

## Staff awarded for remarkable



Reporting the highest aggregate contract value of \$10.36 million, CSE scores the Most Active Department Award. Head of department Prof. Y.S. Li (left) proudly receives the cash prize from Vice President Prof. Philip Yeung.

At the annual Outstanding Professional Services and Innovation Awards Ceremony, more than 20 awards and prizes were presented to faculty members to honour their distinguished consultancy services to the industry and the community during the year 2003/04.

In particular, eight research teams who had excelled in regional and international invention competitions were presented with the “International Award” — a new award category. In addition, a total of 15 teams received the Patent Award for their latest successful patent applications.

The event is organized by the PolyU Technology and Consultancy Company Limited (PTeC), the professional service arm of the University.



## Tribute to long-serving staff

The University presented Long Service Awards to more than 200 staff members in appreciation of their dedicated and loyal service to the Institution over the years. Among this year's awardees, 102 staff members have served for 15 years, 48 for 20 years, and another 48 for 25 years. In addition, eight staff members who had served for 30 years or more when leaving the University were invited to return to receive the Special Long Service Award.



# professional services

## Outstanding Professional Services and Innovation Awards highlights

### CONSULTANCY ACTIVITIES

Departmental Awards	Winners
<i>Most Active Department</i>	Department of Civil & Structural Engineering (CSE)
<i>Maximum Staff Participation</i>	CSE
<i>Highest Growth</i>	School of Design
Individual/ Team Awards	Winners
<i>Most Active Consultant</i>	Prof. Chua Hong, CSE
<i>Highest Growth</i>	Dr Vincent Ng To-yee, Department of Computing
<i>Most Active New Consultant</i>	Dr Hector Tsang, Department of Rehabilitation Sciences (RS)
<i>Most Valued Project</i>	"Laboratory testing for various waterproofing systems" by Dr Wong Wing-gun, Dr Wong Yuk-lung and Prof. Y.S. Li, CSE
<i>Highest Value International Consultancy</i>	"Contract research on stigma and behavioural health in urban employers from China and the US" by Dr Hector Tsang, RS
<i>Multi-departmental Participation</i>	"Study on rehabilitation needs of persons suffering from occupational deafness" by Dr Lee Tsor-kui, Department of Applied Social Sciences; Dr Cecilia Tsang and Dr Li Ping-ying, RS
Product Development Awards	Winners
<i>Most Active Department in Product</i>	Department of Mechanical Engineering
<i>Most Valued Product Development Project</i>	"Development of multi-sensory training device" by Prof. Alan Tam Sing-fai, RS

### INDUSTRIAL APPLICATION AND PARTNERSHIP ACTIVITIES

Awards	Winners
<i>Technology Transfer Award</i>	"Licensing of nano-mask technology and proprietary information" by Dr Li Yi, Institute of Textiles and Clothing (ITC)
<i>External Partnership Award</i>	Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering ITC

## Honour for tourism educator



*Prof. Chon is flanked by Prof. Ray Kavanaugh of Purdue University (left) and Prof. Carl Boger of the University of South Carolina.*

**P**rof. Kaye Chon, Chair Professor and Head of the School of Hotel and Tourism Management, has recently received the Founders Award from Purdue University and University of South Carolina. The award recognizes his "outstanding dedication, commitment and leadership" in the field of tourism and hospitality education.

The long list of awards Prof. Chon has received over the years include: the "Most Outstanding Alumni in 30 Years of History" awarded by his alma mater Georgia State University's Cecil B. Day School of Hospitality Management; "FTA Hospitality Humanitarian Award" founded by the Frederic A. Tibbitts and Associates in New York; and "Michael D. Olsen Research Award" first presented by the University of Delaware.



# PolyU Team: 2<sup>nd</sup> Top Fund-raiser in Walk



Over 1,000 PolyU members participated in the New Territories Walk organized by the Community Chest in March. Joining the Walk for Millions for the 13th consecutive year, the University raised more than \$190,000 this year for the Chest's children and youth services and emerged as the Second Top Fund-raiser among the participating teams. Special thanks go to Si Sport and Asia Pacific Catering for their generous sponsorships. ❖

## External Appointments

- Prof. Philip Yeung, Vice President (Academic Development), has been appointed by the Open University of Hong Kong as Council Member from 19 November 2004 to 30 September 2007; and as a member of the Professorial Nomination Committee of the University Council from 19 November 2004 to 19 June 2005.
- Prof. Thomas Wong, Dean of the College of Professional and Continuing Education and Dean of Faculty of Health and Social Sciences, has been appointed by the HKSAR Government as a non-official member of the Health and Medical Development Advisory Committee, for a period of two years with effect from 1 March 2005.
- Prof. W.B. Lee, Head of the Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering, has taken up the appointments of Council Member of the Hong Kong Productivity Council for a period of two years from 1 January 2005 to 31 December 2006; and Assessor for the Innovation and Technology Support Programme under the Innovation and Technology Commission for a term up to 31 December 2006.
- Prof. Ronald So, Head of the Department of Mechanical Engineering, has been appointed as Guest Professor of Tsinghua University for a period of three years with effect from 23 November 2004.
- Prof. Maurice Yap, Head of the Department of Optometry and Radiography, has been re-appointed by the HKSAR Government as Chairman of the Preliminary Investigation Committee of the Optometrists Board for a term up to 2 January 2006.
- Prof. Daniel Yeung, Chair Professor of Computing, has taken up the appointments of Honorary Professor of the Graduate School of the Harbin Institute of Technology; and Distinguished Lecturer of the IEEE in the US, for a period of two years with effect from 1 April 2005 to 31 March 2007.
- Prof. Kaye Chon, Head of School of Hotel and Tourism Management, has been re-appointed by the HKSAR Government as a member of the Tourism Strategy Group of the Tourism Commission for a period of one year from 1 November 2004 to 31 October 2005.
- Prof. Chetwyn Chan, Associate Head of the Department of Rehabilitation Sciences, has been appointed as Visiting Professor of Kunming Medical College for a period of five years with effect from January 2005. ❖