



## Conferment of Emeritus Professorship

**P**rof. Leung Tin-pui, who retired from the University after a distinguished service of more than 30 years, was conferred the title of Emeritus Professor by the Council. The conferment was to recognize Prof. Leung's outstanding and sustained contributions to teaching and research as well as his achievements in academic pursuits both within and outside the University. ❖

## Top academic honour for management expert

**P**rof. Edwin Cheng Tai-chiu of the Department of Logistics, was awarded the Doctor of Science by the University of Cambridge in March, in recognition of his outstanding researches and published works in scheduling science.

An internationally renowned expert in the areas of Production and Operation Management, Operations Research and Industrial Engineering, Prof. Cheng has won remarkable acclaims in his research in scheduling science, which is related to the optimal allocation of limited resources to a set of activities over time for maximizing the return or minimizing resources consumption.

Besides teaching and research, Prof. Cheng is also actively involved in the provision of executive training and consultancy services to the government, businesses and industries. ❖



## Design head named one of world's influential designers

**P**rof. Lorraine Justice, Head of the School of Design, was recently chosen as one of the world's top 40 influential designers by the authoritative *ID* magazine in the US. She was honoured for raising the standards of both design education and the industry, with her approach recognized as "holistic, focusing on concepts such as sustainability, and instilling values about design's impact on how we live" by the magazine.

Prof. Justice has served in the higher education sector for more than 20 years, specialising in the areas of design research, product design and computer interface design. Prior to joining PolyU in 2004, she was Director of the Industrial Design Programme in the College of Architecture at the Georgia Institute of Technology in the US. She also provided design consultancy services for major corporations such as Apple, CompuServe and Microsoft.

Currently a Fellow of the Industrial Design Society of America, Prof. Justice has received numerous accolades over the years, including the National Endowment for the Arts grant, SIGGRAPH Educator's Grant, and a team Smithsonian Award in Education. ❖



## Outstanding young scholars win opportunities to USA on Fulbright Scholarships

**D**r Ku Hok-bun, Assistant Professor of the Department of Applied Social Sciences, and Mr Wong Man-sing, PhD candidate of the Department of Land Surveying and Geo-Informatics, will have the golden opportunities to spend six to 10 months on researches with major institutions in the US. Thanks to the Fulbright – Hong Kong Scholar Programme, Dr Ku will receive a grant of up to HK\$500,000 while Mr Wong will be entitled to an award totalling over HK\$100,000 to support their research expenses in the US.

This fellowship programme is jointly supported by the Research Grants Council and the Fulbright Programme of the US. Up to four awards will be made each year for Hong Kong scholars to spend from four to 10 months as Fulbright visiting scholars affiliated with major American universities and research institutes. This year, the programme has been further expanded to include postgraduate students of local universities.

Dr Ku obtained his PhD in anthropology and sociology from



*Dr Ku Hok-bun (right) and Mr Wong Man-sing are glad to become Fulbright visiting scholars.*

the School of Oriental and African Studies in London in 1999 and joined PolyU in 2001. He is currently researching on poverty reduction programmes, local empowerment strategies and the efficacy of participatory cultural action in rural development. He will spend six months on a joint research project on rural China with the Centre for Social Development, School of Social Work, Washington University in St Louis.

The other award recipient Mr Wong is the first Fulbright-AIG Scholar sponsored by the insurance and financial giant. He is currently pursuing doctoral studies, under the supervision of Associate Professor Dr Janet Elizabeth Nichol, on the use of satellite images for monitoring air pollution in Hong Kong and southern China. He planned to spend ten months at the Earth System Science Interdisciplinary Centre of the University of Maryland, Washington DC; and visit the National Aeronautics and Space Administration during his sojourn in the US. ❖

## PolyU receives Certificate of Publishing Excellence

**T**he University is ranked third among academic institutions worldwide in the number of articles published in the Emerald journals, with 620 contributors to the journals from 1989 to 2005. The five departments which have published the most papers in the journals are: Department of Building and Real Estate, School of Hotel and Tourism Management, Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering, Department of Management and Marketing, and Institute of Textiles and Clothing. ❖

## External Appointments

- Prof. Judy Tsui, Dean of the Faculty of Business, has been appointed by the Chief Executive of the Hong Kong SAR Government as one of the seven members of the Committee on Review of Public Service Broadcasting.
- Prof. Thomas Wong, Dean of the Faculty of Health and Social Sciences, has been appointed as a Visiting Professor of the Xinyang Vocational College in Henan Province with effect from 24 March 2006.
- Prof. Helen Chan, Head of the Department of Applied Physics, has been appointed as a Visiting Professor of the Nanjing University of Aeronautics and Astronautics with effect from 10 April 2006.
- Prof. Christina Hui-Chan, Chair Professor of the Department of Rehabilitation Sciences, has been appointed as a Visiting Professor of the Sun Yat-sen University in Guangzhou for the period from November 2005 to October 2008. ❖