



Update on the new One Health focussed Veterinary school in Hong Kong

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Introduction

City University of Hong Kong, in collaboration with Cornell University's College of Veterinary Medicine established a School, now a College of Veterinary Medicine in March 2014. The expressed intention is to lead research and teaching of **Food Safety, Animal Welfare, Emerging Infectious diseases** and **Aquatic Production** in the city and the region.

Background

Hong Kong has hitherto not had a veterinary school, but at any one time ~250 residents are studying veterinary medicine abroad, largely in Australia/NZ and the UK. This may mean that students' learning has lacked the focus on locally pertinent issues. This could be a deficiency when they return home as graduates to practice in Hong Kong.

Materials and Methods

The School of Veterinary Medicine was established by City University of Hong Kong with an initial focus on postgraduate courses and relevant research, in the four themed areas and CPD provision. A path to accreditation is established through the AVBC*.

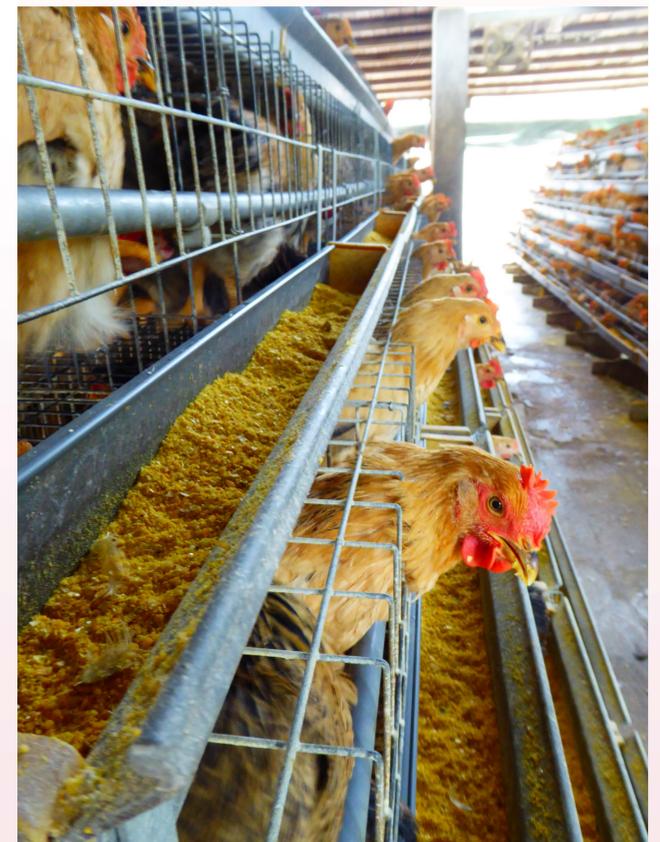


Results

12 BVM students have already completed the first year (of six) of a Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine. Another 17 BVM students commenced their study in September 2018. The first BVM cohort just had the first extra-mural large animal experience facilitated by Cornell's CVM, in Ithaca (NY). A Veterinary nursing degree commenced in 2016. Almost 30 PhD students are already enrolled in an Interdisciplinary PhD programme with involvement of both, CityU and Cornell supervisors.



The establishment of a locally-focused veterinary school, partnered with a top North American veterinary college provides opportunities for students and faculty alike to engage in research and learning with a local focus, but truly global perspective.



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