



STUDENT SUCCESS SERIES

Introduction

The Student Success Series were newly introduced in the first semester of A/Y 2008-9. This is specially designed to help students achieve successful learning and make plans for a fruitful university life. The two series are included as below:

1. Strategic Learning for Success Series – to enhance freshmen's awareness and knowledge about their learning strategies; related to three major themes of LASSI – Self Management, Attitude and Learning Skills.
 - I. A Good Start at PolyU: On Becoming a Successful Student
 - II. Personal Development Planning through ePortfolio in Achieving Personal and Educational Goals.
2. Goal Setting for All round Development Series – to direct students to make use of SAARD profile and the Personal Development Plan in ePortfolio.



Student Success Series conducted in Sem One, 2008

- There did attract 884 students registered for both Series I and Series II; the overall attendance rate reached 80%; Headcount was 315, among them, 247 were Yr. 1 and 68 were Yr. 2 or above.
- 38 headcount successfully acquired Attendance Certificate of Series I whereas 31 of Series II.
- Students attracted to attend were those whom showed interest and need over their learning aspects, especially self management and learning skills issue.

Overall Feedback & Trainers' Observation

The feedback of participants was **positive** in general, especially towards the contents which were new to them. Since most of participants were freshmen, they found useful towards the introduction of SPECIAL and let them know more about themselves, both strengths and weaknesses, as well as SAO supporting services. Defining goals and planning their actions via ePortfolio also facilitated them to plan for their self development, as they commented.

With these positive outcomes, SAO will continue to conduct the Series next year with the hope of enhancing students' active learning habit.

In facing the transition to U life, participants felt the need to balance their studies and activities, thereby, they engaged actively in our Self Management Workshops, eg. managing their time use, enhancing concentration and memory, etc. Participants also enjoyed in the skills-wised training, namely, creative study skill tips, test / exam and presentation skills. Some even suggested to extend the skills' training session.