

Movements in senior management

Further to the appointment of **Mr Alexander Tzang Hing-chung** as Deputy President with effect from May, the University welcomed aboard **Dr Lui Sun-wing** as Vice President (Partnership and Continuing Education) on 3 July.



Dr Lui Sun-wing

Dr Lui will be responsible for strengthening industrial partnership and projects; and managing intellectual property, consultancy, executive training programmes, institution relations and self-financed professional and continuing education. He will steer the further development of the Institute for Enterprise and the School of Professional Education and Executive Development.

Prior to joining PolyU, Dr Lui was a Branch Director of the Hong Kong Productivity Council (HKPC), which he joined in 1981. A Chartered Engineer with a PhD degree in mechanical engineering, Dr Lui is expert in research and development related to the practical applications of technology. Leading the Product Development and Innovation Institute of HKPC, he has provided consultancy services to local industry in the areas of CAD/CAM, manufacturing technologies, precision engineering, and product design and development.

Mr Alexander Tzang oversees in his new position quality assurance at the institutional level, management upgrade and re-engineering, strategic planning and implementation, resources deployment as

well as corporate communications. (Appointment reported in April issue of *Profile*.)

Meanwhile, all with effect from 1 July, **Prof. Leung Tin-pui**, Vice President (Student and Staff Development) and Dean of Faculty of Communication, is overseeing matters related to the development of staff and students; Vice President (Academic Development) **Prof. Philip Yeung Kwok-wing** is taking charge of academic development matters; and in his new capacity, Acting Vice President (Research Development) **Prof. Suleyman Demokan** is overseeing the research development of the University.

Prof. Ko Jan-ming, Chair Professor of Structural Engineering, has been appointed Associate Vice President and Dean of Faculty of Construction and Land Use. **Prof. Choy Chung-loong**, Chair and Head of the Department of Applied Physics is doubling as Dean of Faculty of Applied Science and Textiles. **Prof. Raymond Chiang Chiu-ping**, Chair Professor of Financial Management, has been appointed as Dean of Faculty of Business and Information Systems. And starting 1 August, **Prof. Siu Wan-chi**, Chair Professor of Information Engineering, is assuming the post of Acting Dean of Faculty of Engineering. ❖

Hard to say goodbye...



Prof. Anson (right).



Prof. Wong (middle) receives a souvenir from the President.

Prof. Joshua Wong, Vice President and Dean of Faculty of Communication, and **Prof. Michael Anson**, Dean of Faculty of Construction and Land Use (FCLU) – both due to retire from their positions this summer – have been invited to stay on with PolyU. On 23 June, a warm “farewell” dinner was held for the two professors.

Prof. Wong will serve as Senior Consultant to the University and Chair Professor of Electronic and Information Engineering with effect from 25 August. He was first appointed as Head of the Department of Electronic Engineering in 1974.

Prof. Anson has been appointed as Senior Consultant to the University as well as Chair Professor of Civil Engineering from 3 July. Prof. Anson joined the Institution in 1988 as Head of the Department of Civil and Structural Engineering. ❖

Honorary doctorates & fellowships for the distinguished



From left to right, top to bottom: Mr Cheng Siwei, Mr Allan Wong, Dr Ching Yuen-kai, Mr Vincent Fang, Mr Foo Tak-nam, Mr Patrick Fung, Mr Jeffrey Lam, Mr Lam Tai-fai, Mr Lawrence Lam, Prof. John Leong, Mr Lo King-man and Dr Henry Tseng

The University will award honorary doctoral degrees to two distinguished figures at its sixth Congregation, to be held on 23 November. **Mr Cheng Siwei** will be conferred the honorary degree of Doctor of Business Administration and **Mr Allan Wong Chi-yun** will be awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Technology. This year, for the first time, the University is also conferring University Fellowship on 10 personalities who have contributed significantly to the Institution.

Known as the “Father of Venture Capital Development in China”, Mr Cheng has been a major driving force behind the development of venture capital sector in China. A management science specialist by profession, Mr Cheng is now Vice-Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People’s Congress, Chairman of the China Democratic National Construction Association, and Director-General of Management Sciences of the National Natural Science Foundation.

Mr Allan Wong Chi-yun, co-founder and Chairman of VTech Holdings Limited, is honoured for his contribution to the advancement of innovation and technology in Hong Kong, as well as his dedicated public services. VTech launches more than 80 innovative electronic learning and telecommunication products each year, and hires more than 20,000 employees worldwide.

Mr Wong has been a member of the Chief Executive’s Commission on Innovation and Technology, the Central Policy Unit, and the Hong Kong Governor’s Business Council. Recently, he has been appointed Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Hong Kong Applied Science and Technology Research Institute Company Limited. Mr Wong has also served on the PolyU Council from 1992 to 1998.

The 10 personalities who will be conferred Fellowship are:

- **Dr Ching Yuen-kai**, former Deputy Director of the then Hong Kong Polytechnic (1972–86)
- **Mr Vincent Fang Kang**, Managing Director of Fantastic Garments and former PolyU Council member
- **Mr Foo Tak-nam**, founding Chairman of the PolyU (Western Canada) Association (1996–99) and former Head of the Department of Applied Social Studies (1987–88)
- **Mr Patrick Fung Yuk-bun**, Chairman and Chief Executive of Wing Hang Bank and Deputy Chairman of PolyU Council
- **Mr Jeffrey Lam Kin-fung**, Managing Director of Forward Winsome Industries and PolyU Council Executive Committee member since 1995
- **Mr Lam Tai-fai**, Managing Director of Peninsula Knitters and Chairman of The Textiles and Clothing Alumni Association of PolyU
- **Mr Lawrence Lam Yin-ming**, Senior Partner of Messrs M.K. Lam & Co. and PolyU Council member
- **Prof. John Leong Chi-yan**, Professor and Head of Department of Orthopaedic Surgery of The University of Hong Kong and former PolyU Council member
- **Mr Lo King-man**, Director of the Hong Kong Academy of Performing Arts and former Deputy Director of the then Hong Kong Polytechnic (1986–93)
- **Dr Henry Tseng**, Managing Director of Kingtronics Holdings and member of the Steering Committee of PolyU’s Institute for Enterprise



New scheme to broaden admission criteria

At a press briefing held on April 14, the President Prof. Poon Chung-kwong and Mrs Nancy Tong, Academic Secretary, announced that the University is launching a new "Non-academic Achievements Self-recommendation Scheme" in addition to taking part in the "JUPAS Sub-system for School Principal's Nomination" in the forthcoming admissions exercise.

The purpose of this initiative is to give more emphasis to the non-academic performance of applicants of the Joint University Programmes Admissions System (JUPAS).

The Scheme was drawn up after a series of review by PolyU's academic departments, which generally agreed that a systematic and comprehensive system should be adopted to more effectively and fairly assess the non-academic achievements of secondary students. It is hoped that the University's support of the all-rounded development of students will be made clear to the secondary schools and students, and more students with non-academic achievements



Academic Secretary Mrs. Nancy Tong briefing the media on the new scheme.

will benefit from the Scheme.

Under the new Scheme, the University will still make reference to the ratings given by secondary school principals in the JUPAS Reference Report on six aspects, namely, power of analysis, independence of mind, leadership, initiative, industry and perseverance and sense of responsibility.

In fact during the 1999 admissions exercise, PolyU has already favourably considered the non-academic performance of JUPAS applicants. Based on the ratings given by secondary school principals on the JUPAS Reference Reports, the University identified applicants with outstanding performance for further consideration. As a result, around 140 applicants were offered a place of study in the 1999 academic year. In addition, PolyU also gave its full support to the "JUPAS Sub-system for School Principal's Nomination" and admitted 41 students through this Scheme in the same year. ❖



Prof. Poon (third from right) and Mrs Tong posing with four first-year students who have been nominated by their school principals for entry into PolyU last year.

Institute for Enterprise opened

One-stop shop for PolyU's services

The University was proud to celebrate the inauguration of its Institute for Enterprise (IfE) at a gala ceremony held on campus recently. The auspicious occasion also saw IfE formally entering into partnership agreements of collaborative projects, representing a total value of more than \$100 million.

The Hon. Donald Tsang, Financial Secretary, officiated at the ceremony, together with Dr Charles Yeung, Chairman of the IfE Steering Committee; Dr Sir Gordon Wu, the University Council Chairman; Prof. Poon Chung-kwong, the President; and Mr Alexander Tzang, CEO of IfE and then Vice President.

The partner companies in the collaborative projects included Artin International Holdings Limited, Australian Society of CPAs (Hong Kong Branch), Eco-Tec Co. Ltd., High Fashion International Ltd. and OMS Cyber Factory Limited.

With an aim to provide one-stop-shop services to business and industry, the Institute first started its operation last July. It is a consolidation of unique business services and joint partnerships with local industries, all with the goal to give Hong Kong an edge in the competitive international market.

In addition, the ceremony celebrated the appointment of eminent leaders from the industrial and commercial sectors as members of the IfE Steering Committee, which will provide guidance and advice to the Institute.

IfE essentially performs functions divided into two main streams — management and executive development as well as technology and product development.

“Each unit is independently operated, but linked together by the Partnership Development Office. All they need to do

is to make one phone call and we can put them in touch with the right people with the right solutions,” explained Mr Tzang.

The units under IfE are, namely, Innovative Technology Research Syndicate, Rapid Product Development Syndicate, PolyU Technology Consultancy Co. Ltd., Management and Executive Development Centre, China Business Centre, Centre for Professional and Business English, PolyU Outpost Centre as well as Partnership Development Office.

To add meaning to the event, a seminar “Building iEnterprises of the Future” was held after the ceremony, featuring prominent speakers from GE Information Services, IBM and Microsoft. ❖

“Switch-on” ceremony:
(from right) Dr Yeung,
Prof. Poon, The Hon. Donald
Tsang, Sir Gordon and
Mr Tzang.



Signing of partnership agreements.



All eyes on research achievements

The University welcomed to its campus members of the Research Grants Council (RGC) and its four subject panels on 22 June. The purpose of this visit was to offer the 100-member RGC delegation an overview of some of the most outstanding research projects undertaken at the University in recent years, including those funded by sources other than the RGC.

In addition to a central exhibition on more than 120 research projects, the visitors were invited to view individual displays in a host of academic departments, to meet their researchers and postgraduate students and tour various research facilities on campus.

The number of on-going research projects at PolyU presently totals more than 2,000. This occasion presents a good opportunity to demonstrate not only the University's strength and significance of its academic and applied research achievements, but also the vibrant research culture on campus.

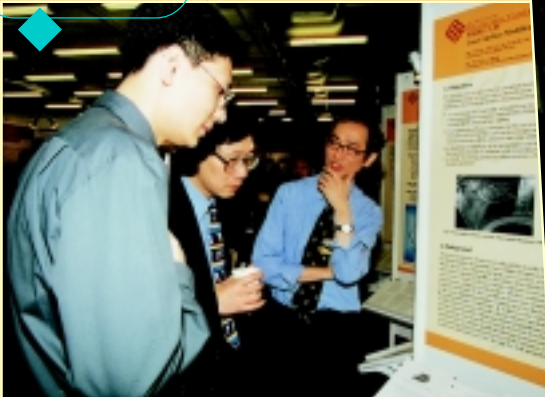
Following their visit, the central exhibition at Fong Shu Chuen Hall was open for public viewing from June 24-25 to keep the public abreast of the academic and applied research achievements of the University.

The projects, from PolyU's 26 academic departments, are grouped into four broad subject disciplines, including Engineering; Biology and Medicine; Physical Sciences; and Humanities, Social Sciences and Business Studies.

Showing off the research work conducted at the acoustic laboratory of the Department of Mechanical Engineering.



Display of a range of selected research projects draws crowds.



The President (left) introduces to RGC Chairman Prof. Kenneth Young new activities at PolyU.



Prof. Edwin Cheng speaks proudly of the University's wide range of research projects.



Briefing for RGC members at the Fashion and Textile Resource Centre.

Prestigious accolade for 20 Chinese



The awardees, guests and PolyU officers posing together.



LegCo Chairperson, the Hon. Mrs Rita Fan (left), congratulates award winner Mr Rong Hai.

The 20 winners of the 2000 Bauhinia Cup Outstanding Entrepreneur Awards from the Chinese mainland were honoured at an award presentation ceremony at Regent Hotel on 19 June.

Building on the successful launch of the Bauhinia Cup awards in 1997, the scheme was organized by PolyU for the second time to give recognition to distinguished mainland entrepreneurs.

The award winners are: Mr Wang Wensheng, Mr Yin Mingshan, Mr Wang Hongde, Mr Zuo Zongshen, Ms Sun Shuyun, Mr Song Chaodi, Mr Li Jian, Mr Wu Degui, Mr Zhang Benzhen, Mr Chen Yongdi, Mr Jin Huiqing, Mr Chen Jinyi, Mr Duan Yongji, Dr Zheng Yuewen, Mr Rong Hai, Mr Guo Guangchang, Mr Guo Liwen, Mr Peng Weimin, Mr Xie Shengming, and Ms Lei Jufang.

All of the awardees are owners of private or township enterprises who have made significant contributions to commerce and industry, and to the advancement of science and technology in recent years. The annual production or sales volume of each enterprise exceeds RMB 100 million yuan, with an annual growth rate of more than 20 per cent.



中醫學權威任訪問教授

大日前聘任中國中央保健委員會專家小組中唯一的中醫、醫學泰斗李輔仁醫師為訪問教授。聘任儀式於六月初由理大署理校長曾慶忠先生主持。李醫師更於典禮後主持以「老人痴呆症及女性更年期」為題的中醫講座。

李輔仁醫師出身於中醫世家，自幼熟讀中醫古籍，後師從名醫施今墨，五十年代加盟北京醫院，多年來一直從事老年保健與老年病防治工作，負責中央政府多名領導人的健康保健要務。他醫德高尚，醫風嚴謹，醫術超群。是當今一位馳名中外的中醫專家。

李醫師行醫六十年，在老年保健與老年病防治方面，積累了豐富的經驗，有許多獨到的見解。由於其貢獻突出，故獲得多次嘉獎。此外，他也是衛生部指定的師承制教育指導老師，並曾任全國第七、八及九界政協委員。

entrepreneurs 理大表揚中國傑出企業家

各得獎人均為對中國工商業及有關科技和社會發展有重大貢獻的優秀民營及鄉鎮企業家。他們出任現職已至少三年；每家企業現時之生產或營業總值，每年超過一億元人民幣，每年並平均有逾兩成的增長。

成就獎得獎人由兩岸三地的知名企業家及社會賢達組成的審定委員會甄選出來。理大今次亦特別邀請了中國人大常委會副委員長成思危先生擔任最高名譽顧問。活動並由宏泰集團有限公司及宏碁基金會聯合贊助。

紫荊花杯傑出企業家成就獎得獎人

| 得獎人 | 企業名稱及職銜 |
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| 王文生先生 | 深圳市日海通訊設備有限公司董事總經理兼總工程師 |
| 尹明善先生 | 重慶力帆轟達實業(集團)有限公司總裁 |
| 王洪德先生 | 北京京海集團公司董事長兼總裁 |
| 左宗申先生 | 重慶宗申摩托車集團董事長兼總裁 |
| 孫淑雲女士 | 長春長白實業(集團)董事長 |
| 宋朝弟先生 | 北京科利華教育軟件公司總裁 |
| 李踐先生 | 昆明風馳明星信息產業(集團)股份有限公司總裁 |
| 吳德貴先生 | 遼寧省營口市遼南橡膠廠總裁 |
| 張本正先生 | 清華紫光股份有限公司總裁 |
| 陳永弟先生 | 深圳彩虹氣霧劑製造有限公司總經理 |
| 金會慶先生 | 安徽三聯集團總裁 |
| 陳金義先生 | 浙江金義集團有限公司董事長 |
| 段永基先生 | 四通集團公司董事長 |
| 鄭躍文先生 | 科瑞集團執行總裁 |
| 榮海先生 | 西安海星科技實業(集團)公司總裁 |
| 郭廣昌先生 | 上海復星高科技(集團)有限公司董事長 |
| 郭立文先生 | 哈慈股份有限公司董事長 |
| 彭偉民先生 | 時代集團公司董事長兼總裁 |
| 謝聖明先生 | 紅桃開集團股份有限公司董事局主席兼總裁 |
| 雷菊芳女士 | 奇正實業集團董事長 |

The Outstanding Entrepreneurs being introduced to R&D activities on campus.

Candidates were assessed by a Selection Committee, comprising prominent entrepreneurs from the mainland, Hong Kong and Taiwan. Mr Cheng Siwei, Vice Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of China, was the Honorary President of the scheme.

由 理工大學主辦的二零零零年紫荊花杯傑出企業家成就獎，共二十位得獎者已於日前由內地來港，出席於六月十九日假麗晶酒店舉行的盛大頒獎典禮。

今年是理大繼九七年首屆紫荊花杯後再度主辦這活動，表揚內地傑出企業家的成就。成就獎的協辦機構包括：中國國際人才交流協會、中華全國工商業聯合會、中國民營科技實業家協會、香港中華總商會、香港總商會及台灣產業職業能力發展中心。

理大於深圳高新技術產業園區成立工商管理人才培訓中心

香 港理工大學與香港青年工業家協會最近攜手在深圳成立香港青年工業家協會培訓中心。中心設於深圳市高新技術產業園區，宗旨為提高國內管理人才之技術及管理水平，促進國內之工業發展。

培訓中心由深圳清華大學研究院培訓中心協辦，其首項兼讀制課程「綜合工程商業管理深造文憑課程」已於六月初開辦。學員修畢課程便可獲香港理工大學及英國華威大學共同頒發的深造文憑。日後學員在香港多修三科，並提交作業報告，更可獲頒授理學碩士學位。

這項課程自九零年起已在香港由理大及華威大學合辦，歷年來為六百多家公司保薦的千多名行政人員提供專業培訓。



Promising prospects



for PolyU graduates

The unemployment rate of the 1999 batch of PolyU graduates has shown a marked decrease from 8 per cent in 1998 to 5.3 per cent.

The figure was released in the Graduate Employment Survey conducted by the Student Affairs Office, which reviewed the employment status by December 31, 1999 of 4,079 PolyU graduates who completed their full-time studies at undergraduate, sub-degree or postgraduate levels last summer. A total of 3,811 valid responses were received, representing a response rate of 93.4 per cent.

It is worth noting that among the first-degree graduates, more than 85 per cent found full-time employment six months after graduation. Another 4.5 per cent furthered their academic pursuit while 4.7 per cent were seeking employment. The rest were either engaged in temporary/part-time jobs or not seeking employment.

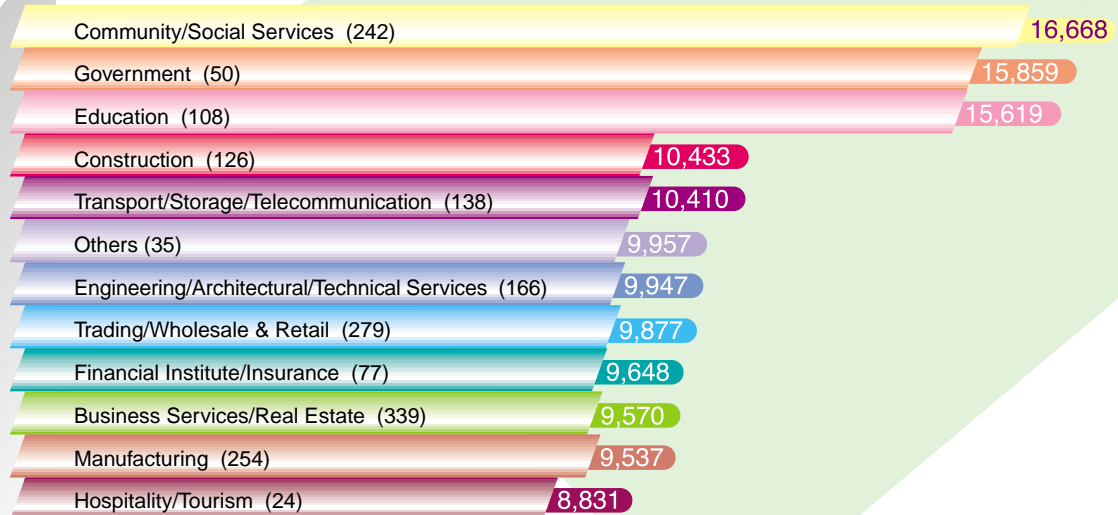
In general, the graduates of 1999 secured their first job offer earlier than the 1998 graduates did. More than 72 per cent of the employed graduates had their first job offer by the end of August, just two months after their graduation.

The average salary of all employed graduates stood at \$11,114. More than 60 per cent of graduates received salary between \$8,000 and \$11,999.

An encouraging finding is that more than 76 per cent of those in full-time employment found their training at PolyU relevant to their present jobs. Besides, given the University's strong links with industry, a substantial 535 or 19 per cent of the employed graduates have previous working experience with their current employers, undertaking training during placement or summer jobs before they graduated.

Employment sector (No. of graduates)

Average salary (\$)



Average salary of bachelor's degree graduates

Plaza named in memory of former Council Chairman



Mrs Joan Cheong (left) and Dr Alice Lam unveil a memorial plaque at the ceremony, flanked by the Council Chairman and the President.

The University recently named the central court fronting its Library after the late Legislative Councillor Stephen Cheong Kam-chuen, who had made significant contribution towards the development of the Institution during his tenure as Chairman of Council of the then Hong Kong Polytechnic, predecessor of PolyU, from 1989 to 1993.

The naming ceremony of the Stephen Cheong Kam-chuen Memorial Plaza took place on campus on June 26. The event was also held in recognition of the generous donation from the Stephen Kam Chuen Cheong Memorial Education Fund for the benefit and welfare of PolyU students.

Mrs Joan Cheong, Mr Cheong's wife, and Dr Alice Lam, Chairman of the Trustees of the Stephen Kam Chuen Cheong Memorial Education Fund, jointly officiated at the ceremony.

Addressing the ceremony, Dr Sir Gordon Wu, Chairman of PolyU's Council, said, "Today's ceremony is more than paying tribute to a man of accomplishments, who had lived life to the full. Mr Cheong will always be remembered as the Council



Sir Gordon presents a memento to Mrs Cheong.

Chairman who paved the way for our Institution to gain university status in 1994."

The donation will provide not only grants to the undergraduate and post-graduate students in need to pay their tuition fees, but also resources to the University's programmes, such as travelling scholarships, subsidies for expenses incurred overseas or on the mainland by student development programmes and summer courses. Financial assistance will also be made available to students with difficulties.

Dr Lam said PolyU has a distinctive

mission, namely to align its education and research provision with the strategic needs of the industrial and commercial sectors of Hong Kong. "It is in line with this notion that all trustees and Council members of the Fund have supported the donation to nurture university students of the highest calibre to meet the challenges of the new century," she commented.

An ardent supporter of education, Mr Cheong had been Chairman of Council of the then Hong Kong Polytechnic, Vocational Training Council and Appointments Committee of The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology.

The Stephen Kam Chuen Cheong Memorial Education Fund was established in May 1993 by Mr Cheong's family and his close friends to commemorate his enormous contributions to Hong Kong, especially its education sector. The Fund aims to help ease the financial burden of students who have scored remarkable academic achievements. ❖