

Bringing innovation to classrooms

The Design-and-make Project Competition, organised by the Department of Manufacturing Engineering, came to a happy close with an award presentation ceremony held at the Hong Kong Science Museum on 20 January. The contest was held to encourage school students' development of innovative hardware and software for the 21st Century classroom.

With the aim of stimulating students' interest in design and technology, the contest helped turn their innovative ideas into viable applications. The word "classroom" took on a broad sense and was not confined to a general classroom. It included laboratories, workshops, the gymnasium, music room or any venue in the school where teaching and learning takes place.

A total of 250 students from 32 secondary schools participated and submitted altogether 42 proposals. Each team was formed by a maximum of 10 students with a teacher in-charge. The wide range of innovative projects covered items such as interactive teaching aids, a teacher's desk and classroom management system.

The Design-and-make Project Competition, sponsored by the University Grants Committee, is one of the highlights of the Design & Technology Awareness Programme, an interface programme between PolyU and the secondary school sector. ❖

Champion:

S.K.H. Li Ping Secondary School

1st runner-up:

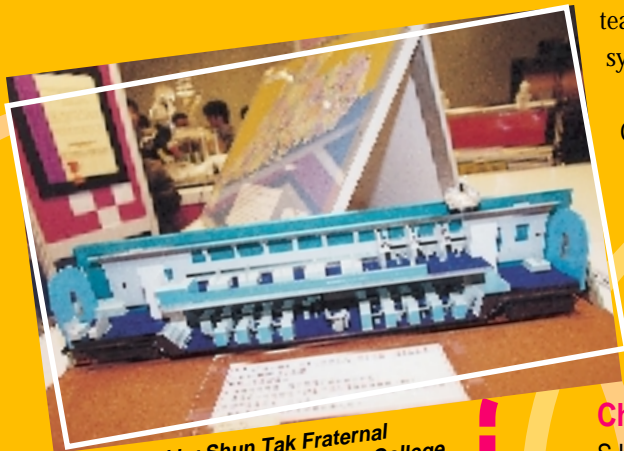
Shun Tak Fraternal Association
Seaward Woo College

2nd runner-up:

Shek Lei Catholic Secondary School

Certificate of Merit:

S.K.H. Bishop Baker Secondary School
Sha Tau Kok Government Secondary School
C.C.C. Kwei Wah Shan College
Kwun Tong Kung Lok Government Secondary School



Model by Shun Tak Fraternal Association Seaward Woo College.



The winning project.



Model by C.C.C. Kwei Wah Shan College.



Winners pictured with officiating guests at the award presentation ceremony.

Dedication to community service recognised

Five PolyU students have won the Outstanding Service Awards for Tertiary Students 2000-2001.

Established a decade ago, the Awards aim to encourage students to develop leadership in the provision of service to the community. Full-time students from the territory's nine tertiary institutions with proven leadership and organisational skills, and demonstrable record in the provision of services to fellow students, schools/tertiary institutions and/or the community are eligible to apply. This year, the Award scheme attracted a lot of applicants with outstanding qualities and achievements. After a preliminary assessment and in-depth interviews with shortlisted candidates, a total of 20 winners was selected, including five students from the University. ❖



(from left) Mickie, Sze-man, Amy, Ms Veronica Tam of the Students Affairs Office (SAO), I-ha, Man-wai and Ms June Mak of SAO.

Amy Chim Wing-shan, 4th-year student, Department of Building Services Engineering

Lam I-ha, first-year student, Department of Applied Social Sciences

Wong Man-wai, first-year student, Department of Applied Social Sciences

Wong Sze-man, 2nd-year student, Department of Computing

Mickie Yau Wing-yin, 2nd-year student, Department of English



"Thank you, donors!"



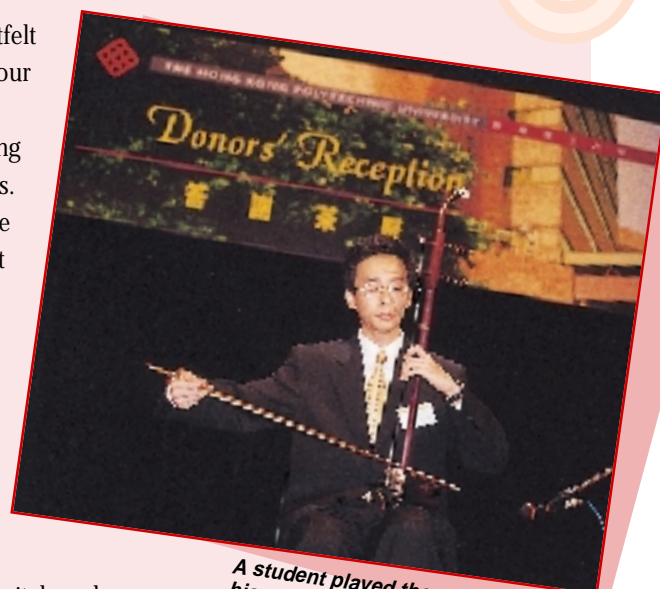
The University held a reception on 25 April to express its heartfelt gratitude to its generous donors who have helped many of our needy students to continue with their studies.

This year, over 1,100 students have been awarded scholarships, travelling scholarships, bursaries, education loans and emergency grants/loans. The total value of donation amounts to over \$17 million. In addition, the donors have also sponsored and subsidised a wide range of student activities in which more than 7,000 students have participated.

"Your donation gives not only monetary value to our students, but also support to our philosophy of high-quality all-round education," President Prof. Poon Chung-kwong said to the donors at the reception.

"We have already had very encouraging responses from benevolent individuals," Prof. Poon highlighted the generous donations from Dr Li Ka-shing and Dr Stanley Ho, which provided a strong boost to the long-term development of the University.

He also emphasised the significance of the investment in human capital, and called upon the leaders in the industrial and commercial sectors to continue to render their support to nurture the University's high-quality students. ❖



A student played the erhu to express his gratitude to the donors.



Glamour and glitz on campus



The School of Design has a good academic reputation for offering tertiary education for local design talents. Their students and graduates are well recognised in the trade and many of them have been honoured in numerous local as well as international design competitions and events.

To promote the fashion industry in Hong Kong and support local budding designers, the School collaborated with TVB on a show staging selected designs by its graduating students and modelled by 18 Miss Hong Kong title-holders.

The five creative collections are all finalists' collections for the prestigious Hong Kong Young Fashion Designers' Contest organised by the Hong Kong Trade and Development Council. During the Contest in January this year, a distinguished panel of judges selected Emily Chui Chi-man as winner of the Hong Kong Fashion Designers Association Award, and Sandy Leung Yuen-ching as winner of the Anteprema Special Award and the Overall Winner of both Knit and Non-Knit Categories.



(from left) Mr Pino Woo Kin-man, Miss Sandy Leung Yuen-ching, Miss Emily Chui Chi-man, Miss Rebecca Au-yeung Hiu-yin are the brains behind the collections.





Models and guests-of-honour pictured at the end of the show.