

Get-together for alumni and PolyU management

The President, Prof. Poon Chung-kwong, hosted a dinner reception at the American Club in Central on January 15 in honour of the Council Members of the Federation of the PolyU Alumni Associations and all parties that have contributed towards the Institution's alumni development over the past years.

About 100 alumni, departmental alumni liaison officers, department heads and senior management representatives of the University attended the dinner. Also present on the occasion were Dr. K.K. Chan and Mr. How Yan-lai, representatives of the Planning Group for the "Alumni and Past Employees Association of the PolyU (Eastern Canada) Association", which will tentatively be inaugurated in Toronto, Canada in May.

Speaking at the dinner, the President expressed his grateful appreciation to all the graduates and staff members who have contributed their efforts towards the university's alumni development. He also encouraged the Federation to formulate a Strategic Plan, mapping out the course of its future development. ❖



New Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy alumni body formed

The Rehabilitation Sciences Alumni Association (RSAA), the 27th departmental alumni association of the PolyU, was officially established at an inauguration ceremony officiated at by the President, Prof. Poon Chung-kwong, on December 4, 1998. Held at the staff restaurant on campus, the ceremony attracted more than 100 physiotherapy and occupational therapy graduates and staff members for a joyous reunion gathering.

Addressing the ceremony, Prof. Poon said that the establishment of the RSAA is an important bench-mark of the University's continued efforts to strengthen its ties with the graduates.

With an initial membership of over 100 graduates, the Association aims at promoting professional cohesion through various activities, strengthening links among its members and providing services to meet the needs of the members.



(Third from right to left) Prof. Poon, Mr. Yip and Prof. Christina Hui-Chan, Head of RS, at the inauguration ceremony.

Mr. Ip Yee-chiu, President of the Association, said, "The Association will organize social functions and seminars to further strengthen linkage with its members so that they may share their professional knowledge and experience."

With a view to facilitate communication among its members, especially those who are living abroad, the RSAA has set up its own website and is planning to publish a newsletter to keep the members informed of the development of the Association and the University.

Members of the first Executive Committee of the Association were also elected at the ceremony. All graduates of the Department of Rehabilitation Sciences are welcome to join the Association. Application forms and details are obtainable from the general office of the Department (Tel: 2766-5398 / 2766-5399). ❖

Distinguished alumnus wins Young Entrepreneur Award

Mr. Dennis Chan, Founding Chairman of the School of Design Alumni Association and the designer of the PolyU Ring, recently seized the Young Entrepreneur Award in the 1998 DHL/South China Morning Post Business Awards.

Mr. Chan, a design graduate of the former Hong Kong Polytechnic, set up his own business firm in product design, Longford Industrial Limited, about 10 years ago. The company specializes in the design and manufacture of a wide range of innovative timepieces and household products, most of which have won numerous design awards locally and worldwide. Mr. Chan has been a keen supporter of the University's alumni development activities.



Mr. and Mrs. Chan at the award presentation ceremony.

Manufacturing Engineering Alumni Association holds gala annual dinner

On December 4, 1998, the PolyU Manufacturing Engineering Alumni Association (MFGAA) held its fourth Annual General Meeting and Annual Dinner at the YMCA Hotel in Tsimshatsui. Attended by more than 100 guests comprising graduates, staff and industrialists, the dinner featured performances of the undergraduate students and came to its climax when the lucky draw was held.

Speaking at the dinner as the Guest-of-Honour, Mr. Alexander Tzang, Vice President (Institutional Advancement) said, "Being one of the founding members of the Federation of the PolyU Alumni Associations, the MFGAA has been actively and enthusiastically participating in the various activities organized by the Federation and the University. It is particularly gratifying

that the Association has been so successful in establishing a close and effective network among the graduates over the past years."

During the dinner, Chairman of MFGAA, Mr. Alex Yip, gave a brief report on the Association's achievements in the past year. Meanwhile, the Association has also mapped out its activity plan for the coming year, with a "Tutorship Scheme" as the key event for 1999. Mr. Yip explained, "This scheme aims to create a supportive one-to-one mentorship relationship between the alumni and the Manufacturing Engineering undergraduate students with a view to facilitate the students' educational and professional growth and development."

Established in 1994, MFGAA has been successful in networking manufacturing engineering graduates and in encouraging the exchange of professional knowledge and experience among its members.



Mr. Yip (left) and Prof. W.B. Lee, Head of the Department of Manufacturing Engineering.



Mr. Tzang (right) and Dr. Ng Tat-lun, one of the winners of the first Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award, pictured at the annual dinner.