

It's Carnival time!



A total of 6,000 PolyU alumni and their families and friends had a day of fun joining the "PolyU Alumni Homecoming Carnival 2004". Jointly staged by the University and the Federation of PolyU Alumni Associations (FHKPUAA) on Sunday, 21 March, the Carnival attracted both adults and kids, bringing to our campus exciting activities such as horse-riding and rock-climbing for adults and mini car racing for kids.

Starting with a dragon dance at noon, the opening of the carnival was officiated at by Prof. Poon Chung-kwong, President; Mr Alexander Tzang, Deputy President; and Dr Ng Tat-lun, FHKPUAA President. It also marked the inauguration of FHKPUAA's new Board of Directors (2003-2005) as well as the launch of the campaign "Greening Hong Kong by PolyU". This unique alumni community project will unite PolyU graduates in an effort to green the city by planting 1,000 trees in Hong Kong in November.

Other guests-of-honour at the opening were some of the past Outstanding PolyU Alumni Awardees, namely, Dr Rebecca Lee Lok-sze, Mr Humphrey Leung Kwok-wai, Mr Liu Sing-cheong, Mr Freeman Lau Siu-hong, Mr Kenneth Pang Tsan-wing, Mr Dennis Chan Shui-lun and Mr Otto Poon Lok-to.

This year, the event featured for the first time a "Federation Cup Inter-Alumni Association Soccer Tournament", sponsored by Dr Ng Tat-lun who is also an Outstanding PolyU Alumni awardee of 1997. The championship of this seven-a-side soccer game, joined by eight alumni association teams, went to the team from Electrical Engineering Alumni Association, with the Textiles and Clothing Alumni Association awarded the First Runner-up.

FHKPUAA's new Board of Directors is led by the following five elected officers, in addition to 15 members representing different alumni associations:

President: Dr Ng Tat-lun
1st Vice-President: Mr Lam Tai-fai
2nd Vice-President: Mr Johnny Fan
Honorary Secretary: Miss Joanna Lam
Honorary Treasurer: Mr Wilson Wan





Other highlights of the carnival included mini golf and tennis training, postcard making by design alumni, balloon twisting, inflatable bouncers, ice-cream and candy floss booths and lucky draws. A traditional handicraft booth was set up with the sponsorship of PolyU's School of Professional Education and Executive Development (SPEED). Various PolyU facilities were open for tour.

This fun-filled, biennial event no doubt enhanced the spirit of unity among PolyU's over 30 departmental alumni associations by involving them in the organization of the event.

