

8th
Congregation



7,800 graduates get dressed for success



The University welcomes its higher diploma graduates from the Chinese mainland.

Despite light shower and cloudy sky, the grey weather did not obscure the excitement and jubilation of some 7,800 postgraduates, undergraduates and sub-degree students who were enthusiastic to receive their long-awaited honours in the Eighth Congregation.

Presided over by Dr Sir Gordon Wu Ying-sheung, Chairman of the University Council, this year's Congregation was held on 27 November at the Hong Kong Coliseum. Among this year's graduates, there were 52 Doctor of Philosophy, 10 Doctor of Business Administration and 92 Master of Philosophy degrees. The University also celebrated its first batch of graduates on 28 tailor-made programmes for the emerging industries such as e-commerce, environmental management, multimedia and entertainment technology.

More than 200 Chinese mainland graduates made a special trip to Hong Kong to attend the ceremony. Among them included 67 master degree students in quality management, hotel and tourism management, project management as well as 139 graduates of higher diploma in enterprise management, fashion and textile merchandising.

President urges integration with the Chinese mainland



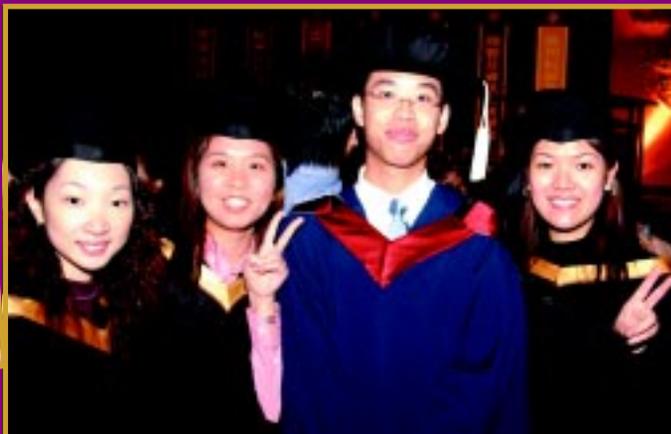
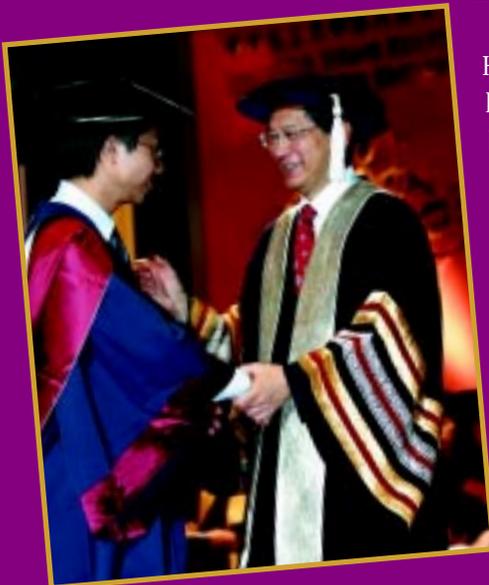
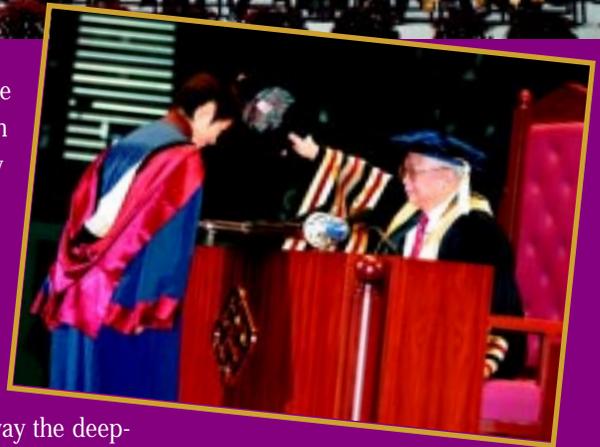
Speaking at the Congregation, President Prof. Poon Chung-kwong said the Institution was mindful of its role as a member of China's higher education sector and PolyU would strengthen its international dimension by continuing to play a vital role as a bridge between the East and the West.

He went on to say that local tertiary institutions must continue to admit more non-local students, while at the same time encourage more local students to pursue further studies on the Chinese mainland. He said, "I believe this bilateral flow of students will be most conducive to the further development of higher education in Hong Kong."

Prof. Poon also urged Hong Kong residents to change their mindset and do away the deep-rooted "Small-island mentality" or their self-centred frame of mind, as Hong Kong has become an inseparable part of China.

On the other hand, Prof. Poon welcomed the Government's vision of developing Hong Kong into a world class fashion centre by integrating the finest qualities of both Western and Eastern cultures, and making full use of the domestic market in China. The successful example of the Korean Government in implementing the "Milano project" to revive its traditional fashion industry was cited.

In closing, Prof. Poon quoted the heart-touching story of Japanese celebrity Mr Hirotada Ootake as an exemplary model for positively taking destiny into his own hands. He encouraged graduates to face future challenges with optimism and create a bright future for themselves and the community at large.



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Four honorary doctorates conferred



During the Congregation, the University also conferred four honorary degrees to leading figures in both Hong Kong and the Chinese mainland. Among this year's honorary graduates, Mr Henry Tang Ying-yen and Mr Tung Chee-chen, were awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Business Administration; while Dr Rosanna Wong Yick-ming was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Social Science and Prof. Zhou Ji was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Engineering.

Dr Henry Tang Ying-yen (唐英年博士), the Secretary for Commerce, Industry and Technology of the SAR Government, was previously Chairman of Peninsula Knitters Limited and Meadville Technologies Group Limited. He has contributed to the development of textile industry since the '70s. Mr Tang is an active member in public service. He has



served in the Hong Kong Trade Development Council, the University Grants Committee, Town Planning Board as well as the Legislative and Executive Councils. In 2000, Mr Tang was awarded a Gold Bauhinia Star from the HKSAR Government for his distinguished and outstanding service.

When Dr Tang was President of the Hong Kong Woollen and Synthetic Knitting Manufacturers Association, Mr Tang helped lead local manufacturers in facing US accusation against Hong Kong's alleged "dumping" of products into the US market. After four years of hard work, the US Government finally lost the case. Since then, Hong Kong manufacturers were exempted from an anti-dumping tax of 5.8 per cent.



Dr Tung Chee-chen (董建成博士), Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Orient Overseas (International) Limited, is a prominent leader in international shipping business. He has heavily involved in the logistics industry and the economic development of Hong

Kong. Currently he is the convener of the P-logistics Project Group of the Hong Kong Logistics Development Council and Chairman of the Hong Kong-America Center. Mr Tung is also Chairman of PolyU's Court and a member of the University Council.

Dr Tung and his family are ardent supporters of the University and this relationship can be traced back to the 1980s. In 1982, our Seawise Laboratories were named in recognition of a generous donation from the Tung Foundation, which was founded by his late father Mr. C.Y. Tung. Over the years, Mr Tung has offered his insights and expertise to support the development of our shipping department.

Dr Rosanna Wong Yick-ming (王葛鳴博士) is currently Chairman of the Education Commission and Executive Director of the Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups. Despite 27 years of contribution in youth and social service, Dr Wong still serves in many welfare organisations, including the World Vision Hong Kong, the Community Chest and the Hong Kong Council of Social Service. She has been selected for the Ten Outstanding Young Persons Award and named Global Leader for Tomorrow as well as Dame Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire.

Never one to shirk a responsibility, or a challenge, Dr Wong has

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Prof. Zhou Ji (周濟教授), China's Vice-Minister of Education, won his repute for turning the city of Wuhan into a leading optical science research and manufacturing base. Since then, Wuhan has been nicknamed "The China Optical Valley" and has successfully drawn talents and investment from around the region. In 1999, he was elected an Academician of the Chinese Academy of Engineering. A year later, he was elected Mayor of Wuhan – the second academician in China's history to be appointed the mayoralty. Before that, Prof. Zhou was President of Huazhong University of Science and Technology.

During his service in Wuhan, Prof. Zhou has placed great emphasis on cultivating new talents. He believes that only through quality education and continuous learning could new brains be trained for the city as well as the country. Among the first batch of students sent by the government to study abroad in the '80s, Prof. Zhou has set himself a role model for many young overseas graduates by returning home and dedicating himself to serve the alma mater, the people and the country during all these years. ❖

also involved in public service. Apart from serving the Legislative Council, she was also appointed Member of the Executive Council during the handover period and continued to serve in the same capacity under the HKSAR. She has also served as Chairman of the Housing Authority. Her years of contributions to the development of Hong Kong in the arenas of social policy, legislation, public affairs, education, youth service, social welfare and many yet to be named attainments, have made her a fine example for the young people.



Honorees hold open forums

Soon after the congregation ceremony, the University took advantage of the awardees' worthy visit and held two open seminars for this year's honorary doctorate Prof. Zhou Ji and university fellow Prof. Jiang Chengyu.

Currently Vice-Minister of Education, Prof. Zhou shared his views on the trend and latest development of tertiary education in China. More than 100 internal and external guests turned up to learn from Prof. Zhou's experience.

Prof. Jiang, President of China's Northwestern Polytechnic University, who is also an expert on MEMS (Micro Electro Mechanical Systems) gave a lecture on the movement of NANO technology in China. The Northwestern Polytechnic University was one of the leading institutions in China on the development of NANO technology. ❖



Prof. Jiang



Prof. Zhou (left) shares his experience with Prof. Poon and Mrs Fanny Law, Permanent Secretary for Education and Manpower.

University Fellowships for distinguished leaders



University representatives and the new university fellows: (back row from left)
Dr Jiang Chengyu, Mr Kenneth Lam, Dr Eric Li, Mr David Chris Lee, Mr Kenneth Ting,
Mr Raymond Chan, Ir. Prof. Ng Sai-ho, Dr Ng Tze-chuen and Dr Ng Tat-lun.



Taking the chance to recognise community leaders with outstanding achievement and social service, the University conferred another 10 University Fellowships to distinguished personalities from both Hong Kong and the Chinese mainland. The awardees are:

Mr Raymond Chan (陳煒文先生), Group Chairman and CEO of IDT International Ltd and PolyU Council Executive Committee member;

Prof. Jiang Chengyu (姜澄宇教授), President of China's Northwestern Polytechnic University and former President of Nanjing University of Aeronautics and Astronautics;

Mr Kenneth Lam Yiu-kin (林耀堅先生), Partner of PricewaterhouseCoopers and former Treasurer of PolyU;

Mr David Chris Lee Tsung-hei (李頌熹先生), Managing Director of David C Lee Surveyors Ltd, Member of the PolyU Council Executive Committee and a recipient of Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award for 1999;

Dr the Hon. Eric Li Ka-cheung (李家祥議員), Senior Partner of Li, Tang, Chen & Co., Member of PolyU Court and a former member of PolyU Council;

Ir Prof. Ng Sai-ho (吳世豪教授), Director of Paul Y-ITC General Contractors Ltd, Adjunct Professor of PolyU's Department of Civil and Structural Engineering and a recipient of Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award for 1997;

Dr Ng Tze-chuen (伍士銓醫生), dental surgeon and co-researcher in the "Holinser Forceps System" and "Mars Rock Corer" projects conducted in collaboration with PolyU;

Dr Ng Tat-lun (伍達倫博士), Managing Director of Energizer Co. Inc. and a recipient of Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award for 1997;

The Hon. Kenneth Ting Woo-shou (丁午壽議員), Chairman of Kader Industrial Co. Ltd and PolyU Council Member; and

Mr Tim Yip Kam-tim (葉錦添先生), winner of the Oscar for Art Direction in the 2001 Academy Awards and a PolyU graduate in Applied Photography in 1986. ❖