The 6th China-ASEAN Forum on Dentistry (CAFD) was held between 18 and 21 October 2018. Our President, Dr Haston Liu, and Vice President, Dr Century Tsang, led the HKDA delegation to participate in the forum in Nanning, Guangxi.

CAFD serves as a platform for China and ASEAN member states to cooperate in dental education, medical research and academic exchange. It has been successfully held for five sessions.

The themes of the 6th CAFD were “Digital Dentistry” and “Oral Stem Cell”. The forum was composed of several parts: 1) Summit, 2) The 3rd China-ASEAN Excellent Young Dental Student Forum, 3) Symposium on Modern Dentistry, and 4) Symposium on Digital Dentistry.

In the Symposium on Modern Dentistry, Dr Liu presented the topic “Informed Consent as Part of Practice Management” and discussed the key points of informed consent before any treatment should be done.

Dr Elvis Ley and Dr Century Tsang presented the HKDA Professional Volunteer Service Trip in Cambodia in June 2018. The background, objectives and logistics of the service trip were discussed. The presentation also highlighted the great collaboration between the Hong Kong and Cambodia Dental Associations and our great future interest in further joining dental outreach programs internationally.

Dr Charles Yeung presented the topic “Optimizing Smile Esthetics with Treatment of Orthodontic Problems in the Vertical Dimension”. He explained the importance of planning the incisors’ position and how it could significantly affect smile esthetics. Many clinical cases were shown to illustrate the implementation of appropriate treatment mechanics.

Apart from the forum, the delegation visited the construction site of the new campus of Guangxi Medical University ASEAN International College of Stomatology. It serves to train local students as well as those from other countries of ASEAN which include Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam. It aims at becoming an international disease prevention and medical research centre.
Dr. Euan Chan

The 6th China-ASEAN Forum on Dentistry was held in Nanning this year, and I had the privilege to join the trip with other members sponsored by the HKDA.

The forum began with an open ceremony, with attendees from all around Asia, and even some from the USA. Booths were set up in a hall showcasing new products from different companies, and lectures with different topics were also available for everyone to listen to throughout the few days. "Digital Dentistry" was the topic I was most interested in.

Fortunately, due to the connections made earlier by our senior members in HKDA, we were able to visit the new dental hospital project. It was still under construction, but I could already foresee how magnificent it will be when it is done. It was definitely the largest dental hospital I have ever seen. It consisted of 4 main blocks, with a capacity of over 400+ dental chairs to be set up in one block, and over 2,000+ staff were estimated to be employed, including students.

With some free time at night, we decided to visit a local night market with some local dentists, and apart from enjoying local street food, we also got to understand different styles of practice in dentistry in different areas and their respective cultures.

In addition, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to the hospitality shown by the staff from Nanning, from arranging pick-ups at the airport to daily transport. Last but not least, I am proud of seeing my country improving and growing constantly in knowledge and technological advances.