

# Kudos for Young Engineer of the Year



*Dr Lau (right) was presented the award by Dr Alex Chan, President of HKIE.*

**D**r Alan Lau Kin-tak, Assistant Professor of the Department of Mechanical Engineering, has recently been named Young Engineer of the Year 2004 by the Hong Kong Institution of Engineers (HKIE) in recognition of his active involvement in the industry and outstanding services to the community.

From an apprentice, sales engineer to a PhD graduate of PolyU, Dr Lau is a strong believer in continuous education. Over the years, Dr Lau has spent much of his time in organizing talks and seminars for youths with an aim to broaden their horizons.

Dr Lau has been actively involved in organizing local and international conferences. He was one of the founding officers of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, Hong Kong Student Section, and helped establish the Institution of Engineers, Australia, Hong Kong Chapter. He is also one of the Chairs of the Symposium on Nano-composites for Space and Infrastructure Applications and the Ninth International Conference of Composite Engineering. ❖

## Tribute to 168 long-serving staff



*Dr Siu Kwan-moon (left) and Dr Simon Leung have been with the PolyU family for 30 and 15 years respectively.*

**F**or the first time, the University presented special awards for staff serving 30 years or more in its annual Long Service Awards held in January in appreciation of the loyal and committed service of the staff members over the years.

Among this year's 168 awardees, 46 have served for 25 years, 21 for 20 years and 92 for 15 years, including teaching, administrative and general staff. A total of nine staff members who had served PolyU for 30 years or more were invited to return to the University to receive the special Long Service Awards. ❖



*(From left) Mr Yeung Yat-keung, Mr Tsang Kee-cheong and Mr Cheung Chung-shun show off awards for their 30 years' service.*



## Walk for Millions

Despite the cold and rainy weather, the University sent forth a 1000-strong team, comprising staff, students, alumni and their families and friends, to take part in the "New Territories Walk" in early February. This year, about \$200,000 were thus raised for the Community Chest.

To boost participation, internal awards were set up. This year, the awards of the "Largest Staff Team" and "Largest Alumni Team" went to the Industrial Centre and the Computing Alumni Association while the team awards of the "Top Fund Raiser" for staff and alumni went to the Offices of the President and the Accounting and Finance Graduates Association respectively.

Special thanks went to Si Sport and Asia Pacific Catering for their generous sponsorship of windbreakers and catering services to all PolyU participants. It has been the 12th year for the University to take part in this meaningful event. Over the years, more than 7,800 PolyU members have participated and raised more than \$2.4 million for the Chest. Last year, the PolyU team was the fourth Top Fund-raising Team in the Hong Kong & Kowloon Walk.



## External appointments

- **Prof. George Woo**, Dean of the Faculty of Health and Social Science, has been appointed as Honorary Professor of the Sun Yat-sen University (中山大學), for a period of four years effective January 2004.
- **Prof. Li Chung-lun**, Head of the Department of Logistics, has been appointed as a member of Human Resources Task Force of the Hong Kong Maritime Industry Council (香港航運發展局) effective 12 January 2004.
- **Prof. Maurice Yap**, Head of the Department of Optometry and Radiography, has been re-appointed as Chairman of the Preliminary Investigation Committee of the Optometrists Board, for a further period of one year effective 2 January 2004 and appointed as Visiting Professor of the Zhongshan Ophthalmic Centre of the Sun Yat-sen University (中山大學中山眼科中心), for a period of three years effective September 2003.
- **Prof. Ronald So**, Head of the Department of Mechanical Engineering, has been re-elected to the Executive Committee of Mechanical Engineering Department Head Committee, ASME for a term of two years from April 2004 to March 2006. ❖