

## Prestigious award for Geomechanics expert

Prof. Yin Jian-hua of the Department of Civil and Structural Engineering received an “Excellent Contributions Award: Regional 2005” at the 11th Conference of International Association for Computer Methods and Advances in Geomechanics (IACMAG) in Turin, Italy in June.

The only Hong Kong scholar to be so honoured, Prof. Yin was awarded for his excellent contributions to the development and applications of elastic visco-plastic constitutive models, computer methods and testing equipment in geomechanics.

IACMAG is an international organization for scholars, researchers, scientists and engineers in the field of computer methods and applications in geomechanics. ❖



## New Chair Professor on board

The University has recently appointed Dr Wallace Leung Woon-fong as Chair Professor of Innovative Products and Technologies of the Department of Mechanical Engineering.

After obtaining his Doctor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1981, Dr Leung devoted himself to the mechanical process industry for 18 years before setting up his own engineering company. Dr Leung is well-respected internationally for his research in applying fluid mechanics principles to separation science and technologies. His research interests also lie in pollution control, noise control and abatement, vibration and product innovation.

Meanwhile, the University has also appointed Prof. Jian Lu to the post of Chair Professor of Mechanical Engineering and Head of the Department of Mechanical Engineering with effect from 1 December 2005. ❖

## External Appointments

- President Prof. Poon Chung-kwong has been elected as a Foreign Member of the Russian Academy of Engineering.
- Prof. Judy Tsui, Dean of the Faculty of Business, has been appointed by the Ministry of Education as a Chang Jiang (Cheung Kong) Scholar Chair Professor at Xiamen University for a period of three years from 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2008.
- Prof. Thomas Wong, Dean of the Faculty of Health and Social Sciences, has been re-appointed as Chairman of the Hospital Governing Committee of Shatin Hospital for a term up to 31 March 2007; and appointed by the World Health Organization as a member of the Western Pacific Advisory Committee on Health Research for a period of four years from 2005 to 2008.
- Prof. John Liu, Head of the Department of Logistics, has been appointed as an Honorable Advisor of the Institute of Purchasing and Supply of Hong Kong for a period of three years from 1 April 2005 to 31 March 2008.
- Prof. Ronald So, Chair Professor of the Department of Mechanical Engineering, has been appointed as an Adjunct Professor of the University of Waterloo, Canada. ❖