

# Heavyweights at forums



**M**ore than 600 CEOs, senior executives, academic leaders and senior university administrators attended the Global CEO Forum and Higher Education Management Forum concurrently held by PolyU at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre last November. The events, both major activities of the University's 70th Anniversary, were kicked off by Mr John Tsang, Financial Secretary of the HKSAR Government, as the Guest-of-Honour.

The two meetings provided a timely platform for the representatives from the academia and the business to exchange dialogues, thus further bridging universities and the business sectors. While the Global CEO Forum was themed on "Bridging China to the World: Opportunities and Challenges", the Higher Education Management Leadership Forum addressed the strategic positioning and operational needs of institutions through the sharing of best practices at home and abroad. ❖



**1** Mr Peter Bowie, CEO, Deloitte China **2** Mr Paul Chow, Chief Executive, Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited **3** Mr Chan Tze-ching, Honorary Chairman of the Forum **4** Prof. K.C. Chan, Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury of the HKSAR Government **5** Mr Ronnie C. Chan, Chairman, Hang Lung Group Limited **6** Dr Chang Xiaobing, Chairman & CEO, China Unicom Limited **7** Mr Philip Chen, Chairman, John Swire & Sons (China) Limited **8** Mr Lawrence Ho, Chairman & CEO, Melco International Development Limited **9** Mr Thomas Mehrmann, CEO, Ocean Park Corporation **10** Dr Wang Jianzhou, President, China Mobile Communications Corporation **11** Mr Wang Shi, Chairman, China Vanke Company Limited **12** Dr Eden Woon, Managing Director-China, Toys LiFung (Shanghai) Limited **13** Mr Joseph C.K. Yam, Chief Executive, Hong Kong Monetary Authority





## A joyous & sparkling evening marks the climax

Filled with gleeful faces and big smiles, the University's 70th Anniversary Dinner held at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre on 9 November marked another climax of the year-long celebratory activities.

One, two, three ... a miniature rocket blasted off! Symbolizing the breaking of boundaries and forging of new discoveries, the special ceremony kicked off the memorable occasion. With the participation of more than 2,000 friends and members of PolyU, the event was attended by Chief Executive of the HKSAR and PolyU Chancellor Dr Donald Tsang Yum-kuen as the Guest-of-Honour; Council Chairman Mr Victor Lo Chung-wing and President Prof. Poon Chung-kwong.

Also officiating at the occasion were Mr Lu Xinhua, Commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China in the HKSAR; Mr Li Gang, Deputy Director of Liaison Office of The Central People's Government in the HKSAR; Dr Allen Lee Peng-fei, Former Council Chairman of PolyU; Dr Tung Chee-chen, the then PolyU Court Chairman; Mr Alexander Tzang, PolyU Deputy President and 70th Anniversary Celebrations Organizing Committee Executive Chairman; Mrs Katherine Ngan and Mrs Nina Lam, Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the 70th Anniversary Dinner Organizing Committee; and diamond sponsors of the event Mr Jimmy Tang, Managing Director of Prince Jewellery & Watch, and Mr Jerry Tang, CEO of Carl F. Bucherer.





## Highlights & Celebrities ...

During the dinner, an array of exciting performances, including drumming, singing, animation show and a 70-person grand parade, was featured.

A highlight was the pledge of PolyU's support for the Chinese athletes in the 2008 Olympics by a team of students led by famous songbird Miss Miriam Yeung, who is also Honorary Fellow of the Faculty of Health and Social Sciences. PolyU, designated as a collaborative research partner of the Beijing Olympics, is sending experts from the Faculty to help prepare the Chinese athletes for the Games.

Furthermore, alumni from the early days of the Institution shared their nostalgic reminiscence of their alma mater.

The Institution has grown hand in hand with Hong Kong since its humble beginnings as the Government Trade School in 1937. After successfully emerging from the chaos of World War II, the School was renamed the Hong Kong Technical College in 1947. The years of growth then led to the inception of the Hong Kong Polytechnic in 1972, and in 1994 celebrated the founding of The Hong Kong Polytechnic University.

Witnessing the many transformations PolyU has undergone to arrive at its successful state, many community leaders, friends and supporters from different sectors of society joined the memorable occasion and shared the pride and joy.





## An exciting auction

Heightening the atmosphere was the charity auction hosted by Dr Roy Chung Chi-ping, Chairman of PolyU's Fundraising Committee.

Eight unique items including a "PATHOS White Gold Diamond Watch" and a "Manero Retrograde Watch" [donated by Bucherer Hong Kong Ltd], Beijing 2008 Olympic tour packages with souvenir coins [donated by OBD Investment Consulting Company Limited], a "Bo Bo" necklace [donated by Qeelin Jewellery], a "Birkin 30" leather bag [donated by Hermès], a multi colour sapphire necklace [donated by Falconer Jewellers] and two bottles of red wine [donated by Dr Roy Chung and Mrs Katherine Ngan], were sold after rounds of vigorous biddings.

The dinner raised a total of \$7.2 million and the proceeds will be used to support the University's student development.







## 建校七十周年晚宴 冠蓋雲集盛況空前



**超**過二千名社會賢達、師生及校友出席十一月九日假香港會議展覽中心舉行的建校七十周年晚宴。晚宴由香港特別行政區行政長官兼理大校監曾蔭權博士擔任主禮嘉賓，與校董會主席羅仲榮先生、校長潘宗光教授，偕同其他嘉賓啟動一艘模型火箭升空，寓意理大科研屢創新天。其他嘉賓包括：外交部駐香港特派員呂新華先生、中聯辦副主任李剛先生、理大前校董會主席李鵬飛博士、理大前顧問委員會主席董建成博士、理大常務副校長及建校七十周年慶祝活動籌委會執行主席曾慶忠先生、七十周年晚宴籌委會主席顏吳餘英女士、副主席林李婉冰女士，和晚宴鑽石贊助太子珠寶鐘錶公司執行董事鄧鉅明先生及寶齊萊行政總裁曾國雄先生等。

席間，大會安排了連串精彩表演節目，包括鼓樂演奏、合唱、動畫和一幕七十人巡遊匯演。理大醫療及社會科學院名譽學人、著名歌手楊千嬅小姐帶領理大多名學生作宣誓儀式，以示理大全力支持國家運動員參加二零零八年北京奧運會，為晚宴生色不少。理大將派出該學院及跨學科專家，協助國

家奧委會為選手備戰奧運而安排的培訓、科研和醫療康復等工作。此外，來自不同年代的校友亦與眾分享在理大及其前身院校求學的難忘回憶。

晚宴氣氛熱鬧非常，其中大會安排了拍賣環節，為整晚掀起高潮。拍賣由理大籌務委員會主席鍾志平博士主持。經過多番激烈競投，八項拍賣品均以慈善價賣出。晚宴最後共籌得七百二十萬元，款項將用以支持理大學生發展。

七十年的歲月，理大經歷多番演變，才有今日的成就。理大前身為香港官立高級工業學院，創辦於一九三七年。經歷第二次世界大戰，學院於一九四七年易名香港工業專門學院。其後不斷發展，於一九七二年成立香港理工學院，再於一九九四年正名香港理工大學。是次晚宴是理大慶祝建校七十周年主要活動之一，亦標誌著整年慶祝活動的高潮。 ◆

