

Salute to recipients of President's Awards



On 4 December, 40 distinguished staff were honoured at the presentation ceremony of the "President's Awards for Excellent Performance/Achievement 2005/06". The awards were presented by President Prof. Poon Chung-kwong, Deputy President Mr Alexander Tzang and the Faculty Deans. The awardees included academic and administrative staff members as well as ancillary staff who demonstrated outstanding performance under one of the four categories of Teaching, Research and Scholarly Activities, Services, and Overall Contribution. This award scheme has been running for 10 years and acts as a catalyst to motivate staff performance.

Awardees of the President's Awards

Individual Awards



Ms Margaret Liddle, Assistant Professor of the School of Accounting and Finance, was awarded the *President's Award in Teaching* for her success in presenting complex legal issues to students using daily life illustrations as well as her teaching pedagogy involving problem-based learning in conjunction with case method.



Dr Derek Siu-wing Or, Assistant Professor of the Department of Applied Physics, is actively involved in his research on the processing, characterization and application of magnetostrictive, magnetoelectric, multiferroic and ferromagnetic shape memory materials. He was awarded the *President's Award in Research and Scholarly Activities*.

Team Award

The team, comprising the following members, won the *President's Award in Overall Contribution* for their collaborative efforts in designing the e-Channels, an automatic vehicle clearance system, for the Immigration Department:

- From the Industrial Centre: **Ir Paul Lau**, Associate Director; **Ir Robert W.M. Tam**, Senior Engineer; **Mr Lai Chi-kiung**, Engineer; **Ir Edward Y.H. Cheung**, Engineer; and **Ir Jasper Wong Tak-ho**, Engineer;
- From the Department of Electrical Engineering: **Dr Norbert C. Cheung**, Assistant Professor; **Dr Edward Lo**, Assistant Professor; **Dr W.L. Chan**, Associate Professor; and **Prof. S.L. Ho**, Chair Professor and Associate Head.



Ir Prof. Hau-chung Man, Professor of the Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering, won the *President's Award in Research and Scholarly Activities*. He has published many influential journal and conference papers in the field of materials science. He also established the Laser Processing Centre and introduced laser materials processing technology to Hong Kong.



Ir Dr Winco Kam-chuen Yung, Associate Professor of the Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering, won the *President's Award in Services* for his efforts in actively disseminating technology know-hows related to Printed Circuit Board and Green Manufacturing through research and development, partnership and consultancy projects.



Miss Chan Ching-yi, Clerical Officer of the Research Office, earned the *President's Award in Overall Contribution* with her effective and efficient services to research postgraduates and academic staff. She has built a trusting and harmonious working relationship with colleagues through the years.



Despite his visual impairment, Mr Lee Tai-lok has fared well on his job as a library assistant for the last 25 years.



Having served PolyU for 30 years, Senior Facilities Manager Mr K. S. Cheung has played a part in the evolution of our campus.

In praise of loyalty



More than 220 staff members received the Long Service Awards on 30 January for their loyal service to the University over the years. Among the awardees, 98 have served in the Institution for 15 years, 57 for 20 years, 44 for 25 years and another 30 for as long as 30 years by the close of 2006. Each of them received from the President Prof. Poon Chung-kwong a certificate and a souvenir as token of appreciation from the University.

The Long Service Award scheme has been introduced since 1990 to honour loyal staff members and to cultivate a sense of belonging among the PolyU community. ❖

900 PolyU members walk for charity

The chilly weather on 7 January failed to dampen the high spirit of 900-plus PolyU members who showed their concern for the needy by participating in the Community Chest's Walk for Millions. All dressed in red, they formed a sea of warmth which poured out from the opening ceremony held at the Hong Kong Stadium.

Led by President Prof. Poon Chung-kwong, Deputy President Mr Alexander Tzang and Vice President Dr Lui Sun-wing, the PolyU team raised fund for "Children & Youth Services" through the Community Chest. This is the 15th year that PolyU has contributed its effort to Walk for Millions. ❖



Reaching out to serve the community

More than 1,200 students and staff have participated in the Community Service Learning Programme to provide volunteer services to the needy in Hong Kong and the Chinese mainland. The initiative was jointly organized by the Student Affairs Office, the Students' Union and over 20 academic departments.

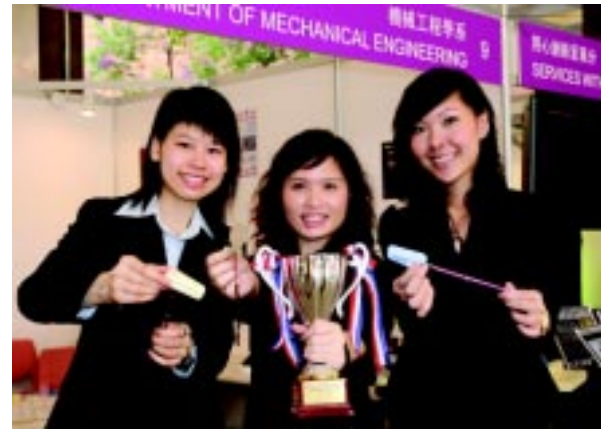
Awards were presented for 15 outstanding community service projects of the Programme out of 47 nominations in a special ceremony held on 10 November.

One of these projects came from the Department of Land Surveying and Geo-Informatics. The team used their knowledge to protect a relic of historic value by producing a topographic map of the

campsite in the reconstruction work of the Hong Kong Playground Association Silvermine Bay Outer Recreation Camp.

Another exemplary project involved the development of a Cuff-holding Device for the Elderly by students from the Department of Mechanical Engineering. This device can help fix the position of long-sleeve clothes and prevent them from trapping at the upper arm when elderly people are wearing clothes.

The ceremony also marked the opening of a two-day Showcase on Community Service Learning Projects on campus, which



The Cuff-holding Device wins these budding engineers an award under the Programme.

displayed the many meaningful projects launched in 2005/06, and featured the collaborative projects between PolyU and various non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to be launched in 2006/07. ❖

Work placement programme celebrates 10th anniversary

The University celebrated the 10th anniversary of the 'Preferred Graduate' Development Programme (PGDP) on 4 January. Chairman of the University Grants Committee Dr Alice Lam and President Prof. Poon Chung-kwong, joined by other officiating guests, officiated at a lighting ceremony to mark the happy occasion.

Speaking at the ceremony, Prof. Poon thanked all partner organizations for their unfailing support over the years, and pledged the University's commitment to promote work-integrated education for the benefit of both students and the community.

Launched in 1997, PGDP is a vastly popular student placement programme which equips students with workplace exposure and knowledge to prepare them to become ready-to-work graduates. Participants can not only apply classroom



Lighting Ceremony in celebration of the Programme's 10th anniversary.

theories to practical use, but also have a taste of real work situations.

This year, more than 1,500 full-time, non-final year undergraduates have benefited from the Programme. Their placements, ranging from one month to one year, were with major companies and organizations in Hong Kong, the Chinese mainland and 20 overseas countries, including the US, UK,

Australia, Germany, Singapore, Thailand, Canada and Switzerland.

Since its inception, the Programme has gained the support of more than 1,100 partner companies and organizations from all over the world. To date, more than 7,500 PolyU students have gained invaluable experience from the Programme. ❖

Distinguished Chinese scholars honoured

The University held a special ceremony under the annual “Distinguished Chinese Visiting Scholars Scheme” to pay tribute to the following five renowned scholars from the Chinese mainland on 19 October:

Prof. Yu Ruqin, Member of the Chinese Academy of Sciences and Professor of the Hunan University — An analytical chemist with a wide range of research interests, Prof. Yu has won two national natural science awards and an award of the National Science Conference for his research in chemometrics and chemo/biosensors.

Prof. Chang Shana, Professor and Counsellor in Academic Development of the Academy of Arts and Design, Tsinghua University — Prof. Chang has devoted much effort to the protection of Dunhuang Mogao Grottoes. She was also involved in the design and decoration of a number of landmark buildings in Beijing, including the Great Hall of People, the Capital Theatre and the Beijing Capital International Airport.



From left: Prof. Yu, Prof. Chang, Prof. Chen Yazhu, Guest-of-honour from the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the HKSAR Mr Li Gang, the President, Prof. Chen Zuyu and Prof. Gu.

Prof. Chen Yazhu, Member of the Chinese Academy of Engineering and Professor of the Shanghai Jiaotong University — Prof. Chen's contributions and achievements in the fields of high voltage technology and medical technology have earned her various State prizes for Scientific Technology Progress and the First Class Award of the National Science and Technology Progress Prize.

Prof. Chen Zuyu, Member of the Chinese Academy of Sciences and Professor of the China Institute of Water Resources and Hydropower Research — A well-known

geotechnical engineering expert, Prof. Chen has focused his research efforts on slope stability analysis. His research is instrumental to China's hydropower projects, and his theories form a fundamental challenge to conventional textbook methods.

Prof. Gu Guanqun, Member of the Chinese Academy of Engineering and Professor of the School of Computer Science and Engineering, Southeast University — Prof. Gu has been involved in the R&D of computer architecture and application systems for more than 40 years. He has achieved remarkable success in developing the first transistor numerical integrator, and has presided over the Jiangsu Computer Application Network in the cooperative Euro-China programme as a Chief Chinese Expert. ❖

Major conferences at a glance

Second International Symposium on Functional Foods

The Symposium was held from 12 to 13 October to provide a forum for researchers and professionals to keep abreast of the latest developments in functional foods, especially with regard to the exciting new field of nutrigenomics, or the application of genomics to human nutrition.

International Conference on Greater China and Supply Chain Logistics 2006

The Conference was held with the theme “Globalization, Innovation, Integration” on campus from 9 to 11 December. It was participated by more than 200 academics,

industry members and policy makers from different parts of the world.

Second International Conference on Brand Management

Themed “Creating Value with Brands: A Global Perspective”, the Conference was



jointly organized by PolyU's Asian Centre for Brand Management and the Hong Kong Design Centre on 28 November, drawing 600-plus professionals to explore different approaches to create customer value and enhance brand equity.

Public lecture on China's space missions

On 4 December, Director of Centre for Space Science and Applied Research of the Chinese Academy of Sciences Dr Wu Ji introduced to an enthusiastic audience China's new developments in the field of space exploration. Dr Wu is one of the major scientists in charge of the Chang'e 1 lunar orbiter programme of China. ❖

Integrative community health centre unveiled in Kwai Tsing

PolyU's first off-campus Integrative Community Health Centre (ICHC) was officially opened in Lai King, Kwai Tsing, in November.

The opening ceremony was officiated at by Dr Lily Chiu, Cluster Chief Executive, Kowloon West Cluster, Hospital Authority; Dr Ng Tat-lun, Chairman, Occupational Safety and Health Council; Mr Chow Yick-hay, Chairman, Kwai Tsing Safe Community and Healthy City Association and Chairman, Kwai Tsing District Council; Mr Allan Chow, District Officer, Kwai Tsing District Office; and Prof. George Woo, Associate Dean, Faculty of Health and Social Sciences, PolyU.

The non-profit making Centre, built around the concept of integrative holistic healthcare, provides health protection at the community level and empowers the community in positive health management. It also serves as a centre for nursing practice and health-related research.

After a pilot run for two years, the Centre, staffed with a team of health care professionals, is now offering a wide range of one-stop services. These include self-administered health assessment, primary eye care, consultation, integrative weight



Opening of the Centre on 8 November

management, integrative pain management, integrative beauty therapy, and integrative aromatherapy and foot reflexology.

The operation of the ICHC is supported by the award-winning, computerized Telehealth System developed by PolyU's School of Nursing in collaboration with Princess Margaret Hospital and Kwai Tsing District Council. Clients of the Centre are given membership cards for remote log-on to the Telehealth System to access and monitor their own health data.

The ICHC is also taking the lead in providing diabetes mellitus retinopathy screening service for the community, following the earlier signing of an agreement between PolyU's School of Optometry and the Kwai Tsing Safe Community and Healthy City Association.

The 2,000 square feet ICHC is located at G/F, 7-10 Yeung King House, Lai King Estate, Kwai Chung. For booking and enquiries, please call 2370 1799. ❖

