# **GUANGHUA SCHOOL OF STOMATOLOGY, SUN YAT-SEN UNIVERSITY**

# Triple dental excellence

Guanghua School of Stomatology excels in education, patient care and research.

ocated in Guangzhou, the third biggest city in China and the cultural and economic centre of south China, the Guanghua School of Stomatology, Sun Yat-Sen University, is one of the most prestigious dental schools in China, ranking sixth in the country. It was founded in 1974 as the Faculty of Stomatology, Sun Yat-sen Medical College, and adopted its present name in 2001. It is a modern dental school with high integration of education, patient care and research.

## First-class faculty and education

Guanghua School of Stomatology is the south China hub for dental science education. It seeks to foster outstanding stomatologists who have high-levels of leadership and professional competence and who are dedicated to improving oral health through patient care, teaching and research. The school has 278 full-time academic faculty members and 484 other staff. It offers various degree courses, including a five-year bachelor degree (BDS), three-year master degrees (MDS and MPhil) and three-year doctoral degrees as well as various continuing



education programmes. It is the only accredited dental school to offer doctoral degrees in south China. Over 800 students are enrolled at the school. Each year it accepts about 90–100 undergraduate students, 40 master students and 18 doctoral students.

The school has a state-of-the-art experimental teaching centre, which occupies 3,000 square metres and is equipped with 170 advanced dental patient simulation workstations, ten dental microscopes, two virtual simulation systems and a three-dimensional printing system. These facilities provide excellent preclinical training conditions for students.

#### **Excellent patient care**

As the largest stomatological hospital in south China, the Hospital of Stomatology, Sun Yat-sen University, is a key dental hospital under the umbrella of the National Health and Family Planning Commission of China. It is the main clinical practicing centre for the students of Guanghua School of Stomatology. It is also accredited as a Chinese National Base for Medical Licensing Examination and a National Standard Training Base for Residence. The hospital has a strong reputation in China for its advanced facilities, comfortable environment and high-quality treatment. It consists of 15 clinical departments and 7 auxiliary departments. The departments of conservative dentistry and endodontic, oral and maxillofacial surgery, prosthodontics and orthodontics were appraised as National Key Clinical Specialties by the Ministry of Health in 2010 and 2012. The hospital has 375 dental chairs and 80 inpatient beds and accepts about 600,000 outpatients and 2,200 inpatients annually. It is noted for its standardized treatment protocols, management of complicated cases and embrace of new clinical technology.

## High-level research

A research institute that mainly focuses on dental and craniofacial diseases was established by the school in 2006. It is the largest stomatological research centre in south China, equipped with advanced experimental equipment whose total cost exceeds 36 million RMB. The institute has four main laboratories: an oral molecular biology laboratory, an oral cell biology laboratory, a translational medicine laboratory for oral maxillofacial cancer and a biomaterial laboratory. In 2012, it was designated the Key Laboratory of Stomatology of Guangdong Province. Faculty have active research programmes funded by several key research sponsor organizations. It is in the upper echelon of dental schools that receive high-level research projects such as National Science and Technology supported Plan Projects and National Natural Science Foundation Projects. In 2007, the school started publishing the e-journal Chinese Journal of Stomatological Research, whose influence has widened greatly in China so that it has become one of the Core Scientific and Technological Journals of China.



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