

## Bank of China Scholarships/Bursaries for 15 bright students

Every year the Bank of China Group Charitable Foundation donates a total of \$100,000 to 15 PolyU students. The donation, comprising five scholarships of \$10,000 each and 10 bursaries of \$5,000 each, was first given in 1995 and will benefit students for five years. The awards are presented at an annual ceremony which the Foundation and the University take turns to host.

The 1998/99 presentation ceremony took place on February 1 on campus. The event was well attended by representatives from the Bank of China Group, including Mr. Ma Sheng-dai, Deputy Chief Executive, Hong Kong Macau Regional Office, PolyU President Prof. Poon Chung-kwong and guests.



(Sitting) Mr. Hui Man-cbuen (1<sup>st</sup> from left), Mr. Ma Sheng-dai (3<sup>rd</sup> from left) and Mr. Yu Yan-tack (5<sup>th</sup> from left) from the BOC Group with scholarship awardees and PolyU staff.

## Promoting industrial safety

March 3 was a special day for 12 students of School of Design as they took the awards for "Safety in Working at Height in Construction Sites", an award scheme co-organized by the Government's Labour Department and PolyU's School of Design.

The scheme, now in its second year, is open for competition to all students of the department. Selection of entries was based on the creativity of the design in bringing across messages on occupational safety and health to the working population, the impact the messages could have on the working population and the effectiveness of the design in reducing accidents.

Mr. Lee Kai-fat, Deputy Commissioner for Labour, and Prof. John Frazer, Swire Chair of Design and Head of the School of Design, jointly officiated at the ceremony. Prof. Frazer commented that the competition provided a platform for students of the School of Design to develop and contribute new ideas towards solving the industrial health and safety problems.



Group of winners with beaming smiles.



Sally Chan Sha-lee, producer of a TV advertisement highlighting the dangers of ignoring safety measures, reaps the Grand Prize.

## The magnificent six

In its continuous effort to encourage students to excel in both academic and non-academic pursuits during their studies, the PolyU has presented the coveted "Outstanding Student Awards" to six top students from each of the faculties.

The selection of awardees was based on five criteria: academic achievement, leadership, involvement in extra-curricular activities, community service experience and exposure, and personal qualities.

I am very happy to have won the top award, and I see this as the beginning of my quests for more success in future."

In fact, it was not the first time that the 22-year-old was honoured. His own list of awards also included Sir Edward Youde Memorial Scholarship 1997/98 and Hong Kong Institution of



*Hidy Ng Hoi-sze is the Outstanding Student of Faculty of Communication.*



*Student winners and the Management pose at the ceremony.*



*The Most Outstanding PolyU Student award goes to Au Ching (right) this year.*

Out of the six award recipients, one was selected as the Most Outstanding PolyU Student. This year the honour went to Mr. Au Ching, a final year student in civil engineering. Mr. Au will soon pursue postgraduate studies at the prestigious Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in September.

An award presentation ceremony, attended by families and friends of the awardees, was held on April 9 on campus. On the joyous occasion, Au Ching said, "I

Engineers Student Prize 1997/98. As an all-round student, Au Ching does not only spend time studying but also participates extensively in voluntary services as well as various extra-curricular activities.

In reply to questions about his plans after MIT, Au Ching was determined that he would return to Hong Kong to serve the community and the motherland.

The other five awardees, the Outstanding Student of their respective faculty, are all final-year students: Miss Lee Pik-lin from

the textile and clothing marketing programme; Miss Lukey Lee Ngan-ting from business studies; Miss Hidy Ng Hoi-sze from translation and Chinese; Miss Betty Pang Wing-yan from computing; and Miss Angela Lee Shuk-ye from physiotherapy.

At the ceremony, each of the awardees was granted a certificate and a cash prize of \$5,000. Their names will be inscribed on a plaque standing on campus. ❖

## Better health, better life

To promote the notion of wellness and raise awareness of the importance of total health and quality life, the University has held a “Wellness in Action” programme from March 18 to April 1.

Jointly organized by the Student Affairs Office, University Health Service and the Students’ Union, this large-scale event aimed to encourage students and staff to achieve all-round personal development and to acquire a positive attitude towards life. The concept of total health should be more than just staying away from diseases but getting a balanced lifestyle.

Asian Games Gold Medallist Miss Ng Siu-ching and President Prof. Poon Chung-kwong officiated at the ceremony, followed by a series of activities, including a spectacular demonstration of Chinese martial arts by Miss Ng.



Guests of honour cut the ribbon for the promotion of a well-balanced lifestyle.

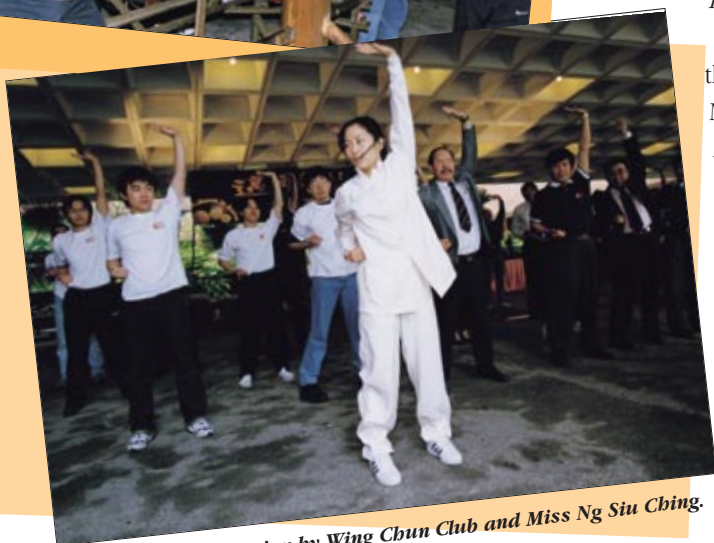
The two-week programme featured a variety of activities covering assessments on physical, psychological fitness and general health, a book fair and an exhibition, talks and workshops, healthy food cooking demonstrations and sports promotion.

Several guest speakers were invited to share their opinions on health and wellness. On the notion of mental health, Mr. Peter Tam, Director of Human Resources, Century (HK) Hotel, gave a talk on “*Graduation = Unemployment? What to do and how to cope*”; Mr. James Yung, Director of Potentiality Development Institute, on “*Be a Winner: Living Smart*”; and Mr. Eric Yuon, Assistant Student Affairs Officer of the Hong Kong Institute of Education, on “*Think before you leap. Wellness at your feet*”.

As for physical health, Dr. Albert Lee, Associate Professor of the Chinese University’s Department of Community and Family Medicine, shared his views on “*Prevention of Stroke and Heart Attack*”, and Mr. Sun Lai Hon-sun, Manager of the PolyU’s Physiotherapy Clinic, on “*Care and Prevention of Common Sports Injury*”.

A series of workshops were organized by the Student Affairs Office’s Counselling Services Section to enhance students’ life-coping skills. The workshops dealt with various topics such as handling stress and increasing Emotional Quotient.

This was the fourth time that the PolyU held a comprehensive wellness programme on campus and the responses from staff and students were very encouraging. ❖



Wushu demonstration by Wing Chun Club and Miss Ng Siu Ching.