

# Welcome aboard, new Council and Court members



*Dr Lui Ming-wah*



*Mr Chan Wing-kee*



*Mr Patrick Poon*



*Dr Francis Choi*



*Mr Kenneth Ting*



*Dr Jose Yu Sunsay*

The University recently welcomed four new lay members to its Council for a three-year term of service. They are: Mr Chan Wing-kee, Managing Director of Yangtzekiang Garment Manufacturing Co. Ltd; Dr Francis Choi Chee-ming, Chairman of Early Light International (Holding) Ltd; Dr the Hon. Lui Ming-wah, Legislative Councillor and Managing Director of Keystone Electronics Co. Ltd, and Mr Patrick Poon Sun-cheong, Head of Greater China Region of ING Asia Pacific.

A warm welcome was also extended to two new Court members. They are the Hon. Kenneth Ting Woo-shou, Chairman of Kader Industrial Co. Ltd and Dr Jose Yu Sunsay, Chairman of the Board of HKI Group. Their appointment runs from 21 June 2004 to 31 December 2007.

Meanwhile, the University expressed its gratitude to Mr Kenneth Ting, Dr Tung Chee-chen, Mr Thomas Wan Kwan-cheung and the Hon. Henry Wu King-cheong, who have completed their terms and retired from the Council.

## PolyU members accorded top honours

In the Honours List announced by Chief Executive of the HKSAR on 1 July, 15 PolyU members were accorded top honours. Among them are two Gold, six Silver and two Bronze Bauhinia Stars recipients. The following is the list of awardees by category and in alphabetical order:

<b>Court / Council Members</b>	<b>Awards</b>
Dr Chow Yei-ching (Council & Court Member)	Gold Bauhinia Star
Dr Sir Gordon Wu Ying-sheung (Immediate Past Chairman of Council and Court Member)	Gold Bauhinia Star
Mr Jeffrey Lam Kin-fung (Court Member)	Silver Bauhinia Star
Dr Stephen Tai Tak-fung (Court Member)	Silver Bauhinia Star
The Hon. Kenneth Ting Woo-shou (Court Member)	Silver Bauhinia Star
Dr Charles Yeung (Court Member)	Silver Bauhinia Star
<b>Alumni</b>	
The Hon. Lau Ping-cheung	Silver Bauhinia Star
The Hon. Ma Fung-kwok	Silver Bauhinia Star
Mr Daniel Lai	Bronze Bauhinia Star
Mr Wong Chun-shiu	Bronze Bauhinia Star
Mr Simon Shi Kai-biu	Medal of Honor
Mrs Lo Ma Lai-wah	Chief Executive's Commendation for Community Service
<b>Staff</b>	
Mr Benedict Lee Shui-sing (Senior Development Manager of Student Affairs Office and Alumni Affairs & Development Office)	Medal of Honor

In addition, Mr Jonathan Choi Koon-shum, Council Member, and Mr Leung Kwong-kin, an accountancy graduate, were appointed Justices of the Peace by the HKSAR Government with effect from 1 July 2004.

# Engineering research is first again

The University proves its leading position in engineering again by beating other local institutions in the Competitive Earmarked Research Grant (CERG) exercise for 2004/05, both in terms of the amount won and the number of funded projects in the Engineering category.

In the latest round of CERG of the Research Grants Council (RGC), PolyU reaps more than \$38.2 million for 92 projects in Engineering. In particular, the University excels in three subject disciplines within the area of Engineering:

- Civil Engineering, Surveying, Building and Construction
- Mechanical, Production and Industrial Engineering
- Electrical and Electronic Engineering

For four consecutive years, PolyU has ranked first in terms of both the amount of



grants allocated and the number of supported projects for the disciplines of "Civil Engineering, Surveying, Building and Construction" and "Mechanical, Production and Industrial Engineering". For 2004/05, the CERG funding for these two disciplines exceeds \$14.1 million and \$14.4 million respectively.

PolyU has also been among the top three in winning the largest amount of grants and having the highest number of

supported projects in "Electrical and Electronic Engineering" throughout these four years.

Furthermore, the University ranks top in the 2004/05 exercise in terms of the number of CERG-supported projects in all of these three disciplines, with 33 projects funded under the category of "Civil Engineering, Surveying, Building

and Construction", another 33 in "Mechanical, Production and Industrial Engineering", and 17 in "Electrical and Electronic Engineering".

Engineering wonders of PolyU included the Mars Rock Corer which took part in the Mars Express Mission by the European Space Agency in 2003, the world's first Palmprint Identification System and the Advanced Fibre Bragg Grating Railway Monitoring System, to name a few. ❖

# Fostering quality teaching and learning

To further enhance learning and teaching, PolyU's Learning and Teaching Committee (LTC) earlier held a mini-conference on Good Practices in Learning and Teaching and a one-day course on Work-integrated Education models.

Mr Steve Frankland of the Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering and Ms Julia Chen of the English Language Centre, who won PolyU's President's Award for Excellent Performance/ Achievements 2002/03 in teaching, both joined the mini-conference to share their success stories in teaching. The conference also featured a presentation and poster session organized by the LTC Working Group for the promotion of e-learning.

Education gurus Mr Olof Blomqvist and Dr James Varty of the World Association of Cooperative Education were invited to conduct the short course on the best practices and models of work-integrated education and the concept of design, support and assessment in learning. ❖



# Collaboration with mainland institutes reaches new height

## 理大內地協作項目展新猷



From left : Changzhou Mayor Mr Xu Jianming, Vice-Mayor Mr Zhang Lihang, Vice President Prof. Philip Yeung and President Prof. Poon Chung-kwong at the signing ceremony.



The Changzhou delegation visits PolyU's Industrial Centre.

### ***PolyU took a big step forward in extending its scope of service in Changzhou and Shenzhen, thanks to the signing of two new academic and research collaboration agreements.***

**T**he University entered into a cooperation agreement with the Changzhou Municipal Government of Jiangsu Province on 18 June. Backed by this partnership, PolyU is planning to provide joint self-financed undergraduate and associate degree programmes with member institutes of the Changzhou University Town. PolyU will also advise on the construction of an Industrial Centre in the university town.

In addition, the University has become

the first Hong Kong tertiary institution to set up research centres and training facilities at the National University Science and Technology Park of the Virtual University Park in Shenzhen. The collaborative agreement heralding this development was signed between PolyU and the Shenzhen Hi-Tech Industrial Park on 19 June on campus.

According to the agreement, PolyU will establish research facilities in the National University Science and Technology Park to

promote technology transfer, while its Shenzhen partner will provide policy and administrative support. PolyU first became a member of the Shenzhen Virtual University Park in 2000.

Meanwhile, under a new partnership agreement with the School of Traffic and Transportation of Beijing Jiaotong University, PolyU's Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering has recently introduced a new subject "Contemporary Logistics Issues in China" to the programme MSc in Industrial Logistics Systems. More academic cooperation and exchange between the two universities will also follow.



**Smiling faces:** (from left) Mr Lin Bo of the Shenzhen Hi-Tech Industrial Park, Shenzhen Mayor Mr Li Hongzhong, PolyU President Prof. Poon and Vice President Dr Lui Sun-wing.



**Vice President Dr Lui introduces an award-winning project to the Shenzhen delegation at the House of Innovation.**

**本**校與常州市和深圳市簽訂合作協議，先於六月十八日與常州市人民政府簽署協議，促成雙方在教育、科技等領域的合作，其中包括成立「常州市政府—香港理工大學產學研合作中心」，以及夥拍常州大學城內高校，進行學歷互認、師資交流及課程建設等合作項目。

簽署儀式於理大校園舉行，由校長潘宗光教授和常州市市長徐建明先生主持，並由理大副校長（學術發展）楊國榮教授及常州市副市長張力航先生簽署協議。

此外，理大又於六月十九日在校園與深圳市高新技術產業園區簽訂協議，成為首所正式入駐深圳虛擬大學園國家大學科

技園香港院校產學研基地的香港高教院校，進一步推動高科技成果發展、加強產業化項目活動，提高院校教育培訓水平。

簽約儀式由深圳市政府市長李鴻忠先生、深圳市政府高新技術產業園區領導小組辦公室副主任林波先生、理大校長潘宗光教授和副校長（產學合作）呂新榮博士聯袂主持。

根據該協議，理大將入駐深圳的香港院校產學研基地，設立香港理工大學（深圳）產學研基地；而深圳方面則提供基地的規劃管理方面的配套，和政策上的支持。理大早於二零零零年成為深圳虛擬大學園成員，並於二零零一年，以虛擬大學園為基地，在深圳成立理大的深圳研究院。

較早前，本校並與內地重點發展的北京交通大學達成全面合作協議，雙方除就科研、教學、人才培養等領域建立合作關係外，理大的工業及系統工程學系與北京交通大學的交通運輸學院更合辦有關當代中國物流發展的新學科，供理大「工業物流系統碩士課程」的學員修讀。

該協議由北京交通大學副校長楊肇夏教授及理大副校長（學術發展）楊國榮教授於理大簽訂。

目前，在中國內地獲國務院學位委員會辦公室批准、與香港院校合辦課程共二十二項，其中理大佔十五項，數目為香港及海外眾多大學之冠。 ◆

## President joins Beijing forum 校長出席大學校長論壇



PolyU President Prof. Poon Chung-kwong exchanged his views on education with the PRC's Minister of Education Prof. Zhou Ji, Vice Minister Mr Zhang Xinsheng and Vice-Chancellor of UK's University of Warwick Prof. David VandeLinde at the second Chinese-Foreign University Presidents Forum. Heads and experts from 160 Chinese and overseas universities, including Yale, Cambridge and Peking University, attended this week-long forum which opened in Beijing on 4 August. ◆

**校**長潘宗光教授日前出席八月四日起一連七天在北京舉行的第二屆中外大學校長論壇，與國家教育部部長周濟教授、副部長章新勝、英國華威大學校長David VandeLinde教授喜相逢，互相交換對教育的意見。該論壇獲內地與海外一百六十所大學校長與教育專家參與，當中包括耶魯、劍橋、北京大學等著名學府的校長。 ◆



# Facilities dedicated to philanthropists

*The University held several naming ceremonies earlier on in recognition of the generous support from some of our wonderful friends.*

## Choi Kai Yau Building

In recognition of Mr Choi Kai-yau and his son Mr Jonathan Choi Koon-shum's longstanding support for education and technology advancement, a main building on the PolyU campus was dedicated to and named after Mr Choi Kai-yau.

The ceremony was officiated at by Mr Choi Kai-yau, Founder and Chairman of Sun Wah Group; Mr Jonathan Choi, President of Sun Wah Group; Mr Roy Chung, Deputy Chairman of PolyU Council; and Prof. Poon Chung-kwong, PolyU President.

Mr Choi Kai-yau founded Sun Wah Group in 1957 as a seafood processor, wholesaler and distributor. Among the business sector, Sun Wah is renowned for its seafood business and diverse investment. Mr Jonathan Choi succeeded his father as President of the Group in 1982.

Like his father, Mr Jonathan Choi has contributed significantly towards education, technology advancement and cultural development in Hong Kong, the mainland, Macau and North America. He has served as a Member of PolyU Council since 2001 and supported the establishment of the Sun Wah-Pearl Linux Training and Development Centre in collaboration with PolyU's Institute for Enterprise in 2001. Last year, Mr Jonathan Choi made a donation to PolyU in the name of the Sun Wah Hi-Tech Education Foundation.



## Lim Por Yen Lecture Theatres

Two lecture theatres were dedicated to philanthropist Mr Lim Por-yen, Chairman and Managing Director of Lai Sun Garment, to recognize his support to PolyU over the years.

At the naming ceremony, Mr Victor Lo, PolyU Chairman of Council thanked Mr Lim for his strenuous support. He also described Mr Lim's donation as "a fine example" for other business and community leaders to follow. Mr Lim donated \$10 million last December toward the University's long-term development.

President Prof. Poon Chung-kwong said, "The PolyU community will continue to do our best in nurturing 'preferred' graduates as the pillars of tomorrow, which is certainly the best way to express our heartfelt gratitude for Mr Lim's munificent benefaction and support."

Mr Lim Por-yen is the founder of the Lai Sun Group and has been a director of the Company since 1987. Well known as a successful entrepreneur and community leader, Mr Lim is an honorary citizen of the cities of Guangzhou, Shantou, Xiamen and Zhongshan in the mainland. Mr Lim has also held many public offices, such as a Hong Kong Affairs Adviser and a founding member of The Better Hong Kong Foundation.



### Dr & Mrs Lui Che Woo Tele-rehabilitation Centre

Another special ceremony was held in early May in honour of Dr and Mrs Lui Che-woo, during which a tele-rehabilitation centre on campus was named after the benevolent couple.

A close friend of PolyU, Dr Lui has served as a Founding Court Member of PolyU since 1995. Dr and Mrs Lui Che-woo are keen supporters of medical services and education in Hong Kong and the mainland. Dr Lui is well known as Chairman of the K. Wah Group in Hong Kong which encompasses K. Wah International Holdings Limited, K. Wah Construction Materials Limited, K. Wah Properties (Holdings) Limited and Stanford Hotels International.



### Wong's International Lecture Theatre

Earlier on, the University named a lecture theatre after Wong's International (Holdings) Limited to gratefully acknowledge its commitment for research and development and great concern for tertiary education.

The naming ceremony was graced by Wong's International (Holdings) Limited Chairman Mr Benedict Wong Chung-mat, Mr Michael Wong Chung-yin, Executive Director Mr Johnny Wong Chung-ah and Mr Michael Everitt.

The Company has previously made a generous donation of \$3.5 million toward the PolyU Development Fund and supported the University's fund-raising golf tournament.



### Tin Ka Ping Lecture Theatre

In a sunny morning in May, Deputy Council Chairman Mr Roy Chung and President Prof. Poon Chung-kwong joined Dr Tin Ka-ping to unveil a lecture theatre named after him in appreciation of his longstanding support to education and generosity toward the University.

Known as "King of Synthetic Leather", Dr Tin founded TinsChemical Corporation Ltd in 1958. Since then, he has contributed significantly to Hong Kong's chemical industry. Besides, Dr Tin shows great concern for education and made a charitable donation of \$3 million toward the PolyU Development Fund earlier on.



In the name of K.P. Tin Foundation Limited, Dr Tin has made donations to over 40 academic institutions, hundreds of hospitals and charitable organizations on the Chinese mainland and Hong Kong. ❖

## A big thank-you to donors

Mr Yu Kwok-chun, Chairman and Managing Director of Yue Hwa Chinese Products Emporium Limited and PolyU Council member, presented a donation cheque of \$1 million to the University in June in support of its further development.

Dr Stephen Tai Tak-fung, Chairman of Four Seas Mercantile Holdings Limited, has kindly donated \$1 million to the University. A cheque presentation was made on 6 May in Dr Tai's office. ❖



## ITC to launch HK's first Institute of Intimate Apparel



(From left) Prof. Tao Xiaoming, Mr Lo, Mr and Mrs Sia and Prof. Poon

With a donation from Ace Style Intimate Apparel Limited, PolyU's Institute of Textiles and Clothing (ITC) will soon set up Hong Kong's first "Institute of Intimate Apparel". A cheque presentation was made in August by Mr Andrew Sia, Managing Director of Ace Style Intimate Apparel Limited, to Council Chairman Mr Victor Lo Chung-wing and President Prof. Poon Chung Kwong.

The proposed Institute will comprise a 120 square metre design studio, featuring computerized systems and equipment for intimate apparel studies. It will serve as a platform for promoting exchange with overseas experts, supporting teaching and research and providing consultancy services for industry.

It is the first time that the company funds such an institute in Hong Kong; the previous one was set up in London. ACE Style

Intimate Apparel Limited was founded in 1985 by Mr and Mrs Andrew Sia. The couple is known for their innovative spirit and enthusiasm in manufacturing premium lingerie and nurturing new talents. Mr Sia is also a founding chairman of the Hong Kong Intimate Apparel Industries' Association.

## \$10m donation from TST district association

A leading community service provider, Tsim Sha Tsui District Kaifong Welfare Association, earlier on donated \$10 million to PolyU in support of its student development and long-term training.

At the donation ceremony, Prof. Poon said the university campus in Hung Hom, first opened in 1957, has long become a landmark in the Tsim Sha Tsui and Hung Hom districts.

Apart from bringing a boost to PolyU's teaching and research and students' recreational facilities, the donation will support the University's training programmes in enhancing the all-round development of students. In particular, part of the donation will sponsor the Department of Applied Social Sciences in sending forth social work students to take part in student exchange programmes on the Chinese mainland and overseas.

The Tsim Sha Tsui Association has always been a staunch supporter of education and social welfare. It has rendered support to the Government in setting up the "We Care Education Fund" for children of deceased SARS patients. Recently, it also sponsored the International Dragon Boat Race held in Hong Kong.



(From left) Deputy Council Chairman Mr Roy Chung, President Prof. Poon Chung-kwong, Mr Yau Chun-ying, Chairman of Executive Committee of the Association, Mr So Chung-ping, Chairman of Supervisory Committee of the Association and Deputy President Mr Alexander Tzang.

# More non-local students join PolyU



The new academic year kicked off on 1 September with a series of welcoming ceremonies held for all freshmen. Among them, 77 are non-local students and 160 exchange students coming from different parts of the world, including the Chinese mainland, the UK, Korea, Malaysia, Mexico and Maldives.

Among the 68 full-time undergraduate and sub-degree programmes run this year (six of which being self-financed), two are offered for the first time. They are the BSc (Hons) in Medical Laboratory Science and the self-financed BEng(Hons) in Product Engineering with Marketing.

This year saw the admission of some 4,200 full-time students enrolled on public-funded programmes. Of these, 2,200 are undergraduates and 2,000 higher diploma and diploma students. About 86 per cent of the undergraduates admitted via the Joint University Programmes Admission Scheme (JUPAS) have chosen PolyU courses as one of their top three (Band A) choices. On top of these, another 400 full-time students are enrolled on self-financed first-degree and sub-degree programmes, and 2,600 on self-financed associate degree and top-up degree courses.

With an emphasis on the all-round development of students, the University admitted about 800 students via the JUPAS Sub-system for School Principals' Nominations and PolyU's Non-academic Achievements Self-Recommendation Scheme and Outstanding Sportsman Recommendation Scheme. ❖



## Top Fund-raiser for the Chest

PolyU has taken home the third Top Fund-raiser Award in the New Territories Walk, organized by the Community Chest on 8 February. Despite the cold and rainy weather on that day, hundreds of staff, students and alumni joined hands to walk for charity. They raised about \$200,000 altogether and all donations was channeled to support services for the elderly through the Chest's member social welfare agencies and service units. It was the twelfth consecutive year the University participated in this meaningful activity and over 8,500 PolyU members have joined the Walk and raised more than \$2.6 million for the Chest over the years. ❖

