

Expert accorded the world's top hospitality education honours

Prof. Kaye Chon, Chair Professor and Director of the PolyU School of Hotel and Tourism Management, has recently received the Howard H. Meek Award, one of the world's top honours to hospitality educators. The Award, named after the first dean of the hospitality school of Cornell University, has been annually presented by the International Council on Hotel, Restaurant and Institutional Education (I-CHRIE) since 1971. Being the first-ever awardee from Asia Pacific in the past 36-year history of the Award, Prof. Chon was recognized for his exceptional contribution to global hospitality education development through his leadership and research contributions.

Prof. Chon is the past President and Chairman of International Society of Travel

and Tourism Educators and currently the First Vice Chairman of United Nations World Tourism Organization Education Council. Under his leadership, PolyU's School of Hotel and Tourism Management now ranks

among the top four schools of hospitality and tourism management based on research and scholarship, according to a study published in the *Journal of Hospitality & Tourism Research* in August 2005. ❖



Geo-Informatics professor honoured at home and abroad



Prof. Zhilin Li (left) at the appointment ceremony of Chair Professor by Wuhan University.

Prof. Zhilin Li (李志林教授) of Department of Land Surveying and Geo-Informatics was elected Vice-President of International Cartographic Association (ICA) at its 14th General Assembly of national delegates, held in Moscow on 9 August 2007. With strong support from PolyU, Prof. Li was nominated by the Chinese Society for Geodesy, Photogrammetry and Cartography, which represents China as a member of the Association.

ICA is dedicated to the advancement of cartographic or geographic information science. Founded in Bern, Switzerland in 1959, the Association currently has 168 country members.

Prof. Li was also recently appointed Honorary Chair Professor by Wuhan University, a top-10 university in China, for his distinguished achievements in research and education. Prof. Li has over 200 publications, including more than 120 journal papers, 10 book chapters and two research monographs. ❖