

Rewarding internship at Peninsula Chicago

Students of the School of Hotel and Tourism Management (HTM) were most fortunate to be involved in the opening of an Asian-themed restaurant - Shanghai Terrace - in The Peninsula Chicago which has recently been named the best hotel-dining venue in Chicago by the *Elite Traveler* magazine.

Being the first batch of students to be sent forth by the University, five HTM students undertook a one-year internship at the prestigious Peninsula Chicago in the United States during the summer 2001.

Under the tutelage of the restaurant manager, the students learned how to complement meals with the right wines and mix popular alcoholic drinks. They observed how the Chinese fusion dishes were prepared under the good hands of the top



Five HTM students share their fruitful experience from The Peninsula Chicago.

chefs, from ingredient preparation, cooking, into mouth-watering dishes. They were also involved in supplies management of the restaurant.

"We've spent two to three months on training and setting up service procedures", said Fion Leung, a hotel and catering management major. "We've also participated in food tasting sessions when the menu for the restaurant was still being developed."

Dorcas Lam, the only tourism management student in the group, said, "I've learned how to communicate with people from different countries and get used to their accents. It was not that easy, but we managed to achieve this."

During the last few months of their stay in Chicago, the Hong Kong interns were asked to pass on their experience to six new students who would take over their places at the restaurant. ❖

Thanks to ISE mentors

To facilitate the educational, social and personal growth of our students, Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering has established the Mentorship Programme since 2001. This year, to continue this meaningful programme, a gathering was specially arranged for the mentees and mentors on 26 October which attracted over 70 students. More than 20 mentors - who are alumni and professionals from the industry - also joined the gathering to show their support.

The Department was honoured to have Mr Cliff C.K. To, Director of SAE Magnetics (H.K.) Ltd. - HDD and Dr S.F. Lee, Chairman of MIEAA and our Advisory Committee Member to be the guests. Programme started with a welcoming speech by Prof. W.B. Lee, Chair Professor and Head of Department; followed by programme introduction by Dr K.F. Chu, one of the course leaders; and speeches by Mr To, Dr Lee and various mentors. To express heartfelt thanks to the guests and all the mentors, Prof. Lee presented each of them a certificate of appreciation for their kind support. ❖

First batch Shenzhen MBA students set foot on campus

Nearly 40 students travelled from Shenzhen to PolyU recently to finish the second part of the Postgraduate Diploma/ MBA programme run by the PolyU Outpost Centre in Shenzhen.

Upon completion of the modules at postgraduate diploma level in Shenzhen, students are required to study modules at master degree level in Hong Kong.



Glory for textile students in China

With their innovative proposal for setting up a company “Feafur” that provides IT solution in functional clothing, a team of postgraduate textile students scored silver prize in the first ever Cross-Strait Student Entrepreneur Contest.

The Contest was jointly organised by Zhejiang University and Cixi City in the Province. The team has outperformed other 11 teams, coming from six renowned universities across the strait, and brought home the only award amongst Hong Kong institutions.

The winning team, sent by our Institute of Textiles and Clothing, included two PhD candidates Burley Wang Zhong and Ying Bo-an, and an MPhil student Cherry Lo Lok-yuen. They have generously donated the cash prize of RMB\$6,000 to the China Youth Development Foundation.



ITC students demonstrate how to turn creativity into honour.

Chevening scholarship goes to FAST outstanding student

With the support of the British Chevening Scholarship, Agnes Yu Siu-nga, an Outstanding Student of the Faculty of Applied Science & Textiles 2001, has embarked on her study of the Master of Arts in Textiles at the Goldsmiths College of the University of London in the United Kingdom.

Agnes is one of the 50 scholars who have been awarded the British Chevening Postgraduate Scholarship in 2001-02.



Ng Kam-fung (second from left), Choy Chun-wai (third from right) and other PolyU scholarship winners receive awards from Mr Eldon (middle).

Distinguished trio win HSBC scholarships

Three PolyU students have won more than HK\$500,000 scholarships from the Hongkong Bank Foundation as sponsorship for their second year studies in Australia, the United Kingdom and the United States.

The awardees are Choy Chun-wai from the Department of Chinese and Bilingual Studies, Ng Kam-fung from the Department of Business Studies and Cheung Wai-man from the Department of Rehabilitation Sciences.

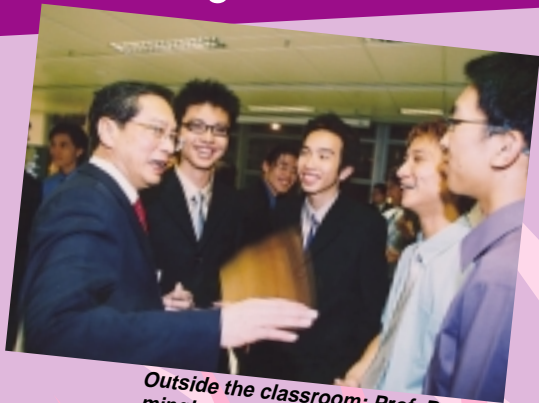
The coveted awards were presented by Mr David Eldon, Chairman of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, at a tea reception.

Top athlete snaps gold award

Lau Cheuk-chi, a second-year student on rehabilitation sciences, captured Individual Champion of this year's Inter-Universities Cross Country Race which was held on 10 November at the Chinese University of Hong Kong.

To support the further development of sports activities, our alumnus Mr Lam Tai-fai has kindly donated \$200,000 to the University. About one-fourth of the donation will be set aside to award three outstanding sportsmen every year.

High table dinner adds colour to hall life



Outside the classroom: Prof. Poon mingles with the students.

As part of the unique experience of hall life, two high table dinners were organised by tutors and wardens on 4 October and 22 November respectively. More than 550 guests and residents were dressed up to dine at the new Student Halls of Residence.

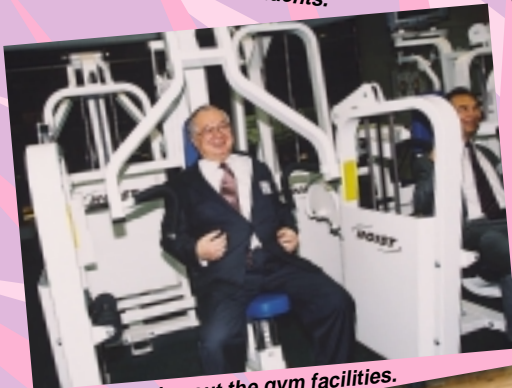
The first dinner was honoured with the presence of Council Chairman Dr Sir Gordon Wu Ying-sheung, President Prof. Poon Chung-kwong and three Council members: Mr the Honourable Kenneth Ting, Prof. Susie Lum and Mrs Katherine Ngan.

Mr Allen P.F. Lee, a former Chairman of the University Court and Court Chairman Dr Tung Chee-chen also joined the dinners as honourable guests to speak to the students.

The joint-hall high table dinner, a major event of the Student Halls of Residence, aims to provide an authentic university experience as part of the holistic development for the students.



Prof. Poon greets the exchange students.



Sir Gordon tries out the gym facilities.



Dressed up: students are given training on social skills and table manners.



Students tour guests around the newly built hostel.



Prof. Kaye Chon (second right, front row) shares experience with students.



From left: Prof. Poon, Mrs Dorinda Fung, Mrs Ngan, Sir Gordon, Dr Catherine Tang and Dr Tung.