

## Come meet our Students of the Year

**2** 4 February 2006 was a memorable day for the following distinguished students who were named Outstanding PolyU Students. They are:

- Mr Chan Yiu-bun, Outstanding Student of the Faculty of Applied Science and Textiles
- Miss Ge Jun, Outstanding Student of the Faculty of Business
- Miss Yik Sau-wan, Outstanding Student of the Faculty of Communication
- Mr Luk Siu-fung, Outstanding Student of the Faculty of Construction and Land Use
- Miss Wang Ting, Outstanding Student of the Faculty of Engineering



The six top students of the year picture with Prof. Poon.

- Miss Sandy Choi Pin-pin, Outstanding Student of the Faculty of Health and Social Sciences

Out of these six students, Sandy Choi, a final-year student of BSc (Hons) in Nursing was also named the “Most Outstanding PolyU Student” of the year. These six awardees each received a certificate and \$5,000 cash prize. Also, their names have been inscribed on a plaque put up on the PolyU campus.



Miss Sandy Choi Pin-pin receives the “Most Outstanding PolyU Student” award from Prof. Poon Chung-kgwong.

The selection of this annual award is based on five equal-weighting criteria: academic achievement, leadership, involvement in extra-curricular activities, community service experience and exposure, and personal qualities.

Each academic department is allowed to nominate only one candidate who has to compete with other nominees in the same faculty for the award. ❖

## Design student tops in international street furniture design contest

**A** piece of street furniture called “Raindrop” has won for her designer, Rony Chan, a third-year student of the School of Design, the Gold Prize of Singapore’s VivoCity Student Design Contest. Miss Chan defeated more than 350 contestants worldwide with her design composing four “raindrops” painted in gradient blue and made of translucent polycarbonate and it enables people to rest in a nature-like environment.

Organized by the Singapore real estate company, Mapletree Investments Pte Ltd, the developer of VivoCity, and DesignSingapore Council, this inaugural

Contest aims to nurture the artistic talent of students and promote design excellence in street furniture. The competition carried the theme of “fluidity” matching the unique architecture of VivoCity, which is the work of the internationally renowned Japanese architect, Toyo Ito.

As the Gold Prize winner, Miss Chan was awarded a total of S\$10,000 (around HK\$48,000) and another S\$10,000 for PolyU. Her design will also be produced for display at VivoCity.

Earlier in January 2006, Miss Chan joined three other finalists for a three-day trip to Japan to study under Toyo Ito. The experience was invaluable to her future creations. ❖



The winning design — “Raindrop”.



(Right) Miss Rony Chan poses with her project supervisor Dr Michael Siu.

## Careers Fortnight popular with students

To facilitate final-year students in getting first-hand information from prospective employers and keeping abreast of the current trend in the job market, PolyU organized the "Career Fortnight 2006" in mid-March. The two-week event consisted of a large-scale careers exhibition, over 30 recruitment talks and training workshops, as well as visits to six mainland production plants.

Nearly 30 organizations from the public and private sectors joined in the careers exhibition, including civil service departments, professional organizations, educational institutions



(From right) Prof. Poon Chung-kwong, PolyU President, Mr Stephen Ip Shu-kwan, Secretary for Economic Development and Labour and Mrs Dorinda Fung, Director of Student Affairs, officiate at the opening of the careers exhibition.



The two-day career exhibition was very well-received by the students and the participating organizations.

and large commercial firms, such as Maersk, DHL Logistics and Li & Fung. The attending students were very keen to know more about the different career opportunities offered by these organizations.

Highlights of the careers exhibition were the talks by three reputable community leaders, Dr David Pang, CEO of Airport Authority, Dr Lee Lok-sze, Founder and Director of China Polar Museum Foundation and Dr Paul Mok, General Manager of Orient Overseas Container Line, in which their valuable career advice and experience was shared with the full-house of students.



## Learning for excellence with leaders in town



In the relaxing ambience of Chiang Chen Studio Theatre, five local distinguished figures earnestly shared their life insights and reading experiences with PolyU students and staff in a series of lunch talks titled "Learning for Excellence".

**Mrs Fanny Law**, Permanent Secretary for Education and Manpower, urged the students to grasp every opportunity to learn and progress for success.

**Mr Jim Chim**, a well received drama artist, said that he drew his inspirations from the book of life.

Legislative Councillor and barrister **Ms Margaret Ng** compared life to the race of hare and tortoise, and reckoned that she would not care about winning or losing as long as the race was worth running.

Renowned, well-read writer **Mr Shum Kar See** maintained that observation and imagination were the foundation of wisdom.

**Mr Leung Man To**, a celebrated cultural critic, observed that civilizations interacted with and diffused into one another in the course of history.





## We are winners — cheered our athletes

PolyU's women sports teams were crowned the champions in the Inter-Universities Sports Competitions 2005. Our women athletes in swimming, cross country race and soccer, which was added to the games on a trial basis, defeated all of the opponents in the competitions. In the men's competition, despite that PolyU was ranked fourth in the overall score of the competitions, the swimming team won the game as beautifully as the girls did, resulting in a triumphant overall victory in swimming for PolyU. ❖



A big group photo taken after the prize presentation ceremony.

We are the men's and women's overall champions at the Aquatic Meet!



## Sincere Scholarship for Innovation in Retailing awarded



The scholarship awardees (front row) pose with Mr Philip Ma, Group Managing Director of Sincere (back row, second from left) and Prof. Tao Xiao-ming, Head of ITC (back row, second from right).

University students can contribute to the betterment of the local retail industry. This is the aim of setting up the Sincere Scholarship for Innovation in Retailing by the Sincere Company Limited years ago. This contest for scholarship is open to 2<sup>nd</sup> year students studying in higher diploma and bachelor degree programmes of the Institute of Textiles and Clothing (ITC).

This year, three talented students defeated 80 other contestants and took away the Gold, Silver and Bronze Scholarship Awards, which worth \$12,000, \$8,000 and \$5,000 respectively. The other three finalists each received a prize of \$2,000.

To enter the competition, students had to write business proposals with contents relating to the competitive edge of department stores, reference standards of the retail industry, periodic cycle of retail sales, human resources management in retail industry or global trends affecting the local retail sales environment. ❖