

New academic year sees more international exchange

The new academic year commenced on 1 September with a series of welcoming ceremonies for new students. This year, some 4,600 full-time students were enrolled in government-funded programmes, including 2,365 undergraduates and 2,235 higher diploma students.

Besides, the PolyU-affiliated Hong Kong Community College and the School of Professional Education and Executive Development have recruited about 1,900 students for their self-financed associate degree and top-up degree programmes.

To help develop the global outlook of students and encourage cross-cultural exchange, PolyU has taken a big leap forward in cultivating its international ties. In 2005/06, the University targets to receive 450 international students from countries in Europe, North America, Australia and other parts of Asia. In return, a similar number of PolyU exchange students will be sent forth to these countries.

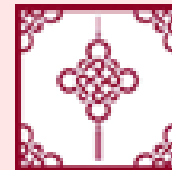
Apart from overseas students, PolyU continues to actively recruit students from the Chinese mainland. A total of 190 students were admitted to start foundation



Mainland students Steven Chen and Cici Li are ready to grasp the cross-cultural exchange opportunities offered by PolyU to widen their international perspectives.

year studies at PolyU before joining our undergraduate programmes.

"During my study at PolyU, I've been to Shanghai and Beijing for internship training, Zhuhai for leadership development programme, and the US for student exchange," said mainland student Cici Li. The third-year management student, who came from Suzhou, is happy to find that such valuable experiences, together with



At the initiative of several enthusiastic mainland students, the

Chinese Mainland Students Association (CMSA) was established in October 2004. Aiming to unite mainland and local students, CMSA Chairman Steven Chen designs the Association's logo with reference to a Chinese knot. "CMSA is a service-oriented association which tries to help mainland students adapt to life in PolyU and Hong Kong and to enhance relationship between local and mainland students," said Steven.

the interaction with local and non-local students, have enriched her life at PolyU and cultivated her global outlook.

"PolyU offers numerous opportunities to students and puts great emphasis on students' all-round development. If you are able to grasp and treasure them, you'll achieve important personal growth," she said firmly, and gratefully. ❖



Microsystems Technology Centre opens

The Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering (ISE) earlier celebrated the opening of its Microsystems Technology Centre, established with the support from the Government's Innovation and Technology Fund.

Headed by ISE's Associate Head, Prof. K.L. Yung, the Centre will develop a series of miniaturized micro-injection molding machines for micro size products in areas such as bio-engineering and electronics. These products include watch's gears, miniature camera mechanism and lens

of mobile phones, injected laser reading lens of DVDs and VCDs.

With a grant of over \$10 million from the Innovation and Technology Fund in 2003, together with other industrial sponsorships, the Centre has successfully developed a miniaturized micro/nano-injection molding machine which is believed to be the most precise one in the world. Recently, the Centre has received an addition of \$8.8 million from the Guangdong-Hong Kong Technology Cooperation Funding Scheme for the development of intelligent active mold technology. ❖



HK-designed tool to explore Titanic wreckage

Riding on his expertise in design and precision engineering technology, Prof. K.L. Yung (left) has joined hands with dentist-scientist Dr Ng Tze-chuen to design a titanium gripper. It will be the first HK-designed robotic claw to be used for deep sea exploration by Ifremer, a leading French marine institute that helps find the wreck of the Titanic. The technology is derived from the PolyU-invented space tool — Mars Rock Corer — for the Mars Express Mission by the European Space Agency in 2003. ❖



Officiating at the ceremony were Mr Ng Wai-hung, Chairman of Hong Kong Critical Components Manufacturers Association (fourth from right), and Dr Lui Sun-wing, PolyU Vice President.

Asia's first intimate apparel institute established

The ACE Style Institute of Intimate Apparel, operated under the aegis of the Institute of Textiles and Clothing (ITC), was officially opened in July. It is the first of its kind in Asia. The naming acknowledges the generous donation ITC received earlier from the Founders of the ACE Style Group Mr Andrew Sia and Mrs Mimi Sia.

Addressing the ceremony, PolyU President Prof. Poon Chung-kwong thanked the Sia couple for their generous support and for setting an excellent example for industry-academia collaboration.

The Institute comprises a 120-square metre design studio, equipped with advanced computer systems and special equipment for intimate apparel studies. ❖



Mr Sia tours around the Institute with Prof. Harry Lee, Chairman of the Departmental Advisory Committee of ITC.



The naming ceremony is officiated at by (from left) Prof. Poon, the Sia couple and Prof. Tao Xiaoming, Head of ITC.