

Dental Services

The primary objectives of the Dental Service Division are to raise the oral health awareness of the community, provide preventive and promotive oral health care services to the public, as well as provide comprehensive dental services to civil servants and their dependants as part of Government's contractual obligation to its employees.

Preventive and promotive oral health care services to the public are rendered through the School Dental Care Service (SDCS) and the Oral Health Education Unit (OHEU). The Division also collaborates with Water Supplies Department in the regular monitoring of the level of fluoride in the water supply.

The SDCS, in operation since 1980, promotes oral hygiene and provides basic and preventive dental care to primary school children through seven school dental clinics (SDC) in the territory. In 1999/2000 school year, 428 909 primary school children from 864 schools participated in the SDCS, accounting for 86.5% of the total primary school children population in Hong Kong. Of all school children who attended in 1999/2000 school year, 83% were rendered dentally fit (Figure 28).

牙科服務部

牙科服務部的主要目標是提高市民對口腔健康的瞭解，並為市民提供預防牙患、促進口腔健康的護理服務，以及履行政府在合約上訂明為公務員及其家屬提供綜合牙科服務的責任。

預防牙患、促進口腔健康的護理服務主要由學童牙科保健服務部和口腔健康教育組負責提供。牙科服務部又與水務署合作，定期監察食水的含氟量。

學童牙科保健服務部於一九八零年成立，轄下設有七間學童牙科診所，負責推廣口腔衛生和為小學生提供基本的治療和預防牙患護理服務。一九九九至二零零零學年，共有 428 909 名來自 864 間學校的小學生參加學童牙科保健服務，參與人數佔全港小學生總人數的 86.5%。在該學年就診的學生當中，83% 達到良好的牙齒健康狀況（圖 28）。

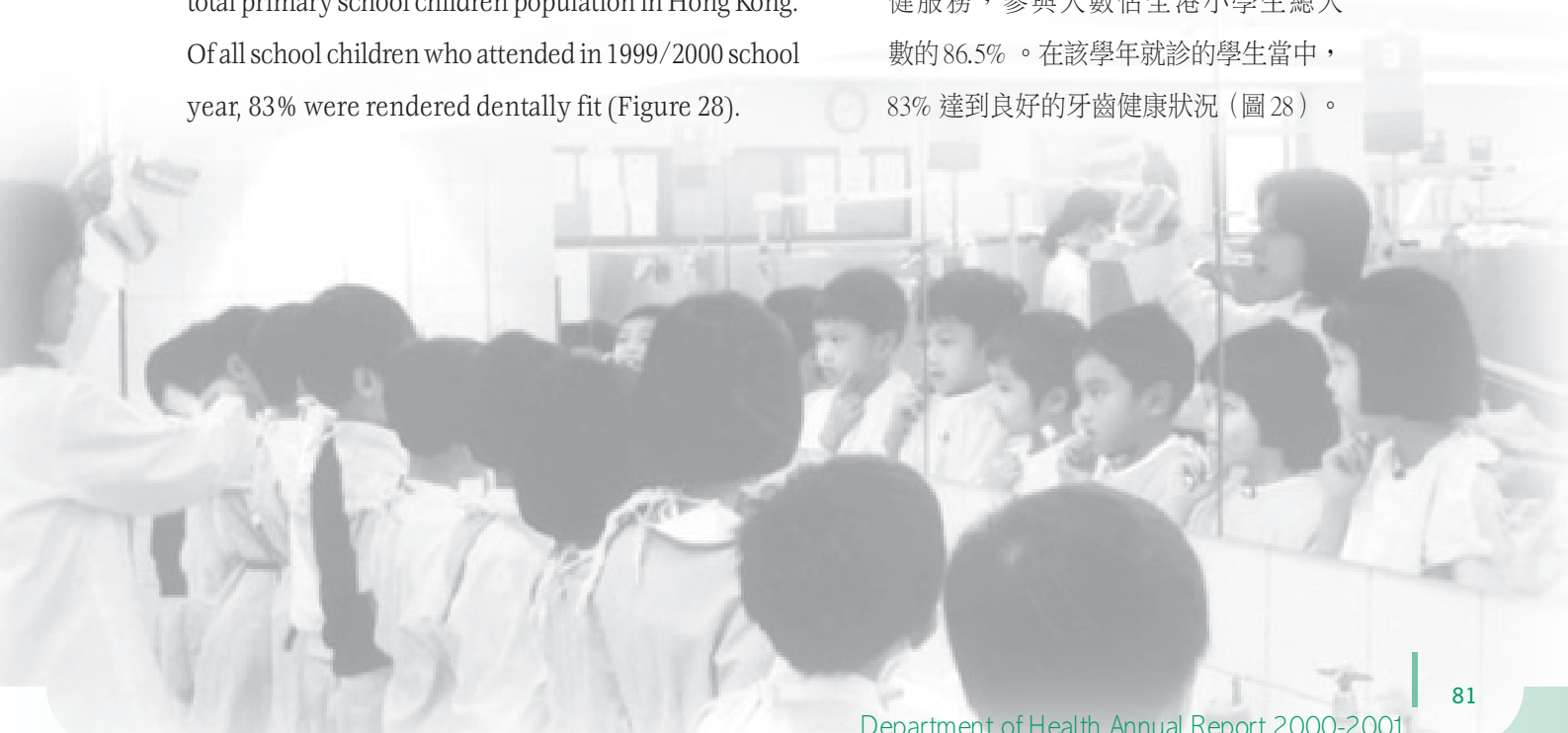
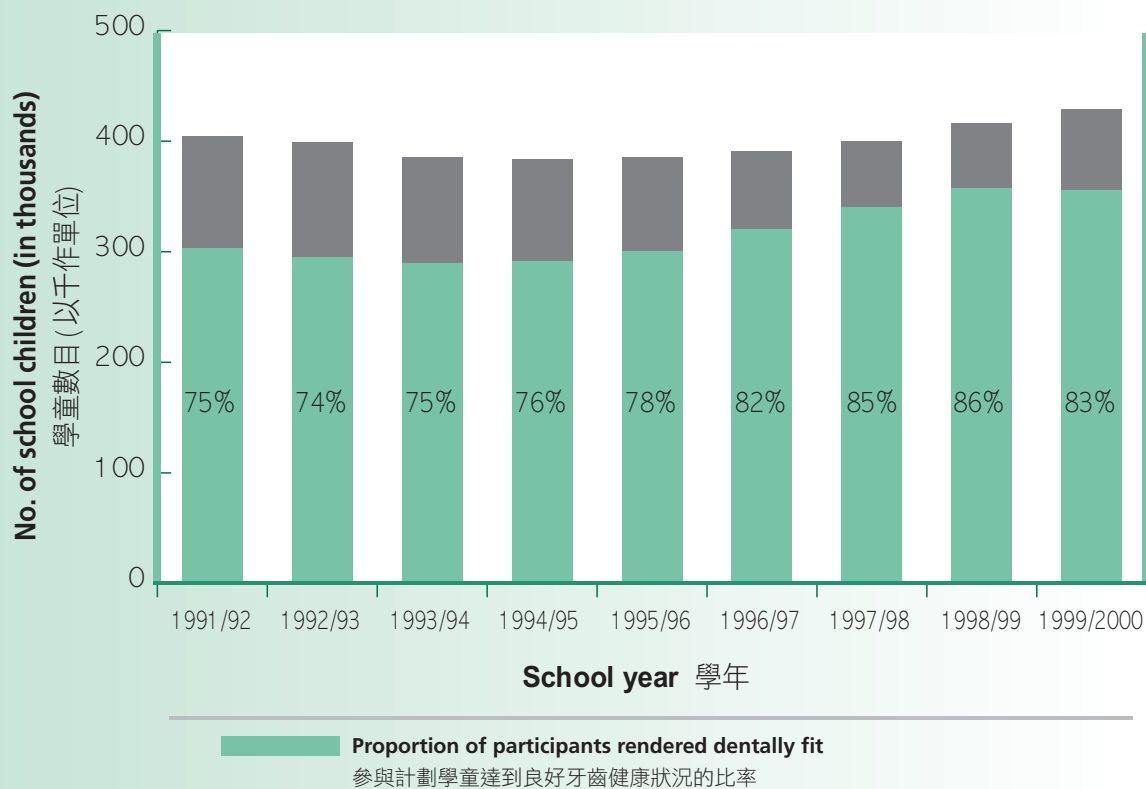


Figure 28 Number of School Children Participating in School Dental Care Service and Proportion of Participants Rendered Dentally Fit in the School Years of 1991/92 - 1999/2000

圖 28 一九九一 / 九二學年至一九九九 / 二零零零學年學童牙科保健計劃參加人數及達到良好牙齒健康狀況的比率



The OHEU promotes oral health to all sectors of the community by producing oral health education materials and organising exhibitions and campaigns, and engaging in collaborative projects with professional bodies, non-governmental agencies, community groups and oral health care industries. Besides supporting other health service units, the OHEU continues with the Pre-school Oral Health Education Programme and pilot oral health education programme for secondary school children.

口腔健康教育組透過印製口腔健康教育資料、舉辦展覽及活動，並與專業團體、非政府機構、社區組織和口腔健康護理工作者攜手推行促進口腔健康的計劃，向市民宣傳有關信息。該組除支援其他健康服務部外，還繼續推行學前兒童口腔健康教育活動和試辦以中學生為對象的口腔健康教育活動。

The OHEU produced 94 new titles of oral health education materials in 2000. There were 123 563 attendances at all its programmes and activities. The OHEU continues to strengthen its efforts on oral health promotion in a primary care approach and delivers more outreaching oral health educational programmes to a larger cross section of the community through the oral health education bus and the participation in various health carnivals throughout the territory. The OHEU also provides a 24-hour oral health education hotline (2713 6344) and an oral health education homepage (www.toothclub.gov.hk) to facilitate the accessibility to oral health information for the general public.

The Dental Service Division also fulfills Government's contractual obligation to its employees. Dental services to this target group are rendered through 40 Government dental clinics providing comprehensive dental treatment to civil servants and their dependants. Eleven of these clinics also provide emergency dental services to the general public as well. The Government dental service recorded 656 939 visits by civil servants and dependants, and 100 209 visits by general public patients in 2000.

Curative dental services are provided to public hospital patients and prisoners/inmates of correctional institutions. Patients with special oral health care needs, such as the mentally and physically handicapped, receive dental care at seven oral maxillofacial surgery and dental units (OMS&DUs). In 2000, a total of 9 581 patients with special oral health care needs were treated at these OMS&DUs.

口腔健康教育組於二零零零年製作了94個以口腔健康教育為主題的新教材，共有123 563人次參與舉辦的活動。口腔健康教育組繼續以基層護理模式加強促進口腔健康的工作，並透過口腔健康教育巴士和協辦全港多項健康嘉年華，讓更多市民參與更廣泛的口腔健康教育活動。該組亦設有24小時口腔健康教育熱線(2713 6344)和口腔健康教育網頁(www.toothclub.gov.hk)，方便公眾獲取口腔健康資訊。

另一方面，牙科服務部履行政府在合約上訂明對僱員的責任。該部透過40間政府牙科診所，為公務員及其家屬提供牙科治療服務，其中11間診所亦為市民提供緊急牙科治療服務。二零零零年，公務員及其家屬到診人次是656 939，至於公眾人士到診人次則為100 209。

此外，該部還為公立醫院住院病人和懲教機構的犯人／被羈留者提供牙科診治服務。至於需要特殊口腔護理的病人，如弱智和弱能人士，則可在七個口腔頷面外科及牙科部獲得牙科護理服務。在二零零零年，共有9 581名需要特殊口腔護理的人士曾於這七個口腔頷面外科及牙科部接受治療。

A territory-wide oral health survey (OHS) will be conducted in 2001 to determine the oral health status and the level of oral health awareness of the community. Information from OHS 2001 will be useful in planning and evaluating oral health programmes, monitoring oral health status vis-à-vis oral health goals and providing the background for formulating appropriate oral health policy.

全港口腔健康調查將於二零零一年展開，以確定市民的口腔健康狀況，以及他們對口腔健康的認識程度。二零零一年口腔健康調查所得資料會有助策劃及評估口腔健康計劃、監察有關口腔健康狀況與口腔健康目標的比較，以及提供背景資料以制定適當的口腔健康政策。

