



Q & M opens Singapore's first private dentistry college offering graduate diplomas in clinical dentistry

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- Q&M College of Dentistry aims to equip general-practitioner dentists to become "Super GPs"
- The Group has committed to giving a least half a million dollars a year in scholarships to local BDS undergraduates, starting with 9 students today

SINGAPORE, 17 October 2019 – Mainboard-listed Q & M Dental Group (Singapore) Limited (hereinafter, "Q & M") today officially opened Singapore's first private dentistry college offering graduate diploma studies in clinical dentistry at City Square Mall.

Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Trade & Industry and Ministry of Education, Mr Chee Hong Tat was the Guest-of-Honour at the official opening event held today.

Q & M College of Dentistry offers a two-year graduate diploma course in clinical dentistry with 9 modules covering courses in patient management & ethics in dentistry; orthodontics; implant dentistry; endodontics, prosthodontics/restorative dentistry; CAD CAM & digital dentistry; periodontics, oral & maxillofacial surgery and laser dentistry.

Classes for its first intake will commence on 21 October 2019.

The College was borne out of a desire to bolster the skill set of dentists in Singapore and produce "Super GPs," that is, general-practitioner dentists with the upgraded ability to perform procedures across various advanced skill sets. According to industry sources, an estimated 85% of dentists in Singapore are GPs in 2019, while the remaining minority are

qualified specialists in fields such as Orthodontics, Periodontics, and Oral and Maxillofacial surgery.

The College's own faculty, which has 32 lecturers on staff, includes highly established specialists such as,

- Dr Terence Jee, President of the Society of Endodontists Singapore (SES);
- Dr Andy Lim, Treasurer of the Society of Endodontists who previously served as the Society's Vice President;
- Dr Mohanarajah S/O S. Senathirajah, Immediate Past-President of the Association of Orthodontists (Singapore), having served as President from 2017 to 2019;
- Dr Lim Kheng Ann, who currently serves on the Dental Specialty Accreditation Committee (Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery), Singapore Dental Council, and has served on the Executive Committee of the Association of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons (Singapore) for many years in various appointments;
- Dr Yao Chao Shu, Past President of the Prosthodontic Society (Singapore).

Said Dr Ng Chin Siau, Q & M's Chief Executive Officer, "By creating a new generation of dentists who possess not just essential skills, but an added expertise in advanced surgical skills, we hope to revolutionise the landscape of dentistry in Singapore and make it a hub for dental health in the region, and perhaps even in the world."

Apart from dentists in Singapore, the College sees strong potential in reaching out to general practitioners in Malaysia, Indonesia, Vietnam, Cambodia, and China as well.

Q & M Dental Group Scholarship

In conjunction with the official opening of Q & M College of Dentistry today, the Group also committed to giving at least half a million dollars a year in scholarships to local BDS students, starting with 9 students awarded scholarships today.

"These 9 scholars come from various backgrounds but are driven by a common passion for dentistry," said Dr Ng. The awarding of these scholarships takes place in the midst of a national initiative centred around affordable higher education. In August 2019, the Government announced plans to increase bursary amounts as part of an initiative to make

tertiary education accessible across the population. Together with larger university bursaries, and financial awards from private corporations such as Q & M, Singaporeans may soon find themselves with less of a financial burden should they decide to pursue higher education.”

The Scholarship aims to help NUS Dentistry students pay their dental school fees and will add to the Group’s future talent pool. Depending on the grants received, the scholars will serve as dentists at Q & M for a minimum duration of 2 years.

Q & M is also one of the companies participating in Enterprise Singapore’s Scale-up SG programme, where selected high-growth local companies are groomed for accelerated expansion with the hope that they will become leaders in their fields and contribute significantly to Singapore’s economy.

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About Q & M Dental Group (Singapore) Limited (QC7.SI)

Q & M Dental Group (Singapore) Limited is a leading private dental healthcare group in Asia. The Group owns the largest network of private dental outlets in Singapore and aims to expand its operations geographically and vertically through the value chain in Malaysia, the People’s Republic of China (“PRC”) and the rest of the Asia Pacific Region. Established in 1996, Q & M has built a brand that is synonymous with accessible and quality dental healthcare.

The Group operates 102 dental outlets, 4 medical clinics, 3 dental supplies and equipment distribution companies, and 2 dental laboratories across Singapore, Malaysia and the PRC. Underpinned by more than 250 experienced dentists and close to 500 supporting staff, the Group has an outreach of more than 600,000 patients in Singapore.

With an extensive network of outlets spanning various locations in Singapore, the Group continues to make private dental healthcare easily accessible, expanding its operations through organic growth across the island. Outside of Singapore, the Group continues to enlarge its presence in Malaysia organically and through acquisitions, and actively seeks opportunities to acquire large and established dental institutions and dental supplies manufacturers in the PRC.

The Group was listed on the Main Board of Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited (“SGX-ST”) on 26 November 2009.

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