

New face, new plans for alumni office

With its helmsman now in post, the newly set up Alumni Affairs and Development Office is poised to play an increasingly active role in forging close relations with PolyU alumni and the community.

Having assumed headship of the Office recently, Mr Cheung Che-kwok, a veteran media and community service professional, told *Profile*: "The act of setting up this office very well manifests the degree of importance which PolyU attaches to its alumni."

Established in January, the Office embraces the function of alumni liaison and development, previously undertaken by the Communications and Public Affairs Office, and the resource development function of the former Resource Development Office.

"We value our alumni as a very precious asset of the University, and we will strive to foster the closest possible links with all our alumni as well as to solicit public support from all sectors of the community," Mr Cheung said.

To achieve its goals, he said the Office would proactively reach out to as many alumni as possible. "The University's forthcoming 65th anniversary celebrations will surely offer ample opportunities for us to work with our graduates and to welcome them home," he said.



Mr Cheung Che-kwok

"On the other hand, I earnestly hope that our alumni will freely voice their suggestions on any possible form of collaboration with PolyU. They can do this through departmental alumni associations, the Federation of PolyU Alumni Associations or their respective academic departments. I very much look forward to hearing interesting and innovative ideas coming up from them."

Furthermore, the Office will actively explore opportunities for expanding the University's overseas alumni network.

"It takes two to tangle: we do count on our alumni to actively respond to our efforts in support of their Alma Mater," he continued. "The result should be a mutually beneficial partnership relation, a win-win situation for all."

Mr Cheung will be happy to receive enquiries from PolyU alumni and members of the public who wish to develop opportunities for co-operation with or extend their support in any form to PolyU (Tel: 2766 4881; email: alcheung@polyu.edu.hk). ❖



Boosting team spirit of alumni leaders

More than 20 Council Members of the Federation of PolyU Alumni Associations and representatives from a number of alumni associations attended a one-day team-building workshop at the Tai Tam Centre of the Hong Kong Scouts Association on 27 May. This annual workshop aimed to promote a close working relationship among the alumni leaders. ❖

Design talent to the fore

Mr Freeman Lau Siu-hong, a winner of the 2001 Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award, has contributed his design talent towards Beijing's bid for hosting the 2008 Olympic Games. He was one of the two Hong Kong designers whose designs have been selected by the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games Bid Committee among 400 posters submitted by design professionals all over China. Only four posters out of these entries were selected for the promotion campaign and among them two were created by Hong Kong designers. ❖



Graduates celebrate 10th anniversary of graduation

More than 300 graduates who have graduated from the former Hong Kong Polytechnic for at least a decade gathered at a reunion dinner on 8 June to celebrate the 10th anniversary of their graduation.

During the dinner, the graduates were each presented with a "Commemorative Medal" which signified the University's appreciation of their accomplishments and served as memorabilia of their close links with the Institution. Each of them also received a specially designed souvenir "Anniversary Pin".

The event was jointly organized by the University and the Federation of PolyU Alumni Associations. For more photos of this event, visit <http://www.polyu.edu.hk/alumni>.



News from PolyU associations in Canada



President of the Toronto association Mrs Pauline Tsang (fourth from left) presents a cheque of HK\$5,000 to Prof. Poon.

The Toronto-based PolyU Alumni and Past Employees (Eastern Canada) Association held its 3rd Annual General Meeting cum Annual Dinner on 6 May, attracting attendance by more than 200 members and their families. The new Executive Committee was elected at the meeting, and a presentation given by PolyU President Prof. Poon Chung-kwong on the latest developments of the University. During the dinner, the association also presented a cheque of HK\$5,000 to Prof. Poon in support of the University's Preferred Graduate Development Programme.

On the other side of the continent, the PolyU (Western Canada) Association jointly organized a "Big Bike Competition" on 9 June together with the local alumni associations of The University of Hong Kong and The Chinese University of Hong Kong in British Columbia to help raise funds for the Heart and Stroke Foundation of British Columbia and Yukon. In addition, the association's members and their families had a wonderful barbecue picnic on 5 May at the beautiful Alice Lake. The President was also invited to join this meaningful event.