

PolyU did it again!

理大締造又一新紀錄



A total of 21,726 members of the PolyU community, its friends and supporters and Scouts joined hands to set yet another new record by forming the largest PRC and HKSAR flags at the Siu Sai Wan Sports Ground on 23 September.

PolyU President Prof. Poon Chung-kwong hailed the latest record-breaking endeavour as not only a shining example of the solidarity and vitality of the PolyU community, but also a timely fund-raiser in support of the University, education for poor children on the Chinese mainland and services of the Senior Citizen Home Safety Association in Hong Kong.

He also thanked the Scout Association of Hong Kong for co-organizing this event and the more than 30 sponsors (please refer to p.6 for the full list) for their generosity.

Entitled "Flags of Harmony and Unity", the event is not only the largest activity to celebrate PolyU's 70th Anniversary, but also an Accredited Event to commemorate HKSAR's 10th Anniversary.

Prof. Poon and Secretary for Education Mr Michael Suen Ming-yeung officiated at the event together with Mr Alexander Tzang, PolyU Deputy President; Dr Lam Tai-fai, Organizing Committee Chairman; Mr Pau Shiu-hung, Chief Commissioner of Scout Association of Hong Kong; and representatives from the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in HKSAR and the Office of the Commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of PRC in HKSAR.

Following a well-rehearsed routine, all the participating PolyU students, staff, alumni, friends, Scouts and supporters from external bodies stood closely together on the grass pitch and held up coloured cardboards to form the image of the national flag, and then the SAR flag by flipping over the boards.

The first world record set by PolyU was registered on 6 October 2002, when 11,273 members of the PolyU community formed the world's greatest Human Rainbow in celebration of the University's 65th Anniversary. The Human Rainbow demonstrated our unity and the "can do" spirit of Hong Kong people in the face of hard times.

九月二十三日，理大教職員、學生、校友、支持者和童軍共二萬一千七百二十六人參加了在�西灣運動場舉行的「和諧團結創『旗』蹟」大型活動，砌出鉅大的中國國旗和香港特區區旗圖案，再創新紀錄。

校長潘宗光教授表示是項活動除展現理大的團結、進取和關懷社會的精神外，也為大學的發展、內地失學兒童和本港長者安居服務協會籌募善款，饒富意義。他又感謝協辦活動的香港童軍總會的支持，以及三十多家工商機構的慷慨資助（請參閱第六頁附表）。

是次「創『旗』蹟」的壯舉，不單是理大七十周年校慶活動中最大型的項目，亦是慶祝香港特區成立十周年的認可活動之一，由香港特區政府教育局局長孫明揚先生、理大校長潘宗光教授、常務副校長曾慶忠先生、籌備委員會主席林天輝博士、香港童軍總會香港總監鮑紹雄先生、中聯辦教育科技部潘永華部長、外交部駐港特派員公署國際部黃河副部長共同擔任主禮嘉賓。

活動一開始，參加者秩序井然地進入草地球場，一同舉起了顏色卡砌成巨型國旗圖案，然後再舉起顏色卡的另一面，合力砌出特區區旗圖案。

理大首項世界紀錄締造於二零零二年十月六日，當時匯聚一萬一千二百七十三名參加者，砌出全球最大的彩虹圖案，慶祝建校



Mr Tzang (left) and Dr Lam (in yellow) accompanying a line of special guests to greet the enthusiastic participants. The gentleman in scout uniform is Mr Pau. 曾慶忠先生（左）和林大輝博士（黃衣者）陪同多位嘉賓跟參加者打氣。穿童軍制服者為鮑紹雄先生。

六十五周年，彰顯港人面對逆境依然團結和「永不言敗」的精神。



The making of ... 「旗」蹟的誕生

The project of forming the giant human flags was first conceived earlier this year, when the Management decided that a record-breaking activity similar to the Human Rainbow should be organized as part of the 70th anniversary celebrations. Following the setting up of an Organizing Committee (OC), chaired by PolyU Council member Dr Lam, who was also in charge of the 2002 event, and after a few brainstorming sessions, the "Flag" event was decided on. What followed were months of careful planning and execution.

For six months the core team of Communications and Public Affairs Office (CPA), the main organizer of the event, toiled through the detailed preparatory process, including building the registration database, devising the transportation plan and mapping out the flag formation mechanism. Such a challenging task was further compounded by the staggering registration figure of at least 18,789 required to pull off the event. But by the end of July, merely 12,000 had signed up.

While transferring the participants from various parts of Hong Kong to the sports ground posed another challenge, the most vital part of the planning lied in finding effective ways to move the enthusiastic participants onto the pitch for them to form the patterns of the national and SAR flags.

The organizer was indeed fortunate to have secured the technical advice of Mr Lui Lai-ye, the great assistance from the Police, Scouts and many volunteers, and the able support of colleagues from various departments particularly Human Resources Office, Student Affairs Office, Alumni Affairs and Development Office, Facilities Management Office, Industrial Centre and College of Professional and Continuing Education. In fact, every PolyU member contributed one way or another to make the event a success.

The new semester which started in early September brought timely new blood and energy. And after a series of recruitment drives, including house visits to departments, a string of emails and personal appeals, the number of participants started to soar. Finally in the evening immediately preceding the event, the computer record showed a registered figure of over 21,000 participants. Nevertheless, it was not exactly plain sailing from then on. At dawn on the great day, typhoon signal number one was hoisted and the dark clouds above threatened torrential rain.

大學管理層為了延續「理大彩虹」的精神，於是產生拼砌巨型國旗的意念。由理大校董林大輝博士率領籌委會，傳訊及公共事務處負責策劃執行，連月來馬不停蹄工作：建立登記網站和資料庫，安排交通運輸，設計拼湊圖案步驟，聯繫校內部門和校外機構。應付這些挑戰之餘，還得承受募集足夠參加人數的沉重壓力。打破世界紀錄最少需要一萬八千七百八十九人參與，到了七月底，登記的人數僅約一萬二千。幸而，九月新學年開始不久，在校內各個部門通力協助下，登記參與的人數節節上升，到了活動前一天，已有逾二萬一千人登記參加。

整項活動的關鍵之處，在於如何順利安排眾多參加者進入草地，同時確保砌出的圖案整齊而又準確無誤。箇中周密的細節安排，全賴富於經驗的技術顧問雷禮義先生，與警方、童軍及多名義工的協助及各部門同事通力合作而能最終成事。





Preludes to the "action":

- 23 September** cloudy, occasional shower, max. temp. 30°C, typhoon signal no. 1 hoisted
- 7:30 a.m.** The core working staff and helpers arrived at the Siu Sai Wan Sports Ground. The navvies of the contractor who had been preparing the pitch overnight were napping in the seats.
- 8:13 a.m.** Everyone was busy with something: setting up the booths, checking the materials, hanging the banners, putting up signage, testing the video projection...
- 10:07 a.m.** Over 500 section leaders, card controllers and pitch leaders gathered for the final briefing.
- 11:00 a.m.** Final check and preparation.
- 12:42 p.m.** About 8,000 Scouts poured in. In good discipline, they collected their cardboards and found their way to their seats.
- 1:24 p.m.** Performers arrived. The first reporter arrived. The coach carrying the first group of participants stopped at the gate. Someone was shouting in the walkie-talkie. Everyone was gearing up.
- 3:00 p.m.** Participants were entering the pitch, collecting their cardboards for forming the flags with. Clouds thickened above.
- 3:45 p.m.** The Guest of Honour, Secretary for Education Mr Michael Suen Ming-yeung, arrived and was greeted by the President and the OC Chairman ■ ■ ■





When history was made 創造歷史的一刻

With a cardboard in hand, all the participants followed the directions of Mr Lui to form the national flag and then the SAR flag, completely in sync. Together they created a tremendous spectacle and accomplished yet another record-breaking feat.

Emceed by Metro Radio disc jockeys Miss Sara Lee and Mr William Lam, the fun-filled event also featured an exciting entertainment programme, including performances by such Cantopop singers as Miss Kary Ng, Miss Theresa Fu and Mr Kenny Kwan, PolyU alumni, and the Student Taekwondo Club. ❖

參加者手持顏色卡整齊地進入草地列隊，然後緊隨雷禮義先生的指示，萬眾一心，合力砌出國旗和區旗，共同創造歷史，場面壯觀。

大會由新城電台DJ李麗蕊及林柏希擔任司儀，並由歌星吳雨霏、傅穎、關智斌、鄧穎芝、李逸朗、范萱蔚、江若琳、多位理大校友及學生會跆拳道學會表演助慶。 ❖





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