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FACULTY OF DENTISTRY CHULALONGKORN UNIVERSITY

86 YEARS
OF EXCELLENCE
AND BEYOND

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With deepest gratitude for Her Royal Highness's boundless royal grace
Her Royal Highness Princess Bajrakitiyabha Narendiradebyavati
Kromluangrajasarinisiribajra Mahavajrarajadhita
Forever in the hearts of the Thai people.

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With the utmost respect,  
The Executives, Faculty Members, Staff, and Students  
Faculty of Dentistry, Chulalongkorn University





# Dean's Message



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**Prof. Pornchai Jansisyanont**

Dean, Faculty of Dentistry Chulalongkorn University

The period from April to June 2026 has been one of reflection, resilience, and continued progress for the Faculty of Dentistry, Chulalongkorn University.

This quarter also marked the 86<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Faculty of Dentistry, Chulalongkorn University. While this milestone celebrates nearly nine decades of excellence in education, research, patient care, and community service, it also reminds us that every achievement carries the responsibility to continue evolving and preparing for the future.

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**We will continue to nurture future oral health professionals, generate meaningful knowledge, and strengthen partnerships that create lasting impact both locally and globally.**

Throughout this quarter, the Faculty has continued to strengthen its commitment to educational innovation, academic collaboration, and global engagement. Guided by the Non-degree to Degree concept, new learning pathways have been introduced through initiatives such as Dentistry 101, creating opportunities for future learners to engage with dental education from an earlier stage. At the same time, FDCU Symposium 2026 brought together deans and academic leaders from dental schools in Thailand and abroad, fostering meaningful dialogue, exchanging innovative educational practices, and strengthening international collaborations. These initiatives reflect the Faculty's ongoing commitment to creating impactful learning experiences while advancing dental and health professions education beyond institutional and national boundaries.

As the Faculty moves forward, our vision remains firmly rooted in the belief that education must continuously evolve to meet the changing needs of society. By embracing innovation while upholding our long-standing values, we will continue to nurture future oral health professionals, generate meaningful knowledge, and strengthen partnerships that create lasting impact both locally and globally.

*We hope you enjoy this edition of the Faculty Newsletter. 🦷*





## Congratulations



The Faculty of Dentistry, Chulalongkorn University, extends its congratulations to the faculty member who has been promoted to a higher academic position, as approved at the 912th University Council Meeting held on 30 April 2026, as follows:



### Associate Professor (1 person)

Assoc. Prof. Dusit Nantanapiboon  
— Operative Dentistry



## Congratulations to Dr. Nisachon Siripaiboonpong

Lecturer, Department of Periodontology on being selected as a Working Team Member responsible for Public Relations and Social Media Communications for the Periodontal Research Group (PRG) under the International Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research (IADR) 🦷



Because an organization's advancement is never built by one person alone, but by the people who dedicate themselves, care for others, and help drive the Faculty forward every single day.

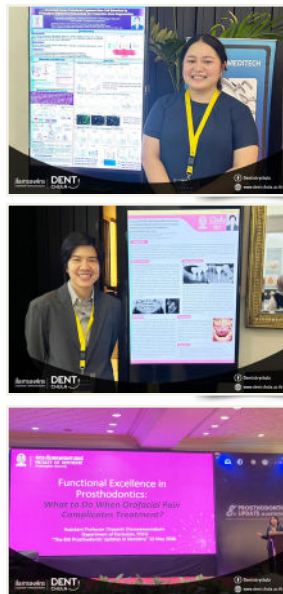
The Faculty of Dentistry, Chulalongkorn University proudly congratulates all recipients of the “Care SMILE Faculty Awards 2026.” on the occasion of the faculty’s 86<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration on 15 May 2026.

This marks the first presentation of the awards, established to recognize professional support staff who reflect the Faculty’s core values through the “Care SMILE” concept.

Every act of dedication, responsibility, and care plays an important role in creating a warm environment for working, learning, and patient care within the Faculty.

Congratulations to all award recipients, and thank you to every staff member who helps create the “smiles” within our organization. 🦷

CONGRATS



The Faculty of Dentistry, Chulalongkorn University co-hosted the international conference “8<sup>th</sup> Prosthodontic Update in Dentistry” held in Indonesia during 22–23 May 2026.

At the conference, faculty members from the Faculty of Dentistry, Chulalongkorn University participated as invited speakers and presenters, and received awards in the research presentation competitions as follows;

1. **Assist. Prof. Dr. Chayanit Chaweewannakorn** delivered a lecture entitled “Functional Excellence in Prosthodontics: What to Do When Orofacial Pain Complicates Treatment” and served as a hands-on training instructor for the workshop “Comprehensive TMJ Clinical Examination for General Practitioner”.
2. **Assist. Prof. Dr. Phoosuk Limraksasin** received the 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner of Poster Competition (Original Research Category) for the presentation entitled “Controlled Human Periodontal Ligament Stem Cell Behaviors by Extracellular Adenosine Triphosphate for Prospective Bone Regeneration”.
3. **Dr. Sanicha Yaklai** received the 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Winner of Poster Competition (Case Report Category) for the presentation entitled “Successful Dental Implant Rehabilitation in a Patient with Florid Cemento Osseous Dysplasia: A 2-Year Case Report”.

The Faculty of Dentistry, Chulalongkorn University congratulates all faculty members for their academic contributions and for bringing international recognition to the Faculty through this global academic platform. 🦷



Congratulations to Emeritus Professor Lakshman Samaranayake on the prestigious honour of being appointed to receive a UNESCO Honorary Chair recognition, reflecting his outstanding global contributions to dental sciences, oral microbiology, higher education, and international academic leadership.

Faculty of Dentistry, Chulalongkorn University proudly celebrates this remarkable achievement and extends our heartfelt congratulations on this international distinction that brings great pride to the university and the global dental community. 🦷



Faculty of Dentistry, Chulalongkorn University, extends its congratulations to the staff members who have been approved by the Personnel Administrative Committee to hold the position of Primary Level Expert, as follows:



**Mrs. Chompoonuch Wongwiriya**

Nurse, Faculty of Dentistry, Chulalongkorn University, who has been approved to hold the position of Primary Level Expert in Nursing.





## RECIPIENTS OF ROYAL DECORATIONS (SASH CLASS) FOR THE YEAR 2024



Chulalongkorn University held the Royal Decorations (Sash Class) Presentation Ceremony for the Year 2024 in front of the royal portrait of His Majesty the King on Tuesday, 16 June 2026, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Chulalongkorn University Auditorium. The ceremony was presided over by Dr. Surakiart Sathirathai, Chairman of the Chulalongkorn University Council.

The ceremony was organized following Chulalongkorn University's submission of nominations for the conferment of Royal Decorations for the Year 2024. On the auspicious occasion of His Majesty the King's Birthday Anniversary on 28 July 2024, His Majesty graciously bestowed the Most Exalted Order of the White Elephant and the Most Noble Order of the Crown of Thailand in the Sash Class upon deserving recipients. His Majesty further granted permission for government agencies and institutions to conduct presentation ceremonies in front of his royal portrait.

On this occasion, six faculty members of the Faculty of Dentistry, Chulalongkorn University, were honoured with Royal Decorations, comprising one recipient of the Knight Grand Cordon (Special Class) of the Most Noble Order of

the Crown of Thailand and five recipients of the Commander (First Class) of the Most Noble Order of the Crown of Thailand, as follows:

### + Knight Grand Cordon (Highest Class) of the Most Noble Order of the Crown of Thailand (1 recipient)

1. Prof. Pornchai Jansisyanont

### + Commander (First Class) of the Most Noble Order of the Crown of Thailand (5 recipients)

1. Assoc. Prof. Damrong Damrongsri
2. Assoc. Prof. Kanokporn Bhalang
3. Assist. Prof. Prarom Salimee
4. Assoc. Prof. Sanutm Mongkornkarn
5. Assoc. Prof. Orawan Charatkulangkun

The Royal Decorations Presentation Ceremony was held to honour and recognize civil servants and personnel under the Ministry of Higher Education, Science, Research and Innovation, as well as Chulalongkorn University, who have demonstrated dedication, integrity, and perseverance in the performance of their duties and have made longstanding contributions to the advancement of education and research for the benefit of the nation. 🦷

Knight Grand Cordon (Highest Class) of the Most Noble Order of the Crown of Thailand



Prof. Pornchai Jansisyanont

Commander (First Class) of the Most Noble Order of the Crown of Thailand



Assoc. Prof. Damrong Damrongsri



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Assist. Prof. Prarom Salimee



Assoc. Prof. Sanutm Mongkornkarn



Assoc. Prof. Orawan Charatkulangkun



CONGRATS



The Faculty of Dentistry, Chulalongkorn University, extends its warmest congratulations to Assoc. Prof. Dr. Kajorn Kungsadalpipob on being selected as one of the winners of the Emdogain Case Contest (APAC Region), achieving the highest score among all participants from Thailand.

His clinical case was also selected for publication in the APAC Emdogain Clinical Case Book, alongside outstanding cases from clinicians across the Asia-Pacific region. The publication showcases notable clinical cases and advancements in Regenerative Dentistry.

This achievement reflects his academic excellence, clinical expertise, and valuable contribution to the advancement of regenerative dental practice at the international level. 🦷



The Faculty of Dentistry, Chulalongkorn University, was awarded first prize in the World Oral Health Day 2026 competition. Organized by The Dental Association of Thailand, the event saw active participation from various government agencies, dental faculties, hospitals, and dental clinics. The award ceremony took place on Thursday, June 18, 2026, at the World Ballroom, 23<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Centara Grand & Bangkok Convention Centre at CentralWorld, Bangkok. 🦷

## Congratulations

The Faculty of Dentistry, Chulalongkorn University, congratulates Dr. Pirawish Limlawan on his achievements at the 42<sup>nd</sup> Thailand University Staff Games, "SWU Games". 🦷

He received the following awards:



🏆 Gold Medal in the Men's 10,000-Metre Race (35-39 Years Category)



🏆 Gold Medal in the Men's 3,000-Metre Race (35-39 Years Category)



🏆 Bronze Medal in the Men's 3,000-Metre Race Walk (35,40 Years Category)



🏆 Gold Medal in the Men's Freestyle Relay Swimming Event (35-39 Years Category)





## DAT-Graduate Research Competition 2026

The Faculty of Dentistry, Chulalongkorn University, extends its heartfelt congratulations to our researchers on receiving awards at the DAT-Graduate Research Competition 2026



The competition was held as part of the 121<sup>st</sup> Academic Conference (1/2026), organized by the Dental Association of Thailand under the Patronage of H.M. the King, and took place from 17-19 June 2026 at Centara Grand at CentralWorld, Bangkok. 🦷

**+ Winner**  
Mr. MANH CUONG HOANG  
Advisor: Assoc. Prof. Anjalee Vacharaksa  
Co-advisor: Assoc. Prof. Chalida Limjeerajarus

**+ First Runner-Up**  
Mr. TOAN VAN PHAN  
Advisor: Assoc. Prof. Joao Nuno Andrade Requicha Ferreira  
Co-advisor: Prof. Jae-Yol Lim



Faculty of Dentistry, Chulalongkorn University Congratulates Researchers Selected as Finalists in the DAT-Graduate Research Competition 2026



### + Researchers Selected as Finalists

◆ Dr. Tossapol Maneethorn  
Advisor: Dr. Pirawish Limlawan

◆ Dr. Thanakorn Theerapanon  
Advisor: Prof. Dr. Thantrira Porntaveetus

◆ Ms. Pun Pinyopasakul  
Advisor: Prof. Dr. Ruchanee Ampornaramveth  
Co-advisor: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Apinan Sootitawatt

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The Faculty of Dentistry, Chulalongkorn University, through its Strategic Management and Organizational Development Unit, was honored with an Honorable Mention Award in Activity 1, “Chula Better Work: Showcasing Best Practices for Transparency,” under the “Chula Voice to Action 2026: Every Voice Drives Change” initiative. The award was presented in the category of Digital Transformation & Efficiency, which recognizes initiatives that leverage technology to enhance operational effectiveness, promote transparency, and reduce discretionary decision-making.

The faculty’s recognized

project, “Teledentistry in Correctional Facilities,” demonstrates the application of digital technology to improve work processes and disseminate information through an online platform. The initiative enhances convenience, efficiency, transparency, and accountability while enabling stakeholders to access and verify information more effectively.

This recognition reflects the Faculty’s commitment to promoting integrity, transparency, and good governance, alongside continuous technological innovation to improve operational efficiency and elevate the the quality of services for the benefit of society. 🦷



## Chulalongkorn University Faculty Senate Exemplary Teacher Award

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The Faculty of Dentistry, Chulalongkorn University would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations to Prof. Dr. Viritpon Srimaneepong, on his royal appointment as “Professor” in the field of Prosthodontics. 🦷



## FDCU Welcomed Exchange Students from King's College London for a Clinical Observation Visit and Study Tour of the Faculty's Clinics and Departments



Faculty of Dentistry, Chulalongkorn University welcomed 4 exchange students from King's College London, United Kingdom, during 23-27 March 2026 for an academic visit and observational program across the faculty's clinics and departments.

During the program, the students visited the Vach Vidyavaddhana Museum and the Human Body Museum, while also gaining academic and clinical learning experiences in various areas of the faculty. At the end of the program, they received certificates of participation and souvenirs.

This activity reflects the faculty's role as a learning hub and an international academic collaboration network committed to fostering meaningful learning experiences and sustained educational cooperation. 🦷

## Faculty of Dentistry, Chulalongkorn University Welcomes Tohoku University Faculty to Discuss Academic and Research Collaboration



Faculty of Dentistry, Chulalongkorn University, welcomed Prof. Masahiro Yamada from Tohoku University Graduate School of Biomedical Engineering, Japan.

Dean Prof. Pornchai Jansisyanont and Prof. Thanaphum Osathanon Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Graduate Studies and Assoc. Prof. Lt. Rangsim Sakoolnamarka Associate Dean for International Affairs Corporate Communication and Social Activities, It is a great honor to welcome you to our institution.

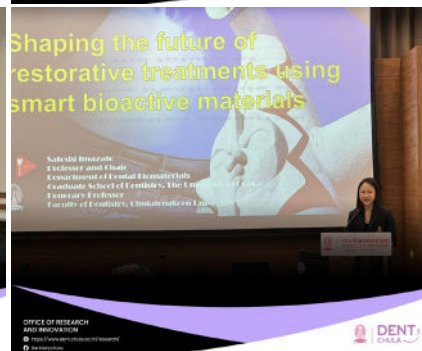
We are eager to explore a meaningful partnership that leverages our collective strengths to advance the field of dental education and clinical research. 🦷

The Faculty of Dentistry, Chulalongkorn University hosted a special lecture titled "Shaping the Future of Restorative Treatments Using Smart Bioactive Materials" on April 23, 2026, at Rareuk Khun Auditorium, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Boromanathsrinagarindra Building.

The lecture was delivered by  
**Prof. Satoshi Imazato, DDS, PhD**

- President, IADR (2024–2025)
- Professor & Chair, Department of Dental Biomaterials, Osaka University, Japan
- Former Dean, Osaka University Graduate School of Dentistry

The opening ceremony was presided over by Prof. Thantrira Pomtaveetus, Associate Dean for Research and Innovation. The event was attended by Assist. Prof. Uraivan Choekachachaisakul, Head of the Department of Operative Dentistry, along with faculty members and graduate students, who participated with great interest. 🦷







The Faculty of Dentistry, Chulalongkorn University welcomed 3 exchange students from Showa Medical University, Japan, during 30 March – 17 April 2026. The students participated in clinical observations and visits across various departments, covering a wide range of dental disciplines.

Throughout the program, the students explored the faculty's museums to gain insight into its history, observed clinical operations, toured key areas of the university, and joined an outreach activity with the King's Mobile Dental Unit, providing proactive dental care to the community in Baan Pakkret, Nonthaburi.

The program concluded with certificates and souvenirs presentation, reinforcing institutional ties and reflecting the faculty's role as a hub for international academic collaboration and continuous learning. 🦷

## Faculty of Dentistry, Chulalongkorn University Strengthens Global Alliances: Attending the Inaugural Lecture and Expanding Sustainable Research Collaborations at Universiti Malaya



Faculty of Dentistry, Chulalongkorn University participated in the Inaugural Lecture titled "Footprints in Time: A Life in Dentistry, Science, and Service" delivered by Professor Dr. Zamri Radzi, Vice Chancellor of Universiti Malaya and former Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry, Universiti Malaya, on 4 May 2026 at the Faculty of Dentistry, Universiti Malaya, Malaysia.

On this occasion, the executive team of the Faculty of Dentistry, Chulalongkorn University attended the lecture and engaged in discussions with faculty members from Universiti

Malaya, led by Prof. Firdias, Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry, along with deans and representatives from dental institutions across Malaysia, Indonesia, and the Philippines.

The visit aimed to promote the exchange of knowledge and experiences in dentistry at the international level, contributing to the advancement of education and research.

This activity reflects the Faculty of Dentistry, Chulalongkorn University's commitment to strengthening academic collaboration and enhancing professional capacity for sustainable societal benefit. 🦷



The Faculty of Dentistry, Chulalongkorn University, welcomed four dentists from Hospital Tengku Permaisuri Norashikin, Malaysia, on May 1, 2026. The visit was received by the Associate Dean for International Affairs and Corporate Communication, the Program Chair in Geriatric Dentistry and Special Patients Care, the Head of the Department of Community Dentistry, and faculty members from the Department of Community Dentistry.

The visit provided valuable insights into geriatric and community dentistry and helped build stronger ties between the two institutions. 🦷



Faculty of Dentistry, Chulalongkorn University, through the Chulalongkorn University Implant and Esthetic Dentistry International Program and Clinic (CUIE), visited The University of Hong Kong, Faculty of Dentistry to present academic work and participate in scholarly exchanges.

During the visit, the delegation was warmly welcomed by Professor Leung Wai Keung and Professor George Pelekos. The program featured in-depth discussions and exchanges of knowledge in Implant Dentistry and Esthetic Dentistry with faculty members and specialists from HKU Dentistry.

The CUIE representatives participating in the presentations included:

- Dr. Nikos Mattheos
- Dr. Somphote Angkhanawirarak
- Dr. Porawit Kamnoedboon
- Dr. Kewalee Bunyathatsanekun
- Dr. Thananan Selarak

This academic engagement reflects the Faculty's commitment to strengthening international collaboration and advancing excellence in implant and esthetic dentistry through global exchange and innovation. 🦷



Faculty members and postgraduate students from the Department of Radiology, Faculty of Dentistry, Chulalongkorn University participated in the 15<sup>th</sup> Asian Congress of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology (15<sup>th</sup> ACOMFR), held from 30 April – 2 May 2026 in Seoul, Republic of Korea.

During the congress, Assist. Prof. Pisha Pittayapat and Dr. Thanatchaporn Jindanil, faculty members, together with Dr. Supawan Chiemboonsri, a postgraduate student, presented their research works on the international stage. The Faculty also showcased its academic programs and research activities through an exhibition booth for delegates and participants from various countries.

In addition, Assist. Prof. Phonkit Sinpitaksakul and Dr. Onanong Silkosessak were honored to preside over the official handover ceremony for hosting the 16<sup>th</sup> Asian Congress of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology (16<sup>th</sup> ACOMFR), which is scheduled to be held in Bangkok, Thailand from 17 – 20 May 2028.

The participation in this congress and the honor of hosting the upcoming meeting reflect the Faculty's commitment to advancing knowledge in oral and maxillofacial radiology, while continuously strengthening international academic collaboration and engagement. 🦷

Associate Professor Dr. Oranart Matangkasombut was invited to deliver a lecture on the topic "Oral microbiome as a gatekeeper of oral and systemic health" at The Thai Society of Human Genetics 5th Annual Conference 2026, held from 6–8 May 2026 at Pullman Bangkok King Power, Bangkok, Thailand.

Her participation in this international academic conference reflects the active role of faculty members from the Faculty of Dentistry, Chulalongkorn University in advancing dental knowledge and research on the global stage, while fostering interdisciplinary integration between oral health, genetics, and modern biomedical sciences. 🦷







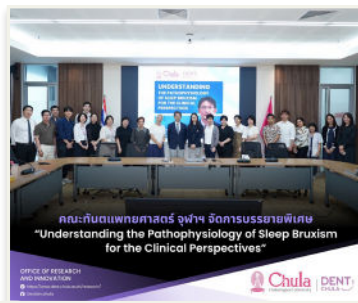
Assistant Professor Dr. Siriporn Songsiripradubboon, Assistant Dean for Graduate Affairs, Learning Innovation, and Lifelong Learning, Faculty of Dentistry, Chulalongkorn University, was invited as a Keynote Speaker at the “2026 Research Innovation & Entrepreneurship International Symposium” under the theme “From Past to Precision: 30 Years of Dental Research Excellence,” organized by the Faculty of Dentistry, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM).

The symposium was held on 29 April 2026 at Zecon Hotel & Convention Centre, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, bringing together researchers, academics, and experts from various countries to exchange knowledge and experiences in dental research, innovation, and entrepreneurship.

This invitation reflects the active role of the Faculty of Dentistry, Chulalongkorn University in advancing academic knowledge, research, and international collaboration on the global stage. 🦷

The Faculty of Dentistry, Chulalongkorn University hosted a special lecture entitled “Understanding the Pathophysiology of Sleep Bruxism for the Clinical Perspectives” by Professor Takafumi Kato from University of Osaka on May 20, 2026, at the Faculty Board Meeting Room, 18<sup>th</sup> Floor, Boromanathsrinagarindra Building.

The opening ceremony was presided over by Prof. Thantrira Pornaveetus, Associate Dean for Research and Innovation. The lecture focused on understanding sleep bruxism from clinical perspectives and provided an opportunity for academic exchange among faculty members, researchers, students, and participants. 🦷



Assoc. Prof. Dr. Supreda Srithanyarat, Assistant Dean for International Affairs, and Assist. Prof. Dr. Yanee Tantiltanant, lecturer from the Department of Operative Dentistry, attended the Workshop on Residency Training in Odonto-Stomatology during The 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Conference of Pham Ngoc Thach University of Medicine in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, from 7–9 May 2026.

On this occasion, Assist. Prof. Dr. Yanee Tantiltanant delivered a lecture and exchanged knowledge regarding the development of dental residency training programs at the workshop, upon invitation from Pham Ngoc Thach, University of Medicine. The participation also contributed to laying the foundation for the development of the dental residency curriculum in Vietnam. 🦷







Faculty of Dentistry, Chulalongkorn University, led by Prof. Thanaphum Osathanon, Associate Dean for Academic and Graduate Studies, along with faculty members from the Department of Radiology, warmly welcomed Professor Jie Yang, Director of the Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology Division at Temple University Kornberg School of Dentistry and former President of the International Association of Dento-Maxillo-facial Radiology (IADMFR) (2017–2019).

The delegation also included Mr. Frank Tian, CEO and Founder of Bondent Group, a leading comprehensive dental solution and oral healthcare provider from China—and Dr. Pongthorn Jongthanakorn, CEO of MEPO Co., Ltd., along with their team. The visit aimed to tour the faculty and engage in a collaborative discussion on the exchange of knowledge regarding Artificial Intelligence (AI) technology in dental work, in cooperation with the Department of Radiology. 🦷



Faculty of Dentistry, Chulalongkorn University, led by Assoc. Prof. Jaijam Suwanwela, together with students from the Chulalongkorn University International Program in Implant and Esthetic Dentistry (CUIE), participated in an academic training, seminar, and clinical observation program in implant dentistry at the Department of Prosthodontics and the Department of Periodontology, Yonsei University, Republic of Korea.

The program provided students with valuable opportunities to gain exposure to advanced clinical approaches, technologies, and treatment concepts in implant dentistry at an internationally recognized institution. Participants also engaged in academic exchange and professional discussions with faculty members and specialists in



the field.

This initiative reflects the Faculty's commitment to enhancing students' global competencies and strengthening international academic collaboration in dental education and clinical training. 🦷



Faculty of Dentistry, Chulalongkorn University, led by Professor Dr. Pornchai Jansisyanont, Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry, and Prof. Thanaphum Osathanon, Associate Dean for Academic and Graduate Studies, welcomed and engaged in academic collaboration discussions with Clinical Professor Anil Sukumaran from the College of Dental Medicine, Qatar University, and Assistant Professor Zohaib Khurshid from the College of Dentistry, King Faisal University, Saudi Arabia, on 26 May 2026, at the Office of the Dean, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Vach Vidyavaddhana Building Faculty of Dentistry, Chulalongkorn University

The meeting provided an opportunity for exchanging knowledge and exploring potential collaborations in dental education, research, and academic development. The discussions aimed to strengthen international academic networks and support sustainable advancement in dental education and research.

This collaboration reflects the Faculty's commitment to fostering international partnerships with leading institutions worldwide to further enhance education, research, and dental services at the global level. 🦷





## FDCU INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM 2026

The Faculty of Dentistry, Chulalongkorn University successfully hosted the FDCU International Symposium 2026 under the theme “Redefining Possibilities: Integrating Discovery and Practice in Modern Dentistry” on 29 May 2026 at the Faculty of Dentistry, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand.

This remarkable international gathering welcomed participants from more than 20 countries, including deans and vice deans from over 10 leading dental schools worldwide, reflecting FDCU’s growing role as a global hub for dental education, research, and innovation.

The symposium brought together distinguished keynote speakers, internationally renowned researchers, educators, clinicians, and students to exchange knowledge, share experiences, and present advances across various fields of dentistry.

In addition to keynote lectures delivered by global experts, the symposium featured research and innovation presentations, academic competitions, and an award ceremony to recognize outstanding scholarly achievements and innovative contributions.

FDCU International Symposium 2026 served as a significant platform for strengthening global academic partnerships, encouraging interdisciplinary knowledge exchange, and promoting the translation of research findings into education, clinical practice, and future oral healthcare advancements.

The Faculty of Dentistry, Chulalongkorn University extends its heartfelt congratulations to all award recipients and expresses sincere appreciation to the keynote speakers, participants, presenters, sponsors, and organizing committee whose dedication and support contributed to the success of this international symposium. 🦷

The Faculty of Dentistry, Chulalongkorn University extends its heartfelt congratulations to the presenters who received awards for their outstanding academic and research presentations at “the FDCU International Symposium 2026”, held under the theme “Redefining Possibilities: Integrating Discovery and Practice in Modern Dentistry” on 29 May 2026 at the Faculty of Dentistry, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand.

These awards recognize excellence in research, innovation, and scholarly achievement, reflecting the recipients’ dedication to advancing dental science and contributing to the future of oral healthcare. Their accomplishments exemplify the spirit of academic excellence and international collaboration fostered by the symposium.

The Faculty proudly celebrates this achievement and wishes all award recipients continued success in their future academic, research, and professional endeavors. 🦷



Faculty of Dentistry, Chulalongkorn University, through the CUIE International Program in Implant and Esthetic Dentistry, recently conducted an academic visit to Shanghai Ninth People’s Hospital, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, People’s Republic of China. The program included academic seminars, collaborative discussions, and clinical observational training in implant and esthetic dentistry.

On this occasion, Professor Yiqun Wu and colleagues warmly welcomed the delegation from the Faculty of Dentistry, Chulalongkorn University. The visit provided an excellent opportunity for academic exchange and in-depth discussions on the latest advancements in implant and esthetic dentistry with leading specialists from the institution.

The CUIE representatives participating in the academic presentations included:

- Dr. Sunporn Namano
- Dr. Khunnakrit Ratchatasupak
- Dr. Najnada Kongton
- Dr. Thanyalak Pongchalernporn
- Dr. Myat Thant Zaw

This academic exchange reflects the Faculty’s continued commitment to strengthening international collaboration and advancing education, innovation, and professional standards in implant and esthetic dentistry through global perspectives and shared expertise. 🦷





Faculty of Dentistry, Chulalongkorn University congratulates Dr. Pirawish Limlawan, Department of Oral Medicine, on being invited as an Invited Speaker at the Dentisphere 6 International Seminar, held under the theme “Next-Generation Dentistry: Bridging Science and Clinical Excellence” on 5–6 June 2026 at Shangri-La Surabaya, Indonesia, and hosted by Hang Tuah University.

At the seminar, Dr. Limlawan delivered a lecture entitled “Nanoengineered Curcumin Oleogel as a Novel Therapeutic Strategy for Oral Lichen Planus: From Mechanistic Insights to Clinical Translation.” The event served as an international platform for dentists, academics, students, and professionals from around the world to exchange knowledge and explore advancements in dentistry through scientific seminars, hands-on sessions, exhibitions, and academic competitions.

His participation as an invited speaker reflects the Faculty’s research excellence and growing international recognition, while strengthening global academic collaboration and knowledge exchange in dentistry. 🦷

## FDCU Welcomes Dr. drg. Puspa Dila Rohmaniar from IIK Bhakti Wiyata, Indonesia, to Discuss Academic and Research Collaboration during FDCU International Symposium 2026

Prof. Pornchai Jansisyanont, Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry, Chulalongkorn University, together with the faculty’s executives and academic staff, welcomed a delegation from IIK Bhakti Wiyata, Indonesia, led by Dr. drg. Puspa Dila Rohmaniar, Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry, together with Dzanuar Rahmawan, drg., M.Si (Vice Rector), Anisa Ramadhani Kusumastiti, drg., MMRS (Vice Dean) and Ketut Suardita, drg., Ph.D., Sp.KG. Subsp. Kr(K) (International Collaboration Team), on 28 May 2026 during their visit to attend the FDCU International Symposium 2026, an international academic conference hosted by the faculty.

During the meeting, both parties exchanged views on academic and research matters and

discussed opportunities for future collaboration. The discussion provided a valuable platform for sharing perspectives and exploring areas of mutual interest in dental education and research. 🦷



## FDCU Welcomes Prof. Paul Cooper from the University of Otago, New Zealand, to Discuss Academic and Research Collaboration during FDCU International Symposium 2026



Prof. Pornchai Jansisyanont, Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry, Chulalongkorn University, together with the faculty’s executives and academic staff, welcomed Prof. Paul Cooper, Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry, University of Otago, New Zealand, on 28 May 2026 during his visit to attend the FDCU International Symposium 2026, an international academic conference hosted by the faculty.

During the meeting, both parties exchanged views on academic and research matters and discussed opportunities for future collaboration, with the aim of strengthening academic ties and advancing dental education and research between the two institutions. 🦷

## FDCU Welcomes Prof. Dato’ Dr. Mohamed Ibrahim Abu Hassan from MAHSA University, Malaysia, to Discuss Academic and Research Collaboration during FDCU International Symposium 2026

Prof. Pornchai Jansisyanont, Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry, Chulalongkorn University, together with the faculty’s executives and academic staff, welcomed a delegation from MAHSA University, Malaysia, led by Prof. Dato’ Dr. Mohamed Ibrahim Abu Hassan, Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry, together with Assoc. Prof. Dr. Santhosh Kotian (Deputy Dean) and Mr. Wong Gou Rean, on 28 May 2026 during their visit to attend the FDCU International Symposium 2026, an international academic conference hosted by the faculty.

During the meeting, both parties exchanged views on academic and research matters and discussed opportunities for future collaboration. The discussion provided a valuable platform for sharing perspectives and exploring areas of mutual interest in dental education and research. 🦷







## FDCU Welcomes Prof. Nikolaos G. Nikitakis from the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece, to Discuss Academic and Research Collaboration during FDCU International Symposium 2026

Prof. Pornchai Jansisyant, Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry, Chulalongkorn University, together with the faculty's executives and academic staff, welcomed Prof. Nikolaos G. Nikitakis, Dean of School of Dentistry, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece, on 29 May 2026 during his visit to attend the FDCU International Symposium 2026, an international academic conference hosted by the faculty.

During the meeting, both parties exchanged views on academic and research matters and discussed opportunities for future collaboration. The discussion provided a valuable platform for sharing perspectives and exploring areas of mutual interest in dental education and research. 🦷



## FDCU Welcomes Prof. Eijiro Jimi from Kyushu University, Japan, to Discuss Academic and Research Collaboration during FDCU International Symposium 2026

Prof. Pornchai Jansisyant, Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry, Chulalongkorn University, together with the faculty's executives and academic staff, welcomed a delegation from Kyushu University, Japan, led by Prof. Eijiro Jimi, Dean of the Faculty of Dental Science, together with Prof. Tomoyo Yasukochi and Asst. Prof. Junko Yoshizumi, on 29 May 2026 during their visit to attend the FDCU International Symposium 2026, an international academic conference hosted by the faculty.

During the meeting, both parties exchanged views on academic and research matters and discussed opportunities for future collaboration. The discussion provided a valuable platform for sharing perspectives and exploring areas of mutual interest in dental education and research. 🦷



Faculty members from the Faculty of Dentistry, Chulalongkorn University, led by representatives of the Institute of Science Tokyo (IST) Alumni Association, participated in the International Faculty Development Course in a hybrid format at the IST-Chula Research and Collaboration Center, Chalermnavamaraj Building, on June 15, 2026.

The program aimed to strengthen, expand, and enhance faculty development, while promoting academic collaboration between the two institutions. The session featured distinguished speakers from the Institute of Science Tokyo, including Assist. Prof. Shogo Maekawa from the Department of Periodontology and Assist. Prof. Takashi Hatayama

from the Department of Cariology.

Representing Chulalongkorn University, Assoc. Prof. Supreda Srithanyarat from the Department of Periodontology and Assist. Prof. Pimduean Sivavong from the Department of Operative Dentistry also joined as speakers. The session was moderated by Dr. Kittisak Sanon, Department of Operative Dentistry.

The event welcomed more than 30 participants from various countries, providing an opportunity for meaningful knowledge exchange, particularly in interdisciplinary clinical dentistry. The program contributed to the advancement of teaching, research, and future international academic collaboration. 🦷

## FDCU Welcomes Prof. Dr. Nina Djustiana from the Universitas Padjadjaran, Indonesia, to Discuss Academic and Research Collaboration during FDCU International Symposium 2026

Prof. Pornchai Jansisyant, Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry, Chulalongkorn University, together with the faculty's executives and academic staff, welcomed Prof. Dr. Nina Djustiana and faculty members from the Faculty of Dentistry, Universitas Padjadjaran, Indonesia, on 2 June 2026 during their visit to attend the FDCU International Symposium 2026, an international academic conference hosted by the faculty.

During the meeting, both parties exchanged views on academic and research matters and discussed opportunities for future collaboration, with the aim of strengthening academic ties between the two institutions. 🦷





**F**aculty of Dentistry, Chulalongkorn University Joins an Online Meeting with the Faculty of Dentistry, Trisakti University (Indonesia) to Expand International Academic and Research Cooperation Networks.

The executives of the Faculty of Dentistry, Chulalongkorn University, led by Prof. Dr. Thanrira Pornraveetus, Associate Dean for Research and Innovation, along with the executive team, attended an online meeting via Zoom with the Dean and the executive team from the Faculty of Dentistry, Trisakti University, Republic of Indonesia, on June 25, 2026.

This meeting was an excellent opportunity to exchange views and discuss guidelines for academic cooperation between the two institutions. The key issues discussed included research cooperation, the development of academic activities, as well as student and staff exchange programs to promote



learning and build international cooperation networks. This discussion will lead to tangible cooperation and help strengthen education, research, and dental professional development together in the future. 🦷



## Welcoming International Collaboration from Sichuan University



## The Faculty of Dentistry, Chulalongkorn University, hosted a “Lunch and Learn” on the topic “Portfolio Website Project Experience from HKU.”

**T**he faculty was honored to welcome Professor Dr. Mihai Tarce from the Faculty of Dentistry, The University of Hong Kong (HKU), as the guest speaker. Professor Tarce shared valuable insights and experiences regarding the development of HKU Dentistry’s Portfolio Website. The event took place on Monday, June 29, 2026, at the Raluek Khun Meeting Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Borommanard Srinakarin Building.

The lecture introduced a portfolio website as an educational tool that helps students showcase their learning, projects, and achievements in one place. It also explained how teachers can use the platform to monitor student progress, provide feedback, and assess performance more effectively. The portfolio website encourages creativity, organization, and continuous learning. 🦷



**T**he Faculty of Dentistry, Chulalongkorn University, led by the Dean, Professor Dr. Pornchai Jansisyanont, alongside faculty members from the Department of Occlusion, extended a warm welcome to Assoc. Prof. Xiao Cen from the Department of Temporomandibular Joint and Deputy Director of the Discipline Development Office at the West China School/Hospital of Stomatology, Sichuan University, People’s Republic of China.

The visit, which took place on June 30, 2026, at the Office of the Dean, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Vach Vidyavaddhana Building Faculty of Dentistry, Chulalongkorn University, was organized for an institutional study tour and to discuss future academic and research collaborations between the two prestigious institutions. 🦷





## Faculty of Dentistry, Chulalongkorn University Welcomes Professor Sanjukta Deb from King's College London for Landmark MOU Signing Ceremony

Faculty of Dentistry, Chulalongkorn University welcomed a delegation from King's College London, United Kingdom, led by Professor Sanjukta Deb, Dean for International, Engagement & Service, on the occasion of her visit to discuss academic and research collaboration, joint academic initiatives, and the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the two institutions.

The visit also included exchange activities, discussions, Q&A sessions, and individual research consultations aimed at strengthening collaborative networks and fostering sustainable academic partnership between the two institutions.

The event was held on Thursday, 28 May 2026, at the Faculty Board Meeting Room, 18<sup>th</sup> Floor, Boromathsrinagarindra Building, Faculty of Dentistry, Chulalongkorn University. 🦷

## Faculty of Dentistry, Chulalongkorn University Welcomes Professor Kazuyoshi Baba from Showa Medical University for Landmark MOU Signing Ceremony



Faculty of Dentistry, Chulalongkorn University welcomed a delegation from Showa Medical University, Japan, led by Professor Kazuyoshi Baba (Dean), Asst. Prof. Taro Sato and Dr. Megumi Matsuyama.

The visit included exchange activities, discussions, Q&A sessions, and research collaboration aimed at strengthening collaborative networks and fostering academic partnership between the two institutions.

The event was held on Friday, 29 May 2026, at the Faculty Board Meeting Room of the Faculty of Dentistry, Chulalongkorn University. 🦷





▲ *The King's mobile dental unit and services for the society*, Faculty of Dentistry, Chulalongkorn University, in collaboration with the College of Population Studies, organized a King's mobile dental service under the "Chula Ari" project at Wat Krathum Suea Pla, Prawet District, Bangkok.



## Faculty of Dentistry, Chulalongkorn University Supports Public Health Services on National Labour Day

The Faculty of Dentistry, Chulalongkorn University, participated in the event "Chula Opens Siam to Support Workers: Enhancing Quality of Life" held on May 1<sup>st</sup> at Siam Square.

Faculty members and staff provided oral health check-ups, dental consultations, and preventive care education to the public. The initiative aimed to promote equitable access to healthcare services and improve the overall well-being of Thai workers.

This participation reflects the Faculty's commitment to extending academic knowledge and dental services to society, contributing to sustainable public health development. 🦷



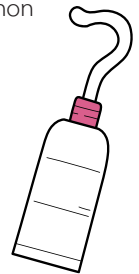
◀ *The King's mobile dental unit and services for the society*, Faculty of Dentistry, Chulalongkorn University, in collaboration with GULF Energy Development Public Company Limited, organized the "GULF Sparks Smile: Bringing Bright Smiles to Communities Year 6" at Thairath Wittaya 93 School, Prachin Buri Province.







◀ *The King's mobile dental unit and services for the society*, in collaboration with the Somdet Phra Nyanasamvara, the Supreme Patriarch Foundation, the Dental Alumni Association and the Student Affairs Division, Faculty of Dentistry, Chulalongkorn University, organized a King's Mobile Dental Service at Wat Nyanavesakavan in Nakhon Pathom Province.



◀ *The King's mobile dental unit and services for the society*, in collaboration with "Ratsadon Sukjai, Planamai Sombun, Phaet Phraratchathan" Royal Medical Project organized by the Privy Purse Bureau, led faculty members and staff in providing royal dental services to local residents.

The activity was held in dedication of royal merit to Her Majesty Queen Sirikit The Queen Mother and Her Royal Highness Princess Bajrakitiyabha Narendradebyavati Kromluangrajasarinisribajra Mahavajjarajadhita.

The dental service provided dental treatment and oral health promotion services to people in the community on Saturday, June 27, 2026, at Baan Khai Hospital, Rayong Province.







### Faculty of Dentistry, Chulalongkorn University, hosts a Songkran Celebration and Merit-Making Ceremony to honor senior faculty members for the year 2026



The Faculty of Dentistry, Chulalongkorn University organized the “Songkran ceremony” to honor senior faculty members on the occasion of the Songkran Festival 2026.

The event featured the Thai traditional ceremony using flower petals, where participants respectfully sought blessings from senior faculty members. This meaningful tradition is held annually by the Faculty during the Songkran Festival. The program also included performances by faculty staff.

The event took place on Wednesday, April 8, 2026, at the See Siri Singha Conference Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Somdej Ya 93 Building, with a large number of senior faculty members, lecturers, dentists, and staff in attendance. 🦷



The Faculty of Dentistry, Chulalongkorn University, held a merit-making ceremony and a ceremony to pay respects to the sacred objects of the faculty on the occasion of the 86<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Faculty of Dentistry, Chulalongkorn University, on Friday, May 15, 2026, in front of the Boromraj Srinakharindra Building.

The ceremony was attended by Prof. Pornchai Jansisyanont, Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry, Chulalongkorn University, together with the faculty’s executives, representatives from the Chulalongkorn University Dental Alumni Association, faculty members, alumni, students, and staff. 🦷





The Faculty of Dentistry, Chulalongkorn University, presents Dentistry 101: Preparing for a Future in Dentistry, a programme designed for students in Grades 7–12 who aspire to pursue a career in dentistry and become future dental students.

The programme offers participants a unique opportunity to experience dental education firsthand through a combination of e-classroom learning and hands-on practical activities, providing valuable insight into the profession while helping them prepare for future university studies.

Upon successful completion, participants may be eligible to transfer the learning outcomes as one university course (3 credits) under Chulalongkorn University's Non-degree to Degree initiative once they are enrolled as Chulalongkorn University students, subject to the University's regulations and approval. 🦷







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The Faculty of Dentistry, Chulalongkorn University, had the honour of hosting the Buddhist chanting ceremony for the Royal Funeral of Her Majesty Queen Sirikit The Queen Mother on Monday, 1 June 2026, at the Dusit Maha Prasat Throne Hall, the Grand Palace, Bangkok.

With profound gratitude for Her Majesty's boundless benevolence and lifelong dedication to the Thai people and the nation. 🦷



The Faculty of Dentistry, Chulalongkorn University, held its 86<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration under the theme “Wan Varn Yim Wan Yu” (Sweet Memories That Still Smile) on Friday, May 15, 2026, at Somdej Phra Yanasangvara Conference Room, 19<sup>th</sup> floor, Boromraj Srinakharindra Building, Faculty of Dentistry, Chulalongkorn University.

The event featured a special talk on “Dent Chula QS #32” by the Dean, followed by a Kahoot game activity under the topic “Memory Mania,” an award presentation ceremony to honor distinguished personnel, and various activities. The celebration was attended by the faculty's executives, faculty members, students, and staff. 🦷





**72<sup>nd</sup> Birthday Anniversary  
High-Potential Master Students Scholarship  
Chulalongkorn University, the Second Century Fund (C2F)  
Fiscal Year 2026**

under International Growth Strategy

**Financial Support and Output**

**Financial support**

Support for a period of 2 years

- 1) Monthly stipend of 10,000 THB
- 2) Tuition fees based on the rate for Thai students.

**Output**

- 1) Sciences & Technology:
    - At least One **Q1 publication**
  - 2) Social Sciences and Humanities:
    - At least one **Q2 publication**
- Authorship**
- First author: Master student
  - Corresponding author: Mentor
  - Affiliation: Chulalongkorn University
  - Acknowledgement: Must indicate C2F scholarship

**Remuneration for Mentor\***

**20,000 THB**

- For mentors and students who deliver their output and graduate on time, or within an extension period not exceeding 6 months.

**High-Potential Ph.D. Students Scholarship  
Chulalongkorn University, the Second Century Fund (C2F)  
Fiscal Year 2026**

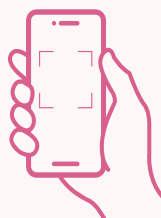
under International Growth Strategy

**Ph.D. Scholarship Types, Financial Support and Output**

| Funding Type | Financial support<br>Support for a period of 3 years                                     | Output                                                                                                                                              | Retention Payment                                        |                                                           |
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|              |                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                     | Student                                                  | Mentor                                                    |
| Track A      | 1) Monthly stipend of 25,000 THB<br>2) Tuition fees based on the rate for Thai students. | 1) Sciences & Technology:<br>• At least One <b>Tier 1 publication</b><br>2) Social Sciences and Humanities:<br>• At least one <b>Q1 publication</b> | <b>180,000 THB*</b><br>5,000 THB x 12 months<br>x3 years | <b>120,000 THB*</b><br>40,000 THB x 12 months<br>x3 years |
| Track B      | 1) Monthly stipend of 20,000 THB<br>2) Tuition fees based on the rate for Thai students. | 1) Sciences & Technology:<br>• At least One <b>Q1 publication</b><br>2) Social Sciences and Humanities:<br>• At least one <b>Q2 publication</b>     | <b>180,000 THB*</b><br>5,000 THB x 12 months<br>x3 years | <b>100,000 THB*</b>                                       |
| Track C      | 1) Tuition fees based on the rate for Thai students.                                     | 1) Sciences & Technology:<br>• At least One <b>Q2 publication</b><br>2) Social Sciences and Humanities:<br>• At least one <b>Q3 publication</b>     |                                                          | <b>50,000 THB*</b>                                        |



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# Q&A<sup>+</sup>

## Assoc. Prof. Dr. João Ferreira

*Director, Center of Excellence and Innovation for Oral Health and Healthy Longevity, Faculty of Dentistry, Chulalongkorn University*



**Assoc. Prof. Dr. João Nuno Andrade Requicha Ferreira** is Director of the Center of Excellence and Innovation for Oral Health and Healthy Longevity and Associate Professor at the Faculty of Dentistry, Chulalongkorn University. He holds a D.M.D. (CESPU, Portugal), an M.Sc. in Dentistry (University of Minnesota), and a Ph.D. in Oral Biology (UNC Chapel Hill), with postdoctoral training at the NIH/NIDCR. His research on oral mucosa, salivary and lacrimal gland regeneration and bioprinting has earned recognition including the IADR Innovation in Oral Care Award and the IADR Wrigley Salivary Research Young Dental Scientist Award.

**Q : Could you briefly share your academic journey and key milestones that have shaped your career in dentistry?**

**A :** My path has been anything but linear, and I think that is exactly what shaped it. I trained as a dentist in Portugal (D.M.D., Instituto Superior de Ciências da Saúde, CESPU), then moved into a clinical fellowship in oral medicine and oncology in Porto followed by specialty training programs in Oral Rehabilitation and Occlusion at University CEU San Pablo in Spain, and in Temporomandibular Disorders, Orofacial Pain and Oral Medicine at the University of Minnesota in the US, where I also completed my M.Sc. in Dentistry. That clinical grounding pushed me from neurosciences toward research in regenerative dentistry, and I pursued a Ph.D. in Oral Biology at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, followed by a postdoctoral and clinical fellowship at the National Institutes of Health campus in Bethesda (NIDCR), where

I worked on gene therapy approaches to protect salivary glands from radiation damage. From there I joined the National University of Singapore as Assistant Professor and Deputy Director of the Orofacial Pain Clinic, before moving to Chulalongkorn University in 2018, where I am now an Associate Professor and Director of the Center of Excellence and Innovation for Oral Health and Healthy Longevity. A defining milestone along the way was founding the CUDENT Bioprint 3D Lab in 2018, which became the engine for our work on salivary and lacrimal gland organoids, oral and craniofacial tissue bioprinting, regenerative dentistry and microphysiological systems or MPS (also called organ-on-chips). Each move — Portugal, the US, Singapore, Thailand — added a different lens, and together they gave me both the clinical instincts and the laboratory rigor that now define how I approach research and mentorship.

**Q : From your experience, what role do international collaborations**

**play in advancing dental science and clinical experience?**

**A :** They are not optional — they are how meaningful progress happens. No single lab or country has all the expertise, funding, or patient populations needed to move a discovery from bench to bedside. My own research work depends on it: our bioprinting and organoid platforms have grown through joint projects with Nano3D Biosciences start-up and the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston in the US, University of Minnesota, National University of Singapore, and more recently Yonsei University in Korea. Our participation in the Gordon Research Conferences on Salivary Glands in the US and in the EMBO/EMBL organoid symposium events gave us visibility. I also served on international consortia such as MISEV2023, which set global standards for extracellular vesicle research, and on editorial boards of different dental journals. On the clinical side, multi-country studies — like the WHO-region survey





on why patients seek dental care that I contributed to — simply could not exist without coordinated international networks. Collaboration also has a very human dimension: it is how junior researchers get mentored by people outside their own institution, through programs like the IADR mentee-mentor awards, and how ideas get pressure-tested by reviewers who do not share your assumptions.

**Q : In your opinion, which areas of dental research hold the greatest potential for impactful global contributions?**

**A :** I would point to four areas where dentistry is positioned to make an outsized impact. First, regenerative dentistry and therapeutic discovery via organoid and organ-on-chip technologies — engineering functional salivary and lacrimal gland organoids, and oral-mucosa-on-a-chip with tissue-specific decellularized matrices to treat conditions like radiation-induced xerostomia and dry eye disease, which affect millions of cancer survivors and aging populations worldwide. Second, oral oncology and immuno-oncology, particularly for salivary gland cancers, where better diagnostic and prognostic markers can change patient outcomes. Third, the intersection of oral health and healthy longevity — understanding how aging, oral mucosa pathologies, and exocrine gland decline connect oral health to systemic health. Fourth, and increasingly urgent, is the responsible integration of artificial intelligence into dental education, diagnostics, and research workflows. What ties these together is that none of them are “niche” — they intersect with cancer care, aging populations, and global health equity, which is exactly where dental research can contribute well beyond the dental chair.

**Q : How can Dent Chula better prepare its students and graduates to thrive in an increasingly globalized dental profession?**

**A :** Advances in periodontal regeneration and We need to treat international exposure and interdisciplinary fluency as core curriculum, not as optional extras. Concretely, that means expanding structured exchange and visiting-fellow programs like

the ones that shaped my own career at NUS and NIH; embedding AI literacy early, building on what we have started through APRU (Association of Pacific Rim Universities) programs on AI in teaching, learning, and critical thinking; and giving students real exposure to entrepreneurship and translational sciences, similar to the UNC Kenan-Flagler-style life sciences entrepreneurship training I took during my own Ph.D. Mentorship networks matter just as much as curriculum: schemes like the IADR mentee-mentor awards and IADR-Southeast Asia funding give students a stake in a global research community well before graduation. Finally, we should keep pushing students toward first-author publication and international conference presentation early — platforms like IADR-SEA, IADR General Sessions, FDI, and regional symposia are where Thai and Asian dental science gets seen, and where our graduates learn to hold their own on a global stage.

**I see Dent Chula evolving from a strong national and international dental school into a recognized regional anchor for oral health research, education, and policy in Asia**

**Q : If given the opportunity to develop a signature project of Dent Chula, what initiative would you propose to maximize academic and societal impact?**

**A :** I would build on the foundation we already have — the Center of Excellence and Innovation for Oral Health and Healthy Longevity — and grow it into a pan-Asian translational consortium for oral regenerative medicine and healthy longevity. The core idea: develop novel tissue chip biofabrication processes and a biobanking platform, linking our magnetic 3D bioprinting and 3D cell technology with Pharmaceutical and Oral Care industries to facilitate the entrance into multi-center clinical trials across Southeast and East Asia, focused on age-

related diseases affecting the oral mucosa and salivary and lacrimal glands, oral cancer, regenerative dentistry and oral health decline. Practically, this would combine a regional core facility open to partner universities and with the newly formed Asian Salivary Gland Research Society that we have co-founded with Prof. Jae-Yol Lim from Yonsei University College of Medicine together with other esteemed colleagues from Korea, Japan, Thailand and Vietnam. The societal payoff is direct: better, faster, and more equitable access to oral and regenerative therapies for conditions like radiation-induced dry mouth and dry eye, which disproportionately affect cancer survivors and the elderly across the region, while positioning Dent Chula as the convening hub rather than a peripheral contributor.

**Q : How do you envision the role of Dent Chula in shaping the future of oral health research, education, and policy in Asia and globally?**

**A :** I see Dent Chula evolving from a strong national and international dental school into a recognized regional anchor for oral health research, education, and policy in Asia — the kind of institution that other universities look to for both innovative technology and talent. We are already moving in that direction: through raising the bar of research innovation in our international graduate programs, securing reputable international grants and editorial leadership roles in top dental and non-dental journals, through contributions to global standard-setting efforts like MISEV2023, and through population-level studies spanning all WHO regions. The next step is to formalize that influence — training the next generation of regional research leaders, contributing rigorous evidence to inform oral health policy across Asia, and exporting our organoid and MPS technologies and know-how into the market and to partner institutions rather than only importing it from the West. If we do this well, Dent Chula will not just produce excellent clinicians and scientists; it will help set the research and policy agenda for oral health and healthy longevity across Asia and, ultimately, globally. 🦷



## Faculty of Dentistry, Chulalongkorn University Holds Farewell Ceremony for Dental Students of Academic Year 2025

The Faculty of Dentistry, Chulalongkorn University, organized the Farewell Ceremony for Students of Academic Year 2025, together with a Faculty Appreciation Ceremony, a traditional “Bai Sri Su Kwan blessing ceremony”, and a session of farewell remarks and guidance for sixth-year dental students.

The event featured a lecture on “Professional Ethics in Dentistry” delivered by Assistant Professor Dr. Suchit Poolthong, Dr. Churalporn Wijackanawong, and Dr. Charnrith Jiroojvanichakorn, who kindly served as guest speakers and shared their professional experiences and perspectives with the students.

On this occasion, Assistant Professor Dr. Suchit Poolthong, representing the President of the Chulalongkorn University Dental Alumni Association, introduced the association and its activities to the graduating students.

The program also included a life-enrichment session entitled “Senior Dentists Share Their Experiences”, during which Dr. Chakkrit Romphochee, Dr. Passavee Jitsanga, and Dr. Charnrith Jiroojvanichakorn shared their professional journeys and valuable insights to help prepare students for their future careers.

The event was attended by students and faculty members of the Faculty of Dentistry, Chulalongkorn University, on 22 April 2026 at the Somdet Phra Nyanasamvara Conference Room, 19<sup>th</sup> Floor, Borommaratchachonnani Srinakarin Building, Faculty of Dentistry, Chulalongkorn University. 🦷



The Faculty of Dentistry, Chulalongkorn University, through the Student Affairs and Alumni Relations Division, organized a networking and engagement activity for graduate students. The event aimed to provide an opportunity for postgraduate students from various departments to connect, participate in shared activities, and foster a sense of community, while also offering a relaxing break from the demands of academic study and research. The activity was held on Wednesday, April 8, 2026, at Platinum 1 Room, Blu-O Rhythm & Bowl, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Siam Paragon. 🦷





The Faculty of Dentistry, Chulalongkorn University, led by the Academic and Graduate Affairs in collaboration with the International Affairs, organized the “Cultural Night for International Students: Academic Year 2025” to strengthen relationships and promote intercultural understanding among the Faculty’s international students.

The event was held on April 22, 2026, at the Reception Lounge, 18<sup>th</sup> Floor, Borommanat Srinakarin Building. It was warmly attended by both international and Thai students. The program featured cultural exchange activities, musical performances, and social gatherings, providing an opportunity for students



to learn from one another in a friendly and welcoming atmosphere.

This event reflects the Faculty’s commitment to fostering a globally oriented learning environment, promoting diversity, and supporting mutual understanding and respect within a multicultural community. 🦷



The Faculty of Dentistry, Chulalongkorn University, through the Camp Club of the Dental Student Association, organized the Rural Development Volunteer Camp for the 2025 Academic Year from 25 to 31 May 2026 at Ban Nong Bon School, Kaeng Sanam Nang District, Nakhon Ratchasima Province. The activity aimed to foster a sense of public-mindedness among students, enhance learning through experiences beyond the classroom, and promote the health and well-being of people in the community.

On this occasion, Assoc. Prof. Soranun Chantarangsu and Dr. Nuttanun

Poeaim, faculty members of the Faculty of Dentistry, Chulalongkorn University, visited the volunteer camp on 30 May 2026 to observe the students’ activities and the mobile dental services providing dental treatment and oral health promotion to local residents.

The initiative reflects the faculty’s commitment to promoting learning alongside community service, while instilling a sense of social responsibility toward communities and contributing to the sustainable improvement of people’s quality of life. 🦷

## DDS DUAL DEGREE

Intake Academic Year 2025-2026

6-Year DDS/MSc Dual Degree  
Faculty of Dentistry, Chulalongkorn University

### MSC - ORAL AND CRANIOFACIAL SCIENCE

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### MSC - DENTAL BIOMATERIALS

Graduate School

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### MSC - BUSINESS

Chulalongkorn Business School

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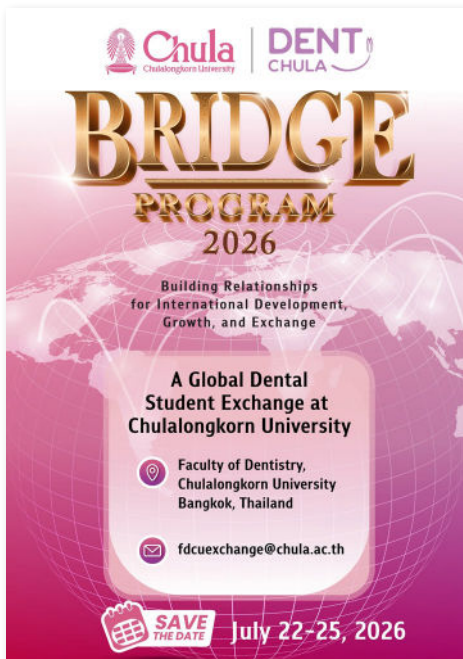
The Faculty of Dentistry, Chulalongkorn University, continues to promote interdisciplinary education and enhance student potential through its DDS/MSc Dual Degree Program for Academic Years 2025–2026. The program provides dental students with the opportunity to pursue graduate-level studies alongside the Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) curriculum, leading to a Master of Science (MSc) degree.

In the current academic year, the program offers study pathways in Oral and Craniofacial Science, Dental Biomaterials, Business, and Biomedical Engineering. These multidisciplinary fields reflect the faculty’s commitment to integrated learning and aim to equip students with the knowledge and skills necessary to advance their expertise in dentistry, research, innovation, and management within the rapidly evolving healthcare landscape.

The DDS/MSc Dual Degree Program serves as a key initiative in fostering interdisciplinary learning and preparing students to contribute to academic advancement, research excellence, and healthcare innovation at the international level. 🦷



## Forthcoming Events



### BRIDGE Program 2026

Connecting the world of dentistry through friendship, collaboration, and global learning experiences at Faculty of Dentistry, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand.

● Save the date !! July 22-25, 2026



Admission for graduate programs, Faculty of Dentistry, CU  
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● Application period:  
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Faculty of Dentistry, Chulalongkorn University, in collaboration with the IASP Orofacial and Head Pain Special Interest Group, is honored to present an international satellite symposium:

**\*\*International Classification of Orofacial Pain version 2 (ICOP-2): Status and Ongoing Developments\*\***

This distinguished scientific gathering will bring together renowned leaders in orofacial pain to discuss the current status, and ongoing developments of ICOP-2 one of the most influential frameworks shaping clinical practice, education, and research in orofacial pain worldwide.

Join us for an inspiring afternoon of cutting-edge knowledge exchange from experts at the forefront of the field. 🦷



● October 26, 2026  
● 14:00-19:00



● Faculty of Dentistry, Chulalongkorn University  
● Bangkok, Thailand

Symposium Chairs:

● Prof. Chris Peck  
● Prof. Ambra Michelotti  
● Prof. Peter Svensson

Further information regarding the full scientific program and registration will be announced soon.





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