

ING Asia/Pacific supports orientation for mainland students

A total of 28 outstanding mainland students joining PolyU have recently landed in the SAR. With the generous sponsorship of \$1 million from ING Asia/Pacific Limited, these newcomers were offered an intensive orientation programme to help them adapt to local university life.

At the cheque presentation ceremony held on campus on 13 July, the University President Prof. Poon Chung-kwong thanked ING Asia/Pacific, represented by its Executive Committee member Mr Patrick Poon, for its generous donation to PolyU for the third year.

The orientation programme consisted of intensive language training in English and Cantonese, computer usage courses, sports and cultural activities. A series of social activities and departmental visits were arranged to familiarise them with PolyU before the commencement of their studies.

The mainland students admission scheme is organised in support of the University Grants Committee's decision in 1998 to recruit outstanding mainland students to pursue undergraduate programmes in Hong Kong. A total of 27 students from PolyU's two partner universities, Shanghai's Tongji University and Nanjing's Southeast University, were recruited last year, while 24 students were admitted in 1999/2000.

With financial support from The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust, these students have been awarded scholarships that cover tuition, accommodation and living expenses for the entire period of their studies at PolyU.



President (right): Thank you, Mr Poon!



A friendly chat after the ceremony.

New blood heads Students' Union

The eighth session of the PolyU Students' Union Executive Committee has been elected. The 15 office-bearers are:



Members of the SU exco: (front row, from left) Phyllis, Helga, Kursie, Miyuki, Sharis, Carol, Suzanne, Janice, (back row, from left) Jeffrey, Perseus, Henry, Koala, Dylan, Gamma, Warren

- President
- Deputy President (External)
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- External Affairs Secretary
- External Affairs Secretary
- External Affairs Secretary
- Financial Affairs Secretary
- PolyU Affairs Secretary
- Cultural Affairs Secretary
- Publication Affairs Secretary
- Welfare Affairs Secretary
- Publicity Affairs Secretary
- Sports Affairs Secretary
- Information Services Secretary
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- Miss Li Shuk-yin, Carol
- Miss Wu Sui-shan, Suzanne
- Mr Cheung Hong-ye, Gamma
- Mr Wong Wing-fu, Perseus
- Mr Yeung Shu-hung, Koala
- Miss Leung Sin-ying, Janice
- Miss Chen Fai-wing, Phyllis
- Miss Keung Hiu-nam, Sharis
- Miss Wong Tsz-wai, Kursie
- Mr Lau Wing-kwan, Jeffrey
- Mr Kong Chun-kit, Henry
- Miss Lo Ho-kar, Helga
- Mr Cheung Wai-lun, Warren
- Mr Wong Hon-ming, Dylan
- Miss Cheng Pui-sze, Miyuki

Awards and scholarships for bright students

☆ PhD student Ms Junmei Li of the Department of Building Services Engineering was recently awarded the prestigious David B. Gratz Scholarship by the US National Fire Protection Association. This honour is awarded once a year to an outstanding research student working on fire science or fire engineering outside the US. This is the third consecutive year the Scholarship goes to a student of the Department.

☆ Third-year mechanical engineering student Mr Chan Chin-hang and language and communications student Miss Lai Suet-ye were two of the three winners of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce (CGCC) Excellence Awards for Tertiary Students. The award scheme was launched in celebration of the CGCC's 100th anniversary,

attracting 61 applications from full-time undergraduates from local universities. The value of each award is \$100,000.

☆ Miss Wong Lai-ying, graduate of the textile chemistry degree programme, has won the 2000 Student Research competition organised by The Society of Dyers and Colourists with her final-year paper "Decoloration of reactive dye effluent by a H₂O₂/UV/US process". Her prize is a paid trip to the next international conference of the American Association of Textile Chemists and Colorists to be held in the US in October, where she hopes to enter her paper in the Student Papers Competition. ❖



Junmei Li



Chan Chin-hang (left) and Lai Suet-ye (third from left)



An innovative "e-home" wins William (right) a grand prize.

Victory on the IT front

PolyU students fared well at the Second HSBC Hong Kong IT Festival held by the IT Festival Association at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, scooping many coveted awards.

Beating the other 900 contestants, Mr William Chan, a second-year manufacturing engineering student, and his two teammates from The Chinese University of Hong Kong won the "Best of the Best" award of the new "HSBC Young IT

Entrepreneur Award" contest with their work "e-home".

In the "Public Libraries Web Page Design Competition" design students Mr Yip Chi-fung and Miss Wong Shuk-kwan, won the Championship, while Mr Fok Chun-hei, a student in multimedia design and technology, came as the first runner-up.

Out of some 2,620 participants in the "Golien Mountain Creative Computer Graphics Competition", Mr Ma Hing-shun, also studying multimedia design and technology, emerged as the Champion with his work "Beautiful Harbour". Miss Hung Ming-ming, a design student, won the first runner-up with her work "Country Park". ❖



"Beautiful Harbour" by Ma Hing-shun