

## Out-of-the-box thinking wins another award



(from right) The honour was shared by Dr T.C. Ng, a dentist who initiated the idea, Dr Yung Kai-leung, Mr Yu Chun-ho, and Mr C C Chan of Solidworks Corporation who assisted in the further development of the project.

Hard work has borne fruit again as **Dr Yung Kai-leung**, Associate Professor of Department of Manufacturing Engineering, and **Mr Yu Chun-ho**, Engineer of Industrial Centre, learned that the research project "Space End-Effectors for Mars" has won the 1010 Award for Innovation in the Leader of the Year 2000 awards organised by the Sing Tao Group. At the award presentation ceremony, Dr Yung and Mr Yu gladly received the honour with two other partners. The award is well-deserved recognition for the team's innovation and outstanding accomplishment.

Last year, the same project has won "The Most Innovative Award" in the Election of 10 Engineering Wonders in Hong Kong, organised by the Hong Kong Institution of Engineers. ❖

## External appointments

**Prof. George Woo**, *Dean of Faculty of Health and Social Sciences*, has been appointed by the Supplementary Medical Professions Council as Chairman of its Registration Committee for a further period of two years, with effect from 21 February 2001.

**Prof. Kevin Cullinane**, *Head of Department of Shipping and Transport Logistics*, has taken up the following appointments:

- External Examiner for the Master of Science programme in International Trade and Transport of the London Guildhall University for a period of four years, with effect from 1 December 2000
- Member of Council of the International Association of Maritime Economists (IAME) for a period of two years, with effect from 1 January 2001
- Member of Board of Examiners of the Chartered Institute of Transport in Hong Kong for a period of two years, with effect from 1 January 2001
- Member of the Steering Committee for the Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply in Hong Kong, with effect from 6 February 2001

**Prof. Lee Wing-bun**, *Head of Department of Manufacturing Engineering*, has been appointed by the SAR Government as a member of the Foundation Industries Projects Vetting Committee for the Innovation and Technology Support Programme under the Innovation and Technology Fund for a period of two years, with effect from 1 January 2001. ❖

## Veteran engineer honoured

**P**rof. Asvini Kumar David, Chair Professor of Electrical Engineering and Head of Department of Electrical Engineering, has been elected a Fellow of IEEE (The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Inc.) effective January this year. Following a rigorous evaluation procedure, the IEEE Fellow Committee has recommended Prof. David for this prestigious honour in recognition of his contribution to the restructuring of the electricity supply industry and transmission access development. This is the first time that such recognition is given to a serving PolyU staff member.

The IEEE Fellow is bestowed upon a very limited number of Senior Members who have made outstanding contributions to the electrical and information technologies and sciences for the benefit of humanity and the profession.



*Prof. David in his office.*

## Sun, sea, sand and volleyball



*Dr Laprade (left) and her partner in Songkhla, Thailand for Asian Championships.*

**D**r Judith Laprade, Assistant Professor of Department of Rehabilitation Sciences, represented Hong Kong to participate in the Asian Beach Volleyball Tour last month. The tour consisted of three legs: one in Philippines and two in Thailand.

Started to play indoor volleyball at the age of 12, Dr Laprade transitioned to beach volleyball when she was in university. A coach for both indoor and outdoor volleyball for about three years, she has played on a local tour in Canada for two years and then the national tour for four years.

Not long after she arrived in Hong Kong last year, Dr Laprade was asked by the Hong Kong Volleyball Association to develop the women's beach volleyball programme. Since last November, she has been training together with her local partner. The opportunity to apply to go to the Asian tour came in February and Dr Laprade's team was eventually selected to go on the tour.

Dr Laprade was very excited at the opportunity, particularly it was the first Asian tour she had participated in. "It is an honour to represent Hong Kong and a thrill to be able to travel to different countries and compete against so many good teams. After spending the entire competition with them, it's like being with friends and we hate to leave them. But we know it's not long to the next tour stop," said Dr Laprade.