

HKU Faculty of Dentistry opens new surgical training centre

The HKU Faculty of Dentistry now has a new surgical training centre in the Discipline of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. Located on the second floor of the Prince Philip Dental Hospital, the *AO CMF Surgical Training Centre* is Hong Kong's first training facility dedicated to craniomaxillofacial surgery.

The *AO CMF Surgical Training Centre* was officially opened in November 2006 during the 7th Asian Congress on Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. Its goal is to provide a much-needed educational environment to promote quality craniomaxillofacial surgery in Asia.

"The *AO CMF Surgical Training Centre* will lay the foundation for future great surgeons," says **Prof Lim K Cheung**, Chair Professor in the Discipline of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at the HKU Faculty of Dentistry and director of the new training centre. "The centre will offer the latest surgical armamentarium and training videos for future leading surgeons from different Asian countries who wish to improve their knowledge in craniomaxillofacial surgery."



Prof Lim K Cheung



Helping shape the future of craniomaxillofacial surgery in Asia

The HKU Faculty of Dentistry has established the *AO CMF Surgical Training Centre* on the second floor of the Prince Philip Dental Hospital

The centre was endorsed by AO Education, and support to renovate the hospital premises to establish the centre was generously donated by Synthes. "Thanks to AO Education and Synthes, we are now proud to be able to accept the responsibility of providing surgical skill training in craniomaxillofacial surgery to surgeons in the region," says Prof Cheung.

Young surgeons living in Asia can apply for a 1-month AO Fellowship to travel to Hong Kong and train in craniomaxillofacial surgery at the centre. More information about the *AO CMF Surgical Training Centre* and enrolment in its training programmes can be requested from Prof Cheung by e-mailing <lkcheung@hku.hk>.

Craniomaxillofacial surgery is the surgical treatment of disorders and conditions of the skull, jaws, and face. Synthes is a leading manufacturer of instruments and devices for bone fixation (website, www.synthes.com), and the AO Association for Osteosynthesis is a non-profit knowledge organisation in osteosynthesis (bone generation) that is based on a worldwide network of surgeons (website, www.aofoundation.org).