

# UP MANILA (UP COLLEGE OF DENTISTRY) AND GWANGJU HEALTH UNIVERSITY (KOREA)

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Padilla said the accord is significant and deep, fusing the technical knowhow and skills of both institutions, adding that "she looks forward to having GHU's faculty at UP Manila and having our faculty in your university."

In his remarks, Chung said their government's assistance is a gesture of gratitude to reciprocate the Philippines' help during the Korean War decades ago.

"It wasn't long ago when Korea asked for help and the Philippines was willing to make a sacrifice. Gwangju Health University is proud to enter into (an) agreement today with UP Manila to promote the joint venture to construct a digital dental laboratory to enhance the curriculum at UPCD," Chung said. Homepage ( Article MRec ), pagematch: 1, sectionmatch: 1 am here personally to show my commitment to this project and to meet some old friends for the first time. GHU has a unique opportunity to share its specialized knowledge and skills to help further develop a leading university in health care. UPCD, a true world-class academic institution, has strong and impressive credentials in dentistry," he added.

This development has set another milestone for UPCD as it strives to sustain its excellence in providing high quality education for the practice of dentistry as a health service profession.

The UP Manila College of Dentistry Dean Danilo L. Magtanong gives his message to the GHU Contingent. (From L-R: UPM Vice Chancellor Arlene Samaniego, UPM Chancellor Carmencita Padilla, UPM College of Dentistry Dean Danilo Magtanong, Philippine Association of Dental Colleges President Arturo De Leon)

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Present during preparatory meetings held prior to the signing ceremony were the following:

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