

Striving for better quality in teaching

Dedicated to promoting excellent quality in teaching and learning, the PolyU took the lead to host the first conference on Quality in Teaching and Learning in Higher Education in December 1998 at the Hong Kong International Trade and Exhibition Centre.

Dr. Edgar Cheng, University Grants Committee (UGC) Chairman and Prof. Poon Chung-kwong, President of the PolyU, officiated at the opening ceremony. Other distinguished guests included Dr. John Hinchcliff, President of Auckland Institute of Technology in New Zealand, and Prof. Cheng Kai-ming, Pro-Vice-Chancellor of The University of Hong Kong.

Entitled "Quality in Teaching and Learning: A Celebration of Best Practices in Hong Kong Higher Education", the conference aimed to showcase best practices and disseminate the results of successful learning and teaching development projects in Higher Education in Hong Kong.

Pledged to further enhance its teaching and learning quality, the PolyU is fully in line with the Government's vision to promote quality tertiary education in Hong Kong. Prof. Poon was confident that

the conference provided an excellent opportunity for teaching staff and academia who wanted to seek effective approaches to enhance quality in teaching and learning.

Prof. Poon added, "The conference is a significant step in disseminating good practices in Higher Education of Hong Kong. To ensure the achievement of quality, it is fundamental to identify areas

which are substandard or unacceptable, but at the same time, we should also highlight the many good and excellent practices that exist."

Dr. Edgar Cheng, in his opening speech, mentioned that the emphasis on the development of higher education in the territory had rightly shifted from achieving quantitative growth targets to maintaining and improving quality. The UGC has in recently years launched a number of quality

assurance initiatives to assure the quality of higher education in its funded institutions. During the 1995-98 triennium, the UGC has allocated some \$260 million in grants under these initiatives. Some of the products resulted from the grants were on display at the conference.

The conference took place under the auspices of the Teaching and Learning Quality Process Review Consultative Committee of the UGC. The PolyU is the first institution to host the conference among the eight UGC-funded tertiary institutions.

The conference programme included two keynote addresses, one by Dr. Hinchcliff on transformational learning and another by Prof. Cheng Kai-ming regarding the real challenges of technology in learning and quality of learning. The three-day conference also featured

paper presentations, symposia, and an exhibition of projects and initiatives. ❖



Dr. Edgar Cheng stresses the importance of quality education.



An exhibition corner displaying the use of technology in teaching.



Computer demonstration attracted a group of interested audience.

Chinese scholars add prestige to PolyU

The Hong Kong Polytechnic University has successfully launched the "Distinguished Chinese Visiting Scholars Scheme" for the fifth time as six highly respected scholars from the Mainland were honoured at an award presentation ceremony in November 1998. At the ceremony, the Chinese scholars were presented with the coveted award by Mr. Wang Fengchao, Deputy Director of Xinhua News Agency (Hong Kong Branch), who was guest of honour at the ceremony. The scheme is organized with a view to strengthening the academic ties and exchange between Hong Kong and the Mainland.

The award recipients were:

- Prof. Wang Kui, Professor of Beijing Medical University and Peking University
- Prof. Liu Guanzhong, Head and Professor of Industrial Design Department, Central Academy of Arts and Design
- Prof. Maa Dahyou, Research Professor of Institute of Acoustics, Chinese Academy of Sciences
- Prof. Zhang Wei, Professor of Department of Engineering Mechanics, Tsinghua University



The distinguished six: (front row from left) Prof. Wang Kui, Prof. Liu Guanzhong, Prof. Maa Dahyou and (front row from right) Prof. Han Jisheng, Prof. Tang Yunwei, Prof. Zhang Wei.

- Prof. Tang Yunwei, President of Shanghai University of Finance and Economics
- Prof. Han Jisheng, Professor of Department of Physiology, Beijing Medical University

六位傑出中國學者獲表彰

去年十一月初理工大學舉行第五屆傑出中國訪問學人計劃表揚學人成就典禮，由新華社香港分社副社長王鳳超先生頒發傑出學人獎項予六位內地知名學者。

今年獲選的學者分別為藥物化學、工業設計、聲學、工程力學、會計學及腦神經科學的翹楚。

王夔院士在藥物化學方面卓有所成，現為北京醫科大學兼北京大學教授，並分別擔任全國科學技術名詞審定委員會化學名詞委員會副主任及中科院化學部常委會副主任。王教授長期從事細胞生物無機化學研究，是該領域中極具影響力的專家。

柳冠中教授是國際知名的工業設計師，現為中央美術學院工業設計系主任及教授。柳教授歷年積極推動工業設計發展，熱心社會服務，身兼多項重要公職；其卓越成就備受國內外設計界推崇，他曾被世界工業設計協會聯合會錄入世界設計名人錄。



潘校長致送紀念品予王鳳超先生

馬大猷院士在聲學研究傑出非凡，現任職中國科學院聲學研究所。馬教授乃中國語言識別研究的先驅，開創室內有源噪聲控制理論和技術，他曾參與北京人民大會堂的聲控設計，並策劃建成了全國第一座聲學試驗室。馬教授亦憑著出色的學術研究獲得多項殊榮。

張維院士是內地著名學者，現為清華大學工程力學系教授。他曾兩度被推選為中國科技協會副主席，並擔任中國及國際科學及科技組織的主席。過往四十年，他致力從事固體力學研究，取得重要成果。他更是中國推廣薄殼結構和普及殼體理論的首創者。

湯雲為教授是中國著名的會計理論家和教育家。他現任中國內部審計協會及中國審計學會副會長、中國會計教授會會長和英國公認會計師公會中國培訓項目顧問等。湯教授學術成就卓越，屢獲國際殊榮，曾出任美國會計學會傑出國際訪問教授。

韓濟生院士是中國著名的腦神經科學研究專家，現任北京醫科大學生理學系教授暨神經科學研究所所長。其設計的「韓氏穴位神經刺激儀」，應用於臨床，治療各種急性痛和慢性痛獲得顯著成效，韓教授的研究成果不僅有助於闡明中醫針灸原理，也促進了神經科學的進展。

理大校長潘宗光教授在典禮上致詞時稱：「傑出中國訪問學人計劃於一九九四年創辦，目的是促進我校與中國高校的學術交流，並加強兩地的聯繫和合作。」獲獎的學者分別由理大不同的學系提名。他們在訪港期間，與有關學院及學系的教職員交流學術研究心得，並主持公開講座及研討會。

PolyU reaps success of 'Preferred Graduate' Development Programme

1998 was the year The PolyU enjoyed the fruits of labour as 270 students were arranged under the 'Preferred Graduate' Development Programme to work with different companies at home and abroad over the summer. Launched in the summer of 1997, the Programme received great support from the local public and private sectors. Due to the overwhelming responses, it was expanded to companies on the Mainland and overseas, including Australia, Europe and the United States, starting last summer.

At a ceremony in December 1998 to thank the 193 Partner Companies and supporting organizations of the Programme, Prof. Poon Chung-kwong, President of the PolyU, was deeply encouraged by the zeal shown and generous help extended.

The Programme indeed created a win-win situation for both students and Partner Companies. The invaluable practical work experience gained during placements would prepare students to become graduates equipped with better qualities and higher capabilities, ready to fully and efficiently discharge responsibilities in real working contexts.

The PolyU has always aimed high at maximizing the scale of the Programme with an emphasis on the Mainland. "With the closer-than-ever relations between Hong Kong and the Mainland, the University will arrange for students to work on the Mainland to gain practical work experience and a deeper understanding of the



The President expresses his heartfelt thanks to all the Partner Companies for their tremendous support.

motherland." Prof. Poon addressed the ceremony in the presence of representatives of Partner Companies.

Building on the success of the Programme, the PolyU is confident that more companies will participate in this meaningful initiative.

Upon satisfactory completion of a placement, the student trainee will receive a "Certificate of Accomplishment", jointly issued by the Partner Company and the PolyU.

「首選畢業生培育計劃」成績理想

本 年暑假理大透過「首選畢業生培育計劃」安排了二百七十名學生在本地及海外多家機構工作，取得美滿的成果。該計劃於

一九九七年暑假展開，即獲本地公共事業及私人機構鼎力支持。由於反應熱烈，計劃由九八年暑假開始擴展至內地及海外的機構，包括澳洲、歐洲和美國。

理大最近舉行酒會，以答謝一百九十三家夥伴機構和協辦機構在過去提供學生實習的機會。校長潘宗光教授對參與公司的熱誠和大力支持，感到非常鼓舞。



參加培育計劃的製造工程學系學生陳瑞文與來賓分享她去年暑假在內地的工作經驗

此項計劃對參與的學生和夥伴機構是互利互惠的。在受訓期間，學生所取得的寶貴實際工作經驗有助他們提高本身的素質，加強工作能力；畢業之後投身社會，就能全面而有效地履行職務。

理大正積極推展這個培育計劃至內地各省市。「隨著本港與內地的關係日益密切，本校會安排學生於內地體驗實際的工作，加深他們對祖國的了解。」潘教授在酒會上向夥伴公司代表致辭時表示。

潘教授也藉著多家夥伴機構聚首一堂的機會，呼籲更多企業、公司加入，攜手培育將來服務社會的大學畢業生。這項計劃展開以來，成績有目共睹，理大相信將有更多機構參與這個有意義的項目。

完成就業培訓後，學員可獲夥伴公司及理大聯合頒發「工作表現證書」。



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The Hong Kong Polytechnic University wishes to thank the 169 Partner Companies and 24 supporting organizations for their generous help and participation in developing our students to become graduates preferred by employers. The Programme could not have enjoyed the tremendous success without them. We are proud and privileged to have them as partners.

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