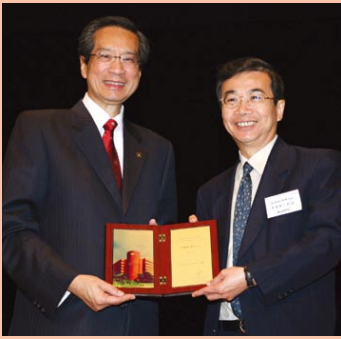


In appreciation of loyalty



Having served PolyU for 30 years, Ir Prof. W. B. Lee, Chair Professor and Head of Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering, has witnessed the development of the University.



Director of Student Affairs Mrs Dorinda Fung has committed herself to tending to the evolving needs of students during her 25 years of service at the Institution.

More than 250 staff members were presented the Long Service Awards in recognition of their dedicated service to the University over the years at a special ceremony held in January. Among the awardees, 116 have served in the Institution for 15 years, 48 for 20 years, 74 for 25 years and another 18 for as long as 30 years. Each of them received a certificate and a souvenir from President Prof. Poon Chung-kwong as token of appreciation from the University. Since 1990, PolyU has introduced the annual Long Service Award scheme to honour loyal staff members and to cultivate a sense of belonging among the PolyU community. ❖



Textiles expert honoured



Under the leadership of Prof. Tao (fourth from right), together with strong support from the government and industry, ITC celebrated its 50th Anniversary last year.

Prof. Tao Xiaoming, Head and Chair Professor of the Institute of Textiles and Clothing (ITC), has recently been honoured with the Textile Science and Technology Award (First-class Prize) of the Sang Ma Trust Fund, in recognition of her research breakthrough on yarn manufacturing technologies. The research is about developing a one-step manufacturing method and apparatus for low torque singles ring spun yarns.

Highly regarded in the textile community, Prof. Tao is also currently the elected World President of The Textile Institute, an international organization which promotes professionalism in all areas associated with the textile industries.

The Sang Ma Trust Fund was founded by the late Mr Cha Chi-ming in 1992 which aims at promoting the development and advancement of scientific research for the textile industry on the Chinese mainland, and the award is widely recognized in the field. ❖

Thumbs up for outstanding staff



A special ceremony was held in December to pay tribute to the winners of the 2006/07 “President’s Awards for Excellent Performance/Achievement”, the “Faculty/School Awards for Outstanding Performance/Achievement” and the “Outstanding Performance/Achievement Awards for Non-academic Staff”.

The scheme adopts a two-tier awards structure. Out of the 14 individuals and five teams who have won the latter two Awards, three individuals and three teams were selected and presented the President’s Awards. The Awards were presented by President Prof. Poon Chung-kwong, Deputy President Mr Alexander Tzang, the respective Faculty Deans and School Board Chairmen.

There are four categories under the award scheme, namely, Teaching, Research and Scholarly Activities, Services, and Overall Contribution.

Awardees of the President’s Awards

Team Awards



- On Services – **Prof. S.L. Ho**, Head, Department of Electrical Engineering (EE); **Prof. Tam Hwa-yaw**, Chair Professor of EE; **Dr Alan K.T. Lau**, Associate Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering; **Prof. Esmond Mok**, Associate Head, Department of Land Surveying and Geo-Informatics; **Dr Tsang Wai-fan Steven**, Assistant Professor, Department of Building and Real Estate; **Dr K.H. Wong**, Associate Head, Department of Applied Physics (AP); and **Dr Y.W. Wong**, Assistant Professor of AP. The team has provided their professional consultancy services for the betterment of the local railway industry.

Individual Awards

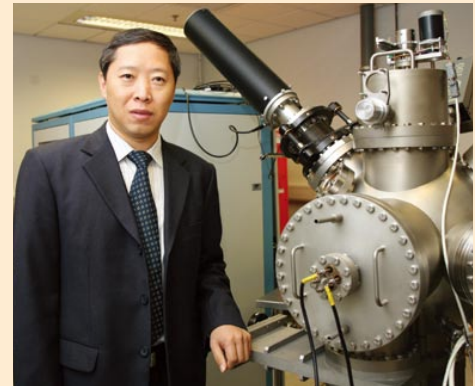
- On Teaching – **Dr Simon Wong**, Assistant Professor of School of Hotel and Tourism Management, has adopted interesting, inspiring and informative approaches to teaching.



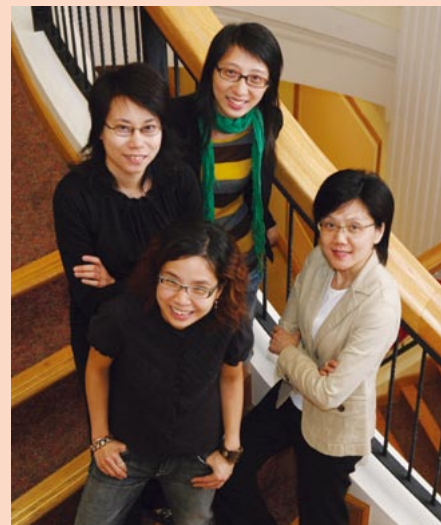
- On Research and Scholarly Activities – **Prof. Iris F.F. Benzie**, Associate Head of Department of Health Technology and Informatics, is highly respected internationally among her counterparts in biomedical science research with her outstanding achievements in output, citations, awards and patents.



- On Research and Scholarly Activities – **Dr Ji-yan Dai**, Assistant Professor of AP, has initiated many investigations which utilize transmission electron microscopy with his profound knowledge in synthesizing and characterising nanomaterials.



- On Overall Contribution – **Mrs Winnie Lee**, Section Head (Student Development); **Ms Jeice Cheung**, Student Affairs Officer; **Ms Shoushan Lui**, Assistant Officer; and **Ms Chu Wai-wai**, Clerical Officer II of the Student Affairs Office. They have motivated thousands of students and staff members to participate in the Community Service Learning Project to render their services to the needy in Hong Kong and the mainland.



- On Overall Contribution – **Mrs Ivy Leung**, Head; **Ms Esther Fong**, Manager (Culture Promotion); **Miss Phyllis Mak** and **Miss Fiona Ho**, Assistant Officers of the Culture Promotion and Events Office. With enthusiasm and creativity, the team has dedicated their efforts in organizing many thematic programmes to enhance cultural awareness on campus. ❖