

International acclaim for nursing team

Miss Claudia Lai, Assistant Professor of the Department of Nursing and Health Sciences, and her project team have won the Computer-Based Public Education Award presented by the Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International for their project "Ginkgo: A Web-Based Resource Centre for Dementia Care". Designed to provide dementia care information to the public and to health care providers, their Ginkgo website promotes communication between service providers and consumers. The website can be viewed at www.ginkgogroup.org. ❖

External appointments

Prof. Poon Chun-kwong, President, has taken up the following:

- Re-appointment by the Government as Chairman of the Radiological Protection Advisory Group, for a further period of three years from 1 June 2001
- Membership of the China High-tech Industrialisation Association from June 2001.

Prof. Leung Tin-pui, Vice President (Student and Staff Development), has been appointed by the Government as a member of the Hong Kong Council for Academic Accreditation (HKCAA), for a period of two years from 1 October 2001.

Prof. Philip Yeung Kwok-wing, Vice President (Academic Development), has been appointed by Guangzhou University as Consultant Professor of The College of Textile and Garment, for a period of three years from 29 September 2001.

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

- Reviewer for the new Research College of The Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply, from 2 August 2001
- Member of the panel of judges for the Lloyd's List Maritime Asia Awards 2001, from 9 July 2001.

Prof. Liz Hamp-Lyons, Chair Professor (Department of English), has been appointed as the Editor of two international scholarly journals published in the UK, namely

Assessment Writing and *The Journal of English for Academic Purposes*, both for a period of three years from 1 September 2001.

Prof. Christina Hui-Chan Wan-ying, Head (Department of Rehabilitation Sciences), has been re-appointed by the University Grants Committee (UGC) as a member of the Biology and Medicine Panel of the Research Grants Council (RGC), for a further period of two years from 1 July 2001.

Prof. Ho Siu-lau, Professor (Department of Electrical Engineering), has been re-appointed by the Hong Kong Examinations Authority as a member of its School Examination Board, for a further period of three years from 1 September 2001.

Prof. Lee Yim-shu, Head (Department of Electronic and Information Engineering), has been re-appointed by the UGC as a member of the Engineering Panel of the RGC, for a further period of three years from 1 July 2001.

Dr Lu Qin, Acting Associate Head (Department of Computing), has been re-appointed by the Government as a member of the Chinese Language Interface Advisory Committee (CLIAC), for a further period of two years from 1 June 2001.

Prof. Teo Kok-lay, Head (Department of Applied Mathematics), has been appointed as Adjunct Professor of the University of Waterloo, Canada, for a period of three years from 1 May 2001. ❖

Prestigious accolade for tourism expert

Prof. Kaye Chon Kye-sung, Chair Professor and Head of the School of Hotel and Tourism Management, has recently been selected as the first recipient of The University of Delaware Michael D. Olsen Research Achievement Award.

Prof. Chon is honoured for his achievements in and longstanding contributions to hospitality and tourism research and education. The award will be presented at the Seventh Annual Graduate Education and Graduate Student Research Conference to be held in the University of Houston in January 2002.

The award scheme was established to honour Prof. Michael Olsen of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University for his contribution to the body of hospitality knowledge and for his mentoring of graduate students at Virginia Tech.

Prof. Chon said, "This recognition is significant to me in several ways. First, I am honoured to be named the first recipient of the Michael D. Olsen Award, an award

created under the name of the person who has made such an impact on my life and our field. Second, it is significant to me because the award will be presented at the Graduate Education and Graduate Student Research Conference that I founded. I must acknowledge that Mike is the source of inspiration for this conference, which was first organised on a rather small scale in 1996, and has since become an important and major gathering for research and education in hospitality.

"It is a tremendous compliment for me to be recognised by peers for my achievements in research and scholarship in hospitality and tourism study."

The University of Delaware Michael D. Olsen Research Achievement Award is endowed by the University's HR & IM programme, graduates and friends of Prof. Olsen.



Prof. Chon



Tribute to excellence in textile research

Textile scientist Dr Hu Jinlian has received the Award for Distinguished Achievement in Fiber Science from the US-based Fiber Society. This is the first time this award goes to a recipient from Asia.

Dr Hu, an Associate Professor in PolyU's Institute of Textiles and Clothing, was honoured for her contributions to fiber science, particularly for her studies on fabric structure and mechanical properties of textiles. Over the years, she has established models for predicting the mechanical behavior of fabrics, pioneered the application of psychophysics laws, and developed digital systems for evaluating fabric appearance and touch.

"I am very proud and honoured to receive this coveted award, which is a prime international award in the field of fiber science," said Dr Hu, who was presented her award parchment during the Society's Fall 2001 Annual Technical Conference held recently in Lake Tahoe, Nevada. "This is not only a significant recognition of my long-time effort and passion for textile and fashion research, but also international recognition of the scientific contribution and academic standard of a Hong Kong university."

The award seeks to recognise early achievement and to stimulate continuing commitment to the field of fiber science. The Fiber Society, established in 1946, is a non-profit professional and scientific association dedicated to the advancement of scientific knowledge pertaining to fibers, fiber products and fibrous materials.



Dr Hu