

## Asian Sections Welcome International President



**President Dowell addresses the audience and new Fellows of Section XIII, in Chengdu, China.**

After visiting multiple [ICD Regions](#) during the first quarter of the year, International President Phillip Dowell continues to be a true ambassador for the College during his presidency, visiting ICD Sections in China, Taiwan, Korea and Japan. Before beginning his Asia tour, Dr. Dowell participated in a highly publicized [interview](#) with the British Dental Journal.

Dr. Dowell's first stop was China for the [Section XIII](#) convocation ceremony, which took place on April 25. He helped welcome 35 new Fellows into the College, which puts Section XIII just over 400 Fellows total. A meeting took place with Section XIII President Zhou, Xuedong, and several topics were discussed including the creation of more districts and the opportunity to identify an ICD Diamond Sponsor in China. Overall, the visit was a success with a special lecture on Oral Systemic Links by New Zealand Fellow Graeme Ting.

Next, Dr. Dowell and wife Dr. Sheila Dowell ventured to Korea where they had productive gatherings with [Section XI](#) leaders, including College Past President Woong Yang, who was in good health. International Councilor Ho Youl Chang attentively

hosted the Dowells and provided an enjoyable stay in Seoul. Dr. Dowell addressed Section leaders on growth and governance issues, learned of the Section's plan for creating new districts in the future, and participated in the Section convocation on May 7. Furthermore, Dr. Dowell was able to visit with representatives of ICD Diamond Sponsor [MegaGen](#), where they conferred ways to improve the Diamond Sponsor partnership in the future.

The third stop during President Dowell's Asian travels was Taiwan, for [Section XII](#) annual activities. Shortly after arriving, the Dowells were taken on a brief tour of the island by the Section XII Assistant Louis Hsieh. During the induction ceremony on May 14, Dr. Dowell participated in inducting 12 new Fellows. He also spoke in length with Taiwan Section leaders about adding more districts to their Section structure, rearranging their initiation charges for new Fellows, and the preparations for the 2017 Council meeting in Taipei City.

Finally, the Dowells flew over to Japan for the [Section VII](#) initiation ceremony on May 21, in Nagoya. President Dowell held a collaborative conversation with Section leaders and outlined a plan for significant growth in the future. He learned Section VII has already taken proactive steps towards growth by liberalizing their membership criteria and decreasing their fees. International Councilor Akira Senda and wife Mayumi spent a hospitable evening with the Dowells, and the 100-year anniversary Council meeting, to take place in Japan in 2020, was further discussed. The Dowells ended their Asian adventure with an exciting two-day visit to Hiroshiima, Myajima and Kyoto.



**(Left) [L/R] Korea Councilor Chang, wife Kyunghwa and President Dowell during his Korea visit. (Right) Japan and Taiwan leaders with the Dowells during the meetings of Section VII Japan.**

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