MESSAGES TO OUR GRADUATES
FROM THE HEADS

Prof. George Woo

“Strive continuously to broaden your knowledge and skills to deliver all new and efficacious means to enhance your optometric services to your patients. Uphold and promote by example and action the highest standards, ethics and ideals to your chosen profession. Do your utmost as an optometrist to serve your community, your country and mankind.” Quote from Oath of an optometrist.

Prof. Michel Millodot
Period of Headship: 1990-1995

“You, the graduates of the School of Optometry at the Hong Kong Polytechnic University are fortunate, and can be proud, to have studied in one of the jewels in the crown of Optometry worldwide. It is one of the only Optometry schools in which all the academic staff are optometrists and scientists. The clinical program with its Optometry Clinic catering every year to thousands of patients with a variety of ocular conditions offers an invaluable source of clinical experience for the students as well as a precious resource for clinical research. You have had the privilege of sharing the fruits of research that your teachers are assiduously conducting, especially in the area of myopia and the effects of ageing on the eye with remarkable and acclaimed success. I wish you, the graduates the best in your Optometry career, may it bring you fulfilment, pleasure and financial independence.”

Dr. Marion Edwards

“The development of academic Optometry in Hong Kong over the past 30 years is a source of pride to me and I hope, to everyone in the profession. My congratulations to all graduates, and to the faculty members who have been responsible for so much progress in such a short time. Our clinic is now one of the best equipped in the world and provides both excellent clinical training for students and quality optometric care to the Hong Kong public. The research published by both faculty members and post-graduate students is of a high standard and relevant to Hong Kong and China. I hope the next 30 years will be as successful and send my very best wishes.”

Prof. Maurice Yap

“Optometry’s role in society is to look after the vision and eye health of the community. Optometrists bestow a most wonderful gift on their patients, the gift of clear sight. There are few human endeavours more fulfilling. With the dedication of all our graduates, I think the next 30 years for Hong Kong Optometry will be even more exciting than the past 30 years.”

Prof. Carly Lam
Present Head of School

“I’ve seen over 20 graduations, and each of you is like a brick in the foundation of a great building that we have been endeavouring to build. Bricks are strongest when they have come through great heat, and I hope we have provided you with enough fire over the years at PolyU. But doubtless, you’ll face more challenges in the years to come! In order to face those challenges, please be active in your participation in the Professional Society and Alumni functions.

Congratulations to the School of Optometry and all the best to you all.”
WHAT IS YOUR SCHOOL DOING?

In Research

Myopia and ageing eye research are the two most prominent foci of research activity in the School.

The Centre for Myopia Research

Over the past twenty years, the Centre for Myopia Research has contributed significantly to the understanding of myopia. Its objective is to find ways to retard and, one day, cure myopia. The Centre for Myopia Research was recognized by external assessors in 2002 as one of the top two myopia research centres in the world.

Healthy Lifelong Vision

With the anticipated increase in our ageing population in Hong Kong, more people will suffer from age-related general health problems as well as eye diseases. Our goal is to find better ways to manage eye conditions, such as glaucoma, diabetic retinopathy or retinal degeneration and cataract, so as to preserve vision in our community and beyond.

Research Graduates

The first research student, Mr. Cho Chun-wah, Joseph, enrolled in the department under the supervision of Prof. George Woo in 1989. Dr. Osbert Chan was the first professional diploma graduate to gain a PhD in Optometry from PolyU in 1994. To date, 16 PhD and 15 MPhil students have graduated from the School.
WHAT IS YOUR SCHOOL DOING?

In Teaching

The Optometry Curriculum

The PolyU quality assurance processes ensure that the 4 year Optometry curriculum is constantly updated and internationally competitive. Clinical education remains a central feature of the programme. Students graduating in 2008 conducted twice as many consultations than a decade ago. Student clinicians now routinely conduct dilated fundus examination with BIOs and slitlamp biomicroscopes. The ocular pharmacology syllabus has been expanded substantially to include therapeutic agents. Apart from clinical work, our students also learn the business aspects of optometric practice, such as writing business plans and preparing balance sheets.

The Optometry Clinic

The Clinic has expanded substantially over the past decade. Apart from the main PolyU clinic, there is a satellite community-based clinic in Lai King and a hospital-based clinic in Our Lady of Maryknoll Hospital. In total, there are over 40 consulting rooms equipped with state-of-the-art instrumentation.

WebCT and Virtual Optometry Clinic

Online WebCT packages have been specially designed to complement formal lectures and tutorials. Our students learn clinical analysis and decision-making skills by reviewing clinical cases through an e-platform – the Virtual Optometry Clinic.

Student Exchange Programmes

Since 1987, the School has collaborated with universities in China, Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the USA in conducting student exchange programmes to enhance cultural and clinical exposure.
In Service

Community Service

According to WHO estimates, about 80% of global blindness is avoidable. Amongst the list of major avoidable blindness is refractive error. The Vision Hong Kong initiative is our profession’s and industry’s response to the community need for vision care. Through this charity project, the optometric and optical industry support the poor and the needy to ease visual impairment due to refractive errors.

Conferences and Symposia

To promote exchange in professional knowledge and share clinical experience, the School has joined forces with different local and overseas professional associations to organize or co-organize various international, regional and local conferences and symposiums. They include Asia Pacific Optometric Congress, Asia Cornea & Contact Lens Conference, Hong Kong Optometric Conference, International Symposium in Orthokeratology and Primary Eye Care Conference.

Leadership in the Profession

As the Optometry profession is relatively young in Hong Kong, the School has taken a leadership role in educating the public and government about the profession. Members of the School also participate actively in the governance of the profession through professional associations, the Optometrist Board and the Supplementary Medical Professions Council.
MESSAGES FROM FORMER STAFF TO
Past, Present and Future
STUDENTS OF OPTOMETRY

Congratulations and Greetings to all of you!
Mr. Robert Conway (UK)

It has been an honour and privilege to have been part of the development and growth of the Optometry School and the optometric profession in Hong Kong, and I am sure the profession will continue to go from strength to strength in the future.
Dr. Peter Hendicott (Australia)

I would like to convey, on behalf of my family, our heartiest congratulations to the School of Optometry for its achievement in nurturing professional optometrists of Hong Kong in the past 30 years. Let us witness the great future of Hong Kong Optometry together through the continuing effort of this great school.
Ms. Winnie Goh (Hong Kong)

Remember to question everything that you do and read; that is the way to progress personally and professionally.
Prof. Brian Brown (Australia)

Enjoy life, enjoy work. This shall bring you good health and good wealth.
Dr. May Wu (Hong Kong)
MESSAGES FROM FORMER STAFF TO PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE STUDENTS OF OPTOMETRY

Always use positive attitude to face problems!
Mr. Peter Pang (Hong Kong)

Though I spent only about 8 years with the School, but I had the opportunity to witness the achievements and progress of the School, and the memory brought with me is becoming a significant part in my life.
Ms. Li Li Tan (Singapore)

Life is just as good as one sees it.
Mr. Tang Churk-yan (Hong Kong)

Ask yourself what you want your professional career to be in 20 years’ time and work towards it.
Dr. Andrew Siu (New Zealand)

Whatever you do, don’t compromise your integrity and ethics.
Dr. Janica Wong (USA)

I’m glad to see the big advancement of the School and its curriculum, which continue to stretch the competency of our graduates and build Optometry to be a fully perceived primary eye care discipline in HK.
Mr. Lawrence Kwan (Hong Kong)
SOME OF OUR SUCCESSFUL GRADUATES

Prof. To Chi-ho is from the first batch of graduates of the professional diploma in Optometry (1987). He was appointed Professor at the School of Optometry in 2005.

Our graduates who are helping us to teach the next generation of optometrists.

Mr. Cheng Wai-hung, Patrick

Mr. Cheung Hon-sang Steven

Mr. Fong Ka-fai

Ms. Ho Chung-nuen, Stephanie

Mr. Lau Ming-fai, Philip

Mr. Law Win-Kin, Frederick

Ms. Yan Sau-ngo, Freda

Ms. Yip Siu-lai, Queenie

Our graduates who have been in leadership roles in our profession and in the Optometrists Board.

Dr. Chan Yuen-chung, Osbert
President, The Hong Kong Society of Professional Optometrists (1995)

Mr. Chim Chun-pong, Dominic
President, The Hong Kong Society of Professional Optometrists (1997-2000)

Dr. Ho Cho-chak, Albert

Dr. Lam Kwok-cheung, Andrew
Chairman, Preliminary Investigation Committee, Optometrists Board (Since Jul 2005)
Chairman, Registration Committee, Optometrists Board (Since Sep 2007)

Mr. Lee Hung-chiu, Alfred

Dr. Choy Pik-yin, Emily received The Most Outstanding PolyU Student and Outstanding Student of the Faculty of Health and Social Sciences in 2001.
STAFF WHO HAVE/SERVED THE SCHOOL FOR OVER 15 YEARS

Dr. Pauline Cho (2nd from left)  
Associate Professor

Miss Jupy Chow  
(on the left hand side)  
Clerical Officer

Miss Winnie Hui  
Clerical Officer

Dr. Andrew Lam  
Associate Professor

Prof. Carly Lam  
Head of School

Ms. Rosemary Lau  
Executive Officer

Ms. Linda Liu  
Executive Officer

Mr. Jimmy Pang  
Technician

Ms. Katie Tung  
Clerical Officer

Ms. Celia Wong  
Clerical Officer

Mr. Tam Loi-chong  
Served the School as Office Assistant from 6 March 1990 to 4 July 2007
MILESTONES OF POLYU-OPTOMETRY

1978
Two-year Part-time Certificate in Optometry

1984
Two-year Part-time Higher Certificate in Optometry
Three-year Full-time Professional Diploma in Optometry

1985
Establishment of the Optometry Clinic at GH029

1987
Department of Diagnostic Sciences formed comprising the Optometry and the Radiography sections

1988
Optometry Clinic moved to AG048

1989
First batch of Professional Diploma students graduated

1990
Four-year BSc (Hons) in Optometry started
### CURRENT STAFF OF THE SCHOOL

#### ACADEMIC STAFF
- Dr. Chan Ho-lung, Henry
- Mr. Chan Wing-wo, Jay
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- Dr. Cho Wong Hie-hua, Pauline
- Dr. Choy Kar-man, Camus
- Dr. Do Chi-wai
- Dr. Kee Chea-su
- Dr. Lam Chuen, Thomas
- Dr. Lam Kwok-cheung, Andrew
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- Prof. Peter Swann (Visiting Professor)
- Dr. Ting Wai-ki, Patrick
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  - Prof. Ge Jian
  - Prof. Tang You-zhi
  - Prof. David Wong
  - Prof. Zhao Kan-xing
- Honorary Advisor
  - Mr. Hilton Cheong-teen
- Adjunct Professors
  - Prof. Dai Hong
  - Prof. Li Xiao-rong
  - Prof. Liu Quan
  - Prof. Gordon Sanderson
  - Prof. Sha Feng-tong
  - Prof. Victor Woo
  - Prof. Greg Wu
  - Prof. Yeung Wing-sang, Joseph
  - Prof. Yu Min-bin
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  - Ms. Tina Kwan
  - Mr. Kenneth Lam
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