

Thumbs up for the young entrepreneurs

How to “protect” the half-finished coke from the “attack” of insects? How to prevent children from being burnt by hot water in the bathtubs? Four PolyU students demonstrated their business talents by designing a series of intelligent home safety products for the third PolyU-IDT Innovative Entrepreneur Contest.

Geared by the boundless creativity and business talent of the students, the Contest came to a successful close in September. Under the generous sponsorship of Dr Raymond Chan, Chairman and CEO of IDT International Limited, this meaningful event has been held for three consecutive years.

This year, 45 multi-disciplinary teams comprising a total of more than 140 students competed in four categories, namely IT and Health Care Products, Telecommunication and Personal Devices, Home Appliances and Toys. Seven out of 25 teams were short-listed for the final competition. During the final, each team was required to formulate and present its business plan to the judging panel with focuses on either innovative technology or product development.

Following rounds of interesting and inspiring presentations, the judging panel came up with winners for the eight awards including first runner-ups, category winners and the Diamond Award of Innovation. The Diamond Award of Innovation was selected among the three category winners.

Each winning team received a plaque, a certificate of merit and a cash prize ranging from \$8,000 to \$25,000. Their works would also be granted the opportunity to receive support for further development and may be launched in the market through the University's Innovation and Technology Incubation Programme. ❖



Team members of BabyCAT show off their winning works.

List of winning teams

IT and Health Care Products

Category Winner: Baby CAre experT (BabyCAT)

Lai Chun-hang, Kwong Wai-man from the Department of Computing; and Lam Ka-yan from the Department of English

First runner-up: Virtual-reality based exercise programmes for rehabilitation on motor skills relearning

Derek Chong Shing-hei, Rosita Au Kwun-ip from the Rehabilitation Engineering Centre

Telecommunication & Personal Devices

First runner-up: Helpless Messiah

Chan Ka-ho from the Department of Marketing and Management; Wan Cho-wah, Mak Tze-yuk, Wong Kwok-yuen from the Department of Electronic and Information Engineering

Home Appliances

Diamond Award of Innovation & Category Winner: MarcoKids
Ho Kin-wing, Leung Hoi-chun, Chang Yang, Hui Chun-pong from the School of Design

First runner-up: Low cost nitrate remover plus calcium reactor
Bartholomew Iu Ka-chun, Chow Chi-yin, Lam Hoi-kit, Tsui Wah-chung from the Department of Computing

Toys

Category Winner: Drum set simulator for PC

Chim Wai-kin from the Department of Electronic and Information Engineering

First runner-up: @Music

Lam Ka-wing, Wong Lok-hang, Lau Tsun-may from the Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering; Leung Kam-kui from the School of Design



Dr Chan (fourth from right) presents awards to the winning students.

Benevolence shines through Golden Arches

In the University Student Program-McDonald's Community Achievement Award held in November, five PolyU students won the first runner-up in the category of Social Welfare. They are all third year students in social policy and administration. Organized by McDonald's Restaurants (HK) Ltd, jointly with Hong Kong Productivity Council and the Government's Sustainable Development Unit, the event targets at local full-time undergraduate students, with an aim to stimulate students' creativity and interest to serve the community. ❖



Scoring high with scientific mind

A team of PolyU students walked away with two Second Prizes and four Third Prizes in the 8th Challenge Cup Competition held at the South China University of Technology in November. The PolyU delegation also ranked the fifth among 12 participating tertiary institutions from Hong Kong and Macau. The nation-wide Challenge Cup Competition is a biennial event, held to promote advancement of technology and scientific inventions among tertiary students. It is jointly organized by China Association for Science and Technology, All China Xue Sheng Lian He Hui and Ministry of Education of China. ❖

Distinguished students of construction and land use

The Faculty of Construction and Land Use have selected some 60 top students among its constituent departments for the 2003 Outstanding Students and Dean's Honours List. Among them, four students were named Most Outstanding Students as nominated by their departments including Building and Real Estate, Building Services Engineering, Civil and Structural Engineering and Land Surveying and Geo-Informatics. ❖



徵文比賽 推動文學創作

中國語文教學中心於早前舉辦「二零零三徵文比賽」，藉以推動校內的閱讀和創作風氣。徵文比賽已第六年舉辦，參賽人數逐年遞增，今年的參賽作品更高達 135 篇。是次比賽共分小說、散文和評論三個組別，冠軍分別由來自護理學系、應用社會學系和中文及雙語學系的學生奪得。頒獎典禮於十一月十四日順利進行。 ❖