

# HKCC & SPEED send forth 722 graduates



The Hong Kong Community College (HKCC) and the School of Professional Education and Executive Development (SPEED) earlier held their Second Joint Graduation Ceremony to send forth their latest batch of 722 graduates.

Among them, 552 were graduates from HKCC's Associate Degree (AD) in Business, Engineering, Information Technology, Arts and Science – of whom 31 graduated with distinctions and 178 with credits. The largest cohort came from Associate in Business which had 451 graduates.

Speaking at the Ceremony, Prof. Thomas Wong, Dean of the College of Professional and Continuing Education which oversees the operation of HKCC and SPEED, said compared to last year the number of HKCC graduates has nearly tripled – an affirmation of the success of AD programmes.

Up to date, HKCC has about 3,700 students and runs a total of 13 AD programmes ranging from China Business to Beauty and Health Therapy, grooming talents for various trade and industries.

About 170 SPEED graduates also took part in the Ceremony and were presented with the awards of Executive Diploma in Management Studies (EDMS), Professional and Continuing Education (PCE) Diplomas in Information Technologies for E-Commerce, Human Resource Management, Industrial Management (Print Media) and Service Management (General), as well as PCE awards operated under SPEED's unique Credit Accumulation Mechanism.



## 73% AD graduates continue degree study

About three quarters of Associate Degree (AD) graduates furthered their degree studies in either full-time or part-time mode while graduates who engage in full-time work enjoyed an average monthly salary of \$7,800, according to the Hong Kong Community College's latest graduate survey.

Out of 552 students graduated in 2004, 455 responded to the survey. Among them, 57 per cent have taken up either PolyU or PolyU-SPEED degree programmes. Over 50 per cent received more than one study offer. Thirty-two per cent of respondents are now in full-time employment. Of them, about three quarters fell into the salary range of \$6,000 to \$9,000 and 43 per cent had more than one job offer. ❖

## CCEI grows to become 16-strong league

The Consortium of Continuing Education Institutions (CCEI), chaired and convened by the School of Professional Education and Executive Development (SPEED), welcomed seven new members and renewed agreement with nine existing members in early December.

Founded in June 2000, CCEI was first initiated by SPEED to join force in promoting lifelong learning within Hong Kong and its neighbouring cities. Under the new agreement, SPEED is designated as Chairman and Convener of the Consortium, responsible for assessing subjects offered by other member institutions for the purpose of credit transfer under SPEED's Credit Accumulation Mechanism (CAM). ❖



Existing members of CCEI	New members
Caritas Adult and Higher Education Service	The Arts School, Hong Kong Arts Centre
Hong Kong College of Technology	The Church of Christ in China Kung Lee College
The Hong Kong Federation of Trade Unions	Hong Kong Computer Institute
Hong Kong Productivity Council	Hong Kong Securities Institute
Macau Polytechnic Institute	Macau Institute of Management
School of Professional Education and Executive Development	Institute of Professional Education And Knowledge,
Hong Kong Community College	Vocational Training Council
Hong Kong Housing Authority/Housing Department	Hong Kong YWCA
Hong Kong Management Association	

## HKCyberU sets foothold in Taiwan

Hong Kong CyberU (HKCyberU), the online education arm of PolyU, earlier signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the National Chung Cheng University in Taiwan to leverage the strengths of both institutions for stronger relationship. The collaboration marked a positive step for HKCyberU to export online education service to Taiwan and markets outside Hong Kong.

Under the agreement, both parties will explore collaboration in the areas of curriculum development, teaching and learning, student development as well as academic exchange. Graduates of Chung Cheng's e-commerce postgraduate programme can also apply for PolyU-HKCyberU's MSc in E-commerce and waive a maximum of five subjects.

Founded in 2000, HKCyberU is the first virtual university in Hong Kong. Over the years, HKCyberU has gone from strength to strength. As of 2003/04, HKCyberU has conferred PolyU awards to over 300 students and has a culminating student enrolment of 4,648, including both part-time and visiting students. ❖



The MoU was signed by PolyU Vice President Prof. Philip Yeung (left) and President of National Chung Cheng University Prof. Ren Luo earlier this month.