

# Naming of Anita Chan Lai Ling Building

A building on the PolyU campus was dedicated to and named after late Dr Anita Chan Lai-ling in recognition of her longstanding support for education, community services and philanthropy.

The naming ceremony was graced by her sons and daughters – Bonds Group of Companies Chairman Mr Anson Chan, Vice Chairman Mr Johnson Chan, Executive Director Ms Lily Chan, Ms Zandra Chan, and other members and friends of the Chan family. During the ceremony, Deputy Chairman of PolyU Council Dr Ng Tat-lun expressed his gratitude to Dr Chan's family for their generous donation of \$30 million towards the University's long-term development. President Prof. Poon Chung-kwong also said that PolyU would continue to provide quality education and invest in innovative scientific research.

Inspired by her late husband Dr Seaker Chan's ideals and honourable conduct, Dr Anita Chan mustered her courage and founded the Chan's Educational Organization which aims to provide students with a complete education. With her exceptional enthusiasm and able leadership, the Organization has thrived and flourished in the territory.

Dr Chan was more than a zealous educator. She was a major supporter of fundraising campaigns of the Community Chest of Hong Kong, actively engaging in community services and in promoting the cause of philanthropy. Her contribution to society had earned her many honours. She was made a Justice of the Peace in 1983 and conferred the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Social Science by PolyU in 1997. ❖



The Chan family presents a donation cheque to Dr Ng Tat-lun (first from left) and Prof. Poon Chung-kwong (first from right), marking Dr Chan's philanthropic spirit will live on.



Unveiling of the commemorative plaque.



The Chan family poses before the newly named building.

## Opening of Squina International Centre for Infection Control

The University recently named its Centre for Infection Control after Squina International Group Limited in appreciation of its donation of \$2 million to the University and support for the Centre's research and activities.

Officiated at the ceremony were Mr Meng Qun, Deputy Director of Ministry of Health of the PRC; Dr Leong Che-hung, Executive Council Member of the HKSAR; Mrs Angel Siu-po Chan Lau, Chairman and CEO of Squina International Group Limited; and Dr Roy Chung Chi-ping, PolyU Court Chairman.

Dr Chung thanked Squina International and said, "The benefaction will be used to advance effective ways to safeguard against communicable diseases by combining resources and expertise from various departments."



Miss Abbie Chan and Mrs Angel Siu-po Chan Lau (first and third from right) grace the ceremony.

Established under the auspices of PolyU's Faculty of Health and Social Sciences, the newly named Centre is a breeding ground for evidence-based practice and a resource centre for the medical and healthcare

profession and the community. Furthermore, it will serve as a platform for information exchange between Hong Kong and the Chinese mainland in the area of infection control.

## HSBC supports environment improvement project

With the generous donation of \$2 million from HSBC Insurance, PolyU's Department of Civil and Structural Engineering has embarked on a two-year environmental education and improvement project which will bring multiple environmental benefits. It is planned that the premises of 10 local schools will be paved with the PolyU-invented eco-blocks which can convert air pollutants like nitrogen oxides into non-hazardous materials.

Developed by a team of PolyU researchers under the leadership of Prof. Poon Chi-sun, the eco-blocks not only have similar life-span with the conventional blocks, but also better performance in terms of water absorption, hardness and aesthetic values. The eco-blocks – make use of recycled waste glass derived from beverage containers and construction and demolition waste to



(From left, back row) Mr Jason Sadler, Managing Director of HSBC Insurance, Hong Kong; Prof. Poon Chi-sun; and Mr David Fired, Group General Manager and Regional Director of Insurance for HSBC Asia-Pacific, join hands with kids to make eco-blocks, promoting the awareness for environmental protection.

replace sand and stone – would contribute to improved air quality, reduction of waste glass disposal and conservation of natural

materials such as river sand. The project will further promote awareness of environmental protection in the territory.