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**Centro Escolar University (CEU) Dentistry as School of Choice of Foreign Students**

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The sudden influx of foreign students to study Dentistry in the Philippines astounded dental schools, dental educators and dental students in the country. A close examination of this foreign students seeking admission to a few selected dental school reflects the quality of education these school offers. Objectives: This study aim to determine the characteristics of dentistry foreign students at CEU and identify their reasons for studying dentistry in the Philippines. Methods: A descriptive study was conducted on a population of 208 foreign students, aged 20 to 30 years old who were interviewed and asked to answer a set of questionnaires that covers their profile, their reasons of choosing dentistry as a profession and for choosing to enroll specifically in CEU. Results: In a population of 208 foreign students, 72.12% were dentistry proper (third to sixth year undergraduate) while 27.88% were still in their preparatory years (first and second year undergraduate). Profile of the subjects revealed 83.17% were Iranian, the remaining 16.83% were Koreans (the second largest group), Chinese, Taiwanese, Kuwaiti, Egyptian, American, Thai, Iranian-Filipino and Canadian-Filipino; 91.35% were single; 80.29% were non-resident alien; 85.10% were Muslims; their birthplace were also their country of origin, majority were from Iran 85.58%.and 76.92% of them resided in the city. Majority (66.84%) were children of businessmen, doctors, engineers, diplomats, politicians. Findings also reveals 39.44% were college graduates with dentistry as second course. Main reasons for studying dentistry at CEU included parents' choice, recognized CEU as best school in the Philippines, high standard of education, CEU is accredited and highly recommended in their country, and relatives are alumni of CEU. Reasons for choosing dentistry as a profession includes relatives are dentists, prestige, desire to improve oral health condition of their respective country (2.41), attract future partners (2.56) and external influences. Conclusions: Foreign students at CEU comprise 11.8% of the total undergraduate Dentistry population and consider the Dentistry program of CEU highly competitive and with high standard of education that is more than enough to prepare them for a lifetime career in their respective countries.

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