

Grooming all-round 'preferred'

“What we become depends on what we read after all of the professors have finished with us. The greatest university of all is a collection of books,” Scottish historian and writer Thomas Carlyle wrote in the 19th century. At PolyU, in the context of the 21st century, the true meaning of this “collection of books” is taking on new dimensions.

PolyU students don't just read books in print and in cyberspace, they are also encouraged to care for the community, to expand their horizons by living and working in places out of the confines of their normal lives, to uncover their potential in sports, and to develop themselves in various extra-curricula activities. *Profile* looks at some of the students' latest activities and achievements.

Setting off to see the world

More than 700 students are taking up summer placements in Hong Kong, the Chinese mainland and 16 overseas countries, thanks to employers' overwhelming support to PolyU's 'Preferred Graduate' Development Programme.

To cultivate the global outlook of its students, the University secured 342 mainland and overseas placements and more than 400 local placements with 702 partner companies and supporting organisations for its non-final-year students for this summer. A series of pre-placement talks were held to prepare them for the challenge.

A group of 89 students are now receiving on-the-job training in 16 countries in North America, Europe and Asia. The employers involved include such renowned multinational companies as BMW, British Telecom, Ericsson, HP, Philips and Siemens. The areas of work cover mainly engineering, applied science, electronics and computing.

Another 185 students are attached

to private or state-owned enterprises and multinational companies in major cities in the mainland.

Furthermore, some 68 students are undertaking summer job placements in the mainland, Taiwan and abroad under The Hong Kong Jockey Club Summer Internship Programme for



“We're on our way...”



Presentation of travelling subsidy.

Tertiary Students in Hong Kong organised by the Education & Learning Institute with the support of the City University of Hong Kong and PolyU.



Student trainees posing in Beijing.

Telecom elites shine in contest

PolyU students swept three of the six awards presented in the “enabler21 Programme” 2000/01. Launched by Hutchison Telecom and Motorola, the initiative sought to promote telecommunications training and discover the potential leaders who would take Hong Kong's telecommunications industry forward into the future.

These ‘enablers’ are Lau Hau-wing of the Institute of Textiles and Clothing, Ming Tsz-fung of the Department of Electronic and Information Engineering, and Poon Ching-bun of the Department of Manufacturing Engineering.

Open to all full-time students in seven local universities, the participants were required to submit a proposal on innovative 3G

service application and a unique multi-functional telecommunications device.

The winning enablers are receiving overseas training in the Motorola University in Chicago this summer. They will be employed by either Hutchison Telecom or Motorola or participate in summer internship in the two companies. Each winner was also awarded a \$10,000 scholarship.



From left: Poon, Ming and Lau.

Preferred graduates' graduates'

Winning a place in the national football league

The PolyU soccer team proved its deftness as one of top eight university soccer teams of the nation in the first Philips China University Football League 2000/01.

PolyU entered the final round of the national tournament held in Shanghai in June after emerging as the second runner-up in the competitions among 12 champion teams from a number of southern provinces, including Guangdong, Hainan, Guangxi and Hunan.

Prior to joining the tournament, the team has won the championship of the Hong Kong Post-secondary Colleges Athletic Association Soccer Competition for the third year in a row.



Above: Outstanding Alumni Award recipient Mr Lam Tai-fai (fourth from left, back row) cheers the PolyU team as its newly appointed Honorary Head of Delegation. He donated \$200,000 to the University to support the development of its sports activities.



Serving the community

A total of 59 students from the University had the chance to serve as volunteer student ambassadors for the 2001 FORTUNE Global Forum from 8 to 10 May. At the invitation of Invest Hong Kong of the SAR Government, they greeted and received overseas VIP delegates arriving at Hong Kong to join the celebrated event.

An unsurpassed number of 600 delegates and government officials attended the forum, with 44 of the FORTUNE Global 500 companies in attendance. With the theme "Next-Generation Asia", the event was hailed by The Director-General of Investment Promotion Mr Mike Rowse as the most successful FORTUNE forum ever. ❖



Group photo at a re-union reception.



Mr Stephen Ng, Acting Director-General of Investment Promotion, presents a letter of appreciation to a student ambassador.