Glittering climax to PolyU’s 75th Anniversary Celebration

The year-long celebration of PolyU’s 75th anniversary came to a climax in November with a series of events bringing together elite scholars in academia, great minds from the world of economics and government and industry heavyweights.

The First Summit on University Social Responsibility in an Era of Globalization

On 13-14 November, the First Summit on University Social Responsibility was jointly organized by PolyU and the China Institute of Education Policy and supported by Zhejiang Foundation, with the participation of over 200 higher education leaders from home and abroad. Officially opening the meeting were Prof. Yan Jun-qu, Vice-Chairwoman of the Standing Committee of National People’s Congress and Director of China Institute of Education Policy; Dr. Ai Hong, Representative of the Ministry of Education; Prof. Kevin Yeung, Under Secretary for Education, HKSAR government; Prof. Ren Chen, Zhejiang Foundation; Prof. Roy Chung, Chairman of the PolyU Council, and Prof. Timothy W. Tong, PolyU President.

Prestigious scholars from the Chinese mainland, Taiwan and around the globe shared their views on the relationship between university development and social responsibility in an era of globalization, and exchanged views on government policies, systems and practical experiences.
1. Opening Ceremony of the Conference on "Stabilizing the World Economy"

"PolyU 75th Anniversary Conference: Stabilizing the World Economy"

2-3. Prof. Robert Mundell

4. Mr John Tsang

Another conference on 14 November saw a full house of 400 receiving insights from worldwide economic gurus under the topic of "Stabilizing the World Economy." President Prof. Timothy W. Tong and Prof. Robert Mundell, Nobel Laureate in Economics and Professor of Economics at Columbia University, jointly officiated the PolyU’s 75th Anniversary Conference, which was organized with the support from PolyU’s School of Accounting and Finance.

Opening the conference were Mr John Tsang, Financial Secretary of the HKSAR government; Ms Margaret Yung Mui-lak, PolyU Council Chairman; Prof. Timothy W. Tong, PolyU President; and Prof. Judy Tsui, PolyU Vice President (International and Executive Education), who was the Executive Chairman of the Conference.

Through the insightful perspectives of Prof. Mundell and other distinguished speakers, the conference addressed pressing issues that have implications for the stabilization of the world economy, including the recovery of major economies and emerging markets, the impacts of the European debt crisis, the problems and solutions of having an Asian currency and the possible role of a world currency system.
In addition, the 75th Anniversary Gala Dinner was staged on 13 November at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre. InSAR Chief Executive Mr CY Leung, an alumnus of the University, was Guest of Honour at the event. The presence of some 1,000 members and friends of PolyU, including Council Chairman and distinguished alumni from various areas, made for a very memorable event, which raised HK$11 million for the future development of the University.

On the occasion, PolyU also paid tribute to eight donors for their staunch support for the University through the announcement of eight endowed professorships: the Endowed Professorship in Applied Chemistry contributed by Mr Patrick S.C. Peen, PolyU Council Member and Treasurer; the Endowed Professorship in Fashion and Textiles contributed by an anonymous donor; the Endowed Professorship in Asian Ergonomics contributed by Prof. Angel Lau; the Endowed Professorship in Elderly Vision Health contributed by Dr Edwin Leung Siu-hung; the Endowed Professorship in Otolaryngology contributed by Emeritus Professor George Wong and his brother Dr Victor Wong Chi-pang; the Endowed Professorship in Culture and Art contributed by Miss Cally Kwong Mei-wan; and an Endowed Professorship contributed by The Kimberley Hotel.

此外，理大校庆七十五周年在十一月十三日在香港会议展览中心举行。出席由香港特别行政区政府及香港大学校友会联合举行的校庆活动的嘉宾包括来自不同大学的教授及校友，包括不同行业的企业界及社会界的代表，以及香港著名的企业家及社会人士。热潮由理大校友会代表及理大学生合唱团作开场，热场一路。

3. Alumni sharing snapshots of campus life
校友分享校园生活点滴

4. Accompanied by famous vuvist Mr Yue Yau, Ms. Lai Yuen, and PolyU Staff Choir
由著名葫芦丝演奏家Ms. Lai Yuen及PolyU Staff Choir

5. Live band and singing by Prof. Timothy T. Tong and PolyU friends, alumni and students
由PolyU友人、校友及学生组成的乐队及歌唱表演

6-7. Charitable auction
慈善拍卖

8. Drum performance by the PolyU Sports Team
由PolyU运动员表演的鼓舞表演