

Exhibition prepares graduates for tough competition



More than 20 public and private companies display booths on PolyU campus.



From left: Mr Mathew Cheung Kin-chung, the Government's Permanent Secretary for Economic Development and Labour (Labour), Prof. T.P. Leung, Prof. Poon Chung-kwong and Mrs Dorinda Fung officiate at the exhibition.

To prepare its final-year students to gain a foothold on the increasingly competitive job market, the Student Affairs Office held a large-scale "Careers Exhibition" on campus in early November.

This year, more than 20 organisations of the civil service, public and private sectors, as well as educational institutions joined the exhibition. Among them are professional organisations in banking, accountancy and engineering. Representatives from other private companies such as Li & Fung, Maersk of the logistics industry; Eagle Star, Prudential of the insurance industry and other human resources companies are on hand to answer students' query.

Apart from the participation of the potential employers, the University has also set up a booth to promote its 'Preferred Graduate' Development Programme. Introduced in summer 1997, the Programme aims to expose PolyU students to actual working environment through various placement programmes with organisations of Hong Kong, the Chinese mainland or overseas countries before their graduation. With the support of over 700 partner companies and supporting organisations, more than 3,200 students have benefited from this Programme.

The Careers Exhibition was just one of the highlights of a month-long programme "Paint your Rainbow—Paint your Future", which also featured career talks hosted by the exhibitors and famous radio talk show host Mr Robert Chow Yung, luncheon talks with leaders in town and a variety of workshops for individual enhancement. ❖



Crowds of students are drawn to get the first hand information of the job market.

Meeting with leaders in town

Another highlight of the "Paint your Rainbow - Paint your Future" programme was the "Luncheon Talks with leaders in town" held in mid-November. Eight leading figures from various professions were invited to share their secrets of success to the PolyU students.

One of the event objectives is to broaden the students' intellectual and personal outlook through a series of informal but inspiring experience sharing. Speakers included Mr Roy Chung Chi-ping (鍾志平先生), Managing Director of TechTronic Industries Company Limited, who is also Deputy Chairman of PolyU Council; Mr the Honourable Bernard Chan (陳智思議員), Legislative Council Member and Deputy Managing Director of Asia Financial Group; Mr Jonathan Choi Koon-shum (蔡冠深先生), Chairman of Sun Wah Hi-Tech Group and Member of PolyU Council; Mr Wan Chi-keung (尹志強先生), Chairman of Wanasports International Limited and one of the Best mid-field football player in Asia; Mr Jackie Wong See-sum (黃士心太平紳士), Managing Director of Hong Thai Citizens Travel Services Limited; Dr Stephen Tai Tak-fung (戴德豐太平紳士), Chairman of Four Seas Mercantile Holdings Limited; Dr the Honourable David Chu Yu-lin (朱幼麟議員), Legislative Council Member and Chairman of Hong Kong Satellite Technology Holdings Limited; and Mr Lawrence Cheng Tan-shui (鄭丹瑞先生), Chief Operating Officer of Hong Kong Commercial Broadcasting Company Limited. All talks were well received by the students with record-breaking attendance rate. ❖



More than 330 students show up for Mr Lawrence Cheng's luncheon talk.

Feedback from the students:

"I have learnt four components of success: diligence, creativity, honesty and making good friends," said Ko Wing, a year two student on business studies.

"I have been encouraged to be brave in order to achieve our goals and ambitions," said Billy Tam, a year two student on accountancy.

Culture of the World Series

A new cultural programme, namely "Culture of the World Series", was kicked off on campus in mid-October. The new initiative, which aims to enrich students' campus lives and broaden their understanding of different cultures, will span across two semesters. Organised by the Culture Promotion Committee and supported by consulates of different countries and art organisations in Hong Kong, the programme consists of more than 15 activities depicting cultures of different countries.

These activities range from spectacular exhibitions featuring the unique cultures of various countries such as Turkey, South Africa, Portugal, India, the United States and Indonesia, to a series of film shows comprising animations from Canada, films from India, works of Italian director Luchino Visconti and a special feature on French writer Guy de Maupassant and his films. Other programmes include a jazz band show from Canada, Chinese music concert, Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra concert and water colour painting workshops hosted by artist Marco Szeto. ❖

