

## INTERNATIONAL FLAVOUR CONCENTRATED AT INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL GALA



The International Cultural Gala held on 7 Oct 2010

The International Cultural Gala, an enchanting event with cultural performances and exhibition organized by SAO, was held successfully on 7 Oct 2010 at FJ and EF podium. Hundreds of local and non-local students made use of this opportunity to showcase their culture and to reach out to fellow students from different parts of the world. Survey respondents reckoned that it was a good platform to facilitate the integration among local and non-local students.

This event was kicked off with a dance given by hall dancing team comprised of Chinese mainland and overseas students. After that, several great performances, including singing, nunchakus, dancing, musical instrument playing, Samul nori (by Korean students) and Chinese opera, were given by students from different countries. These performances attracted lots of audiences and all were followed by a burst of great applause. Among all these wonderful performances, the judging panel decided that the Korean team won “The best Performance Award”. Moreover, Korean and Malaysian students gave a fashion show to demonstrate their traditional costume. And, as a finale of the cultural performances, African students invited audience to go up to the stage and led everyone to dance together.



After cultural performances, we had exhibitions. “Childhood” was the theme this time. Many exhibitors prepared their favorite childhood foods for participants on site. It was amazing to identify so many great chefs on campus. Among the 15 exhibition booths, Malaysian students have won “The Best

Booth Award” and got fabulous prize. Congratulations to them!

This activity received great support from senior management also. Prof. Philip Chan, Deputy President and Provost, Prof. Judy Tsui, Vice President (International & Executive Education), Prof. Arthur Mak, Dean of Students and Mrs Dorinda Fung, Director of Student Affairs officiated at this activity.



## Students' Sharing

“I hope that International Cultural Gala not only gave visitors an opportunity to play and have fun, but also painted a meaningful and unforgettable episode in you and my campus life,” said Curtis Wong, a student assisted in organizing this activity.

Irene Kwan was another student assisted in organizing this activity. “The International Cultural Gala ended perfectly with plenty of tasty food and amazing on stage performances,” said Irene.

“The overall International Cultural Gala was an integrating event and attracted many students to participate and taste different cuisine,” said Bibi Aysha, the MC of the function.

“It was incredible to see local, mainland and international students collaborating together in sharing and expressing their cultures with sparkling passion and driving energy! On that day, it seemed as if PolyU was transformed into a multicultural global village, with not only East meeting the West, but also North meeting South and joining together as one united community,” said Stanislav Pav, a student from Ukraine.



For more photos of this activity, please browse the photo album at [http://www.polyu.edu.hk/sao/content/activities\\_snapshots/snapshots.php?page=1](http://www.polyu.edu.hk/sao/content/activities_snapshots/snapshots.php?page=1).