

# Naming of Yip Kit Chuen Building



Dr Yip (middle) receives a souvenir at the ceremony.



A commemorative plaque is unveiled by Dr Yip Kit-chuen (second from right) and Mrs Yip, Mr Victor Lo (second from left) and Prof. Poon Chung-kwong.

**D**r Yip Kit-chuen, Chairman of GEW Holdings Limited and Shanghai GMP Electrical Appliances Company Limited, has made a donation of more than HK\$30 million in support of the University's development. In appreciation of his contribution to education and generosity, the University recently named a building on campus after Dr Yip.

Speaking at the naming ceremony, Mr Victor Lo Chung-wing expressed his gratitude to Dr Yip on behalf of the University Council. He said, "As a visionary entrepreneur, Dr Yip is a generous supporter of education as he believes that the development of the country is inseparable from the nurturing of talents. He also shares PolyU's commitment in grooming professional and management talents for the benefits of society and the country."

Dr Yip is not only an outstanding entrepreneur, but also a pioneer in electrical household appliances. He founded the GEW Corporation Limited in 1963. With "being sincere to people" and "being diligent and thrifty" as motto in life, Dr Yip has since developed a bright career.

Being an ardent supporter of PolyU, Dr Yip was the supreme sponsor of the University's Guinness record-breaking event "Flags of Harmony and Unity" held last September, which was a major celebration of PolyU's 70th Anniversary and HKSAR's 10th Anniversary. In addition, GMP Electrical Appliances was the title sponsor of the Golf Tournament held last year, which had also helped raise funds in support of PolyU's long-term development and student development. ❖



Mr Kenneth Ting Woo-shou (second from left), a key man facilitating Dr Yip's donation to the University, attends the happy occasion.

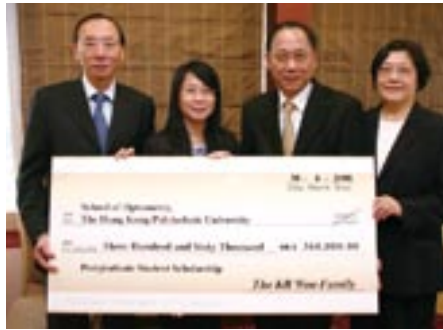


Thanks to the Yip's family for their full support to the University.

# Optometry tie for more than two decades

**P**olyU is reputed for being the sole provider of tertiary level training in optometry in Hong Kong, and many of the local professional optometrists are trained by its School of Optometry (SO), bringing much benefit to the visual enhancement of the public. The remarkable development of the School has much to do with a family who founded the first listed optical company in the territory and has made significant contributions to the promotion of optometric education and service. This is the family of the late Mr Woo Keing-bai, founder of Hong Kong Optical Company (茂昌眼鏡), a household name in the optical industry.

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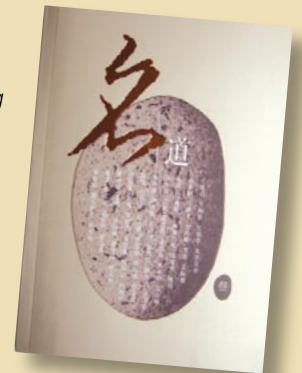
*Dr Carly Lam (second from left), Head of SO, thankfully receives the donation from the Woo's family.*

long as 20 years with the Woo's family via his two sons. The elder brother Prof. George Woo was founder of SO when he joined the then Hong Kong Polytechnic in 1987 and led the School in offering the first-ever

optometry programme at bachelor's level in Hong Kong starting from 1990. Currently Chair Professor of Optometry and Associate Dean of PolyU's Faculty of Health and Social Sciences, Prof. Woo has made immense contributions to the development of the School since its inception. His younger brother Dr Woo Chi-pang, famous specialist in ophthalmology, also shares his expertise with students as Adjunct Professor of SO. To further promote and support the advancement of optometric training and service, the Woo's family has recently made a donation of \$360,000 for establishing scholarships for the School's research students. ❖

## Ming Tao III published

**W**ith a collection of success stories shared by 50 prominent figures from various sectors in society, *Ming Tao III* has recently been published. The interviewees, who talked about their experience around the theme of taking up challenges, included Secretary for Development Mrs Carrie Lam, Secretary for Education Mr Michael M.Y. Suen, famous NBA player Mr Yao Ming and first astronaut on Chinese manned spaceflight Mr Yang Liwei. All interviewees are illustrated with a comic portrait of themselves by famous painter Ah Chung. Proceeds from this publication project will go to the PolyU Development Fund and the Student Development Fund. *Ming Tao I* and *II* were published respectively in 2005 and 2006. ❖



*Mr Ricky Tsang (right), Chairman of the Advisory Committee of Ming Tao III and Deputy Chairman of Goldlion Holdings Limited, hosts an interview session at the book launch.*



*Prof. Poon Chung-kwong (third from left), together with Ah Chung, present a souvenir to Mr Ricky Tsang.*



# Unwavering support from the community

**In recognition of PolyU's achievements in grooming professionals to meet the needs of industries, various sectors of the community have given their continuous support for the University's sustainable development.**



In mid May, Autodesk contributed \$6 million worth of software donation to enable PolyU students in the building disciplines to keep abreast of Building Information Modeling in building and civil engineering projects and support their future research activities. This donation also marked the beginning of long-term collaborations between PolyU and Autodesk. A total of 31 licenses of professional software, including Autodesk Revit Suite 2008, Autodesk Civil 3D 2008 and Buzzsaw will be provided to PolyU's Department of Building and Real Estate for free for a period of two years.

Back in April, double happiness was witnessed. The first one was a donation of \$450,000 from Mr Anthony Keung, Chief Executive Officer of Fenix Group, who has contributed for the third time to the Institute of Textiles and Clothing (ITC), bringing the Group's total donation to PolyU to \$1 million since 2005. With the donation, students of ITC will be afforded opportunities to acquire practical knowledge in the areas of fashion retail, design and marketing, manufacturing, and visual merchandising through a number of overseas courses and trainings.



Another piece of good news was that the University received a further \$2.2 million from Manulife Charitable Foundation in support of the operation of the Manulife Centre for Children with Specific Learning Disabilities for the next three years. This was the third time that the company renewed its support to the Centre. Run by the Department of Applied Social Sciences, the Centre has helped more than 5,000 children overcome their learning disabilities since its inception in 1999. ❖