

Donation to Section XV

Master Fellow William Wong, who was the first Regent of ICD Hong Kong, donated 1 million Hong Kong Dollars (equivalent to \$130,000 US) to [ICD Section XV](#) to establish an educational fund in memory of his late father, Master Fellow Wong Min Sam, who was one of the first Regents of ICD China where he brought his knowledge and training in dentistry from Canada to Asia.

The purpose of this fund is to promote dental education by continuing Dr. Wong Min Sam's legacy with the Belt and Road countries, with the spirit of sharing progress vital to the advancement of dentistry in developing Asian nations and to the advancement of ICD in Asia. The fund's mission is to send ICD Fellows, of greater China areas and nations represented by Section XV, to conduct continuing education and professional development in Belt and Road countries and internationally.

History of Father Wong Min Sam and Son William Wong

Dr. Wong Min Sam was inducted as an ICD Fellow on May 13, 1930. The official signatures on his various official ICD documents present a historical record of early ICD world leaders. His Fellowship Certificate was signed by ICD founder Louis Ottofy, Registrar. At the time, Dr. Wong Min Sam lived and practiced dentistry in Canton, China, and was appointed Regent for his Section in China in 1946 by ICD Registrar Elmer Best. He was nominated for this post by Fellow Gordon Agnew, who was educated in Canada and also became a dental innovator and early ICD leader in China. In 1969, Dr. Wong Min Sam was named a Master Fellow by Harold Westerdahl, Registrar.

Dr. William Wong became a Fellow of ICD on July 10, 1969. He received a certificate of merit from ICD in 1973 and became the Regent of ICD Region 22 Hong Kong. Dr. William Wong received his dental education in Toronto, Canada, and started his

dental practice in Hong Kong in 1963. Leadership positions he has held include President of the Hong Kong Dental Association and leading representative from Hong Kong to the FDI World Dental Federation. He has been active in local governance committees of the Special Administrative Region (SAR) of Hong Kong and was named a Master Fellow by ICD Section XV in Macau this past June.



Dr. William Wong receives Master Fellowship from Section XV in Macau in June 2018. (L/R) Section XV President KC How (Malaysia), Master Fellow William Wong (Hong Kong), International Secretary General Jack Hinterman (USA), Section XV Vice President William Cheung (Hong Kong).

Spirit of the Belt and Road Initiative

The Belt and Road initiative is an economic development program created by China's President Xi. Economic and other assistance is offered to all nations that touch on the ancient travel routes, both the Silk Road and maritime routes between Asia and Europe. Most of these nations have an ICD presence, and ICD Fellows have declared an interest in participating in the same Belt and Road spirit through humanitarian and educational outreach initiatives.

Congratulations and thank you to the family of Master Fellow William Wong and ICD Section XV for this collaboration, which will help many and enshrine the memory of an ICD historical figure, Master Fellow Wong Min Sam.