

# Accounting and hospitality experts join PolyU



Prof. Lau

The University is pleased to announce that **Prof. Amy Lau Hing-ling** has been appointed Chair Professor and Head of the Department of Accountancy, and **Prof. Kaye Chon Kye-sung** Chair Professor and Head of the Department of Hotel and Tourism Management. Prof. Lau and Prof. Chon assumed duty on 1 June and 3 July respectively.



Prof. Chon

Prof. Lau has embarked on her academic career in the US since 1974. At the Oklahoma State University at Stillwater, she took up the Kerr-McGee Chair in Accounting in 1990 and became the Regents Professor in 1998. Prof. Lau

earned her PhD degree in Business Administration from Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri in 1982.

Prof. Chon has accumulated rich academic experience in the US at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and the University of Houston. He was also Visiting Chair Professor of PolyU from June 1999 to January 2000. He earned his PhD degree in Hotel, Restaurant and Institutional Management from the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in 1990. Prof. Chon has published widely, including the highly popular textbook *Welcome to Hospitality*.

This summer also sees the following appointments and acting appointments of serving staff to the post Head of Department:

- **Dr Grahame Tony Bilbow**, assumed Headship of the Department of English from on 1 June.
- **Ms Alison Ridley** was appointed Acting Head of the Centre for Professional and Business English with effect from 18 June.
- **Prof. Thomas Wong Kwok-shing** became Head of the Department of Nursing and Health Sciences on 21 June.
- **Prof. Peter Walters** was appointed Head of the Department of Business Studies from 1 July.
- **Prof. Li Yok-sheung** became Head of the Department of Civil and Structural Engineering on 1 July.
- **Dr Kevin Kwong Shek-chuen** was appointed Acting Head of the Department of Rehabilitation Sciences from 1 August.
- **Prof. Lee Yim-shu** was appointed Acting Head of the Department of Electronic and Information Engineering from 1 August.

Prof. Chon was formerly the President of the International Society of Travel and Tourism Educators (1995–1998) and the Chairman of the Society's Board (1998). He has also chaired the Travel and Tourism Special Interest Session of the International Council on Hotel, Restaurant and Institutional Education (CHRIE) (1991–1994).

The professor has twice been awarded for teaching excellence and thrice for research excellence. These awards included the "John Wiley & Sons Award" from International CHRIE in 1993 and the "Martin Oppermann Memorial Award" from the International Society of Travel and Tourism Educators in 1999. ❖

## Challenging LegCo

On the hot sunny day of 28 May, a team of PolyU staff played against the Legislative Council team in a friendly seven-a-side soccer match on campus. The Hon. Mrs Rita Fan, Chairperson of the LegCo, was invited to officiate at the kick-off ceremony. The result? A 7-4 win for PolyU, much exercise and lots of fun for both sides! Photo shows the Hon. Lee Wing-tat (right) and Mr Patrick Chan, Assistant Director of Student Affairs, exchanging souvenirs. ❖

