



International honour for engineering expert

Prof. Ronald So, Chair and Head of the Department of Mechanical Engineering, will be conferred the honorary doctorate of engineering by the prestigious University of Waterloo, Canada, at its upcoming Fall Convocation. This honour recognizes his significant contributions to the advancement of engineering science and education.

What's more, Prof. So has also been appointed as Guest Professor of the School of Aerospace Engineering, Tsinghua University, Beijing. The appointment lasts for three years during which Prof. So will share his extensive research experience with the students of Tsinghua University.

A renowned academic who joined the PolyU family in 1996, Prof. So has received many international awards during his academic life. ❖

Tribute to researcher in quality of life

Dr Anna Lau, Assistant Professor of the Department of Rehabilitation Sciences, has recently been awarded the Distinguished Research Fellow Award by the International Society for Quality of Life Studies (ISQOLS), an international authority on Quality of Life (QOL). The award was recognition of her substantial contributions to QOL research.

Outside PolyU, Dr Lau is the Hong Kong Principal Researcher, Convenor and Regional Coordinator for China of the International Wellbeing Group which aims to develop a cross-cultural measure for Subjective QOL for the promotion and enhancement of subjective wellbeing of populations. ❖



Dr Lau receives her award from the President of ISQOLS, Professor Richard Estes, in Philadelphia.

External appointments

- **Prof. Thomas K.S. Wong**, Dean of the College of Professional & Continuing Education and Dean of the Faculty of Health & Social Sciences, has been appointed as Visiting Professor of the Xinjiang Medical University (新疆醫科大學), for a period of three years with effect from 15 June 2004.
- **Prof. George Woo**, Chair Professor of the Department of Optometry & Radiography, has been appointed as Honorary Professor & Advisor of the College of Ophthalmology & Optometry of the Tianjin Medical University (天津醫科大學) with effect from 19 August 2004.
- **Prof. Angelina W.K. Yuen Tsang**, Head of the Department of Applied Social Sciences, has taken up the following external appointments:
 - Honorary Professor of the National Women's University of China (中華女子學院), for a period of three years with effect from December 2003;
 - Visiting Professor of the Changchun University of Technology (長春工業大學), with effect from 16 June 2004; and
 - Visiting Professor of the Yunnan University (雲南大學), for a period of three years with effect from July 2004.
- **Prof. Kaye Chon**, Head of the School of Hotel and Tourism Management, has been appointed as Honorary Professor of the Shanghai Normal University (上海師範大學) with effect from 7 August 2004. He has also been appointed by the Government as a member of the Hong Kong Committee for Pacific Economic Cooperation, for a period of two years with effect from 1 April 2004.
- **Prof. T.P. Leung**, Vice President (Student Development) and Dean of the Faculty of Communication, has been appointed by the Government as a member of the Hong Kong Council for Academic Accreditation, for a period of one year with effect from 1 October 2004. ❖

Staff honoured for *outstanding performance*

The award presentation ceremony for the "President's Awards for Excellent Performance/Achievement 2003/04" was held on 19 November to pay tribute to staff members with outstanding performance. The awards were presented by President Prof. Poon Chung-kwong and the Faculty Deans.

During the ceremony, a total of 30 staff were honoured, including those who received the individual and team awards grouped under four categories: Teaching, Research and Scholarly Activities, Services, and Overall Contribution. Introduced in 1996, the award scheme enables the University to show appreciation to staff who have excelled in various areas during their service at PolyU.



Dr Jenny Chung, Assistant Professor of the Department of Rehabilitation Sciences, believes in and practices innovative teaching which brings her the **President's Award in Teaching**.

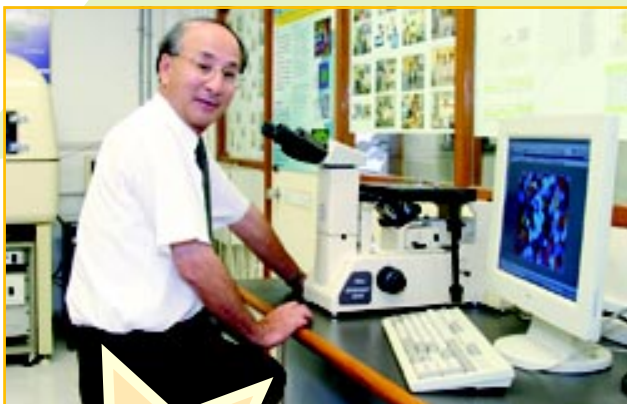


With outstanding achievement in research, **Dr He Jufang**, Associate Professor of the Department of Rehabilitation Sciences, received about HK\$3 million research support in the single year of 2003/04 which has brought him the **President's Award in Research and Scholarly Activities**.

Prof. Qi Li-qun, Professor of the Department of Applied Mathematics, won the **President's Award in Research and Scholarly Activities** with remarkable contributions in the development of generalized Newton method and its applications.



Prof. C.H. Woo, Chair Professor of the Department of Electronic and Information Engineering, was awarded the **President's Award in Research and Scholarly Activities** for his research achievement in solid-state materials.



Ms Daisy Yue, Assistant Manager of the Partnership Development Office, Institute for Enterprise, was honoured with the **President's Award in Overall Contribution** for her devotion and marketing efforts in bridging the University with the business community.