Our Vision
To be the leading dental faculty in Asia

Our Mission
To serve the people of Hong Kong and the region by advancing their oral health and well-being through excellence in learning, discovery, patient care, and engagement
Celebrating 25 years of

Discovery
Patient Care
Community Engagement

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25 Years of Excellence
HKU Faculty of Dentistry • Since 1982
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The HKU Faculty of Dentistry is established at the Prince Philip Dental Hospital on 1 July 1982

1982
- The first MDS candidate graduates
- The Faculty hosts the annual meeting of the International Organization for Standardization Technical Committee for Dentistry

1986
- The first PhD dental candidates successfully defend their theses at HKU

1987
- The BDS Elective Programme starts, giving each student the opportunity to spend 2-3 weeks at a dental school or institution abroad in Year 5
- The Dental Research Seminars are inaugurated

1992
- The Faculty celebrates its 10th Anniversary

1984
- The Faculty’s BDS degree is granted recognition by the UK General Dental Council

1985
- The first batch of 75 BDS students graduates from the 4-year-4-month course
- The HKU Dental Alumni Association is formed
- Taught postgraduate courses are offered

1988
- The Oral Biology Unit is created to encourage research into oral biology
- The Faculty hosts the 11th International Conference on Oral Biology and 3rd Scientific Meeting of the Southeast Asian Division of the International Association for Dental Research

1990
- The BDS course is extended to 5 years

1995
- The first batch of students reading the 5-year BDS curriculum graduates

1997
- The Faculty becomes a unitary faculty, without separate departments

1998
- The Faculty introduces problem-based learning (PBL) to the undergraduate curriculum to promote student-centred life-long learning

1999
- The Faculty’s Simulation Laboratory, one of the best equipped in the world, is established

2000
- The total number of taught postgraduates graduating from the Faculty exceeds 100

2001
- The Faculty celebrates its 20th Anniversary
- The Faculty holds the 17th Scientific Meeting of the Southeast Asian Division of the International Association for Dental Research and the 13th Annual Meeting of the Southeast Asia Association for Dental Education

2002
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- The Faculty hosts the 17th Scientific Meeting of the Southeast Asian Division of the International Association for Dental Research and the 13th Annual Meeting of the Southeast Asia Association for Dental Education

2003
- The first batch of students reading the integrated PBL curriculum graduates

2004
- The total number of BDS graduates exceeds 1000
- The Oral Health and Science Seminars are inaugurated

2006
- The Prince Philip Dental Hospital celebrates its 25th Anniversary
- The Faculty starts planning for the 6-year BDS curriculum
- The Faculty holds its 20th Annual Scientific Meeting

2007
- The Faculty’s Silver Jubilee is formally celebrated at the Silver Jubilee Gala Concert given by Chuanyun Li at the Hong Kong Cultural Centre on 15 November 2007, and at a Gala Dinner on 18 November 2007
- The Faculty co-hosts the Second International Conference on Evidence-based Advanced Dentistry with the College of Dental Surgeons of Hong Kong, 16-19 November 2007
- The Faculty launches a Conjoint International Postgraduate Programme in Periodontology with Peking University, the first ever conjoint international postgraduate course in clinical dentistry or medicine to be conducted in mainland China.

1997, Prof E Schwarz • 1998-2003, Prof FC Smales • 2004-, Prof LP Samaranayake
Students Type

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- **Faculty Figures**
  - Different home countries of the Faculty’s 410 students and 48 full-time and fractional academic staff
  - % of the Faculty’s 160 part-time and honorary lecturers who are Faculty alumni: 50% are BDS alumni
  - The Faculty’s Research Index in the 2006 Research Assessment Exercise, as the % of full-time staff who have reached or surpassed “a level of research excellence appropriate to the discipline in Hong Kong and showing evidence of international excellence”
  - Rank in HKU in 2006 for average refereed research output per full-time Faculty research staff: 5.2

- **Numbers of Students & Graduates**
  - Student Type
    - Undergraduate: 250
    - Taught Postgraduate: 111
    - Research Postgraduate: 49
  - Graduated
    - Undergraduate: 1176
    - Taught Postgraduate: 331
    - Research Postgraduate: 82

- **Faculty Website**
  - www.facdenthk.org
- **Faculty Silver Jubilee Website**
  - dent25.hku.hk
- **Faculty Donations**
  - www.hku.hk/giving
- **HKU Dental Alumni Association**
  - www.hku.hk/dentalum
- **HKUSU Dental Association**
  - www.hku.hk/dentsoc
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- **Dentistry in China: Fast Facts**
  - According to the Ministry of Health, mainland China has about 38,000 registered dentists; Hong Kong has about 1800
  - Ratio of dentists to population:
    - China: 1:33,000
    - Hong Kong: 1:4000
    - USA: 1:1600
    - Sweden: 1:800
  - In China, 50% of adults and 70% of children have decayed teeth, and more than 90% of people have periodontal disease
  - China would need to build 10 times as many dental hospitals as it has today, to match the coverage of dental treatment and protection found in developed countries
  - The HKU Faculty of Dentistry has forged strong ties with mainland China, such as mutual collaborations with dental and stomatological schools in Beijing, Shanghai, Guangzhou, Chengdu, Xian, and Wuhan
  - Many HKU Faculty of Dentistry staff hold honorary appointments in mainland universities and editorships or memberships of editorial boards of mainland dental journals

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Taught Postgraduate Courses

The following taught postgraduate courses are currently offered by the HKU Faculty of Dentistry:

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Postgraduate Research Studies

MPhil and PhD research degrees at the HKU Faculty of Dentistry are offered in the following:

(1) The Faculty’s multidisciplinary research areas:
- Biomedical and Tissue Engineering
- Infection and Immunity
- Public Health and Healthy Ageing

(2) The Faculty’s specialty-based research areas:
- Dental Materials Science
- Dental Public Health
- Family Dentistry/Endodontics
- Implantology
- Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
- Oral Biosciences
- Oral Rehabilitation
- Orthodontics
- Paediatric Dentistry
- Periodontology

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