ING Asia/Pacific supports orientation for mainland students

A total of 28 outstanding mainland students joining PolyU have recently landed in the SAR. With the generous sponsorship of $1 million from ING Asia/Pacific Limited, these newcomers were offered an intensive orientation programme to help them adapt to local university life.

At the cheque presentation ceremony held on campus on 13 July, the University President Prof. Poon Chung-kwong thanked ING Asia/Pacific, represented by its Executive Committee member Mr Patrick Poon, for its generous donation to PolyU for the third year.

The orientation programme consisted of intensive language training in English and Cantonese, computer usage courses, sports and cultural activities. A series of social activities and departmental visits were arranged to familiarise them with PolyU before the commencement of their studies.

The mainland students admission scheme is organised in support of the University Grants Committee’s decision in 1998 to recruit outstanding mainland students to pursue undergraduate programmes in Hong Kong. A total of 27 students from PolyU’s two partner universities, Shanghai’s Tongji University and Nanjing’s Southeast University, were recruited last year, while 24 students were admitted in 1999/2000.

With financial support from The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust, these students have been awarded scholarships that cover tuition, accommodation and living expenses for the entire period of their studies at PolyU.

New blood heads Students’ Union

The eighth session of the PolyU Students’ Union Executive Committee has been elected. The 15 office-bearers are:

President
Miss Li Shuk-yin, Carol

Deputy President (External)
Miss Wu Sui-shan, Suzanne

Deputy President (Internal)
Mr Cheung Hong-yee, Gamma

External Affairs Secretary
Mr Wong Wing-fu, Perseus

External Affairs Secretary
Mr Yeung Shu-hung, Koala

External Affairs Secretary
Miss Leung Sin-ying, Sharis

Finance Secretary
Miss Chen Fai-wing, Phyllis

Finance Secretary
Miss Keung Hiu-nam, Sharis

Cultural Affairs Secretary
Miss Wong Tsz-wai, Kursie

Cultural Affairs Secretary
Mr Lau Wing-kwan, Jeffrey

Sports Affairs Secretary
Mr Kong Chun-kit, Henry

Publicity Affairs Secretary
Miss Lo Ho-kar, Helga

Publication Affairs Secretary
Mr Cheung Wai-lun, Warren

Premises and Facilities Secretary
Mr Wong Hon-ming, Dylan

Members of the SU exco: (front row, from left) Phyllis, Helga, Kursie, Miyuki, Sharis, Carol, Suzanne, Janice, (back row, from left) Jeffrey, Perseus, Henry, Koala, Dylan, Gamma, Warren
PhD student Ms Junmei Li of the Department of Building Services Engineering was recently awarded the prestigious David B. Gratz Scholarship by the US National Fire Protection Association. This honour is awarded once a year to an outstanding research student working on fire science or fire engineering outside the US. This is the third consecutive year the Scholarship goes to a student of the Department.

Third-year mechanical engineering student Mr Chan Chin-hang and language and communications student Miss Lai Suet-yee were two of the three winners of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce (CGCC) Excellence Awards for Tertiary Students. The award scheme was launched in celebration of the CGCC’s 100th anniversary, attracting 61 applications from full-time undergraduates from local universities. The value of each award is $100,000.

Miss Wong Lai-ying, graduate of the textile chemistry degree programme, has won the 2000 Student Research competition organised by The Society of Dyers and Colourists with her final-year paper “Decoloration of reactive dye effluent by a H2O2/UV/US process”. Her prize is a paid trip to the next international conference of the American Association of Textile Chemists and Colorists to be held in the US in October, where she hopes to enter her paper in the Student Papers Competition.

PolyU students fared well at the Second HSBC Hong Kong IT Festival held by the IT Festival Association at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, scooping many coveted awards. Beating the other 900 contestants, Mr William Chan, a second-year manufacturing engineering student, and his two teammates from The Chinese University of Hong Kong won the “Best of the Best” award of the new “HSBC Young IT Entrepreneur Award” contest with their work “e-home”.

In the “Public Libraries Web Page Design Competition” design students Mr Yip Chi-fung and Miss Wong Shuk-kwan, won the Championship, while Mr Fok Chun-hei, a student in multimedia design and technology, came as the first runner-up.

Out of some 2,620 participants in the “Golien Mountain Creative Computer Graphics Competition”, Mr Ma Hing-shun, also studying multimedia design and technology, emerged as the Champion with his work “Beautiful Harbour”. Miss Hung Ming-ming, a design student, won the first runner-up with her work “Country Park”.

An innovative “e-home” wins William (right) a grand prize.

“Beautiful Harbour” by Ma Hing-shun