

# Community service programme launched to serve the needy



*Throughout the year 2005/06, it is expected that a total of over 2,000 PolyU students and staff will be involved in conducting various community service projects in collaboration with over 50 outside organizations in serving the community.*

**E**ncouraging students to take up their social commitment and responsibility by serving the community with their professional knowledge, a large-scale campus-wide Community Service Learning Programme 2005/06 was organized by the Student Affairs Office.

At the inauguration ceremony, awards were presented to staff and students connected to exemplary community service projects organized in the past year. Out of 39 nominations, eight groups of students who initiated community projects to serve the needy in Hong Kong and the mainland were honoured at the ceremony. ❖



*A team of students from the School of Nursing practised their community nursing knowledge by visiting a leprosy village in Dongguan. Apart from providing wound care and dressing, students worked to empower the vulnerable groups and enhance their self-care ability.*

## Global outlook cultivated

**A** series of student exchange activities were held under the theme of "Global Citizens with a Global Outlook" to promote the University's student exchange programme.

The event was kicked off by Vice President Prof. Suleyman Demokan and representatives from the Consulates of 13 countries.

This year, PolyU has taken a big leap forward in cultivating its international ties which can be demonstrated by the increase in the number of exchange students. Apart from expanding its student exchange programme, the University strives to achieve internationalization through the recruitment of non-local students. At present, there are over 600 non-local and exchange students from more than 25 countries studying at PolyU. ❖

*Exchange students from Korea stage traditional drum performance of their country at the opening ceremony.*



*Students get together at the international cultural night held at the Student Halls of Residence.*

# Student entrepreneurs nurtured

**E**ight winning teams won prizes for their creative and business talent at the fourth PolyU-IDT Innovative Entrepreneur Contest. The annual contest, sponsored by IDT International Ltd, was held to groom business minds of students and encourage them to explore new ideas in innovation and technology.

This year, 42 teams comprising a total of 132 students from different disciplines competed in three categories, namely, Health Care and Personal Devices, Telecommunication and Home Appliances, and Toys. After rigorous screening, eight winning teams were selected out of those 23 teams entering the final round of competition.

The contestants were required to formulate and present their business plans which focused on innovative technology or product development, under the guidance of an academic staff for each team. During the final, the three category winners presented their business proposals in public to compete for the Diamond Award of Innovation.



*A student team wins the Diamond Award of Innovation with their project "Tree", which is a health care and personal device. (From second on the left) Hui Fung-fung, Chong King-hang, Tao Man-wai, with their advisors, Dr K. Y. Tong (left), Assistant Professor and Prof. Arthur Mak (right), Head, both are from Department of Health Technology and Informatics.*

## Info Day for prospective applicants

**T**he PolyU Education Info Day held in October 2005 attracted a big crowd of prospective applicants and members of the public. They came to the university campus to obtain information on the university's full-time degree and sub-degree programmes. Exhibitions, seminars, games, demonstrations and campus tours were organized for them during the day.

