

Overseas Alumni strengthen bonds

On 17 September The PolyU Alumni and Past Employees (Eastern Canada) Association joined hands with the alumni associations of four other universities in Hong Kong, including Hong Kong Baptist University, Lingnan University, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, and The University of Hong Kong, to stage a "Year 2000 Celebration Dinner" in Toronto, Canada, to celebrate the millennium.

President Prof. Poon Chung-kwong and Mr Eddie Cheung, Acting Director of Hong Kong Economic & Trade Office of the HKSAR in Toronto, were the guests of honour for this memorable event.

This grand union, well attended by more than 450 guests, was a tremendous success. All participants enjoyed thoroughly the exciting games and entertaining stage performances arranged by the Organising Committee. They also had a chance to share old memories and meet new friends.

HONG KONG JOINT UNIVERSITIES ALUMNI (ONTARIO) YEAR 2000 CELEBRATION DINNER



Prof. Poon (middle) and the committee members of the five alumni associations.



The gathering was a fun evening for all.

Alumni Federation welcomes fresh blood



Committee of the ABCT Alumni Associations: Dr Gilbert Chan, Alumni Liaison Officer (fourth from right) and Mr Thomas Lee, Chairman of the Association (back row third from left).

The PolyU Applied Biology and Chemical Technology Alumni Association has come into being with its Inauguration Ceremony held in the PolyU Staff Club on 22 September. This meaningful event was attended by more than 100 guests and alumni, including President Prof. Poon Chung-kwong and Prof. Albert Chan Sun-chi, Head and Chair Professor of Chemical Technology. Speaking at the ceremony, Prof. Poon emphasised the University's commitment to build a solid relationship with the vast number of alumni. He also encouraged the graduates to contribute further towards the future development of Hong Kong and their Alma Mater.

With the support of the department's alumni liaison officer Dr Gilbert Chan, the committee met last June to start planning for the alumni association, which is now chaired by a 1988 graduate Mr Thomas Lee.

A fruitful year for PolyU (Western Canada) Association

The PolyU (Western Canada) Association held their 4th Annual General Meeting in Vancouver on 16 September. The evening was highlighted by a presentation made by President Prof. Poon Chung-kwong who gave the attendees an update on PolyU's latest developments and future plans.

Led by Mr Gabriel Yam, President of the Association, the committee of the Association has organised a diverse array of activities for its members during the past year.

Academic Activities

A seminar was held in January, in which speakers offered advice on financial planning in respect of education funds for children.



Leisure Talks

Leisure talks on lawn bowling, ballroom dancing and art of tea attracted more than 40 members. Apart from introducing the basic skills, the speakers also gave demonstrations for the audience.

Outdoor Activities

Smiling faces in a costume party organised during a 3-day holiday trip at Castle Resort in Princeton.



More than 100 members joined the Association's barbecue picnic held in Buntzen Lake in July 2000. ❖

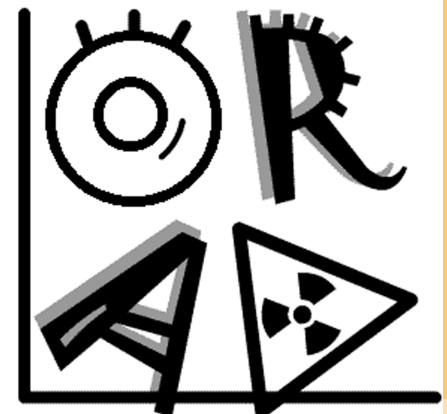


All graduates of the department who wish to join the association can obtain an application form from the office of the Federation of PolyU Alumni Associations located at Room C209, Shaw Amenities Building on campus or telephone 2766 5123 or email: alumni.abct@polyu.edu.hk.

The PolyU Jockey Club Rehabilitation Engineering Centre Alumni Association also came into operation in August. The Centre was established in 1987 as a specialist centre and is now a formal academic unit of the Faculty of Health and Social Studies.

Meanwhile, graduates from the Department of Optometry and Radiography are also actively planning to set up their own alumni association. With the support from Prof. Maurice Yap Keng-hung, Head and Professor of the department, and Dr Henry Chan, the department's Alumni Liaison Officer, a number of graduates met early this year to start the ball rolling. Invitation letters have been sent out to all graduates of the department to encourage them to join. It is expected that the association will be officially inaugurated in December.

Graduates who wish to join this new alumni association may contact Ms Suen at tel. 2766 4323 or visit the association's website at <http://www.polyu.edu.hk/~aor>. ❖



Logo of the Optometry and Radiography Alumni Association.

Selection of Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award 2001 opens for nomination

While the third selection for the Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award will take place early next year, nominations are now open until 31 December. Jointly organised by the University and the Federation of PolyU Alumni Associations (FHKPUAA), the biennial event aims to give public recognition to the outstanding graduates of PolyU and the former Hong Kong Polytechnic and Hong Kong Technical College for their professional accomplishments and contributions to the community.

The seven-member Panel of Judges, which will be chaired by Mr Lam Woon-kwong, Secretary for Home Affairs, is made up of renowned community leaders and senior business executives.

Preliminary screening will be conducted by the Honorary Selection Consultant – Ernst and Young Certified Public

Accountants. Result announcement is tentatively scheduled to be made late February 2001.

Nomination forms

Nomination forms are available at the following venues:

- PolyU campus: Pao Yue-Kong Library; Book Shop; FHKPUAA Office; and Finance Office counter located at one of the campus entrances
- PolyU's Communications and Public Affairs Office located at Room 1607, New East Ocean Centre, 9 Science Museum Road, Tsimshatsui East
- Ernst and Young Certified Public Accountants located at 15/F, Hutchison House, 10 Harcourt Road, Central, Hong Kong.

The forms can also be downloaded from:
<http://www.polyu.edu.hk/opaa2001>

Panel of Judges

Chairman: Mr Michael Suen Ming-yeung, Secretary for Constitutional Affairs, Hong Kong SAR Government

Members:

- Dr Lily Chiang, President, EI Media Technology Limited & Chairman, Pacific Challenge Holdings Limited
- Dr the Hon. Raymond Ch'ien Kuo-fung, Executive Council member & Chairman, Inchcape Greater China
- Mr Patrick Fung, Deputy Chairman, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University Council & Chairman and Chief Executive, Wing Hang Bank Ltd.
- Prof. Poon Chung-kwong, President, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
- The Hon. James P.C. Tien, Legislative Council member & Chairman, Manhattan Garment (International) Ltd.
- Mr William Tong, Chairman, Federation of The Hong Kong Polytechnic University Alumni Associations

1 First Selection of the Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award (1997)

The six outstanding awardees were (in alphabetical order):

- Dr the Hon. Leung Chun-ying (*Higher Diploma in Surveying, 1974*)
- Mr Ng Sai-ho (*Diploma in Building, 1962*)
- Dr Ng Tat-lun (*Diploma in Production Engineering, 1962; Diploma in Management Studies, 1969*)
- Dr Chris Wong Ho-ching (*Higher Diploma in Electrical Engineering, 1969*)
- Miss Vivienne Tam (*Higher Diploma in Design, 1978*)
- The late Dr Samuel Wong Ping-wai (*Diploma in Mechanical Engineering, 1961*)



2 Second Selection of the Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award (1999)

The five outstanding awardees were (in alphabetical order):

- Mr Dennis Chan Shui-lun (*Higher Diploma in Product Design, 1981*)
- Dr Alex K.W. Cheung (*Associateship in Building Technology & Management, 1982*)
- Dr Lily Chiang (*Doctor of Philosophy in Manufacturing Engineering, 1993*)
- Mr David C. Lee (*Higher Diploma in Surveying & Building Technology, 1970*)
- Mr Otto Poon Lok-to (*Higher Certificate in Electrical Engineering, 1962; Higher Certificate in Mechanical Engineering, 1964*)

