

Vice-Presidential appointments (effective 1 October 2007)



Vice President (Research Development) Ir Prof. Ko Jan-ming (left) has been re-designated as Vice President (Academic Staffing and Resources). One of the major challenges of his new duties involves preparing the University for the introduction of the 4-year university education under the 3-3-4 education structure. Prof. Ko will continue to oversee the University's campus development and space allocation, and academic staff recruitment and appointment.

Prof. Albert S. C. Chan, Dean of the Faculty of Applied Science and Textiles and Chair Professor of Chemical Technology of Department of Applied Biology and Chemical Technology, has been appointed Vice President (Research Development) on a secondment basis. He will, in his new capacity, oversee all matters related to the research development of the University. ❖



Newly appointed Chair Professor of Engineering Mathematics

With effect from 27 August 2007, Prof. Colin Rogers (pictured) was appointed Chair Professor of Engineering Mathematics in the Department of Applied Mathematics.

Currently a Fellow of the Institute of Physics, UK, and a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Science, the highest academic honour in Australia, Prof. Rogers has achieved distinguished academic credentials including PhD in Continuum Mechanics (1969) and a Doctor of Science degree in Mathematics (1991) from the University of Nottingham, UK.

He has been Professor in the University Waterloo, Canada (1981); Chair in Mathematical Engineering in Loughborough University of Technology (1988); and Chair in Applied Mathematics (1992) and Head

of Department of Applied Mathematics (1993) in University of New South Wales, Australia, among the major appointments in his academic career spanning nearly four decades.

Being an active researcher with a focus on the Backlund transformations in continuum mechanics and the geometry of soliton systems, Prof. Rogers has published 160 journals articles in international refereed journals, three research monographs, and has edited three books. He has also been a reviewer to various major international journals and member of the Editorial Boards of such journals. He was the recipient of the Australian Government Centenary Medal Award.



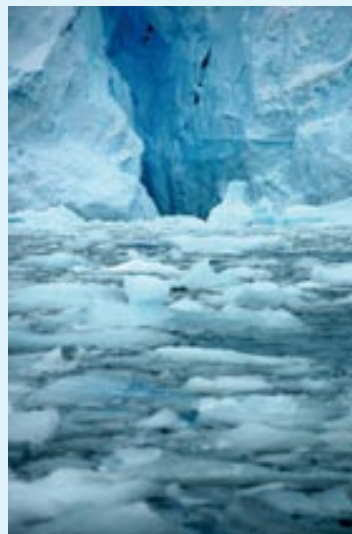
Maintaining a close association with higher education and research institutions all over the world, Prof. Rogers has held visiting professorships at institutions in Brazil, Denmark, and Hong Kong, etc, with an impressive research output including over 10 Australian Research Council projects. ❖



Building partially destroyed by volcanic flows, Deception Island



The wonderful blue light of ice



Ice flows—breaking off the glacier Paradise Harbour



A bow-legged Chinstrap Penguin

Lessons from the ends of the earth

University Librarian Mr Steve O'Connor has long been fascinated by the stunning images captured by Australian photographer Frank Hurley during the Shackleton Expedition in 1915, and chose to spend his latest vacation on Antarctica. Armed with his Nikon D70S, Mr O'Connor embarked on a 19-day voyage from Ushuaia in Argentina, the world's southernmost city, to the icy continent last November.

Out of 7,000 photos taken, he has carefully chosen 80 with the help of Technician Mr Patrick Fong for putting up an exhibition at the Pao Yue-kong Library. In addition to penguins and sea leopards, the photos capture ice sculptures carved by Nature and the vast serenity that is alien to most city dwellers.

Mr O'Connor believes that an eye-opening exhibition is one of the many ways that students can learn in the Library. He expects the Library to play host to many more inspiring exhibitions following this one. ❖



Curious King Penguin



A lone sea leopard



Translucent ice