

Chair Professorship appointments

The University recently welcomed two newly appointed Chair Professors, namely, Prof. Andrew T. Chiu, Chair Professor of Pharmacology in the Department of Applied Biology and Chemical Technology; and Prof. Kwong Man-kam, Chair Professor of Mathematical Computation in the Department of Applied Mathematics.



Born and raised in Hong Kong, **Prof. Andrew T. Chiu** pursued his higher education in USA. He obtained Bachelor of Arts in Organic Chemistry (Hons) from Olivet College in 1970 and Doctor of Philosophy in Pharmacology from the University of Virginia in 1974.

Prof. Chiu has extensive teaching and research experience in both academic and industrial settings including Papanicolaou Cancer Research Institute and University of Miami in 1974, Medical College of Virginia in 1976 and University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center in 1977. He had held senior positions in DuPont Merck Pharmaceuticals in 1982, NPS Pharmaceuticals in 1995 and Pharmanex (USA) in 1998. In 2005, he returned to Hong Kong and became Deputy Director of the Hong Kong Jockey Club Institute of Chinese Medicine.

Being an active researcher with a focus on developing innovative solutions for improving people's health conditions, Prof. Chiu has contributed over 120 full publications, 100 abstracts with presentation, eight book chapters and seven patents. He has been recognized as one of the Highly Cited Scientists for the past twenty years for his co-invention of two novel anti-hypertensive drugs, namely Cozaar® and Hyzaar®, and discovery of a novel receptor of the Renin-angiotensin System. Prof. Chiu's research interest spans across both western and Chinese medicine focusing on inflammatory diseases which involve the cardiovascular, central nervous system and the pulmonary system.

Prof. Kwong Man-kam, upon completion of his undergraduate study in the University of Hong Kong in 1969, obtained his Master of Science degree and Doctor of Philosophy degree from the University of Chicago in 1970 and 1973 respectively. He began his academic career as Lecturer in the then Hong Kong Baptist College and the then Hong Kong Polytechnic in 1970s and became Full Professor in the Northern Illinois University, Chicago, USA in 1983. He joined Argonne National Lab, USA, as a Research Scientist (Mathematics) in 1987.

Prof. Kwong joined the business and industrial sector in 1996 as Software Engineer in Lucent Technologies, Naperville, USA. With a proven track record in the study of differential equations and the development of computer science technologies, Prof. Kwong has published over 120 research articles in mathematics. He was among the world's top 250 most highly cited mathematicians for the period from 1983 to 2002, and he currently holds Adjunct Full Professorship in the University of Illinois and Adjunct Teaching Professorship in DePaul University, Chicago, USA.



Hospitality guru accorded double honours

Prof. Kaye Chon, Chair Professor and Director of PolyU School of Hotel and Tourism Management (SHTM), has recently been named one of "The 10 Most Influential Teachers in China Tourism and Hotel Education in 2007". He has also won the title of "Personality with Outstanding Contribution to the China Hotel Industry" of the Third China Hotel Starlight Award. The awards, respectively presented at the Human Capital Meeting in China Hotel Industry and the Asia Hotel Forum held earlier in Guangzhou, have been regarded as prestigious recognition of remarkable achievements in the hospitality industry of China.

Prof. Chon is the past President and Chairman of the International Society of Travel & Tourism Educators, and is currently the First Vice Chairman of the United Nations World Tourism Organization Education Council. Prof. Chon has achieved international reputation for his exceptional contribution to global hospitality education development through his leadership and research. Under his directorship, SHTM now ranks fourth among the world's top hotel and tourism schools based on research and scholarship, according to a study published in the *Journal of Hospitality & Tourism Research* in 2005.