

Teaching and learning attain new heights



Prof. Leung Tin-pui

Vice President Prof. Leung Tin-pui has been appointed by the University Grants Committee, with effect from 1 August, as Convenor of the Teaching and Learning Quality Process Reviews (TLQPRs) Task Force for the second round of TLQPRs to be conducted on all UGC-funded institutions in Hong Kong.

In April this year, the UGC hosted a workshop on “Preparing for the Next Round of TLQPRs”, for which Prof. Leung was Chairman of the Organising Committee.

Prof. Leung stresses that the promotion of teaching and learning quality is our core mission.

As clearly stated in the draft Strategic Plan 2001 to 2007, our University is fully dedicated to providing quality teaching to nurture all-round students. It is a key goal of our University to help students equip with a global outlook, critical and creative thinking, competency in problem-solving, high sense of social and national responsibility, an awareness to pursue life-long learning, good biliteracy and trilingualism, entrepreneurship and leadership.

We also emphasise the importance of physical and cultural well-being. Quality education consists of but goes beyond academic programmes to include all learning experiences within and outside the formal curriculum, and emphasise the holistic or all-round development of our students.

Academic departments are required to periodically review the curricula and their teaching and assessment approach to ensure proper design and implementation to help students attain these prescribed qualities.

Also wearing the Chairman’s hat of the Culture Promotion Committee of the University, Prof. Leung says, “We strive to ensure that our students are developing their full and individual potential in all areas.”

He points out that education in the broadest sense should be part of our institutional culture, which was the reason why the Culture Promotion Committee was set up on campus last year. The main task of the Committee is to encourage and promote the organisation of cultural activities, and to enrich the communal university life of students.

Building on our rapid progress in achieving better quality in teaching and learning in recent years, the University will continue its effort in “creating a competitive edge for our students and the community”.

Prof. Leung (2nd from left) addressing the audience at the workshop, which was attended by some 100 academic staff, administrators and students of the UGC-funded institutions and other organisations.



Welcome aboard!



Deputy President Mr Alexander Tzang delivers an opening remark at the welcoming lunch.

To welcome new members of the PolyU community, a staff induction programme has been held annually since 1995. The Programme offers not only a good opportunity for the newcomers to get familiarised with the basics about the University, but also a nice, warm gathering for them to meet Senior Management.

This year the event took place on 1 September, started with a lunch at the Staff Club. More than 70 people, including new appointees, Senior Management members and Heads of Department attended.

The afternoon session featured a welcoming address by President Prof. Poon Chung-kwong, who hoped that the new staff would soon develop a strong sense of belonging and take pride in being a member of the University. He also urged all colleagues to make full use of both formal and informal channels to communicate with the Management and to contribute towards the future of the University.

Following the brief talks by the Deputy President and Vice-Presidents, there was an Information Forum comprising counters set up by administrative and support services units as well as self-financed centres to introduce their operations. The half-day Programme ended with a useful campus tour of more than 30 participants.



Newly joined staff browse at printed materials which outline the services provided by administrative or self-financed offices.

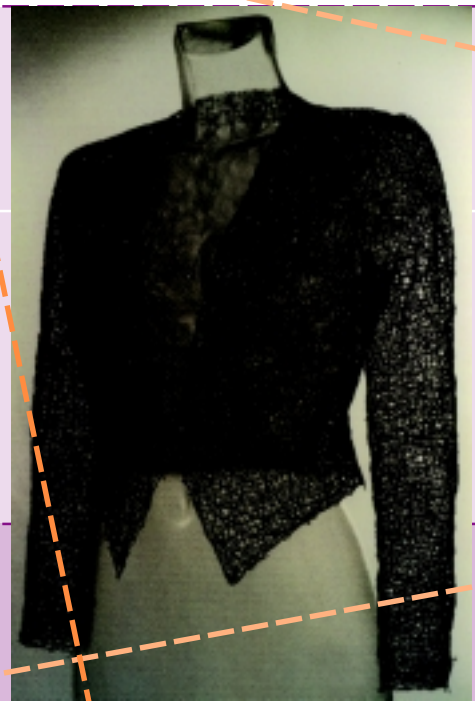


Senior Management greets the newcomers.

Blending practice and theories seamlessly

Dr Frankie Ng, Assistant Prof. in Fashion & Textile Design, Institute of Textiles and Clothing, has recently been awarded the first practice-led Doctorate in Fashion Design in the history of the Royal College of Art, London.

Started in October 1996, Dr Ng's doctoral research covered investigating the process, technique and aesthetic options for making seamless fashion, with deliverables of both creative works and thesis.



Seamless jacket: work from PhD research by project.



Dr Frankie Ng

As the project was unique in many ways, no prior examples with reference to its nature and the field of study were available. But the difficult part was now long gone and he felt developed and advanced in research sense and in his overall competence. "Given this unprecedented and unparalleled accomplishment, I must admit that I felt honoured and somewhat flattered, too by such an achievement," added Dr Ng. ❖

Show we care by what we wear



The Library, once again, has the largest number of participants and raised the highest amount of donation.

To show our concern for the needy and to contribute towards local charities, the University again participated in "Dress Casual Day" organised by the Community Chest on 28 September 2000.

Altogether there were more than 376 staff members who took part in this meaningful event and a total of \$31,770 was raised. Besides having great fun, the participating staff had helped the less fortunate in the community. ❖