

Outstanding alumni



The award presentation for the "Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award" was successfully held at Hotel Inter-Continental Hong Kong in late March, drawing over 500 guests and PolyU members to share the joy of the awardees. This year, five distinguished alumni were chosen for this coveted award, which was presented by the Guest of Honour Dr Henry Tang Ying-yen, Hong Kong's Secretary for Commerce, Industry and Technology.

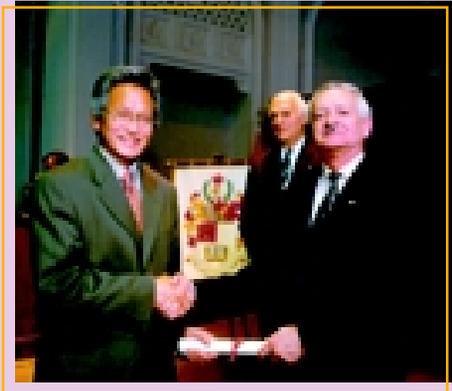


Prof. John Lee, 1957 graduate of Diploma in Mechanical Engineering, Hong Kong Technical College:

"My first technical education at the Hong Kong Technical College has given me practical training which has helped me understand and communicate with different kinds of people. This is crucial to the subsequent development of my career."

Forty-five years since his graduation from the Hong Kong Technical College, it is the latest honour for being an outstanding PolyU alumnus that has brought the return of Prof. John Lee.

Currently a Professor at the Department of Mechanical Engineering at McGill University and an internationally renowned scholar in the areas of detonation and explosion, nuclear engineering and environmental sciences, he is also Honorary Professor of the Institute of Mechanics of the Chinese Academy of Sciences and



Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada.

A literature lover in his teens, Prof. Lee said he was advised by his family to study something practical which led to his involvement in mechanical engineering. The three-year practical and hands-on training in the Technical College sowed seeds in the young mind of Prof. Lee who learnt to see things from a practical and sensible perspective.

Showing his care for people, environment and advancement of the society, Prof. Lee has taught and served as consultant on the Chinese mainland, Canada, Japan, Norway and the US for a wide range of industry and government agencies. His voluminous research achievements and contributions to the society have won him accolades including the Numa Manson Gold Medal presented



by the Institute for the Dynamics of Explosions and Reactive Systems in 1991 and the Dinozy Smolenski Medal of the Polish Academy of Sciences.

Despite his talents in both research and teaching, Prof. Lee said teaching was his favourite job. "Doing research is more an individual thing while teaching allows me to pose an influence on others. For me, seeing my students making achievements in their careers brings me the highest satisfaction," said Prof. Lee.

in the spotlight



Launched in 1996, the biennial "Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award" was jointly organized by PolyU and the Federation of PolyU Alumni Associations, with an aim of giving public recognition to outstanding graduates of the University and its forerunners, the Hong Kong Polytechnic, Hong Kong Technical College and Government Trade School.



Dr Rebecca Lee Lok-sze, 1964 graduate of Certificate in Commercial Design, Hong Kong Technical College:

"I have always wanted to be an artist and to travel around the world. But soon I realized that it was too difficult to make a living and I decided to return to school. This is how I started my relationship with the Technical College."

Devoting more than half of her lifetime to photography, design, writing and filming, art appears to be in the blood of Dr Rebecca Lee Lok-sze.

An early graduate in Commercial Design in 1964, Dr Lee said she turned to commercial design in order to make a living. Having founded her own design company at a time when Hong Kong was rich in commercial opportunity, Dr Lee displayed her talent for working creatively on magazine and public relations projects with major clients such as the Hong Kong Jockey Club and Cathay Pacific Airways.

Her turn of life only came when she set foot on the Antarctica as a member of the Chinese research team's news group in 1985 which confirmed her in her new found vocation. She then decided to devote her life to furthering research into the extreme worlds at the poles and on Mount Everest. She reached the North Pole in 1986 and in 1992 she accompanied a Chinese

scientific expedition to Mount Everest.

A thinker as well as an intrepid explorer, Dr Lee has propounded original and poetic theories about human responsibility for the welfare of a planet threatened by global warming. Dr Lee has published numerous books and articles on her expeditions as well as photographic essays and television documentaries to preach her beliefs to the public as well as the youngsters.

Being an Adviser (Science) for the Leisure and Cultural Services Department of the HKSAR Government, Dr Lee also serves as an Adviser for the Polar Research Committee



of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, and Vice President of the Hong Kong Association for the Advancement of Science and Technology. In 2000, she was awarded the degree of Doctor of Humanities *honoris causa* by Lingnan University.

Most recently, Dr Lee has devoted the bulk of her time to actively campaigning for the China Polar Museum Foundation, which she herself established. The Foundation's museum in Dalian is scheduled to open in 2004.

"To live is to learn. Only through continuous research and learning can we advance further and strive for a better world," Dr Lee remarked.





Mr Humphrey Leung Kwong-wai, graduate of Higher Diploma in Electronic Engineering in 1978 and Associateship in Electronic Engineering in 1981, Hong Kong Polytechnic:

“The Hong Kong Polytechnic is one of the few institutions that provides quality programme in electronic engineering. At that time, whoever that could be admitted into the Polytechnic ought to be capable and show high potential.”

Despite his graduation from the Hong Kong Polytechnic for more than 20 years, Mr Humphrey Leung Kwong-wai said he has never left his alma mater.

“I am always in touch with my teachers in the Polytechnic. They are Prof. Y. S. Lee and Prof. Joshua Wong who were my

teachers at school, mentors of my career and now proposers for the Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award,” said Mr Leung.

A well-known figure in the electronics industry, Mr Leung devoted himself to the task of transferring knowledge in the field of semiconductor integrated circuit (IC) from



Mr Liu Sing-cheong, graduate of Higher Diploma in Surveying (General Practice) in 1977 and Advanced Higher Diploma in General Practice Surveying in 1979, Hong Kong Polytechnic:

“Compared to the other two universities, the Polytechnic was not a preferred institution during my days. We were seen as the underdogs. It was this underdog feeling that has taught me how to fight against the odds and led me to the achievements that I have made today.”

It is the courage of being different that has brought Mr Liu Sing-cheong to the Hong Kong Polytechnic. “After graduation from the secondary school, everyone scrambled for seats in the two universities. I asked why I had to be like others and I decided to apply for the Polytechnic.”

From a novice in surveying to a leader in the real estate industry, Mr Liu thanked his alma mater for the professional training that he had received in the Department of Building and Real Estate. Since graduation, Mr Liu has been serving in the property industry for nearly three decades. Mr Liu was also the first batch of young surveyors to be involved in the property development in the Pearl River Delta.

Having worked for such prominent players as Swire Properties Ltd, Hong Kong Bank, Hsin Chong Holdings Ltd and Knight,

Frank, Kan & Baillieu, Mr Liu is now Managing Director and Chairman of Guangzhou Pearl-River Hang Cheong (PRHC) Real Estate Consultants and Chairman of Guangzhou Top Home Technology Co. Ltd.

PRHC has distinguished itself as the only company outside the Chinese mainland to have been accorded the prestigious status of “Class A” property consultancy/agency



in each of the years since such classification began in 1996.

Mr Liu has also been extremely enthusiastic in supporting educational activities on the Chinese mainland and PolyU’s Department of Building and Real Estate, giving generously of his time as an active and stimulating co-investigator in several research projects.

“From an underdog to a fully-fledged university, I am proud to see what PolyU has achieved today and I am most proud to be one of its graduates,” said Mr Liu.

Silicon Valley to Hong Kong after his studies in the then Hong Kong Polytechnic.

In 1984, he joined Motorola Semiconductors' Asia Pacific Division in Hong Kong where he helped make Motorola's IC design centre the largest of its type in the territory. In 1999, he founded his own company, Solomon Systech Ltd, which develops and manufactures its own brand display IC products for mobile communications, PDA and advanced emerging displays. Starting with just 33 local staff, the company, of which he is both President and Managing Director, now employs 120 staff worldwide and has notched up total sales revenue to date of HK\$1.17 billion.



Mr Leung's clear vision and flair for devising inventive processes have brought him and his company widespread acclaim. The most recent of these are the 2002 Hong Kong Electronic Industries Association Gold Award and Grand Award for Outstanding Innovation and Technology Products, the 2001 Hong Kong Award for Industry: Export Marketing, the 2001 Hong Kong Science

and Technology Parks Corporation Technological Achievement Award, the 2001 Trade and Industry Department Quality Award, etc. Two years ago, Mr Leung was a recipient of the Young Industrialists Awards of Hong Kong.

In view of the gloomy economic prospect, Mr Leung shared his philosophy of success with youths nowadays, "Being a graduate in electronic engineering, I have learnt the virtue of persistence. Despite the fast-changing landscape in the global market, Hong Kong has its winning edge in its electronic products, research and development. It is a matter of time, will power and personal skills that we need to invest to ensure our long-term success."



Mr Samuel Wong King-on, 1977 graduate of Higher Diploma in Accountancy, Hong Kong Polytechnic:

"It is my honour to be the first Chinese to be elected President of the ACCA Worldwide and I hope this honour will bring credit for my alma mater."

Tracing the successful story of Mr Samuel Wong King-on, one has to start from his training in the Hong Kong Polytechnic some 20 years ago.

Mr Wong said the demanding accountancy programme offered by the then Hong Kong Polytechnic was one of the bests in Hong Kong. "At that time, I knew nothing about accountancy," said Mr Wong from his reminiscences. "It was the training in the Polytechnic that has given me such a solid foundation."

After his studies at the Polytechnic, Mr Wong received his MBA from the University of Bradford, where he was also awarded the Binder Hamlyn prize for the best student in financial management in 1978.

The greater part of his experience has been with Ernst & Young Certified Public Accountants, where he is currently Partner

— Assurance and Advisory Business Services. His involvement with the Association of Certified Chartered Accountants (ACCA) began in 1993. In 2001, Mr Wong was elected Vice-president of ACCA Worldwide — the first Chinese person ever elected as an officer of this international body since its establishment in 1904. In 2002, he was elected deputy president, a role which will lead in 2003 to his assuming the presidency of this worldwide professional body with its



nearly 300,000 members and students in 160 countries.

"Apart from work, I always feel that it is my obligation to pay back what I have gained to my alma mater and the industry," said Mr Wong. This explains why he is so enthusiastic and supportive toward PolyU. Currently, Mr Wong is an Adjunct Professor and an honorary mentor for students of the Department of Accountancy. The Department has named him an Outstanding Accountancy Alumni in recognition of his tremendous contributions to the University. ❖

★傑出校友獲殊榮★



超過五百名嘉賓及理大成員於三月底齊集香港洲際酒店，出席第四屆「傑出理大校友」頒獎禮。今年，共有五位校友獲頒發此獎項，以表揚他們在所屬專業的出色表現及對母校和社會作出的重大貢獻。

「傑出理大校友選舉」由香港理工大學及香港理工大學校友會聯合合辦。這項兩年一度的選舉於一九九六年創辦，目的是要公開表揚成就卓越的理大畢業生（包括前香港理工學院、香港工業專門學院及香港官立高級工業學校之畢業生）。

當晚，大學邀得工商及科技局局長兼評選團主席唐英年博士為頒獎嘉賓。今期《步伐》專程走訪本屆五位獲選校友：



李克山教授

一九五七年畢業於香港工業專門學院，獲頒機械工程文憑；後於加拿大麥基爾大學及美國麻省理工學院深造，現任麥基爾大學機械工程學系教授。他亦是中國科學院力學研究所榮譽教授及加拿大皇家學院院士。

李教授在燃燒學及爆炸學、核子工程、環境科學及危險物質處理方面的研究備受業界推崇，曾獲多個傑出研究獎，堪稱國際權威。

另外，李教授對理大機械工程學系有關燃燒學及空氣污染的課程設計提供了很多寶貴意見；理大學生也曾多次受惠於李教授的教導。在研究方面，李教授也協助加強理大與麥基爾大學的研究合作。



李樂詩博士

一九六四年畢業於香港工業專門學院，獲頒商業設計證書。她是全球首位踏足三極（南極、北極及高極——珠穆朗瑪峰）的女探險家。

過去二十年，她對極地考察和研究作出不少貢獻。她於一九九七年創立中國極地博物館基金，旨在與世界各國極地科學家加強交流，探索極地與環保的關係及重要性。該基金於大連開設的博物館將於二零零四年揭幕。

李博士亦積極參與公民教育活動，藉此提高市民的環保意識。她熱愛攝影及藝術，並透過書本、電視紀錄片及攝影展與公眾分享其所見所聞。李博士曾獲任特區政府康樂及文化事務署（科學）顧問、中國科學院極地科學委員會顧問及香港科技協進會副會長。



梁廣偉先生

畢業於香港理工學院，一九七八年獲頒電子工程高級文憑，並於一九八一年獲頒電子工程院士。

梁先生是本港首批半導體集成電路設計工程師之一，對本地高科技半導體及電子業發展，貢獻良多。梁先生憑著他於跨國公司摩托羅拉任職超過十年的豐富經驗，於一九九九年創辦晶門科技有限公司，專營半導體高科技業務，現為該公司總裁兼董事總經理。

在其領導下，公司發展良好，並獲得多個獎項，包括二零零二年香港電子業商會頒發的全場大獎及電子零件金獎；二零零一年香港工業獎及香港新創業中小企業金獎。他亦熱心參與理大有關電子及資訊工程的培訓課程及研究工作。梁先生卓越的成就獲得廣泛認同，於二零零一年榮獲香港青年工業家獎。

Past awardees of the Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award:

1996/97 Selection

- **Dr Leung Chung-ying** 梁振英博士
(Higher Diploma in Surveying, 1974)
- **Ir Prof. Ng Sai-ho** 吳世豪教授
(Diploma in Building, 1962)
- **Dr Ng Tat-lun** 伍達倫博士
(Diploma in Production Engineering, 1962;
Diploma in Management Studies, 1969)
- **Dr Chris Wong Ho-ching** 黃河清博士
(Higher Diploma in Electrical Engineering, 1969)
- **Miss Vivienne Tam** 譚燕玉小姐
(Higher Diploma in Design, 1978)
- **The late Dr Samuel Wong Ping-wai** 黃秉槐博士
(Diploma in Mechanical Engineering, 1961)

1998/99 Selection

- **Mr Dennis Chan Shui-lun** 陳瑞麟先生
(Diploma in Design, 1979; Higher Diploma in Product Design, 1981)
- **Dr Alex K.W. Cheung** 張國維博士
(Associateship in Building Technology & Management, 1982)
- **Dr Lily Chiang** 蔣麗莉博士
(Doctor of Philosophy in Manufacturing Engineering, 1993)
- **Mr David C. Lee** 李頌熹先生
(Higher Diploma in Surveying & Building Technology, 1970)
- **Mr Otto Poon Lok-to** 潘樂陶先生
(Higher Certificate in Electrical Engineering, 1962; Higher Certificate in Mechanical Engineering, 1964)

2000/2001 Selection

- **Dr Chang Chu-cheng** 張樹成博士
(Higher Diploma in Electrical Engineering, 1964)
- **Mr Daniel Lai Sik-cheung** 賴錫璋先生
(Certificate in Supervisory Management, 1972; Diploma in Management Studies, 1975)
- **Mr Lam Tai-fai** 林大輝先生
(Higher Diploma in Textile Technology, 1981)
- **Mr Freeman Lau Siu-hong** 劉小康先生
(Diploma in Design, 1979)
- **Mr Kenneth Pang Tsan-wing** 彭贊榮先生
(Higher Diploma in Surveying and Building Technology, 1967)
- **Mr Thomas Tang Koon-yiu** 鄧觀瑤先生
(Higher Diploma in Production Engineering, 1968)
- **Prof. Tsoi Ah-chung** 蔡亞從教授
(Higher Diploma in Electronic Engineering, 1969)



黃敬安先生

一九七七年畢業於香港理工學院，獲頒會計學高級文憑；後於英國巴拉福特大學取得工商管理碩士學位，一九七八年更獲該校頒發財務管理學最優秀學生獎。

現任安永會計師事務所合夥人。他於過去兩年分別當選為英國特許公認會計師公會副會長及國際副會長，並將於二零零三年出任會長。他是該國際專業團體自一九零四年創立以來首位獲選擔任領導的華人，率領全球一百六十個國家近三十萬會員及學生。

他亦當選理大會計學系傑出校友及獲該系委任為兼任教授。此外，他亦自二零零一年開始，擔任該系學生的榮譽顧問。黃先生對會計界貢獻良多，在業內享負盛名。



廖勝昌先生

畢業於香港理工學院，一九七七年獲頒測量學（產業）高級文憑，並於一九七九年獲頒產業測量學高等文憑。

廖先生是廣州珠江恆昌房地產顧問有限公司創辦人及董事總經理，亦是廣州家宜置業科技有限公司主席。在其領導下，珠江恆昌房地產顧問有限公司是自一九九六年廣州推行顧問／中介企業每年評級制度以來，唯一連續六年取得「甲等地產顧問／中介企業」殊榮的境外企業。

他亦是理大建築及房地產學系榮譽院士及兼任教授。他熱心支持及積極參與系內的研究工作；其公司更捐出獎學金，資助內地大學學者到港進行房地產市場研究。廖先生積極參與公共服務，為多間大專院校及公營機構提供專業意見及服務。他是皇家註冊測量師學會、香港測量師學會及美國城市土地學會會員、香港房屋委員會委員及香港法律改革小組委員會成員，也是劍橋大學訪問學人。