

# Award-winning students strive to meet highest standards

Six high achievers have been granted the coveted "Outstanding Student Awards" this year and among them, Miss Lau Shuk-han also took home the "Most Outstanding PolyU Student Award".

The University prides itself on providing all-round education and Miss Lau, a final-year student in Surveying and Geo-Informatics, is a fine example of an all-round student. Apart from studying hard on academic subjects, she also makes time for community service. She is promotions secretary for the debating team of the Students' Union and serves as a committee member of the Publication Sub-committee of Sir Edward Youde Scholars Association. Before winning this top student award, Miss Lau also won the Hong Kong Association of University Women Cheng Suen Man Shook Undergraduate Scholarship and Sir Edward Youde Memorial Scholarship in 1998/99.

Her summer work experience in Switzerland last year has broadened her outlook and sharpened her communication skills. Non-academic duties and experience have helped her become a good team player.

Looking ahead, the 22-year-old said with confidence, "No matter how circumstances will change in future, I will bear in mind the motto 'in pursuit of lifelong learning'. I believe it is the only way to keep up one's competitiveness in the long run."



*Getting the balance right: Lau Shuk-han attributes her success to good time management.*

*(from left) Chu Chi-shing, Man Wai-kei, Lau Shuk-han, Tam Wai-yin, Yung Siu-man and Yan Yuet-kwai*

## Roll of honour

### The Most Outstanding PolyU Student

- Miss Lau Shuk-han, Department of Land Surveying & Geo-Informatics

### Outstanding Student

- Miss Man Wai-kei, Institute of Textiles & Clothing
- Mr Chu Chi-shing, Department of Management
- Miss Yung Siu-man, Department of English
- Miss Lau Shuk-han, Department of Land Surveying & Geo-Informatics
- Miss Tam Wai-yin, Department of Mechanical Engineering
- Miss Yan Yuet-kwai, Jockey Club Rehabilitation Engineering Centre

*Each award recipient was presented a certificate and a cash prize at a ceremony held in February. Their names have been inscribed on a plaque displayed on campus.*





## Humanistic Buddhism

President Prof. Poon Chung-kwong delivered a talk on Humanistic Buddhism to a full house at the Jockey Club Auditorium on campus in February. Organised by the PolyU Culture Promotion Committee, it was the Premier Talk of the Millennium Talk Series.

In his talk Prof. Poon shared his experiences in learning Buddhism, focusing on four areas:

- Buddhism and Science
- Buddhism and Life
- Buddhism and its Teaching
- Buddhism and Practice

In recent years Prof. Poon has developed a keen interest in Buddhism studies, particularly in the significance of emptiness (Sunyata) in Buddhist wisdom and in Zen introspection. He has joined temporary monkhood for seven days at Fo Guang Mountain (Mountain of the Light of Buddha) in Taiwan and has learned Zen at Xuanlong Temple in Burma.

In 1998 Prof. Poon published a book titled *Xinjing yu Shenghuo Zhihui* (The Heart Sutra and Wisdom of Life), which is an interpretation of The Heart Sutra in simple language with examples from daily life. ❖



### 佛 學 與 人 生

校長潘宗光教授於二月二十八日以《佛學與人生》為題，於校內賽馬會綜藝館發表公開講座。是項活動由理大文化推廣委員會主辦，吸引了大批校內校外對佛學有興趣的人士，會場座無虛席。

潘校長就四方面分享個人研習佛學的心得：

- (一) 佛教與科學的關係；
- (二) 佛教的人生態度；
- (三) 佛教的宇宙規律觀；
- (四) 佛法的修持。

潘校長認為，佛教與科學並不相排斥，事實上，佛教的「因緣」概念跟科學的「因果」關係可謂不謀而合。潘校長又引了愛因斯坦的名言：「如果世界上有一種宗教能夠解答科學上提出的疑問，那就必定是佛教了。」

潘校長特別強調佛教並不消極，也不教人逃避，而是了解苦的成因，積極修持滅苦的方法（也就是佛法）。滅苦之際，講求自己修持，所謂種善因，得善果；自己的未來由自己掌握。

此外，潘校長亦對「緣起」詳加闡釋，從時間與空間兩個層面，介紹世事無常以及諸行無常的道理。講座最後一節論及佛法的社會實踐，分析布施、持戒、忍辱、精進、禪定、般若的含義；引述金剛經「一切有為法，如夢幻泡影，如露亦如電，應作如是觀」作結。

潘校長是國際知名科學家及教育工作者，近年潛心佛學，對般若空義及禪修內觀的興趣尤其濃厚，著有《心經與生活智慧》，並曾於台灣佛光山參加七日短期出家和在緬甸宣隆寺接受禪修集訓，親身體驗佛教的修行生活，對佛教的內修生活體會極深。 ❖



# Welcome, Chancellor!



The Chief Executive Mr Tung Chee-hwa, in his capacity as the University Chancellor, visited PolyU to take a firsthand look at a wide range of products developed by students and staff of the University.

President Prof. Poon Chung-kwong received Mr Tung on his arrival and briefed him on the University's development strategies. Mr Tung noted that the University had recently adopted "To learn and to apply, for the benefit of mankind" as its motto.

Apart from touring major campus facilities, Mr Tung attended separate gatherings to exchange views with academic staff members and student representatives of various disciplines. He told

## Global Virtual Design Studio



## Rapid Product Development Syndicate



## Staff Club



## Fashion and Textile Resource Centre



staff and students that the promotion of research and development and the commercial application of research results would help enhance Hong Kong's competitiveness.

Mr Tung was presented photographs taken during his first visit in 1982 to the then Hong Kong Polytechnic and a set of chess produced by the Industrial Centre as mementoes. ❖



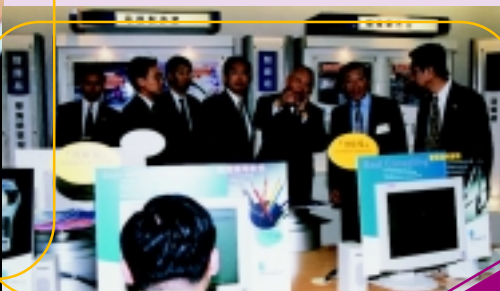
### Industrial Centre



### Jockey Club Auditorium



### Cable & Wireless HKT Centre for Intelligent Enterprises



Chancellor's Visit