

## Q & M TEAMS UP WITH GERMANY'S JW GOETHE UNIVERSITY OF FRANKFURT TO RUN ORAL IMPLANTOLOGY COURSE

- To further increase the number of Q & M's dentists in Singapore and China with advanced technical skills in dental implants
- 17 dentists from Singapore and China to participate in the course and attend residential attachment in Germany

**Singapore, 30 June 2011** – Mainboard-listed **Q & M Dental Group (Singapore) Limited** ("Q & M" or the "Group"), a growing private dental healthcare group in Asia, will be co-organising and conducting a Certificate Course in Oral Implantology for Q & M's dentists in Singapore and China. This is in collaboration with the prestigious Johan Wolfgang Goethe University of Frankfurt ("JW Goethe University") and TP Dental Surgeons Pte Ltd.

The certificate course is a continuing professional education program that comprises structured modules in the study and training of oral implantology, extending over a period of one to three years. With over three decades of involvement in oral implantology, JW Goethe University has an excellent reputation in the field.

The program will commence in Singapore on 1 July 2011. Teaching and supervisory staff will comprise experienced dental practitioners from Germany and Singapore, including several of Q & M's senior dentists. Course participants will also attend a residential attachment in Germany. They are required to successfully carry out a stipulated number of implant surgery procedures under supervision and pass an examination conducted by JW Goethe University to be awarded the certificate.

Said Dr Ng Chin Siau, CEO of Q & M, "We are seeing significant growth in demand for dental implants as patients are now more aware of the benefits of this method of teeth replacement compared to traditional procedures.

As the largest private dental healthcare group in Singapore, Q & M already has senior dentists who are fully qualified and experienced in dental implantology. Nonetheless, we intend to train more dentists so that we are prepared for the growing demand and our dentists are equipped with the skills to offer patients a broader range of advanced dental treatments.

Besides sending our selected dentists in Singapore for the certificate course to upgrade their skills, 12 dentists from our clinics in China are also coming to Singapore for this course. This shows our commitment to improve the clinical standards of our joint-venture clinics in China, where growing affluence is driving demand for advanced dental healthcare services.

While it is estimated to cost about \$400,000 to send these 17 dentists for the implantology course, we think it is money well spent to ensure that our patients benefit from the better skills of our dentists."

## About Q & M Dental Group (全民牙医集团(新加坡)有限公司)

Q & M Dental Group [QNM SP / QMDT.SI] is a growing private dental healthcare group in Asia. The Group operates the largest network of dental outlets in Singapore and is building its presence in the People's Republic of China ("PRC") and Malaysia.

Founded in 1996, Q & M Dental Group has built an established brand through its reputation as a reliable provider of quality dental healthcare services. In Singapore, the Group has 41 dental clinics strategically located island-wide, two dental centres and one mobile dental clinic. It also owns a dental supplies and equipment distribution company. The Group has a team of about 130 experienced dentists, supported by more than 300 clinic support staff, to provide quality service to its patient pool of more than 400,000 island-wide.

Q & M Dental Group is presently executing plans to expand its presence in the overseas markets. To-date, the Group has invested in two dental healthcare groups in the PRC that operate a total of eight dental clinics, one dental centre and a mobile dental clinic in Beijing and Nanjing cities. It also has a 70% stake in a dental practice in Johor, Malaysia, that operates two dental clinics.

The Group was listed on the Main Board of the SGX-ST on 26 November 2009. For further information on Q & M Dental Group, please visit the Group's website at <u>www.QandMDental.com.sg</u>