The University thanked 154 staff members for their royalty at a special ceremony held in their honour on 11 January 2001.

The long-servers were presented with the “Long Service Award” which represents the University’s sincere appreciation of their dedicated contributions. Among them, 36 have served for 25 years, 57 for 20 years and 61 for 15 years.

President Prof. Poon Chung-kwong, who presented the awards, said, “Our University values ‘People, Performance, Productivity and Partnership.’ Among them, ‘People’ is a key element to the success of the Institution. We are proud and fortunate to have a dedicated and professional staff force which has offered their unswerving support to the University.

"Without them, our University would not have achieved such tremendous progress highly commended in the UGC Management Review report last year. Our staff members are complimented as positive and committed to our mission as well as the various initiatives introduced by the university management.”

The University has always regarded staff development as a priority. In order to enhance their overall performance, more than $12 million has been spent on staff development programmes during 1999/2000. This and other measures are aimed to achieve higher academic quality, better productivity and management excellence.

Students have received their well-deserved recognition.
• Mr Chan Man-kei, Finance Office
• Miss Kwong Ka-yin, Finance Office
• Mrs Betty Chen Ng Yuk-ling, Human Resources Office
• Mr Fung Tak-keung, Human Resources Office
• Mrs Cheung Leung Yiu-kwan, Institute of Textiles & Clothing
• Mr Sunney Leung Yung-sun, Institute of Textiles & Clothing
• Mr Robert Chu Wai-chi, Information Technology Services Office
• Mr Evan Wong Wing-hong, Information Technology Services Office
• Ms Ho Sau-may, Pao Yue-Kong Library
• Mr Kong Wing-cheuk, Pao Yue-Kong Library
• Dr Chuen Chun-wah, Department of Mechanical Engineering
• Dr Tse Chi-sang, Department of Mechanical Engineering
• Mr Lam Fat-wing, Department of Manufacturing Engineering
• Ms Karin Lau Miu-kuen, Department of Nursing & Health Sciences
• Mrs Gina Leung Wai Ching-wa, Department of Nursing & Health Sciences
• Dr Janice Christine McKay, Department of Optometry & Radiography
• Miss Yvonne Cheung Yee-ping, Office of the President
• Mr Lam Chi-man, Student Affairs Office
• Mr Mak Biao-tong, Student Affairs Office
• Mrs Ginna Ng Pang Chui-mui, Student Affairs Office
• Mr Alexander Fung Shun-yu, School of Design
• Mr Law Yee-chak, School of Design
• Mr Albert Mak Yu-kam, School of Design
• Dr Steven Ho Yu-keung, University Health Service
• Mrs Leung Ng So-king, University Health Service
• Ms Priscilla Pang Bik-han, University Health Service

20 years

• Dr Gladys Lam Chan Lan-tak, Department of Applied Social Sciences
• Ms Josephine Lee Yau-mui, Academic Secretariat
• Dr Martyn James Hills, Department of Building & Real Estate
• Mrs Edna Pak Au Yin-ha, Department of Building & Real Estate
• Dr Heltan Ngan Yuen-pan, Department of Chinese & Bilingual Studies
• Mr Lam Yuk-fai, Department of Civil & Structural Engineering
• Mr Cheung Chun-kit, Department of Electrical Engineering
• Miss Tong Yim-ching, Department of Electrical Engineering
• Mr Tse Ka-yin, Department of Electrical Engineering
• Dr Wong Yiu-kwong, Department of Electrical Engineering

25 years

• Dr Yu Chi-wai, Department of Electrical Engineering
• Mr Ip Kee-ping, Department of Electronic & Information Engineering
• Mr Law Wing-heung, Department of Electronic & Information Engineering
• Mr Mak Chun-wah, Department of Electronic & Information Engineering
• Prof. Shu Wan-chi, Department of Electronic & Information Engineering
• Dr Peter Lam Kwong-shan, Department of Electronic & Information Engineering
• Mrs Vicky Chiu Tsang Lai-wah, English Language Centre
• Mr Chim Ting-choi, Estates Office
• Mr Chin Kai-leung, Estates Office
• Mr Samson Chow Hon-kit, Estates Office
• Mr Ho Hon-fai, Estates Office
• Mrs Lai Chow Sau-chi, Estates Office
• Mrs Cindy Lam Cheung Siu-yin, Estates Office
• Mr Lam Wah-sing, Estates Office
• Mr Lau Fui-hung, Estates Office
• Mr Poon Sik-leung, Estates Office
• Mr So Wah, Estates Office
• Mr Wong Cheung-pui, Estates Office
• Mr Wong Yin-kwong, Estates Office
• Miss Mandy Ching Yuk-king, Faculty of Communication
• Mr Lam Siu-wah, Finance Office
• Mr Au Chi-yuen, Industrial Centre
• Mrs Irene Cheng Hsu Yen-ting, Industrial Centre
• Mr Lee Wai-che, Industrial Centre
• Ms Teresa Chan Yuen-ling, Information Technology Services Office
• Mr Brian Leung Yi-ling, Information Technology Services Office
• Ms Margarita Li Suk-fun, Information Technology Services Office
• Dr Charlie Yip Sai-kei, Information Technology Services Office
• Mr Joshua Yue Man-chung, Information Technology Services Office
• Miss Scarlett Yung Si-ka, Information Technology Services Office
• Mr Leung Wai-keung, Pao Yue-Kong Library
• Mr Young Moon-sun, Pao Yue-Kong Library
• Dr Eric Fung Hoi-kwun, Department of Mechanical Engineering
• Prof. Leung Chun-wah, Department of Mechanical Engineering
• Dr Eric Wong Tsun-tat, Department of Mechanical Engineering
• Mr Wong Yiu-tong, Department of Mechanical Engineering
• Mr Yu Shiu-lam, Department of Mechanical Engineering
• Mr Walter Chung Wing-cheung, Department of Manufacturing Engineering
• Mr Cheung Kai-chee, Department of Management
• Mrs Connie Lee Chan Yuen-man, Department of Management

20 years

• Dr Tsang Chun-wai, Department of Applied Biology & Chemical Technology
• Dr Chan Chun-wah, Department of Applied Mathematics
• Mr Chong Kwook-kei, Department of Applied Mathematics
• Dr Tsui Wan-lam, Department of Applied Physics
• Prof. Franklin George Shin, Department of Applied Physics
• Dr Lam Siu-wah, Department of Applied Physics
• Ms Angeline Tse Man-yat, Department of Applied Physics
• Mrs Cheung Chi-wai, Department of Applied Physics
• Mr Ching Kan-kuen, Finance Office
• Ms Shiung Chi-chiu, Finance Office
• Mr Wong Wing-kwong, Finance Office
• Mr Ron Cheng Kai-cheung, Industrial Centre
• Mr Cheung Fat-chuen, Industrial Centre
• Mr Chow Chi-woon, Industrial Centre
• Mr Lai Chi-kwong, Industrial Centre
• Mr Poon Sai-kwong, Industrial Centre
• Mr Wong Yuk-yue, Industrial Centre
• Mr Yu Chun-ho, Industrial Centre
• Mr Chong Chiu-lam, Institute of Textiles & Clothing
• Ms Linda Wong Shook-yin, Institute of Textiles & Clothing
• Mr Wong Siu-wai, Institute of Textiles & Clothing
• Mr Leung Che-bong, Pao Yue-Kong Library
• Dr Lam Kwok-lung, Department of Mechanical Engineering
• Ir Lo Kok-keung, Department of Mechanical Engineering
• Prof. Edmund Lee Tai-chiu, Department of Manufacturing Engineering
• Mr Benedict Lee Shiu-sing, Student Affairs Office
• Mr Wong Hon-shu, Department of Shipping & Transport Logistics
• Mr Michael Leung, Media Services Office
• Mrs Melly Mak Lam On-lok, Media Services Office
• Mr Brougham Dharma Dasari, Department of Rehabilitation Sciences
• Mr Chiu Sin-lam, Student Affairs Office
• Mr Mark Shek Yat-kau, Student Affairs Office
• Mrs Gloria Foo Li Lai-yuen, School of Design
• Mrs Lolita Leung Choy Yuk-sau, School of Design

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Taking big steps on the charity road

A team of about 800 members, comprising staff, students, alumni and their families, participated in this year’s Community Chest “Hong Kong Walk” to raise funds for those in need.

Led by the University President and several Vice Presidents, the PolyU team set off for a good walk after the Opening Ceremony held at the Hong Kong Stadium. Staff members from nearly 40 academic departments and administrative offices, together with undergraduate and research students, alumni associations and their family members, contributed to the well-being of our society.

“This event has, over the years, helped to foster a strong spirit of unity among all PolyU members. I am glad that more than 200 graduates from 17 alumni associations joined their Alma Mater to support this charitable activity,” said President Poon.

The Institution has participated in the Walk for Millions for nine consecutive years.
Prof. Cheng Siwei has been appointed as Honorary Professor of the University with effect from 25 November 2000.

Known as the “Father of Venture Capital Development in China”, Prof. Cheng has been the major driving force behind the development of venture capital sector on the mainland and has been heavily involved in the drafting of its investment fund law. Back in the mid-90s, Prof. Cheng, in his dual capacities as a scholar and a member of the Chinese leadership, led many major initiatives in support of the country’s development towards a knowledge-based economy.

Currently Prof. Cheng is Vice-Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People’s Congress, Chairman of the China Democratic National Construction Association, and Director-General of Management Sciences of the National Natural Science Foundation.

Upon appointment as Honorary Professor, Prof. Cheng will give advice to the University on the developments of venture capital sector and high technology industry on the mainland.

The University has appointed Prof. Xiao Peigen as Honorary Professor in the Department of Applied Biology and Chemical Technology (ABCT) with effect from 1 January 2001.

Prof. Xiao, a member of the Chinese Academy of Engineering, Division of Medicine and Health Engineering, is an expert in the field of Chinese medicinal plant as well as traditional Chinese medicine. He is actively leading collaborative research with ABCT.

Prof. Xiao will give advice on the scientific development of traditional Chinese medicine-based products and serve as co-supervisor for collaborative research projects on traditional Chinese medicine of ABCT and Institute of Medicinal Plant Development of Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences. Prof. Xiao will also give advice to staff members of ABCT on research projects and the direction of applied research.

University President Prof. Poon Chung-kwong has been appointed consultant of Science and Technology Consulting Committee of the Shenzhen Municipal People’s Government. The appointment was made in recognition of Prof. Poon’s contribution to the development of science and technology in Hong Kong and within the Region. Other recipients of the honour include three Nobel Laureates – Prof. Robert Fogel, Dr Kary Mullis and Prof. Ferid Murad.