

## Applause for outstanding students

**S**ix students who excel in both academic and non-academic pursuits were honoured at the University's annual Outstanding Student Awards Presentation Ceremony.

This year, the award of Most Outstanding PolyU Student went to Mr Leung Ka-kuen, a final-year student in Engineering Physics. He has also been selected the Outstanding Student of the Faculty of Applied Science and Textiles. The other five awardees, all full-time final-year students, were:

- Miss Xin Ying, Outstanding Student of the Faculty of Business
- Miss Iris Cheung Ah-yuk, Outstanding Student of the Faculty of Communication
- Mr Lo Yu-tung, Outstanding Student of the Faculty of Construction and Land Use



- Mr Kwok Hiu-kam, Outstanding Student of the Faculty of Engineering
- Miss Tang Ying-yung, Outstanding Student of the Faculty of Health and Social Sciences.



## High-fliers join 'I Can Fly' project

**F**orty elite students have been chosen as student coordinators of Cathay Pacific's "I Can Fly" programme. They will lead 1,000 secondary school volunteers in a year-long series of aviation-related and community service activities. Picture shows the PolyU students at the pledging ceremony held on campus. This is the second year for PolyU to be Cathay's sole university partner in the programme.

## Business talents notch up HSBC Awards

**A**mong over 800 local post-secondary students presenting a total of 300 creative IT-related business ideas, two teams from the Faculty of Business scored the HSBC Young IT Entrepreneur Awards with their innovative business plans.

Miss Joann Ma and Miss Christy Kwong and a team-mate from the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology clinched the Championship. Their proposal on mobile identity seeks to enable shops to verify customers' membership status with their mobile phone numbers. The team will compete for the Best of the Best Award with other three winning teams from Malaysia, the Philippines and Thailand in June.

Miss Tracy Tam and Miss Clarey Wu won the Bronze Award with their business idea of producing an automatic machine which facilitates nail embellishing services in a quick, convenient and inexpensive way.



*The panel of judges shares the joy of the winning students.*

## Design students sweep lighting awards

*Silver Award and Cost Effective Award winner*



In the Design Competition of Lighting Fittings for Compact Fluorescent Lamps held in March, three teams from the School of Design made a clean sweep with their innovative works.

Jointly organized by the University's design school and Department of Building Services Engineering, CIE (Hong Kong), and Electrical and Mechanical Services Department of the HKSAR Government, the competition was organized to promote the use of energy saving technology in domestic applications.

The competition, open to full-time and part-time students of all post-secondary education institutions in Hong Kong, attracted 56 entries. The entries were judged on the basis of their overall design quality, application of compact fluorescent lamp technology, practicality, suitability for contemporary user needs and creativity.



*Bronze Award winner*



*Gold Award, Design Award and Creative Award winner*

## Tourism students honoured for outstanding papers

Two graduates from the School of Hotel and Tourism Management won the annual awards of the Travel and Tourism Research Association (TTRA) with their papers written during their university study.

Mr Lee Sai-cheong, former student of the BA (Hons) in Tourism Management programme, won the J. Desmond Slattery Undergraduate Student Award with his paper entitled "Developing Ecotourism in Hong Kong". With the thesis entitled "Measuring Consumer Complaining Intention: Using the Theory of Planned Behaviour", Miss Simone Cheng Chung-ling, former MPhil student, won the Masters Student Research Award. Both awards were presented at TTRA's 35th Annual Conference held earlier on in Montreal.



# Language students win high praise



*Iris happily shows her award and certificates.*

Speaking on the topic “The impact of globalization on traditional Chinese values,” Miss Iris Cheung Ah-yuk, final-year student from the Department of English won three awards in the 10th National English Speaking Competition held in Beijing in April, i.e. the Second Runner-up, Most Graceful Speaker Award and SFLEP Creativity Award. Iris was the only student from Hong Kong getting into the top three, outbeating 59 other contestants who were winners of regional contests among universities in China. The competition, started in 1996, was sponsored by *China Daily* and the Shanghai Foreign Language Education Press (SFLEP).

With her impressive performance in delivering her English speech on the designated topic “Hi Tech Low Tech”, Miss Dianne Catherine C. Kiok of the English department won the First Runner-up in the Metro Lions Cup — Third Inter-Universities Speech Contest held in March. Organized by the Lions Club of Metropolitan Hong Kong and Hong Kong Baptist University, the Contest aims to promote public speaking. ❖



*Dianne (second from left) wears a big smile on her face.*

## Bravo to our best athletes!

Having endured rounds of competitions, PolyU athletes finally snatched the Women’s Basketball Championship and Men’s Volleyball Championship in the latest intervarsity sports competitions in Hong Kong.

What’s more, basketball player Miss Chan Ching-ye stood out from all nominees of local universities and was named Woman Athlete of the Year by the Hong Kong Post-Secondary College Athletic Association for her outstanding achievements in sports. ❖



*Exhilarating experience: grabbing the Women’s Basketball Championship for the first time!*



*Ching-ye shines in the sportsfield.*



*V for Victory: Men’s Volleyball Champion*





## From hall life to global experience



**T**hemed "A Touch of Global Experience", the second Hall Festival was held to promote hall education and cultural exchange among PolyU students.

Addressing the opening ceremony, President Prof. Poon Chung-kwong said: "It is of utmost importance for the University to build a learning community with a global perspective and a cosmopolitan outlook to cope with the rapidly changing environment of the new economy. The introduction of hall life is one of the major ways to achieve this purpose. I believe that the enhancement of cross-cultural exchange on campus will greatly help students develop global outlook."

The three-day Festival, organized by the Student Affairs Office, featured a wide variety of activities, including an international cultural night staging performances by hall residents from different parts of the world, inter-hall tug-of-war and cooking competitions.

