

Team-building workshop strengthens cohesion among alumni

About 20 Council Members of the Federation of the PolyU Alumni Associations attended a two-day team-building workshop, held from June 5 to 6 on Lantau Island, with the aims to promote a strong sense of affinity among the members and to make recommendations for the Federation's future development. Prof. K. F. Chan, Associate Professor of Department of Management, was invited to be the facilitator of the workshop to share his experience in team building.

Through participation in different games and discussion sessions, the Council Members, representing various departmental alumni associations, were provided with excellent opportunities to cultivate among themselves a strong spirit of co-operation and to share their views on the future development of the Federation. The workshop has also succeeded in promoting fellowship and enhancing the relationships among various alumni associations. ❖



A high-spirited alumni team.



A game session of the team-building workshop.

260 graduates and former staff celebrate inauguration of Toronto society

The Hong Kong Polytechnic University Alumni & Past Employees (Eastern Canada) Association, the University's second overseas society for its alumni and past employees, was officially inaugurated in Toronto on May 16.

The inauguration dinner, held at the Golden Regency Restaurant in Toronto, was officiated at by President Prof. Poon Chung-kwong, who took a special trip to Canada to attend this memorable occasion and to extend the Institution's enthusiastic support to the association's establishment. The event attracted more than 260 PolyU alumni, former staff members and their families. Attending graduates ranged from those who received education at the former Hong Kong Technical College in the 1950s to the recent graduates of the 1990s.

Graduates and former staff residing in Eastern Canada who wish to join the Association may contact them via tel. (416) 285-1220, fax (416) 285-4221 and email at <http://www.hkpuCanada@usa.net>. ❖



Prof. Poon (5th from left) with members of the Association.

A pot-pourri of alumni events



The Land Surveying and Geo-Informatics Alumni Association organized two meaningful activities in March and April for their fellow undergraduate students before the final examination. A career talk was first held on March 22, during which the graduates shared with the students their real-life work experience and offered useful tips for job-hunting. On April 24, about 30 final-year students attended a mock interview, organized by the alumni association, to familiarize themselves with useful interviewing techniques and skills. ❖

Over 150 accountancy graduates had a lot of fun on May 15 as they participated in the Homecoming Day organized by the Accountancy Graduates Association on the university campus. The Homecoming Day kicked off with a badminton competition covering mixed doubles and men's singles. Many participants treasured the invaluable opportunity of returning to campus which brought back fond memories – “It’s been over 10 years since I last came back.”; “This is the first time I’ve been back since my graduation.”; “The campus is so beautiful!”; and “I didn’t know the University provides so many facilities now.” Some staff of the Department of Accountancy also joined the graduates in this interesting and memorable event. ❖



On April 24 morning, members of the MBA Alumni Association and their families paid a special visit to the Hong Kong Productivity Council in Kowloon Tong, where they had a tour of the Council’s various business and technology centres. The 27-member group was also given a detailed presentation on the Council’s services, facilities and its latest development. Following the visit, they proceeded to a bus-tour to the New Territories in the afternoon with a special lunch featuring “basin-style food”. Interested MBA graduates are strongly encouraged to join the association’s future activities (website: <http://www.polyu.edu.hk/~aamba>). ❖