

Civil engineering research output tops the world

According to an independent survey, PolyU is ranked first in the world in terms of number of papers published in leading journals from 2003 to 2005 in the field of civil engineering. Conducted by Thomson Scientific, an established authority in compiling Science Citation Index, the survey analyzed the total number of related papers published in 79 reputed journals over the three-year period.

The survey also examined the total number of citations in the year 2005 with

reference to institutional publications between 2003 and 2004. In this particular category, PolyU is ranked second in the world with a total of 105 citations, only marginally behind the University of Illinois in the US (with 110 citations).

According to Prof. Ko Jan-ming, Vice President (Research Development), PolyU will make good use of its expertise through active participation in applied researches and major consultancy projects for the Government and industry. ❖



Prof. Ko releases the survey findings at a press briefing.

DBA earns international accreditation



Prof. Sir James A. Mirrlees, 1996 Nobel Laureate in Economic Sciences, giving a talk in the DBA Distinguished Lecture Series.

The Doctor of Business Administration and Doctor of Management (China) programmes offered by PolyU's Graduate School of Business (GSB) have been awarded international accreditation by the UK-based Association of MBAs (AMBA). PolyU stands alongside UK's Aston Business School and Kingston Business School to become one of the first three DBA programmes in the world to secure the accreditation.

Reviewer from AMBA Prof. Robert Dixon, who conducted the accreditation visit to PolyU on 17 July, was impressed by the high quality of the programmes in terms of the teaching teams, students, graduands, taught components, supervision process and documentation.

AMBA, established in 1967, functions as a quality assurance organization by accrediting MBA programmes which meet its stringent criteria. Its service is internationally recognized as the global standard for MBA programmes, and that has extended to DBA as well.

Since its launch in 1996, the first of its kind in Hong Kong, PolyU's DBA has gained high acclaim in Hong Kong and the Chinese mainland. As the school is celebrating the 10th anniversary of the programme this year, the accreditation comes as a most welcome recognition of its quality and achievements.

Earlier on, GSB entered into strategic partnership with two of the world's leading business schools, IMD (International Institute for Management Development) in Lausanne, Switzerland, and the Sauder School of Business at the University of British Columbia (UBC) in Canada. Starting from this academic year, IMD is offering a credit-bearing elective for DBA participants, while professors from UBC will co-teach two DBA subjects. ❖



Prof. Peter Lorange, IMD President, and Prof. Judy Tsui, Dean of Faculty of Business and Director of GSB, exchange a warm handshake.

Wuhan: First graduates of Master in Physical Therapy

武漢舉行首屆理大物理治療碩士畢業禮



A graduate flanked by Prof. Poon and Prof. Zhu Yuquan, Chairman of HUST Committee (right).

PolyU and the Huazhong University of Science and Technology (HUST) jointly sent forth the first cohort of 34 graduates of the Master in Physical Therapy (MPT) programme at a special graduation ceremony held in Wuhan, Hubei Province, on 17 August. This is the first time for PolyU to hold a graduation ceremony outside Hong Kong.

This programme is the first of its kind on the Chinese mainland and the only one accredited by the State Council's Academic Degree Committee. It is offered by PolyU in Wuhan in collaboration with the Tongji Medical College of HUST. PolyU President Prof. Poon Chung-kwong presided over the graduation ceremony and conferred the PolyU award upon the graduates.

The MPT programme was launched in

2004 with a HK\$2.8 million grant from the Hua Xia Foundation and a substantial donation from the Mission Hills Group. Mr Frank Pong provided scholarships for outstanding students of the programme.

Prof. Poon said: "Our grateful thanks go to Dr David Chu Shu-ho, Chairman of Mission Hills; the Hua Xia Foundation, Mr Pong as well as our partner HUST." He observed that physiotherapists would be in hot demand in China, especially as Beijing would host the Olympic Games in 2008.

Other PolyU members who attended the ceremony included Prof. Thomas Wong Kwok-shing, Dean of the Faculty of Health and Social Sciences; and Prof. Chetwyn Chan, Head of the Department of Rehabilitation Sciences. ❖

香港理工大學與華中科技大學於八月十七日在湖北省武漢市，為兩校合辦的物理治療碩士學位課程舉行首屆畢業典禮。今次也是理大首次於香港境外舉行畢業禮。

該課程是全國第一及唯一一項獲國務院學位委員會確認的國際化碩士程度物理治療課程，由理大夥同華中科技大學轄下的同濟醫學院於武漢開辦。畢業典禮由理大校長潘宗光教授主持，頒授理大的碩士學位予三十四位畢業生。首屆畢業生當中有醫生、護士和康復治療師，他們全部均已獲聘。

該課程於二零零四年創辦，獲得華夏基金會慷慨資助二百八十萬港元及駿豪集團主席朱樹豪博士捐款資助。此外，龐輝先生亦有為優秀學員提供獎學金。

潘教授稱：「物理治療在內地是一門嶄新的學科，而全國各地對高質素的治療師需求甚殷，再加上中國將於二零零八年主辦北京奧運會，對擁有最高國際水平的物理治療師更是求才若渴。」代表理大赴武漢出席典禮的，還有醫療及社會科學學院院長汪國成教授、康復治療科學系系主任陳智軒教授等。

理大和華中科技大學早於今年六月已更新了合作協議，繼續合辦該大受好評的課程。第三期學員將於二零零七年三月開始上課。 ❖



Council Chairman re-appointed



The University is pleased to announce that Mr Victor Lo Chung-wing has been re-appointed Chairman of Council by the Chief Executive for another three-year term, effective 1 January 2007.

Mr Lo is Chairman and Chief Executive of the Gold Peak Group. He is also holding many public offices, including Member of the Executive Council of the HKSAR, Chairman of Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation and Chairman of Board of Governors of Hong Kong Design Centre. He has chaired the University Council since 2004. ❖

PolyU members honoured

Congratulations to the following PolyU members who have been accorded awards by the HKSAR Government in its 2006 Honours List or appointed Justices of the Peace:

Name	Award
Dr William Mong Man-wai (<i>Court Member</i>)	Gold Bauhinia Star
Mr Yu Kwok-chun (<i>Court Member</i>)	
Ir Lo Yiu-ching (<i>2005 Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award Recipient</i>)	
Ir Dr Tsui Shung-yiu (<i>Alumnus</i>)	Silver Bauhinia Star
Mr Marco Wu Moon-hoi (<i>Alumnus</i>)	
Mr Peter K.L. Chu (<i>Alumnus</i>)	Bronze Bauhinia Star
Dr Lam Tai-fai (<i>2001 Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award Recipient and Council Member</i>)	
Mr Herbert Tsoi Hak-kong (<i>Council Member</i>)	
Dr Andy Wong Kam-din (<i>Staff</i>)	
Mr Tong Wing-shing (<i>Alumnus</i>)	
Mr Freeman Lau Siu-hong (<i>2001 Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award Recipient</i>)	
Mrs Pauline Ng Tsui Fung-ying (<i>Alumnus</i>)	Hong Kong Police Medal for Meritorious Service
Dr Kwan Ming-tak (<i>Alumnus</i>)	Hong Kong Correctional Services Medal for Meritorious Service
Mr Lui Hing-chung (<i>Alumnus</i>)	Medal of Honour
Dr Michael Yip Kim-po (<i>Court Member</i>)	Justice of the Peace
Mr Au Choi-kai (<i>Alumnus</i>)	
Mr Cheung Wai-kou (<i>Alumnus</i>)	
Mr Mo Kim-ming (<i>Alumnus</i>)	
Ms Lisa Lau Man-man (<i>Alumnus</i>)	

SPEED tailors training programmes for Li & Fung

Operated by PolyU-affiliated College of Professional and Continuing Education (CPCE), the School of Professional Education and Executive Development (SPEED) recently signed a collaboration agreement with Li & Fung (Trading) Limited to offer an in-house training programme in merchandising.

Speaking at the signing ceremony, PolyU President cum CPCE Council Chairman Prof. Poon Chung-kwong remarked, "We are delighted to partner with Li & Fung, a leader in global supply chain management, to help train its staff as merchandising specialists. As the University's continuing education arm, SPEED has over the years provided many training programmes of various natures and delivery modes to upgrade the knowledge and skills of different workforce."

Dr Victor Fung Kwok-king, Chairman of



The agreement is signed by Mr Bruce Rockowitz, President of Li & Fung (Trading) Limited, and Prof. Thomas Wong Kwok-shing, Dean of CPCE (second and third from left), in the witness of Dr Fung and Prof. Poon.

Li & Fung Group, said, "Human capital is the most valuable asset in our corporation. We have the vision to benchmark our merchandising training with world-class training programmes. PolyU is well known for its application-oriented teaching to nurture professional talents, and we therefore have complete trust in the success of this programme."

The training programme is managed by SPEED and teaching is conducted by the faculty from PolyU's Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering and Institute of Textiles and Clothing. Upon completion of the programme, trainees will receive the Professional and Continuing Education Diploma awarded by PolyU SPEED.



Vice President (Partnership Development) Dr Lui Sun-wing (left) receives the coveted award from Mr Frederick Ma Si-hang, Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury.

PolyU named Best Partner of SMEs

The University has recently been presented the SME's Best Partner Award by the Hong Kong Chamber of Small and Medium Business Ltd. The award, launched by the Chamber this year, aims to give public recognition to those organizations with significant contributions to the further development of SMEs in the territory.

Shaw laureate visits PolyU

Prof. Wu Wentsun, Shaw laureate in Mathematical Sciences 2006, was warmly received by staff and students during his visit to the University earlier on. A full house of audience was attracted to his talk on Chinese traditional mathematics.

Prof. Wu was honoured with the prestigious award for his contributions to the new interdisciplinary field of mathematics mechanization. He graduated from the Shanghai Jiaotong University and obtained his PhD at the National



Centre of Scientific Research of France in the 1940's. He is an Academician of the Chinese Academy of Sciences and a Fellow of the Academy of Sciences for the Developing World in Italy.