

A warm welcome from miles away

President Prof. Poon Chung-kwong was warmly welcomed by former PolyU staff and alumni during his recent visits to three PolyU overseas associations in Canada and Australia.

During his trips to Toronto and Vancouver in mid-September, Prof. Poon attended the annual general meeting and dinners of two PolyU overseas associations. The two associations – the PolyU Alumni and Past Employees (Eastern Canada) and the PolyU (Western Canada) Association – have been founded to foster ties among alumni and former PolyU staff whom currently reside in the Eastern and Western Canada.

On the same visit, Prof. Poon was interviewed by local press, TV and radio stations to give his views on the education system and development of Hong Kong.

In mid-October, Prof. Poon was invited to visit Sydney to officiate at an inauguration ceremony and dinner of the PolyU (Australia) Association, a third overseas society set up for former students and staff members of the Institution. Up to date, the Association has recruited more than 100 members.

Prof. Poon also took the opportunity to visit the University of Wollongong at the invitation of Prof. Tsoi Ah-chung – a winner of the 2001 Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award and Pro Vice Chancellor (Information Technology) of the University.



A new alumni association was formed in Australia.

Also present at the ceremony were the Hon. John Watkins, Minister of Education and Training of New South Wales, Australia; Mrs Jenny Wallis, Director of Hong Kong Economic & Trade Office; and Prof. George Woo, Dean of PolyU's Faculty of Health and Social Sciences. ❖

Members of the Western Canada association hold the annual general meeting.



Prof. Poon (fifth from right) receives a warm welcome from alumni in the Eastern Canada.

LCS alumni association inaugurates

The Leadership and Competence for Success (LCS) Programme Alumni Association was officially inaugurated on 5 October 2002 at a special ceremony held on the University campus. The Association was established to promote fellowship among the increasing number of LCS graduates, with a vision to agglomerate powers of all-rounded leaders to create a loving and open society.

Key officers of the first executive committee of the Association are:

President: Christopher Lee Wing-chuen

Internal Vice President: Esther Chan Tsz-ha

External Vice President: Daniel Lau Hau-wing

Financial Secretary: Ivan Leung Cheung-kin ❖



Bonding is built among alumni of the LCS programme.

Senior alumni celebrate *silver anniversary*

More than 300 alumni who have graduated from the former Government Trade School, the Hong Kong Technical College and the Hong Kong Polytechnic for more than 25 years returned to the campus on 7 December to celebrate the silver anniversary of their graduation.

To pay tribute to these senior alumni for their professional accomplishment and support to their alma mater, all participants were each presented a specially-designed badge as a souvenir. Apart from showing a video on PolyU history and alumni sharing, several fun-filled quizzes and games were run for the guests. Three former heads from the Department of Electrical Engineering, the Department of Mechanical Engineering and the Department of Accountancy also attended this meaningful event. All alumni, especially the former students of these three departments, treasured the opportunity to reunite with their respectable lecturers.

Held at the gymnasium of the Shaw Sports Complex, the gathering was jointly organized by the University and the Federation of PolyU Alumni Associations.

Prior to the gathering, some graduates joined the guided tours to visit various parts of the campus to get a latest view of their alma mater.

