finest for the grand finale of the 80th anniversary Celebrations, the Gala Dinner which will be held at the Shangri-La Hotel Island Ballroom on the Saturday, 7th November 2009 from 6.30pm.

Rekindle friendships and take the opportunity to reconnect with former classmates, teachers and friends. With the Minister for Education as the Guest of Honor, and together with NUS President, guests will witness the creativity and vibrancy of dental alumni and students in a coordinated display of dance, music, and magic.

Romancing Dentistry Anniversary Celebrations

In addition, as a part of the celebrations, FoD would like to invite alumni couples to celebrate the anniversary of their courtship during their NUS Dental Undergraduate studies by contributing photos that chronicle their courtship during and after university studies. Reminisce through your photo albums and send us your undergraduate, wedding or family photos today!

5 lucky participants stand a chance to win the following prizes via ballot!

- 1 Night Weekend stay @ Shangri-La Hotel, Singapore
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- Dinner Voucher for 2 pax @ The Line Restaurant
- Lunch Voucher for 2 pax @ The Line Restaurant
- Hi-Tea Voucher for 2 pax @ Rose Veranda



So, come together with your classmates at the Alumni Golf Event and Gala Dinner.

For more information and download of registration form for the Gala Dinner and Alumni Golf game, please visit the 80th Anniversary website at <http://www.dentistry.nus.edu.sg/80/index.html>

National University Health System gears up to shape medicine for the future



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Staff of the NUHS were briefed on the vision, mission and corporate values of the group by its board member and NUS President Professor Tan Chorh Chuan, as well as new NUHS Chief Executive Associate Professor Benjamin Ong on 1st December 2008.

With the integration of the Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine (YLLSoM), the Faculty of Dentistry (FoD) and the National University Hospital (NUH), the NUHS is able to deliver on its mission of ensuring the best of clinical care and academic training for doctors and dentists, while providing an integrated platform for meaningful and impactful research that would benefit Singaporeans.

Prof Ong also briefed staff on space utilization for the National University Heart Centre, Singapore and National University Cancer Institute, Singapore at the Main Building and Kent Ridge Wing respectively. He also announced plans for an advanced practice nursing programme for Oncology and introduced the first Clinical Talent Management Program to the University Medicine Cluster.

NUHS Deputy Chief Executive Professor John Wong touched on issues regarding the extension of EMR access to medical students, placement of 69 staff on the clinician-educator tracks and the mobilizing of the \$10 mil research grant towards research in Neurocognition.

The staff gathering also saw the unveiling of the NUHS Corporate Identity, the result of an intensive six-month programme that incorporated inputs from key leaders in NUH, YLLSoM and FoD.

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W e l c o m e New Faculty Staff

Dr Loke Weiqiang • Dental Instructor



Dr Rahul Nair joined the Department of Preventive Dentistry as an Assistant Professor on 1st July 2008. He completed his Master of Public Health at the Western Kentucky University in 2005 and more recently, his Master of Science in Dental Public Health at the University of Iowa in April 2008.

Assoc Prof Robert Yee joined the Department of Preventive Dentistry on 1st September 2008. He graduated from the University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada; completed his Master of Science in Dental Public Health from the University College London, University of London, and his PhD from the Radboud University Nijmegen, the Netherlands. A/Prof Robert has extensive experience as a World Health Organisation (WHO) Consultant and his work has taken him to Nepal, Yunnan, China and many parts of South-east Asia.



Dr Tapan Koticha joined the Department of Restorative Dentistry on 1st September 2008 as a Visiting Fellow. Dr Tapan is no stranger to our Faculty, having spent the last 3 years in the faculty as our local Prosthodontic Resident. His basic training was from University of Mumbai.

Dr Yang Wen Jun, who is an Associate Professor in the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Shanghai 9th People's Hospital, which is affiliated to Shanghai Jiao Tong University, joined the Department of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery on 1st October 2008 as a Visiting Senior Fellow. Dr Yang, who has a PhD degree from Shanghai Jiao Tong University, is experienced in research involving cell culture, transgene and knockout microinjection.



Dr Zhou Hai Wen, who is an Associate Professor and Oral Medicine expert in the Department of Oral Medicine, Shanghai 9th People's Hospital affiliated to Shanghai Jiao Tong University, joined the Department of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery on 1st December 2008 as a Visiting Fellow.

Dr Victoria Yu joined the Department of Restorative Dentistry on 30th December 2008 as an Assistant Professor. She is no stranger to the Faculty, having completed her undergraduate training at NUS. And since 2001, she has served as a part time staff in the Department of Restorative Dentistry. Dr Yu completed her Masters in Endodontics at Eastman Dental Institute and has been in private practice since her return from the United Kingdom.



Dr Wu Shenhua, joined the Department of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery on 2nd February 2009 as a Dental Instructor. He was one of the top students in the class of 2007, obtaining a distinction in the subject of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery.



Dr Andrew Ow Tjin-Chiew, joined the Department of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery on 15th April 2009 as an Assistant Professor. He obtained the BDS degree from The University of Adelaide, Australia and MDS degree as well as Advanced Diploma in Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery from The University of Hong Kong. He was also awarded Fellow, Royal Australasian College Dental Surgeons, Australia and Membership in Oral Surgery, Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh.

Dr Clara Mok joined the Department of Restorative Dentistry on 1st May 2009 as a Senior Lecturer. She is no stranger to the Faculty, having completed her undergraduate training at NUS. And since 1987, she has served as a part time staff in the Department of Restorative Dentistry



Dr Michael Mah Kuan Seet, joined the Department of Preventive Dentistry as an Assistant Professor and Registrar in Orthodontics on 1st May 2009. He obtained his BDS (NUS) in 2002 and MDS (NUS) and MOrth Edin in 2007.

Dr Intekhab Islam, joined the Department of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery as a Visiting Fellow and Registrar on 1st May 2009. He obtained his BDS from the University of North Bengal, India and conferred the degree of Master of Science in July 2005. He also obtained his MDS (NUS) in 2008. He served as a Clinical Teacher for AY 2008.



Getting International Exposure in Education & Research

1. Dr Philip McLoughlin

Dr Philip Martin McLoughlin was invited by the Faculty as a Visiting Associate Professor for the Department of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery from 4th July 2008 to 2nd August 2008. He is a Consultant in Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery, Tayside University Hospitals NHS Trust Ninewells Hospital, Dundee. He was involved in clinical services and teaching. He gave lectures on General Anaesthetic Procedures and Orofacial Infections.

2. Professor Harold Messer

Professor Messer is no stranger to the Faculty. He is Professor Emeritus (previously Professor of Restorative Dentistry) at the School of Dental Science, University of Melbourne. He was director of the postgraduate program in Endodontics until the end of 2005.

As Visiting Professor for the Department of Restorative Dentistry from 7th July 2008 to 8th August 2008 and 2nd January 2009 to 7th February 2009, Prof Messer shared his expertise with the Endodontic graduates both at seminars and treatment conferences. In addition, he continued to provide interesting insights into the discipline with 2 lectures entitled "Evidence vs prudence in clinical practice: examples from endodontics" and "Strategies for endodontic retreatment".

3. Associate Professor Hanna Thoren

Associate Professor Hanna Thoren from Department of Cranio-Maxillofacial Surgery, Inselspital, Bern University Hospital, Switzerland was invited by the Faculty as an Academic Visitor for the Department of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery from 8th November 2008 to 11th November 2008. During her visit, she delivered a lecture on "OMFS Training in Finland".

4. Professor David Beighton

Professor David Beighton from the Department of Microbiology, KCL Dental Institute, UK. His research interests include: microbiology of dental caries, microbial survival in the oral biofilm, microbial diversity, antimicrobial properties of dental materials and taxonomy of oral streptococci. He came as an Academic Visitor at our faculty from 9th November 2008 to 10th November 2008 and 15th March 2009 to 22nd March 2009. In the first visit, he delivered a lecture on "Dental Caries: Stress and Microbial Diversity" while his second visit was to plan for research collaboration with the Department of Restorative Dentistry.

5. Professor Jack Nicholls

Professor Nicholls, a familiar figure at the faculty, was invited to Faculty as Visiting Professor for the Department of Restorative Dentistry from 28th January 2009 to 24th March 2009.

He continues to work with the department's graduate students in their research projects from planning the projects, working out the kinks of the methodology, the thesis writeup and even seeing to the publications. His enthusiasm and energy injects a much needed boost to the students which sees them working into the late hours of the night and even on weekends.

6. Professor Chris Sissons

Associate Professor Chris Sissons, University of Otago, Wellington. He is known as a microbial ecologist, researching dental plaque, its development and behaviour in health and disease. He has developed a unique laboratory dental plaque model ecosystem system, a sophisticated 'Artificial Mouth' with a range of novel molecular plaque analysis techniques and established the study of plaque 'microcosm biofilms.' These enable a wide range of environmentally-controlled experiments into plaque ecology and pathology. Major studies include effects of fluoride, antimicrobials on the oral microbiota, and plaque anticaries mineralization. He was invited by the Faculty as Visiting Associate Professor from 1st March 2009 to 29th March 2009.

7. Professor George Sandor

Professor George K.B. Sandor is the Head of Department and Professor of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Faculty of Dentistry, University of Toronto as well as Director, Graduate Program in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. Prof Sandor was invited by the Faculty as an Academic Visitor for the Department of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery from 10th March 2009 to 14th March 2009. During his visit, he conducted seminars on Facial Aesthetics procedures in Orthognathic Surgery/Cleft Surgery for the Staff and Residents.

8. Professor Monty Duggal

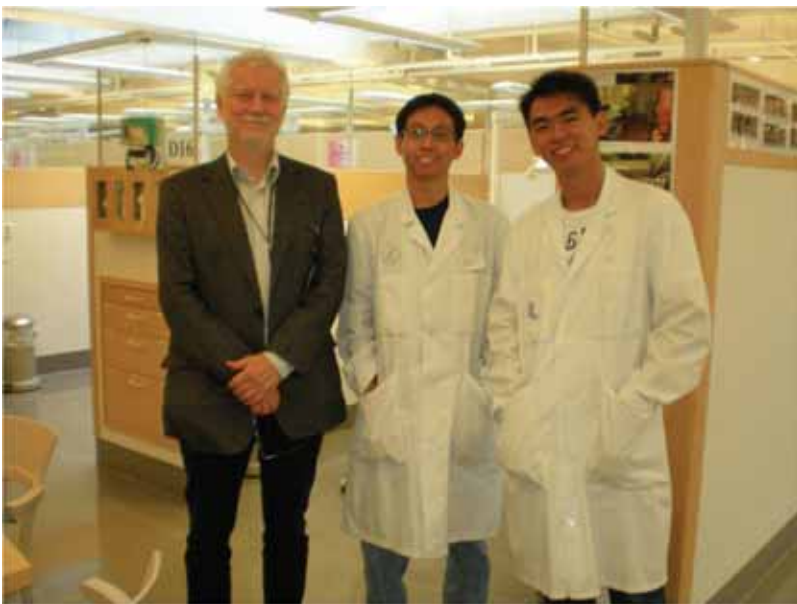
Professor Monty Duggal was invited by the Faculty as Visiting Professor for the Department of Preventive Dentistry from 13th April 2009 to 8th May 2009. Prof Duggal leads the Division of Paediatric Dentistry at LDI and he is one of the leaders in Pediatric Dentistry in the UK. During his visit, he was involved in the UG teaching and research consultation.

Overseas Enrichment Programme

Ms Perina Chiang • Manager

To further enhance students' learning experiences, 21 students embarked on a 1 to 2 week attachment at reputable overseas dental schools during their term break in September 2008.

Some of our students experience while on SEP.....



Karolinska Institute

Edwin Goh and Tan Shao Yong, both third year students participated in the Overseas Enrichment Programme in Stockholm Sweden, from the 7th to 12th September 2008, hosted by Karolinska Institute.

This short stint in Sweden has opened their eyes and allowed them to learn of the different treatment philosophy in a more affluent country. The different patient profiles have enabled Swedish dentists to practice dentistry on a more advanced level.

Picture with Prof Stein Bjorkman, Director of Studies for Dental Education





King's College London Dental Institute

It was a once-in-a lifetime opportunity for 4 third year students; Darryl Guay, Ma Shiqi, Sin Tong Nick and Yee Ruixiang to participate in the Overseas Enrichment Program to Central London's Guy's, King's & St Thomas Dental Institute; the largest Dental school in Europe.

The 2-week program planned for them was very comprehensive and thoroughly covered the whole spectrum of clinical disciplines. One of the attachment highlights was the chance to witness pathologies out of the text book; patients and their pathologies were simply out of the ordinary and gave them an insight into the unpredictable and exciting world of Oral Medicine and Surgery.

During their leisure time, they were really spoilt for choice since London offers a wealth of attractions and activities to choose from. The ones they found most interesting were the street markets, a stroll through Regent Park and Hyde Park as well as attending musical plays, definitely a must when you are in London!



Peking University School of Stomatology

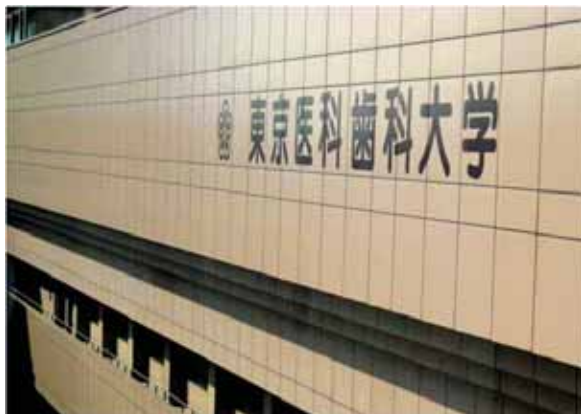
Lim Li Zhen, third year student and Luo Wenyuan, final year student visited the Peking University School of Stomatology from 8 September to 11th September 2008.

During this period, they had the privilege to observe major surgeries in the newly constructed surgery wing, including 2 that were performed by the Dean himself. On top of this, they also managed to observe surgeries involving removal of an ameloblastomas, and a pleomorphic salivary adenoma.

They were really enriched by being able to take part in the exchange and to be able to see the wide range of facilities being available to the students there. It was also interesting to experience a different dental school system as well as opportunity to interact with students who go through similar experiences.



Picture with Deanery



Picture with Prof Morio Ikuko, Dean

Tokyo Medical and Dental University

Michelle Ang, Chua Yee Leng, Sarah Lai, Shereilyn Quek and Joanne Woo went on a 1 week visit to the Tokyo Medical and Dental University were given a holistic introduction to the dental faculty. They had the chance to visit the various departments and clinics including research facilities. Despite the language barrier, staff and students were very friendly and more than happy to explain any queries procedures being carried out. This programme has given them insights into the general state of oral health of the Japanese population as well as the advancements in the field of geriatrics and aesthetics.

They were also kindly hosted to meals by both students and staff where they were able to interact with fellow colleagues from Japan, not to mention savouring mouth-watering Japanese cuisine (Oishi!!)

On the whole, the programme proved to be one that was both enriching and enjoyable memories will be etched in their heads for many years to come.

University of British Columbia

From 15th to 19th September 2008, Helena Koh, Tan Shyn Lyn, Yeo Jing Ting and Stephanie Yeo, all third year students went on an overseas enrichment programme to the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, Canada.



Picture with Prof Charles Shuler(Dean) and Dr Ravindra Shah (Director of International Relations) (1st row: 2nd and 2nd row: 1st from left)

University of Melbourne

2 final year students, Chan Wai Seng and Priscilla Sia visited the University of Melbourne, Australia, from 8th to 12th September 2008. However they only managed to spend 3 full-days at the University of Melbourne.

A schedule was drawn up for them where they were attached to the final-year primary care clinics, oral medicine clinics and post-graduate prosthodontic clinics at the Royal Dental Hospital of Melbourne for 2 days and the final day a visit to Dr Roy Judge's Prosthodontic clinic at Essendon, on the outskirts of Melbourne. Dr Judge is a renowned prosthodontist who frequently goes back to the Faculty to teach the post-graduates.

Despite being a short visit, they were duly impressed with the variety of patient cases as well as the sense of camaraderie between the students and teaching staff.



University of Sydney, Australia

Leonardo Saigo and Amelia Chew, Year 4 students visited the University of Sydney from 8th to 19th September 2008. The dental faculty is divided into 2 main facilities, namely Westmead Hospital and Sydney Dental Hospital.

During the 2 weeks, they had the opportunity to attend various lectures in the main campus, problem-based learning sessions and numerous clinical sessions with the local students.

Overall, it was a very enriching experience to observe the manner in which the dental school is run and many treasured friendships were also forged during this period.

Overseas Student Attachment

Ms Perina Chiang • Manager

For the period from July 2008 to June 2009, we were delighted to host 16 dental undergraduate students between 1-2 weeks.

For the period from Jan to June 2009, it was our pleasure to host 9 overseas dental undergraduate students for a period between 1-2 weeks.

During the attachment, they expressed keen interest in learning more about our undergraduate training as well as the opportunity to interact and share experiences with our students and staff. It was also a good experience for our students to learn and compare programs across national boundaries.



Title	Name of Student	Parent University	Country
Miss	An-Sook Lee	Chonnam National University	South Korea
Miss	Mi-Youn Lee	Chonnam National University	South Korea
Mr	Sang-Woon Moon	Chonnam National University	South Korea
Miss	Young-Bum Choi	Chonnam National University	South Korea
Miss	Youn-Suk Song	Chonnam National University	South Korea
Mr	Malcolm Douglas Balfour	Glasgow Dental Hospital and School	Scotland
Mr	Mark Thomas Bradley	Glasgow Dental Hospital and School	Scotland
Miss	Patricia Melody Yeung	Hong Kong University	Hong Kong
Mr	Hesham Matabdin	Islamic International Dental College	Pakistan
Miss	Low Ee-Lyn	King's College London Dental Institute	UK
Miss	Darshita Agrawal	Modern Dental College & Research Centre	India
Miss	Ruchita Hassanandani	Modern Dental College & Research Centre	India
Mr	Wu Chou-Yang	National Yang Ming Medical University	Taiwan
Miss	Samantha Tang Koon-Yee	University of Dundee, Dental School	UK
Miss	Teng Yuen-Ee	University of Sydney	Australia
Miss	Wang Yu Ying, Vivien	University of Sydney	Australia

Visitors from Tokyo Medical and Dental University

Ms Perina Chiang • Manager

Professor Koji Araki, Centre for Education Research in Medicine and Dentistry accompanied by Dr Jun Tsuruta, Dental Education Development Section visited our faculty on 2nd February 2009.

As part of a project by the Ministry of Education in Japan, they planned to visit various dental schools world-wide to collect information concerning University accreditation with special focus on Dental Education.



Visitors from National University of Odonto-Stomatology, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

Ms Jasmine Ye • Executive



A group of dental lecturers from the National University of Odonto-Stomatology (NUOS), Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam visited the Faculty in June 2008. They were led by Dr. Huynh Anh Lan, Vice-Dean of NUOS. They were interested to find out more about our research landscape.

Fourth from the left is Dr. Huynh Anh Lan, followed by A/P Varawan Sae-Lim

Mr Goh Guan Yee • Executive

Visitor from GC Asia

Dr Kiyotaka Nakao, Director of GC Corporation and a dentist, visited the Faculty on 20th April 2009. Dr Kiyotaka was given a tour to the dental clinics and facilities by Clinic Manager Ng Gek Lang, followed by a fruitful meeting with A/P Keson Tan (Dean) and A/P Jennifer Neo (Head of the Department for Restorative Dentistry).



COMMENCEMENT 2008

Ms Perina Chiang • Manager

Curtains up! Meet our 54 dental graduates (undergraduates & postgraduates) who were awarded degrees from the Faculty of Dentistry this year. A total of 33 BDS, 11 MDS, 5 MSc and 2 PhD degrees were given out.

The faculty celebrated this joyous occasion of its Class of 2008 with their proud families and friends at the ceremony on 11th July 2008, presided over by Pro-Chancellor Dr Andrew Chew Guan Khuan.

We wish our graduates all the best as they embark on a new chapter in their lives and welcome them as our proud University's Alumni.



Dr Loke at Dentsply Awards



Third from the left: Dr Lim Zixiang

SEAADE-IADR (SEA) 2008, Manila, Philippines

Ms Jasmine Ye • Executive

During the Joint Annual Meetings of the South East Asia Association for Dental Educators (SEAADE) and the IADR SEA Division which was held on the 8th - 10th October 2008 in Manila, Philippines, 2 groups of undergraduate students represented Faculty of Dentistry (FoD) in 2 competitions, SEAADE-GC Dental Asia Student Prevention Table Clinician Programme 2008 and Dentsply Asia Student Clinician Programme 2008.

Drs Goh Siew Hor, Jonathan Foo Kee Yin, Ivan Prabowo Budiharto and Tan Mei Na represented FoD at the SEAADE-GC Dental Asia Student Prevention Table Clinician Programme 2008, and presented their UROP project titled "Potential Cariostatic Prevention Effects of Yakult®", which was supervised by Assoc Prof Stephen Hsu. They were awarded First Prize amongst the strong competition.

Dr Loke Wei Qiang, one of our very own faculty staff from the Dept of Restorative Dentistry, participated in the SEAADE Free Papers Competition. He did an oral presentation on "Students' Evaluation of Dental Postings to Nursing Homes: A Pilot Study", a project that was done with co-investigator Dr Hilary Thean. He did NUS proud by emerging as First Runner-up out of 8 teams that competed in that category.

At the Dentsply Asia Student Clinician Programme 2008, Dr Lim Zixiang on behalf of his UROP team which consisted of Drs William Lim Tian Wei, Teo Eu Gene, Wong Jian Zhang and Cheng Jean-Lynn, represented FoD and presented their project titled "Testing a Light Activated Therapy (ANILAD) to Eliminate Bacteria in Root Canal", which was supervised by Dr Anil Kishen. They came through as Second Runner-up, and received USD 250 as cash prize.



From the left: Drs Tan Mei Na, Ivan Prabowo Budiharto, Goh Siew Hor and Jonathan Foo Kee Yin

Dental Public Health Screening 2008

Tan Shyn Lyn • Dental 3rd year student



The Dental Society of the Faculty of Dentistry, National University of Singapore, together with the Medical Society of the Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, had successfully organized a dental and medical health screening cum exhibition on 4th October, 2008 (Saturday) at Jurong IMM Level 3 Garden Plaza from 10 am to 7 pm. Through this community service initiative, we aimed to increase oral health awareness of the public and to provide them with basic dental health screening services.

With the objective of targeting a different demographic group, Public Health Screening saw a change of location from Toa Payoh HDB hub, where it was held last year. Despite a change in venue, the overall response from the public was very encouraging. We managed to screen nearly 450 participants, including members from Radin Mas Senior Connect Plus Centre and Touch Silent Club from Touch Community Services. The event was graced by Guest-of-Honour, Dr Teo Ho Pin, Mayor of Northwest District, who presented tokens of appreciation to our sponsors at the Opening Ceremony. During his tour of the event accompanied by our Dean of Faculty of Dentistry, Professor Keson Tan, Dr Teo also received a token Oral Health Education given by one of the third year dental student.

On behalf of the Dental Public Health Screening Organizing Committee, I would like to express my deepest gratitude to the faculty staff, sponsors, my fellow committee members as well as all dental students who had contributed in one way or another in making this a project a success.



Dental Care for the Elderly Project

Mr Edgar L.C.Kieu • Dental 3rd year student



As part of the Tampines Together program to help elderly cope with the cost of living and to ensure their holistic well-being during the current economic downturn, 250 needy elderly from Tampines received free dental checks and basic dental treatment from 15th - 19th June 2009 at the Dental Care for Elderly project. The project was launched by Minister for National Development, Mr Mah Bow Tan and MPs for Tampines GRC Ms Irene Ng and Mr Sin Boon Ann.

During the program, hygienists and dental officers from HPB provided scaling, polishing and simple restorations for the elderly while 3rd and 4th year students from the faculty, under the supervision of faculty staff Dr Andrew Ow and Dr Intekhab Islam, provided free extractions for those who required them. After the check up and basic treatment, elderly who needed follow-up treatment were given NECDC's Neighbourhood Dental Assistance Scheme (NDAS) vouchers to visit the nearby dental clinics to complete their treatment.

The project is spearheaded by Tampines Grassroots Organizations with support from North East Community Development Council (NECDC), Health Promotion Board (HPB) and the Faculty of Dentistry.

Inaugural Graduate Diploma in Dental Implantology Presentation Ceremony

President, National University of Singapore, presents the Graduate Diploma in Dental Implantology



From Left to Right: Dr Dominic Leung, Prof Chew Chong Lin, Dr Deborah Khan, Dr Philip Woo, Prof Tan Chorh Chuan, Dr Shahul Hameed, Assoc Prof Keson Tan, Dr Sau Chong Whui, Dr Gerald Yeo and Dr Winston How

The Division of Graduate Dental Studies held the inaugural Graduate Diploma in Dental Implantology (GDDI) presentation ceremony-cum-dinner on 20 February 2009. The event was graced by the President, Professor Tan Chorh Chuan and Mrs Tan at St Regis, Singapore.

The GDDI programme is a 2-year part-time course conducted by the Centre for Advanced Dental Education designed primarily for general dental practitioners interested in the field of dental implantology. The Graduate Diploma is recognized for registration as an additional qualification by the Singapore Dental Council.

There were more than 60 attendees comprising of guests, the new graduates and their families, students enrolled in the programme, teachers and supporting staff. 6 dentists - Drs Shahul Hameed s/o MKKM, Winston How Pow Hian, Deborah Khan Cheng Mun, Sau Chong Whui, Philip Woo Kok Tim and Gerald Yeo See Chong received their Diplomas from Professor Tan.

In his valedictorian speech, Dr Shahul Hameed thanked the teachers and the staff for their dedication and he emphasized the importance of education and learning as an on-going process throughout one's life. "The onus is on us as dentists to continue to improve and keep ourselves updated for the benefit of society."

The demand for dental implants is on the rise. Dentists need to have proper training to provide this service. I would encourage our dentists to enroll in an advanced training program to arm themselves to deliver quality care for their patients.

The Faculty would like to thank the President, National University of Singapore, for presentation of the graduate diplomas and the graduates for their support in the partial sponsorship of the event.

Congratulations to the graduates!!

Professor Chew Chong Lin
Director, Division of Graduate Studies



Dr Shahul Hameed giving the valedictory speech



Dr Sau Chong Whui receiving his Diploma from President NUS

Freshmen Orientation 2008



'A Sweet Tooth' – This was the theme for this year's Dentistry Camp that showed the intention of the Year 2 seniors to make it a memorable event for our incoming batch of Year 1 dental students. On 18th July '08, the freshmen embarked on an Amazing Race around the NUS Campus, familiarising themselves with the various hangout and eating spots for students which eventually led to them making their way to Costa Sands Resort, Sentosa. BBQ Night was held on that evening as seniors and alumni got their first chance to interact and get to know the Year 1s. The next day was truly fun-filled as the various OGs vied with each other to emerge as champions in games like Ultimate Frisbee, Dodge Ball and many other station games. Performances by the various OGs not only marked the end of the camp but it also displayed their potential and creativity which bode well for their future in Faculty of Dentistry.



The 2-week-long Float Building period soon got into progress. The smell of paint and glue, the sound of "It's raining men!", the sight of cardboard pieces and tin cans scattered on the ground, the feeling of sweat-soaked T-shirts during dance practice and of course the taste of NUS canteen food filled up our 2 weeks of fun and labour. With the dedication of the Float Committee and the hard work of the Dance I/Cs, we guided the Year 1s towards their goal for Rag Day. Despite the tight schedule that we faced, we still didn't forget the objectives of NUS RAG and Flag which was to help the less privileged. On 5th August 08, the Year 1s, armed with tin cans, set aside time from float building and instead, combed various MRT Stations and housing estates to collect donations. Even though they only had a few hours, their hard work and dedication towards the cause paid off as Dentistry was awarded the Medal of Commendation for Flag Day as they had attained an improvement of at least 20% of the total collections, as compared to the previous year!

On the eve of Rag Day, 7th August 2008, the Year 1s introduced themselves to the staff, alumni and seniors during Welcome Tea which was held at the Dental Auditorium. The Year 1s again surprised us with their originality in introducing themselves to the crowd causing us to break out in bouts of laughter and cheering. This was followed up by the traditional All Night Long, where a preview of the Dentistry Rag Day performance was presented. The seniors and alumni turned up in full force as they mingled around, reminiscing on old times and familiarising themselves with the new faces in the Dental family. "Unwavering Spirit, Blazing Passion" was the theme and on Friday, 8th August 2008, Dentistry presented a story titled "Curtains Up!" The story revolved around a young and bold director, together with his dedicated team of crew and cast whom almost had their plans washed away by a group of saboteurs. Despite all odds, he managed to muster his courage, cast away the villains and produced a performance of a lifetime! All this was done with the backdrop of a Moving Camera, Stage and Gramophone. Our Year 1s really proved themselves against their peers from other faculties and showed that we will not be penned down despite the lack of time and manpower. It was truly a performance worth remembering and kudos to all that lent a helping hand towards this success! Special mention goes out to the cheerleading group who mastered the art of leaping, throwing, balancing and catching in less than a week!



Orientation didn't end there. The Year 1s embarked on various clinic visits and a Community Involvement Project, which was held on 23rd August 2008. Through collaboration with Q&M Dental Surgery and Colgate, the Year 1s interacted and spent quality time with a group of special needs students from MINDS – Woodlands Gardens School. At the same time, free dental health screening was provided by Q&M. It was truly a fulfilling experience for the Year 1s and definitely an enjoyable one for the students from MINDS as they were entertained with a cartoon show by Colgate, sing-a-long, games and colouring sessions, and last but not least, a guest appearance by our very own magician, Mr Nick Sin!

Buffet Night was held on 30th August 2008 at Kent Ridge Guild House. Guests abided closely to the theme "ICrowned" as all those present promptly arrived, dressed in preppy clothing with matching headgears. Highlights include the traditional skit about "King Quadfac" performed by the Year 1s, a video by the Year 2s titled "Dental Superheroes", the "Dentalympics" by the Year 3s and a live performance by the Year 4s summing up the "Time of Their Lives" in Dental School. There were also guest performances and appearances by The Sponge Boys and Spiderman! It was indeed a loud and colourful event.



The Year 1s then decided to end off orientation with a bang as they were crowned the Champions of the Dance Competition for QuadFac Bash 2008! Themed "Forbidden", the Quadfac Bash, a collaboration among the Dentistry, Medicine, Pharmacy and Nursing faculties, was held at Zouk on 19th December 2008. Our dance group successfully shrugged off the competition from the other faculties and with the vivacious support from the Dentistry crowd, we were unlucky not to walk away as the Pageant winners too.

These few months have really been testing for myself and my classmates as we toiled past school hours and through the holidays to ensure that Dentistry Orientation 2008 will be a success. We see enormous potential within the Year 1s.



Gifts Received in 2008

Ms Perina Chiang • Manager

Tay Teck Eng Dental Bursary

Early this year, faculty received a gift of \$45,000 to set up the Tay Teck Eng Dental Bursary. It was established to honour the late Dr Tay Teck Eng who was among the first batch of FoD alumnus to graduate from the Faculty. The funds were contributed by his family and friends.

Rotary Club of Singapore West - Tay Teck Eng Dental Bursary

To perpetuate the memory of the late Dr Tay Teck Eng, the Rotary Club of Singapore West (RCSW) made a collective gift of \$50k to set up the RCSW-Tay Teck Eng Dental Bursary.

The 2 new bursary funds is a boost to faculty's drive in providing financial assistance to needy dental students to help meet their tuition fees as well as other related study expenses.



L to R: Yeo Chuen Eng, Ben Chng, Kelvin Foong (Vice Dean), Daryl Kuek (President), Keson Tan (Dean), Denis Tan
Rotary Club of Singapore West - Tay Teck Eng Dental Bursary Awards 2008

Alumni Mentorship Appreciation Dinner

On 31st July 2008, faculty held its 2nd Annual Alumni Mentorship Appreciation Dinner as a way of thanking our alumni for their efforts in guiding and mentoring our students.

It was an enjoyable evening where the students had the opportunity to mingle with their mentors while enjoying the scrumptious buffet dinner.

Bowling Good Times 2009

Prof Loh Hong Sai • Convenor, GDG



What a refreshing Sunday it was for a group of students, staff, dental colleagues from the NDC and the private sector; to come together for the 9-pin tap bowling competition at the West Bowl on 22nd February 2009. Once again, this was one of the highlights in the calendar of events of the Guild of Dental Graduates (GDG), with a large turn-out of about 50 bowlers.

Breakfast was served to energize everyone, and it was kindly sponsored by Dr Susan Ang, President GDG. Before the commencement of the Team event, a lucky "ang pow" draw was conducted, prizes of which were donated by Prof Loh Hong Sai. The champion among the 20-odd teams was from the National Dental Center, led by Dr Chua Ee Kiam, our perennial "hustler"! Then came the Individual event, which was again won by a staff member of NDC. All the prizes were donated by Kavo Asia, and Ms Zeny Seah did the honors of giving away the trophies. For those who missed the prizes, consolation was the trophy for "the most promising bowler". Keeping with the 10-odd year tradition, the last prize for the promising bowler was meant for the bowler with the lowest score!

12th

NUS Clinical

Ms Joanne Goh • Senior Administrative Officer

Dentistry Symposium



Our 12th NUS Clinical Symposium was held on 25th May 2008, from 9am to 3.30pm.

Lecture Theatre 28 located at the Faculty of Science was packed with 257 participants who signed up for this annual Symposium. Additionally, we had 17 exhibitors lining the foyer displaying their dental supplies.



This year, we were privileged to have 5 great speakers to impart their knowledge to our participants. Their insightful presentations were in the area of their expertise.

- Professor Richard Palmer – Smoking and Periodontal Disease
- Professor Michael Razzoog – All-ceramic Dental Solutions for Teeth and Implants
- Professor Tateyuki Iizuka – Internal Derangement of the TMJ Unresponsive to Conservative Treatment: What to do Next?
- Associate Professor Kelvin Foong – Interceptive Orthodontics
- Associate Professor Hien Ngo – Clinical Management of Caries: An Update

Ms Perina Chiang • Manager

Faculty Awards Day 2008

The annual Faculty Awards Day was held on Friday 29th August 2008, to recognize staff and students on their various achievements as well as for their continued contribution towards the faculty.

We are delighted to have Vice-Provost Professor Lai Choy Heng, who graced the occasion as the Guest-of-Honour for the event.

Special thanks also goes out to our external partners who took time out to join us in this celebration.

The Faculty congratulates all award winners for a job well done!



Long Service Award

Academic Staff	Yrs of Svc
Assoc Professor Hsu Chin-Ying, Stephen	10
Dr Thean Pik Yen, Hilary	10
Dr Mok Yuen Yue, Betty	15

Non-Academic Staff	Yrs of Svc
Mdm Tay Poh Suan	15
Mr Ang Biang Soon	25
Mdm Goh Kim Ing	25
Mr Ho Weng Siak	25
Mr Lim Eng Chuan	25
Mrs Ng-Tan Sok Lan	25
Mdm Valliamah d/o Thangavelu	25

Performance/Merit Award

Performance Award	Merit Award
Mr Chan Swee Heng	Mdm Jamanah Bte Ahmad
Mdm Ek Ben Lai	Mrs Ng-Tan Sok Lan
Mdm Vadivale Navaammal	Mdm Tay Poh Suan
	Ms Doris Wong Lai Chan
	Ms Woo Fong Kuen

Teaching Award

Dr Cheong Kim Yan
A/P Hien Chi Ngo
A/P Lim Lum Peng
Dr Tan Hwee Hiang
Dr Uy Joanne Ngo

13th Faculty Research Day 2008

Ms Jasmine Ye • Executive



The Undergraduate Research Opportunities Programme (UROP) aims to cultivate research interest and provide every undergraduate in the Faculty of Dentistry, a chance to perform supervised research work. Students work in groups under the guidance of a research mentor to explore research ideas and test hypotheses. The duration of the programme is 1.5 years and each group has to submit a final research report at the end of the programme. Selected groups will then present their findings during the annual Faculty Research Day.

This year, the event was held on 7th November 2008. Six groups presented their project to a panel of judges which comprised of Prof Murray Clyde Meikle, Prof Toshio Deguchi and A/P Stephen Hsu.

The results of the competition were as follows:

Winner

Group Members: Melvin Liew Kang Ming, Ng Jing Hao, Hoo Swee Tiang, Tan Jiunn Ming Gary, Ode Wataru, See-Toh Kai Mun

Supervisor: A/P Kelvin Foong and A/P Keng Siong Beng

Project Title: 3D Digitisation of Plaster models Using Computed Tomography - A Pilot Work on the Accuracy and Validation of the Approach

The winner group will represent the Faculty at the Dentsply Student Clinician Programme during the SEAADE-IADR meeting.

4th Faculty of Dentistry Symposium

The Centre for Advanced Dental Education held its 4th Faculty of Dentistry Symposium at the Raffles Town Club, Dunearn Ballroom on 10th and 11th January 2009.

Ms Sharon Lee • Asst Manager

This year's theme was "Dental Bionics" and it covered various aspects in Dental Implantology. We were very privileged to have Dr Winston Chee from USA (who had his basic training from NUS), Dr Bill Schaeffer from UK, Dr Michael Stiller from Germany, Dr Victor Fan and Dr Henry Ho.

Topic	Speaker
Decisions for Extensively Damaged Dentition Immediate Loading of Dental Implants – Risk Benefit Analysis Restoration of the Anterior Edentulous Space	Dr Winston Chee
Platform Switching – Fact or Fashion?	Dr Henry Ho
Short Dental Implants – Does Size Really Matter? Cone Beam CT Scanners – Should You Get One?	Dr Bill Schaeffer
Functional & Aesthetic Peri-implant Soft Tissue Surgery – Indications & Long-term Results	Dr Michael Stiller
Development & Use of Bio-Scaffolding for Alveolar Preservation & Augmentation	Dr Victor Fan



From Left to Right: Dr Victor Fan, Assoc Prof Keson Tan, Dr Winston Chee, Prof Chew Chong Lin, Dr Bill Schaeffer, Dr Henry Ho, Dr Michael Stiller and Dr Dominic Leung.

We are grateful to our main sponsors (Asia Implant Support & Services, Dentsply Friadent and Vatech & E.Woo), co-sponsors (OSSTEM Implant, Straumann and Thommen Medical Fondaco) and organising committee, who contributed to make this event an overwhelming success.

The 5th Symposium will be held on 9th to 10th January 2010 and the theme would be "Dental Materials – Their Impact on Dental Practice". The speakers will be Dr Terry Donovan (USA), Dr David Manton (Australia) and Dr Marlene Teo (Singapore).

Visiting Committees 2009

Ms Perina Chiang • Manager

RD Visiting Committee (January 2009)

The Department of Restorative Dentistry welcomed a Visiting Committee comprising of 2 distinguish overseas academics - Prof Carl F Driscoll, Prosthodontic Residency Director, University of Maryland and Prof John W Reinhardt, Dean, University of Nebraska Medical Centre, USA from 5th to 8th January 2009 to evaluate, review and advise on the Department's development.

From Left to Right: Dr Victoria Yu, Assoc Prof Jennifer Neo (Head of Department, Restorative Dentistry), Assoc Prof Keng, Dr Loke Weiqiang, Dr Carl Driscoll, Dr John Reinhardt, Dr Clarisse Ng, Assoc Prof Hien Ngo and Dr Hilary Thean



PD Visiting Committee (March 2009)

A Visiting Committee comprising of two distinguished overseas academics, Prof Katherine Vig, Professor Emeritus and Former Head of Orthodontics, The Ohio State University College of Dentistry and Prof Richard Palmer, Head, Restorative Dentistry Group, King's College London Dental Institute, visited the Department of Preventive Dentistry from 23rd to 26th March 2009 to evaluate, review and advise on the Department's development.

From Left to Right: 1st row: Assoc Prof Lim Lum Peng, Dr Betty Mok, Assoc Prof Grace Ong (Head of Department, Preventive Dentistry) 2nd row: Assoc Prof Kelvin Foong, Prof Katherine Vig, Prof Richard Palmer and Prof Meikle Last row: Dr Samuel Li, Assoc Prof Stephen Hsu, Assoc Prof Robert Yee and Dr Rahul Nair

Tri-Faculty 80th Anniversary Bash

Mr Goh Guan Yee • Executive

The Tri-Faculty 80th Anniversary Bash was held on 27th February 2009 at the newly built Shaw Foundation Alumni House. This event kicked off a series of celebratory events for Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences, Faculty of Dentistry and Faculty of Science to follow this year. At the launch of the Faculty Square by NUS President Prof Tan Chorh Chuan, 11 Faculty Sculptures were unveiled by the respective Deans. The Faculty of Dentistry sculpture - a sculpture of tooth - was created by our student team comprising of Chan Wai Seng, Hoo Swee Tiang, Irene Leong, Lim Lizhen, Cara Teo Xingru, Ode Wataru and Zhuang Ronglin to highlight the simplicity in how a small change may lead to a significant change, even in one's life. The event was attended by 500 staff, students, alumni and friends.



Ms Nurazreen • Executive

Refurbishment of Micro Lab B at DSO

Based on the demand for biofilm-related studies, renovation with extension was made to Micro Lab-B at DSO. This was done in March 2009 to increase research space by 144 square feet. The extended Lab space is also installed with HEPA filter to maintain good air quality. Currently, there is a 'fluorescent microscope + computer' and a 'Elisa Plate Reader + computer' in the Lab.



NUS Safety & Health Improvement Projects (SHIP) Scheme 2008 - Safetymation



Chan Boon Hui • Dental 3rd year student

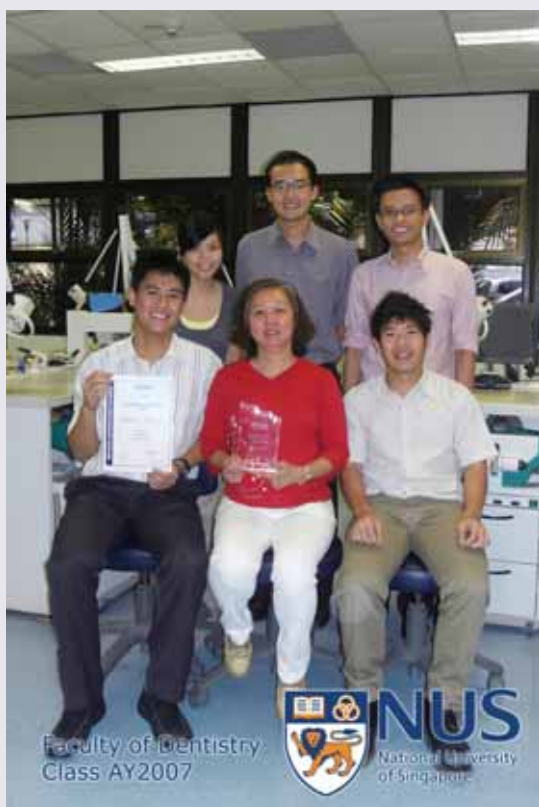
With the current interest in making animation videos to deliver messages, the team from the Faculty of Dentistry, comprising of Mdm Tan Sok Lan from Lab 2, and Aramia Tee, Albert Lee, Kelvin Chua, Syazwan Lim and Chan Boon Hui, all from the Class of 2011, took part in the inaugural 'Safetymation' competition 2008, organized by the Office of Safety, Health & Environment (OSHE)

The team, "The Lifesavers!", set out to make a short video clip to bring across the message "Be safe, Not sorry." The aim of the video was to identify and educate users of the dental laboratory about the various aspects of safety in the laboratory, which are easy to overlook, but causes tremendous consequences when accidents occur. The aspects identified were: Sharps injuries, chemical safety, safe usage of rotary instruments, proper personal protective equipment, and last but not least, fire safety.

The team leveraged on the uniqueness of the dental laboratory to bring the message across in a light hearted, easy to understand manner, like using our beloved dental model, Oscar, as the narrator for the video, and also using the various dental equipments like drills and burs to attract the attention of the first-time user of the dental laboratory. Members from the Class of 2011 also participated actively to act out various roles in the video.

Together with the support from the Lab 2 staff, the IT department, and the Class of 2011, the team managed to come up with and submitted a 6 minutes video for the competition. A total of 8 videos from other faculties and teams across NUS were submitted, and the video from the Faculty of Dentistry managed to win the Silver award. The team won for themselves a plaque, certificate and cash prize of \$1500.

The success in the inaugural safety competition will serve as a good starting point for future participation by staff and students in the faculty. It will definitely help increase the level of safety awareness amongst staff and student, and that will go a long way to prevent accidents from happening.



University Awards 2009

Ms Perina Chiang • Manager

Dr Joanne Uy, Assistant Professor in the Department of Restorative Dentistry, was awarded the NUS Annual Teaching Excellence Award for the academic year 20007/2008.

The Annual Teaching Excellence Award Ceremony & Outstanding Educator Award Public Lectures 2009 was held on 28th April 2009 at the University Hall Auditorium, Level 2 Lee Kong Chian Wing.

This award is given to faculty members who have displayed a high level of commitment to their teaching and who have been identified by their colleagues and students as deserving of special recognition.

Launch of "Joy of Giving" FOD Development Website

Ms Ng Bee Wee • Asst Manager

Charity Begins at Home, so goes a saying.

Now we have our very own Faculty's Development website which is home to an array of information on giving to FOD. At your fingertips are the: gift opportunities, list of past donors, benefits donors enjoy, list of donation funds to contribute to, donations utilization and an online form for you to make a gift. Alongside is a section devoted to our valued alumni, who have played vital roles in the development of FOD. Just click on: <http://www.dentistry.nus.edu.sg/Giving/index.htm> to see who are the dental alumni, coming events and more.

Ever wonder why the website is called "Joy of Giving"?

Ordinarily people prefer to receive than give, and the heading reminds all that "Giving" brings joy not only to the recipients but to the donors as well. Indeed, the ability to contribute whether in deed, money or kind is a blessing in itself. In the phase II development of the website, we will feature the joy and gratitude of bursary beneficiaries.

We welcome any ideas and suggestions for the website to further spread joy all around!

Faculty of Dentistry

80th

Anniversary Dental Bursary Fund

Faculty of Dentistry 80th Anniversary Dental Bursary Fund HELP TO PRODUCE SINGAPORE'S FUTURE DENTISTS

Dear Fellow Alumni and Donors,

The "Faculty of Dentistry 80th Anniversary Dental Bursary" fund-raising campaign was launched in March 2009 to kick off a string of celebratory events this year for our 80th Anniversary year.

With the undergraduate student intake set to increase significantly in the next few years, the number of student financial hardship cases can be expected to surge in this time of global economic uncertainty.

Funds are steadily flowing in and we hope to reach a target total sum that will be transformative and reflects the generous support of all alumni and the dental profession in Singapore. For those who have donated, our heartfelt gratitude!

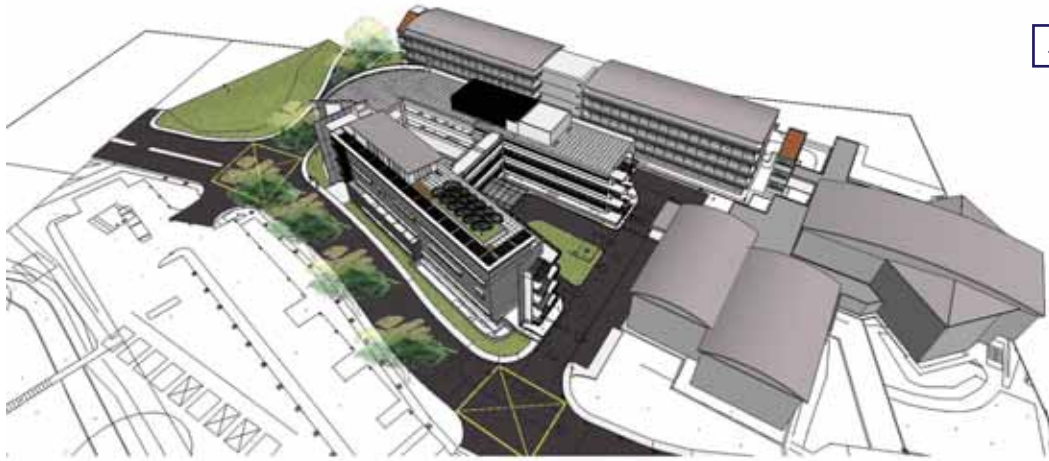
For those considering to do so but have not yet acted on it, please do consider my appeal letter at <http://www.dentistry.nus.edu.sg/Giving/bursaryfund.htm> - details on the Bursary Fund can be found in the brochure at [http://www.dentistry.nus.edu.sg/Giving/files/80th Anniversary Bursary Fund.pdf](http://www.dentistry.nus.edu.sg/Giving/files/80th%20Anniversary%20Bursary%20Fund.pdf).

Thanking you one and all for taking some time to consider this cause.

My Best Regards,

Associate Professor Keson Tan
Dean
Faculty of Dentistry, NUS

The New Faculty of Dentistry Building



A/P Keng SB

Recent developments within the health care sector and the National University Health System (NUHS) required a reassessment of the need for hospital's expansion plans to create additional space for specialized cardiovascular services. Coupled with the upcoming opening of the MRT at Kent Ridge in 2010, the dental faculty was asked to do a partial move to a new building to provide additional space for its own use and also hospital's moderate expansion. This will be an interim measure before faculty's own building will be built.

Part of the teaching facilities will still remain at the current level 2 and level 4 of the FOD building at NUH. The dental services for NUHS will continue to be provided at the present Dental Centre at Level 1 and a renovated new clinic at Level 2.

The new FOD building is Located at the corner between Medical Drive and Lower Kent Ridge Road, occupying the lot currently used as NUS car-park 9. It is within a short walking distance from two bus stops and the Kent Ridge MRT station. The vehicular traffic flow into the building complex will be from the Lower Kent Ridge Road turning into an internal road with access to the building.

The 3 storey building will occupy approximately 6195 sq m gross floor area and is designed as a double wing with a curved central area connecting the inner and outer wing resulting in an "A" like shape. The two wings are linked by covered aero-bridges at the 2nd and 3rd levels. A 4th storey roof top on the outer wing will house a part-covered area for recreation, student lounge and tutorial rooms.

Level 1 will house the administrative offices on the outer wing while the inner wing incorporates the academic staff rooms. An inner open courtyard with covered sheltered tables and seats straddles between the two wings at this level.

The building is designed is to keep students movements between the laboratory and the clinics to a minimum. Level 2 and level 3 will house the general student clinic, while a graduate clinic will be located on level 2 including a general student and a graduate Lab. The simulation dummy head lab will be at level 3 including a general student lab.

A general imaging and dental radiographic services these are provided on the outer wing of level 2, with its own reception area. To service the student clinical area, x-ray facilities will also be provided in one of the room in each of the general student clinic.

Access to Level 4 (outer wing) will be by lift from the main entrance foyer or staircase from level 3. The lift opens into a covered lobby situated next to the student lounge rooms. This recreation roof-top area will have a covered section with plants and shrubs to enhance the atmosphere of this area. It will also provide a panoramic view of the expressway. Covered tables and seats will be placed to further enhance the environment for student and staff interaction at this roof-top level.

The overall project development of the Faculty of Dentistry building is coordinated by the Office of Estate Development of NUS and is scheduled for completion by end 2009. Faculty intends to be operational in the new building by January 2010.





Graduating Class Party 2008

The graduating class of 2008 gathered at the Bacchus Fullerton Waterboat House for a celebratory dinner with faculty members, private practitioners and friends of the faculty on 9th July 2008.

It was a truly unforgettable evening for everyone present; sharing good food, wine and company in a relaxing atmosphere beneath a starry sky with breath-taking view of both the Esplanade and Merlion. With such a stunning view, who could resist taking loads of photos to take home with them.

NUS OPEN HOUSE 2009

For 2009, the NUS Open House was held on 14th and 15th March from 9.00am to 5.30pm at the Sports and Recreation Centre with guest-of-honour being our NUS President Professor Tan Chorh Chuan.

For this year, NUS adopted a more open concept for the booth layout, which received positive feedback from the public as it helped to facilitate and more importantly, projected a convivial-like feel for the visitors.

The Dental booth, manned by both staff and students saw a constant stream of visitors, mainly Junior College students accompanied by their family and/or friends.

A great number of the visitors also signed up for the Job Shadowing Programme at the Faculty of Dentistry. The Faculty admission talk held during both days were also well attended. Overall, this was a very successful event with the visitors to the Open House understanding more about the Dentistry course, which we hope would guide them in choosing the right course of study / career.



Influenza A (H1N1)

Mr Goh Guan Yee • Executive

"We've turned Orange," said Mrs Gn, my superior. I had absolutely no knowledge of green, yellow, orange, red or black in the prior week. Now, every one of those colours have different significance (sometimes serious ones). On hindsight, anyone (including myself, an admin staff for 6 months) unfamiliar to the healthcare set up would have to be impressed with the swift actions taken in matter of days, some within hours, in combating the Swine Flu, renamed Influenza A (H1N1).

Singapore turned DORSCON Orange on 1st May 2009, barely 3 days after it stepped up from DORSCON Green to Yellow. The swift but critical action was taken due to reports of high fatality rates from the initial reports in Mexico. As the public and medical profile of the new virus grew, together with the lessons learnt from SARS, stringent measures were undertaken in hospitals to prevent secondary infections within hospital, even when there were no known infections in Singapore. For example, medical professionals were barred from moving between healthcare institutions, and staff returning from affected areas had to take a nasopharyngeal swab before they could enter the hospital.

At the department level, staff contact list was promptly updated and submitted to the HR department; Faculty Crisis Management Team contact list was also updated. In Dental Clinics, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) - N95 mask surgical mask, disposable gowns and caps, disposable gloves, goggles – were stocked up to ensure all staff were properly protected at different alert levels. Temperature records were maintained and everyone was required to report their own temperature twice a day. All the staff and students were also mask-fitted, taught how to wear their PPE, and educated and tested on hand hygiene by Nurse Lim Ai Chin (Nurse-in-charge - infection control). If there was a positive note we got from the H1N1 virus, it would be the extra measures we took to keep ourselves healthy.

Clinical training was suspended for a week, while undergraduate didactic programmes carried on with implemented ring-fencing. Training attachments were also cancelled. Examinations venues were changed to adhere to university protocols.

It is still early in this pandemic, but we have some information about the vulnerable groups and the conditions that worsen fatality rates. We can be socially responsible by washing our hands regularly with alcohol disinfectants and play a big part in combating the Influenza A (H1N1) and similar infectious diseases. Take care!

Hand Hygiene Campaign

Ms Ng Gek Lang, Clinic Manager

Have you received your Hi-Five stickers? If you have, CONGRATULATIONS!

So when do we have to wash our hands? Remember the 2 BEFORES and 3 AFTERS.

1. Before touching a patient
2. Before performing a clean/ aseptic procedure
1. After exposure to body fluids and after glove removal
2. After touching patients
3. After contact with patient's immediate surroundings

Dentistry had a grueling, but fruitful week of handwashing campaign. It was conducted from 8th to 12th June with a team led by Clinic Manager Gek Lang and nurse Ai Chin. Screened under UV lighting, we had moments where staff and students had to undergo the test several times. Some even rubbed their hands real hard till there was some abrasion. A thoroughly clean set of hands does not depend on strength, but on techniques!

Not forgetting the pledge to ensure that you will keep up good hand hygiene, practicing the correct techniques will protect your family, patients, and yourself. Do share the 6 steps of handwashing techniques with your friends and family to reduce infections! Let's also work hand in hand to reduce cross-contamination between patients and us!

Have you done your handwashing right today?

Raising Public Awareness of Mouth Cancer (24th to 29th November 2008)

Dr Victor Fan • Asst Professor

The Mouth Cancer Awareness Week was co-organised by the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and with the Association of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons (Singapore), from the 24th to 29th November 2008. Its aims were to raise awareness of the devastating consequences of late detection of oral cancer and to educate the public on how early diagnosis holds the key to improved care and treatment outcomes. The activities which were specially lined up for the event included public lectures at the NUH Health Education Hub, a public forum, an open house and free mouth cancer/oral health screening run by the department and many of the dental clinics available throughout the island.

In the public forum and the SDA talk, the Singapore public was introduced for the first time to the method of oral self examination which was proven by an Indian study to have helped early detection of oral cancer and hence improved survival.

Activities included:

- Lunch Talks on Oral Cancer on 24th November 2008
- Free Mouth Cancer/Oral Health Screening Clinics on 27th and 28th November 2008
- Public Forum on oral cancer by multidisciplinary specialist team on 29th November 2008



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We would like to take this opportunity to thank all donors for their constant support and contribution to the Faculty from June 2008 to March 2009.

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Ak Dental Supply Pte Ltd
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Implant Focus
Jack Kwong Trading
MLJ Dental Trading Pte Ltd
N K Luck (S) Pte Ltd
Premico Marketing Associates Pte Ltd
Raydent Supplies (S) Pte Ltd
Rochor Dental Clinic
Standard Dental Co. Pte Ltd

General Purpose Fund (Preventive Dentistry) \$1,000

Dr Mok Yuen Yue Betty
A/P Lim Lum Peng

2D/1N Ayer Hitam/ Malacca Tour

Ms Angeline Han • Lab technologist



The Faculty of Dentistry SSW Committee had organized a tour to Malacca from 10th to 11th April 2009.

A group of 26 people signed up for this tour, namely staffs and family members. The tour bus picked up the group at Clementi MRT to the Tuas Checkpoint.

The whole group was led by S/N Jacintor and later met by a very joyful and bubbly Malaysian guide, she introduced herself as SIM.

The meals included a sumptuous breakfast, traditional Nyonya lunches and special Beggar's Chicken Dinner.

During the day, we visited the Portia De Santiago, Sam Poh Temple (Sam Poh Well), Ruins' of St. Paul's Church and the famous Jonker Night Market which resembled the "old " Singapore Pasar Malam. Things there are pretty cheap. The main attraction is the food stalls and small restaurants. There is a central stage where performance like line dancing is an attraction.

Other highlights included visit the Zenxin organic farm, Ratu Lebah Bee Farm and also to Baba Nyonya Heritage.

These places were worth visiting. Most of us enjoy the shopping and food during this trip.

The group stayed at Avillion Legacy.



Welcome

A warm welcome to the following new staff:

Department of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery

Dr Andrew Ow Tjin-Chiew • Assistant Professor
 Dr Wu Shenhua • Dental Instructor
 A/P Philip Martin McLoughlin • Visiting Associate Professor
 Dr Yang Wenjun • Visiting Senior Fellow
 Dr Zhou Haiwen • Visiting Fellow
 Dr Intekhab Islam • Visiting Fellow

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A/P Robert Yee • Associate Professor
 Dr Rahul Nair • Assistant Professor
 Dr Michael Mah Kuan Seet • Assistant Professor
 Ms Pradeepa Sivagurunathan • Research Assistant
 Prof Monty Duggal • Visiting Professor
 Dr Yasmin D/O Mohd Akrum • Adjunct Senior Lecturer
 Dr Ong Hoe Boon • Adjunct Lecturer
 Dr Marlene Teo • Adjunct Lecturer

Department of Restorative Dentistry

Dr Victoria Yu Soo Hoon • Assistant Professor
 Dr Clara Mok Yuen Pun • Senior Lecturer
 Dr Annie Shrestha • Research Assistant

Miss Liza Esther Alexander • Research Assistant
 Ms Aarthi Saminathan • Research Assistant
 Miss Yap Puay Yen • Research Assistant
 Prof Harold Henry Messer • Visiting Professor
 Prof Jack Ivan Nicholls • Visiting Professor
 A/P Christopher Hal Sissons • Visiting Associate Professor
 Dr Tapan Nalin Koticha • Visiting Fellow
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 Ms Ng Siew Bee • Lab Technologist
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 Miss Shang Yaan Yaan, Eileen • Management Assistant Officer
 Ms Nina Widjaja • Specialist Associate
 Miss Ling Poh Hean, Candice Sarah • Specialist Associate
 Miss Ng Pao Li • Specialist Associate
 Miss Soo Sock Geok • Specialist Associate

Student Achievements

At the NUS Outstanding Undergraduate Researcher (OUR) Prize AY2007/2008, 2 UROP teams from FoD clinched the award for Group Category (maximum of 5 members per group). One of the winning entries was submitted by Drs. Cheng Jean-Lynne, Lim Tian Wei, William, Teo Eu Gene, Wong Jian Zhang and Lim Zixiang. The submitted project was titled *"Testing a Light Activated Therapy (ANILAD) to Eliminate Bacteria in Root Canal"*, which was supervised by Dr. Anil Kishen.

The second winning entry was submitted by Drs. Goh Siew Hor, Jonathan Foo Kee Yin, Ivan Prabowo Budiharto and Tan Mei Na. The submitted project was titled *"Potential Cariostatic Prevention Effects of Yakult®"*, which was supervised by Assoc Prof Stephen Hsu.

Dr Liu Hua, a PhD student under A/P Cao Tong's supervision was awarded the National Excellent Overseas Student Scholarship of China Award which was organized by China Scholarship Council and evaluated by a group of well-known international experts. The award application opened last August for all Chinese overseas PhD candidates with greater than 1-year full-time enrollment. The evaluation criteria of a winner was based on the publication quality, impact factor, and citation. The winner's list was finalized last February. A certificate and a check of US\$5000 were granted to winners in Singapore on 09 May, 2009 at the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Singapore.

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Senior Lecturer	- Dr Clara Mok
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Dental Instructor	- Dr Loke Weiqiang
Visiting Fellow	- Dr Tapan Nalin Koticha

Farewell

We wish to bid farewell and thank the following staff for their services and contributions to the Faculty:

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