

Spotlight on top performers



To shower public recognition upon staff members with outstanding service to the University and the community, PolyU recently honoured 36 staff members with the “President’s Awards for Outstanding Performance/Achievement 1999”.

The award winners were awarded for their outstanding performance in the five categories of Teaching, Research and Scholarly Activities, Professional Service to the University, Service to the Professional Community and Overall Achievement.

Speaking at the ceremony held on June 14, the President, Prof. Poon Chung-kwong, said the University is very fortunate

in having a professional and supportive staff force: “Without the active contribution of our colleagues, the University would not have achieved such impressive mileage in attaining our goals.”

“This year, to add meaning to the award scheme, the scope of the awards has been expanded to include staff members with consistent outstanding performance over at least the preceding two years. Besides giving out individual awards, we have introduced the Team Award to honour those teams of two or more staff members with distinguished achievement or outstanding performance. Furthermore, the cash award of each awardee has been increased to

\$20,000.” Prof. Poon added.

Apart from a cash award, each awardee was also presented with a trophy at the ceremony. Their names were engraved on a wooden plaque erected outside the Pao Yue-Kong Library on campus.

The awardees have been carefully considered by five sub-panels under the chairmanship of the Deputy President and the Vice-Presidents; and then finally by a core panel chaired by the President.

The Award Scheme was first introduced in 1996 as a means of recognising distinguished professional achievements and outstanding performance. ❖

Roll of honour

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Individual Awards

Teaching

- *Dr Chow Ming-cheung* 周銘祥, Lecturer, Department of Applied Biology & Chemical Technology
- *Dr J. M. K. MacAlpine* 麥家平, Associate Professor, Department of Electrical Engineering
- *Dr Vincent Ng To-yee* 吳道義, Associate Professor, Department of Computing
- *Dr David Yuen Da-wai* 袁大偉, Lecturer, Department of Mechanical Engineering

Research & Scholarly Activities

- *Prof. Helen Chan Wong Lai-wa* 陳王麗華, Professor, Department of Applied Physics
- *Dr Jin Wei* 靳偉, Associate Professor, Department of Electrical Engineering
- *Mr Benny Leong Chin-hong* 梁清河, Assistant Professor, School of Design
- *Dr Shi Wen-zhong* 史文中, Associate Professor, Department of Land Surveying & Geo-Informatics
- *Prof. Wong Kwok-yin* 黃國賢, Professor, Department of Applied Biology & Chemical Technology
- *Dr Winco Yung Kam-chuen* 容錦泉, Associate Professor, Department of Manufacturing Engineering
- *Dr Zhou Li-min* 周利民, Assistant Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering

Professional Service to the University

- *Mr Chan Ka-chun* 陳家春, Lecturer, Chinese Language Centre
- *Dr Chen Gong-meng* 陳工孟, Associate Professor, Department of Accountancy
- *Mr Chris Mong Chan* 蒙燦, Director of Finance, Finance Office
- *Ms Aster Ho Chung-see* 何誦詩, Head, Research Office

Overall Achievement

- *Prof. Lee Ming-kwan* 李明堃, Professor, Department of Applied Social Studies
- *Ms Cathy Ho Shuk-ying* 何淑瑩, School Secretary, School of Professional Education & Executive Development
- *Miss Juanna Chan Yuk-lin* 陳玉蓮, Personal Secretary, Department of Management
- *Miss Virginia Lam Ying-ying* 林櫻櫻, Executive Officer II, Information Technology Services Office
- *Mr Leung Chi-lai* 梁志灃, Senior Artisan, Industrial Centre
- *Ms Candy Leung Ching-yi* 梁靜儀, Clerical Officer II, Department of Applied Biology & Chemical Technology

Service to the Professional Community

- *Mr Ron Cheng Kai-cheong* 鄭繼昌, Engineer I, Industrial Centre

Team Awards

Professional Service to the University

- *Dr Chan Tai-wai* 陳大為, Engineer I, Industrial Centre
- *Mr Yu Chun-ho* 余俊濠 (Leader), Engineer I, Industrial Centre
- *Miss Juliana Tam Mei-yuk* 譚美玉, Training Officer II, Industrial Centre
- *Mr Kong Kang-hoi* 江鏡海, Technician, Industrial Centre
- *Mr So Kin-tak* 蘇建德, Technician, Industrial Centre
- *Mr Wan Chan-tong* 尹燦棠, Technician, Industrial Centre
- *Dr Yung Kai-leung* 容啟亮, Associate Professor, Department of Manufacturing Engineering

Professional Service to the University

- *Mr Taurus Yuen Chi-keung* 袁志強, Computing Officer, Information Technology Services Office
- *Miss Anthea Leung Wai-han* 梁惠嫻, Analyst/Programmer, Information Technology Services Office
- *Mr Ernest Yu Lee-hang* 余理行, Analyst/Programmer, Information Technology Services Office

Overall Achievement

- *Mr Ching Kam-tong* 程錦棠, Technician, Media Services Office
- *Mr Hung Kim-keung* 熊劍強, Technician, Media Services Office
- *Mr Yu Sang* 余生, Technician, Media Services Office
- *Mr Francis Lau Fook-yin* 劉福賢, Clerical Officer II, Media Services Office

PolyU Honor Society of Nursing goes international



The PolyU Honor Society of Nursing of the Department of Nursing and Health Sciences has officially become a local chapter of the Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI) Honor Society of Nursing, the second largest nursing organization in the world.

Named as Pi Iota, this first official local chapter of STTI is committed to acknowledging superior achievement, recognising the development of leadership qualities, fostering high professional standards, encouraging creative work and strengthening the commitment to the further advancement of nursing research.

STTI has a total of 406 chapters located in 503 colleges worldwide, but so far only three chapters have been approved in Southeast Asia (the other two being in Taiwan and Korea). The establishment of a local chapter in Hong Kong gained green light at the last STTI biennial convention held in November 1999 in San Diego, US.



Celebrating the chartering of the chapter: STTI Vice-President Dr Carol Picard (second from right) and PolyU Honor Society officers (from left) Dr Alice Yuen Loke, Prof. Ida Martinson and Ms Marian Wong.

Reaching out to Guangzhou: To promote health for pregnant women in Guangdong Province, the department staged a Safe Motherhood Awareness-raising Campaign in May in both Hong Kong and Guangzhou.



New resource unit promotes sustainable growth of tourism

To promote the sustainable development of the tourism industry, the University recently set up a Sustainable Travel and Tourism Resource Unit on campus.

With a funding of \$500,000 from the Tourism Development Fund managed by the Tourism Development Steering Committee, the Resource Unit aims to facilitate the exchange of information on environmental management for the travel and tourism industry.

The Unit is an output of one of the four priority areas outlined in the Environmentally Sustainable Development Strategy for Hong Kong's Travel and Tourism Industry, which was jointly devised by the Hong Kong Tourist Association and the Industry Department. The Unit is run by the Department of Hotel and Tourism Management (HTM).

The Unit also provides services in the following ways (details available at: www.hksustainabletourism.com):

- A one-stop shop with information on environmentally sound practices for industry members.
- Promotion of best practices and commitment to improving environmental quality.
- Organisation of the Annual Round Table Discussion and facilitate seminars, training and other promotional events.
- The Unit facilitates the exchange of ideas amongst industry members and encourage partnership development with other industry players;
- Quarterly newsletter will be produced to inform the industry and public of latest developments in the sustainable development of tourism.

A warm welcome to

Prince Philippe of Belgium



Left: The Deputy President extends a warm welcome to Prince Philippe.

Far left: Touring the Cable & Wireless HKT Centre for Intelligent Enterprises.

His Royal Highness Prince Philippe of Belgium, heir to the throne of Belgium, together with a 36-member delegation, visited PolyU on May 12.

The Prince had a chance to see the state-of-the-art facilities at the School of Design's Global Virtual Design Studio, which included some sophisticated Belgian projectors. Another site of attraction was the Cable & Wireless HKT Centre for Intelligent Enterprises on campus,

which featured demonstrations on a number of exciting, new technologies.

Prince Philippe was leading an economic mission to the Chinese mainland and the HKSAR. The visit offered his delegation a good opportunity not only to explore business opportunities in high-tech industries, but also to witness some of the latest developments in Hong Kong as a dynamic city. ❖

New centres strengthen training in automation and plating technology

The University's Industrial Centre recently took a step forward in further enhancing its training on the hi-tech side with the opening of its PolyU/Rockwell Automation Training Centre and Computer-controlled Vacuum Ion Plating Training Centre.

The \$7 million automation training centre is equipped with top-notch industrial automation architecture for use with plant control, intelligent building or in a network and cyber environment. The first of its kind in Hong Kong, the centre is linked with 12 sister units established by Rockwell Automation in such major mainland institutions as Tsinghua University and Shanghai Jiaotong University.

The new vacuum ion plating training centre is a collaborative venture of PolyU, World Union Hi-Tech Co. Ltd., which contributed generously towards the centre's facilities, and Beijing Great Wall Ti-Gold (Group) Corp., which provides the technical support. The facility was opened on May 23 by Mr Anthony Wong, Managing Director of World Union Hi-Tech, community leader Mr Wong Po-yan, and the President Prof. Poon Chung-kwong. ❖



(From left) Prof. Wang Dian-ru, President of Beijing Great Wall Ti-Gold (Group) Corp., Mr Anthony Wong of World Union Hi-Tech and Dr Chris Wong, Director of Industrial Centre.

Design showcase

creativity in full play

Industrial design



Hundreds of works of the design talent groomed by the School of Design were on display on campus for viewing by industry and the public at the "Design Showcase Y2K" held in June.

The 13-day exhibition featured the original

works created by the graduating students of the Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Design programme.

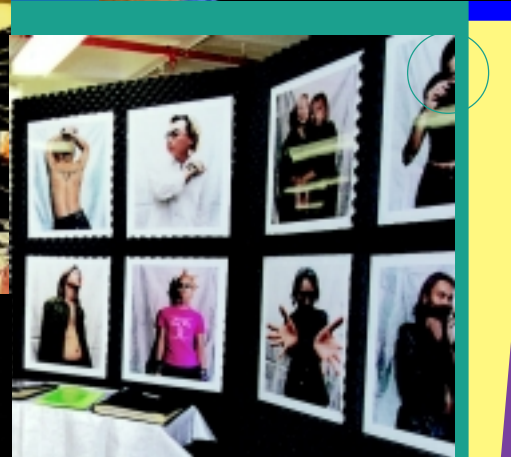
Officiating at the June 12 opening ceremony of the event was the Hon. Mrs Selina Chow Liang Shuk-ye (pictured left), member of the Legislative Council, and Mr Alexander Tzang, the Deputy President. The gala event included presentation of awards for the school's most outstanding students.

This year's show focused on the theme "Naked", with the exhibits revealing the hearts and souls of the young designers. To catch a glimpse of the designers' creations, visit the website at <http://www.sd.polyu.edu.hk/Grad2000>.

A CD-ROM which archives all the exhibits will be published in August. Last year, the school's CD-ROM, *Illuminations: Graduation Show '99* won a Merit Award in New Media at the 79th Annual Art Directors Awards scheme organized by the Art Directors Club of New York.

Another highlight this year was the project "Silk Road", with a focus on design in the new millennium. For the progress of the project, visit <http://silkroad.sd.polyu.edu.hk>.

The festive event was sponsored by Adobe Systems and co-sponsored by Apple Computers.



Graphic design

Photographic design



Fashion says it all

In a bold, innovative spirit, 21 graduating fashion design students displayed their creations at the Graduation Fashion Show 2000 at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre on May 31.

The event featured more than 100 creative works. With the nostalgic, personal touch in her collection "The things I'd like to do", Miss Echo Tang Yuen-lam won the Creativity Award and the cash prize of \$30,000 presented by Landmark Fashion Foundation. Miss Chiu Wing-yau, who designed the trendy collection "Please fasten your seat belts", won the Fashion Vision Award and \$10,000 presented by Li & Fung (Trading) Limited.

The distinguished panel of judges comprises fashion designers Mr Barney Cheng and Miss Lu Lu Cheung; Mr David Hong, Managing Director of The Swank Shop; Miss Anita Wong, Divisional Merchandise Manager of Joyce Boutique; Miss Janice Wong, Senior Editor of *Ming Pao Weekly*, and Mr Peter Wong, Chief Editor of *City Magazine*.

The event was co-sponsored by STAREASTnet.com Corporation, The Landmark Fashion Foundation, Li & Fung (Trading) Ltd., Camberley Enterprises Limited, Messe Frankfurt (H.K.) Ltd., and Cathay Pacific Airways Limited.



interior design



fashion design



The things I'd like to do



Please fasten your seat belts

