

First Community Wellness Project



Gold Medalists for 2004 Paralympic Games met with PolyU students at one of the "Wellness Talks".



Awardees were commended at the Community Services Award Presentation Ceremony.



Elderly from various social welfare agencies benefit from the voluntary services provided by PolyU staff and students.

To promote a sense of social responsibility and the concept of total wellness among students and staff, the University launched its first large-scale campus-wide programme, named "Community Wellness Project", in November.

With the theme of "Serving our community and developing global outlook", the Project was kicked off with a series of "Lunch Talks with Leaders in Town". Four prominent speakers were invited to share their secrets of success with students.

One of the highlights was the Community Services Day held on 13 November. Activities included free health screening services, stall games, exhibition and performances by the community groups. Over 300 students and staff took part in serving over 500 elderly and disabled from various social welfare agencies.

A Community Services Award Presentation Ceremony was held on the same day to acknowledge students with outstanding community services in 2003/04 academic year. These community projects were carried out mainly by students of the Faculty of Health and Social Sciences and participants of the Leadership & Competency for Success Programme.



Our Student Affairs Office has been organizing the "Wellness in Action" programme for ten years. This year, the Office has expanded the programme into a community-based project in conjunction with the Faculty of Health and Social Sciences and Students' Union. ❖

PolyU partners with IDT to groom student entrepreneurs

With an aim of grooming the business minds of students and encouraging them to explore new ideas in innovation and technology, the PolyU-IDT Innovative Entrepreneur Contest has been held annually since its launch in 2001. The meaningful event is made possible with the generous sponsorship of Dr Raymond Chan, Chairman and CEO of IDT International Limited, also PolyU alumnus and honorary graduate.

Organized for the fourth time this year, the Contest successfully attracted 35 teams comprising about 90 students to compete in three categories, namely, IT and Health Care, Telecommunications and Home Appliances, Toys and General. Under the guidance of an academic staff, each team was required to formulate a business plan which focused on innovative technology or product development. Seven out of 17 teams were selected for the final round of competition.

During the final, the three category winners presented their business proposals in public to compete for the Diamond Award of Innovation. After a series of exciting presentations, winners for a total of eight awards were selected (*please refer to the next table*).

The judging of presentations was based on five criteria: innovation and creative concept, commercial viability and market potential, technological novelty and uniqueness, soundness of business or development plan, and presentation skills. ❖



Student contestants present their business proposals in front of the panel of judges.



The winning students of the Diamond Award of Innovation picture with their academic advisor Prof. K.L. Yung (second from left) and the judging panel.

List of winning teams 2003-04

Toys & General

Winner of Diamond Award of Innovation & Category Winner:

Ultrasonic and Turbulent Contact Lenses Washing Machine

Crystal Ng Liu-ting and Wendy Tse Wai-man from the Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering

1st runner-up: e-Trolley

Loretta Fong Hoi-ting from the Department of English

1st runner-up: The Little Traveller

Joyce Lam Ka-wing, Chow Chiu-tung and Jamie Lau Tsun-may from the Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering

IT and Health Care

Category Winner: Interactive Sign Language Pass

Abe Tsui Chi-Kuen, Michelle Tong Mo-yan and Bonnie Chow Wing-yin from the Department of Management and Marketing; Apple Wong Oi-yan from the School of Design

1st runner-up: Skin Colour Tone Index Sensor

Chan Man-chit from the Department of Electrical Engineering; Wong Tang-pai from the Department of Electronic and Information Engineering

Telecommunications & Home Appliances

Category Winner: Dog House (Petmate)

Christy Hui Sin-han and Ashley Ng Wai-man from the School of Design

1st runner-up: Flooring System

Chan Kin-wai, Chung Pak-yan and Wan Pak-hong from the School of Design

The judging panel: (from left) PolyU Vice President (Student Development) Prof. Leung Tin-pui, Dr Raymond Chan, Mr Anthony Chan, Executive Vice President of Kan Hing Plastic Products Factory Limited, and PolyU Vice President (Partnership Development) Dr Lui Sun-wing.

Fruitful summer internship for tertiary students



Students share fond memories and experience gained during their internship.

More than 260 tertiary students took on summer internship in the mainland and overseas under the support of the Hong Kong Jockey Club Summer Internship Programme for Tertiary Students. The Programme, jointly organized by the eight publicly-funded tertiary institutions, was founded in May by the Jockey Club with a generous donation of \$16 million.

This year, 262 students were sent to work in companies in Beijing, Guangzhou, Hangzhou, Shanghai as well as overseas countries like Australia, the UK, US and

Sweden. These companies involve industries of mass communications, IT, legal and financial services, steel and biochemistry manufacturing. The Programme aims to provide placement opportunities for a total of 1,500 undergraduates in three years. ❖



Student athletes excel in open competitions

The year of 2004 has been wonderful and victorious for PolyU student sports team. A number of significant awards were won by the student athletes in open competitions. President Prof. Poon Chung-kwong earlier met with the students to congratulate their success.



The following are selected awards won by the students in 2004:

Inter-universities sports competitions:

Overall Swimming Champion
Overall Women's Swimming Champion
Overall Men's Swimming First Runner-up
Overall Women's Cross Country Third Runner-up

Jackie Cup:

Men's Basketball Champion
Overall Men's Table-tennis Champion ❖

Design talents clinch crown in mainland



Three ITC students have recently scooped awards in the First China (International) Student Fashion Design Competition. With a design theme of “geometric”, student Ayako Cheung (middle) won the Gold Award in the Competition. Her classmates Candice Cheung (second from left) and Jenny Cheung (second from right) won the Bronze Award and the Outstanding Achievement Award. The competition attracted over 1,000 entries from China and overseas countries. ❖

Students' visual merchandising at its best

Fashion retailer, Sportmax, earlier joined hands with PolyU in staging a visual merchandising competition through which the imagination and innovation of participants has blossomed to new heights. With a theme of “Clinquant Garden”, the winning work was created by four students of the Institute of Textiles and Clothing to express the colours of autumn in a garden setting. ❖



Outstanding construction and land use students

Last November, more than 70 students from the Faculty of Construction and Land Use received awards at a presentation ceremony for 2004 Dean's Honours List, Special Awards and Outstanding Students. Among them, four students who excelled in both academic and personal developments were recognized as the most outstanding students in the Departments of Building and Real Estate, Building Services Engineering, Civil and Structural Engineering, and Land Surveying and Geo-Informatics.

This year, the Faculty set up Special Awards to recognize students with outstanding performance in area which has not been awarded by other internal party. All four recipients had excellent academic achievement during their period of exchange. ❖

