



Nurses provide dental health checks to children in Vientiane province.

## Free dental check-ups for children in Muengfueng

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The Organisation of International Support for Dental Education (OISDE) from Japan has provided free dental health checks for children in Vientiane province to commemorate International Children's Day on June 1.

The campaign was a collaborative effort by dental professionals from the OISDE and the University of Health Sciences (UHS), providing dental services for children in Muangfueng district, Vientiane province with the aim of improving oral and dental health among children and the youth.

Children from poorer

families were also given access to the services and were encouraged to attend. Almost 60 children were given access to oral health services by a mobile team consisting of UHS and OISDE staff, with the team also providing 500 sets of toothbrushes and toothpaste to the children.

An official from UHS, Dr Vorasack Phounsiri, said the medical staff that provided the services to the children in Muangfueng district had already taken part in the 'Workshop on Capacity Building of Nurses through Dental and Oral Health' training course, which was supported by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan.

The Faculty of Dentistry at UHS, Vientiane provincial Health Department, OISDE and a nursing school in the province implemented and supported the oral and dental health campaign.

"The objective of the campaign is not only to improve the oral and dental health of children in the district; it also aims to ensure the public are aware of Muangfueng district hospital and the dispensaries providing dental services," Dr Vorasack said.

He added that the services would decrease transportation fees for patients who would otherwise be travelling further afield in order to seek dental treatment.