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## **Q&M Dental Group Opens Singapore's Largest Private Dental Centre at City Square Mall**

**SINGAPORE, 15 December 2009** – Q&M Dental Group, one of Singapore's largest private dental establishments, today announced the opening of its biggest facility to date, Q&M Dental Centre, at City Square Mall. The Q&M Dental Centre is among the first local private dental practices applying to become an accredited learning centre under the Ministry of Health offering training to dental practitioners.

With the aim to continue raising the bar for the local dentistry profession, as well as to strengthen the country's reputation as a regional dental hub, the Ministry of Health is reviewing options to implement an accreditation scheme that allows private dental practices to apply towards becoming a centre of advanced training for dental professionals.

The Q&M Dental Centre is among the pioneering batch of private dental establishments to step up for accreditation. As an accredited centre for training, Q&M will be able to offer advance training to local practitioners who are keen to improve their skills in certain areas such as CAD/CAM, Implantology and Cone Beam 3D Radiography. Under this scheme, foreign dental professionals are allowed to retain employment with their respective employers while still enrolled on the training program with the Centre. Dental professionals must fulfil a set of criteria before they can apply for training under this new scheme.

Set up at a cost of S\$3million, Q&M's Dental Centre occupies a total floor area of over 12,000 square feet and has 32 fully-furnished private consultation rooms. Our team of trained dental professionals will be able to offer a variety of services, including general dental treatment and specialist services such as aesthetic dentistry, endodontics, orthodontics, paedodontics, periodontics, prosthodontics, implantology and oral surgery. The state-of-the-art equipment will allow the dental team to make more accurate diagnostic on dental ailments using the latest 3D diagnostics tools at the Centre or they can perform advanced procedures such as Cerec, which is a form of dental restoration procedure that allows teeth restoration within a single sitting.

Professor Patrick Tseng, Chief Dental Officer, Ministry of Health said, “The Q&M Dental Group has set a yardstick for local Dentistry by offering to be amongst the first private dental clinics to be considered for accreditation when the criteria and guidelines for the national accreditation scheme for advanced dental training have been established. We certainly look forward to more private dental groups participating in this national accreditation scheme.”

“Singapore has a strong reputation as a regional medical hub and a leading destination for international healthcare visitors, including those seeking high quality dental treatment. The Q&M Dental Centre, with its modern facilities and well-trained dental professionals, is poised to provide another high quality and comprehensive dental service that Singapore is reputed for,” noted Professor Patrick Tseng.

“The opening of Q&M Dental Centre marks a major milestone for us and further strengthens Q&M Dental Group’s reputation as an established and reliable dental healthcare services provider with multi-disciplinary expertise. We aim to meet the needs of the regional dental community through rigorous training on the latest procedures provided by Q&M’s dedicated and experienced team of dental surgeons. This new Centre will allow us to offer high quality dental care at affordable price points to the general public, and underscores our contribution towards building Singapore as the region’s premier dental hub,” said CEO Ng Chin Siau.

#### **About Q&M Dental Group**

Q & M Dental Group was first established in November 1996 in Singapore. In the past 13 years, we have firmly established our brand name in Singapore, and built a reputation as an established and reliable dental healthcare services provider with multi-disciplinary expertise. We have a pool of more than 100 experienced dentists and oral health therapists who are well supported by a team of approximately 300 Dental Surgery Assistants. As the largest private dental healthcare group in Singapore, we currently serve more than 350,000 patients island-wide, providing a comprehensive range of primary care dental services, as well as specialist services which are handled by our dedicated team of dental surgeons with post-graduate training.

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