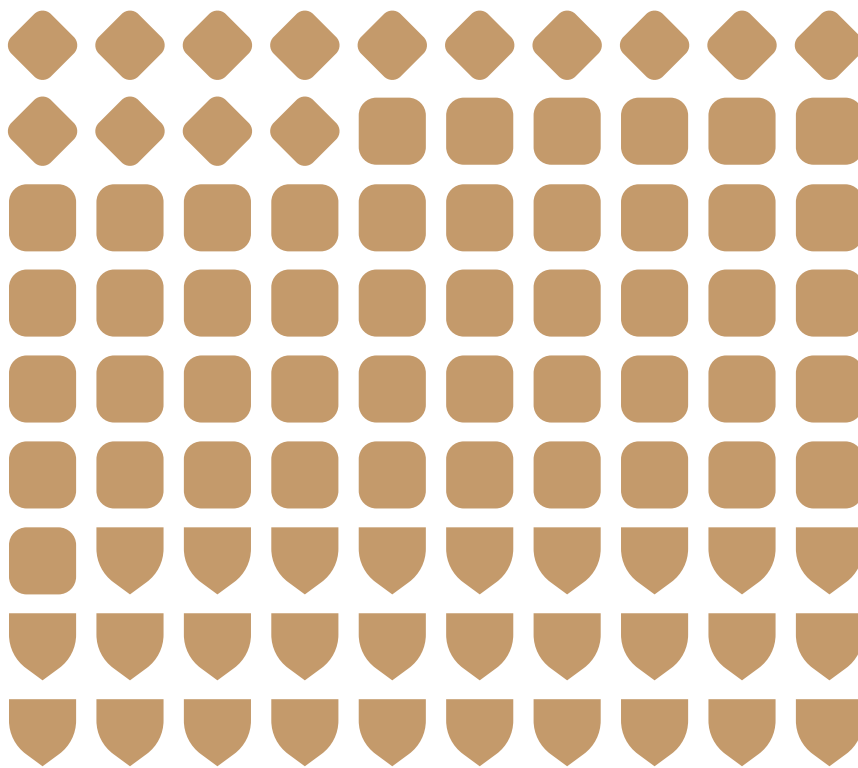
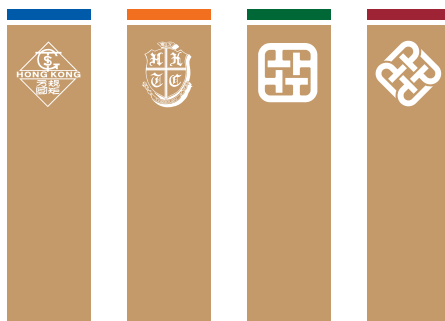


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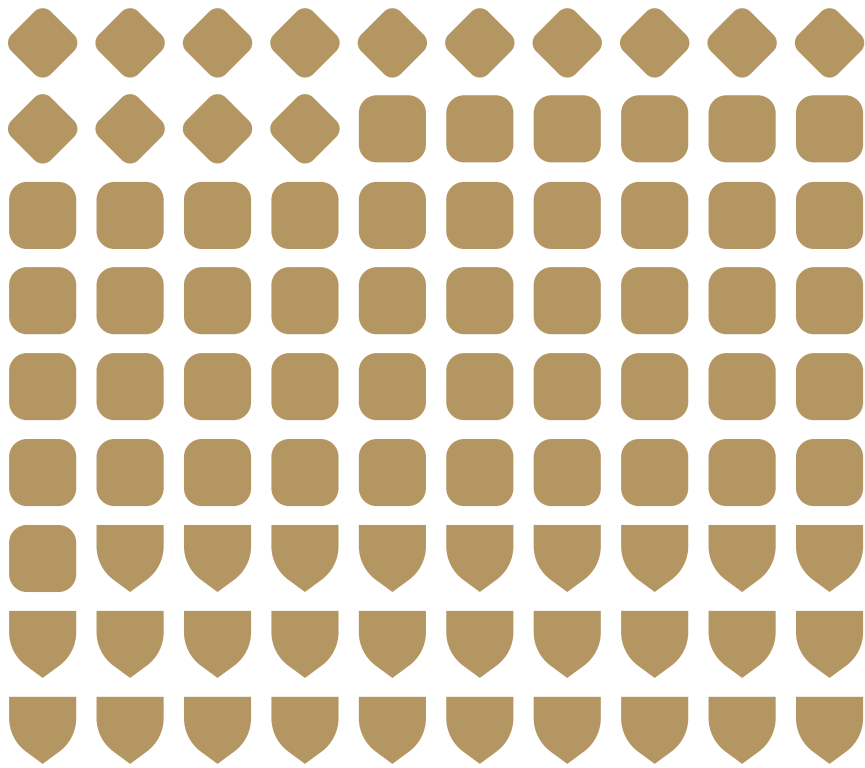
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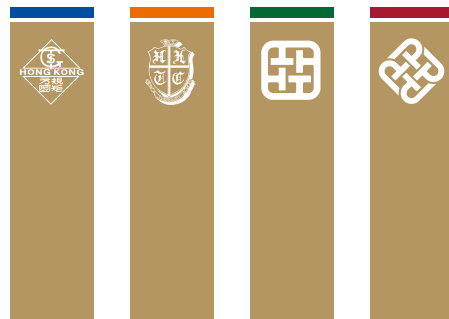
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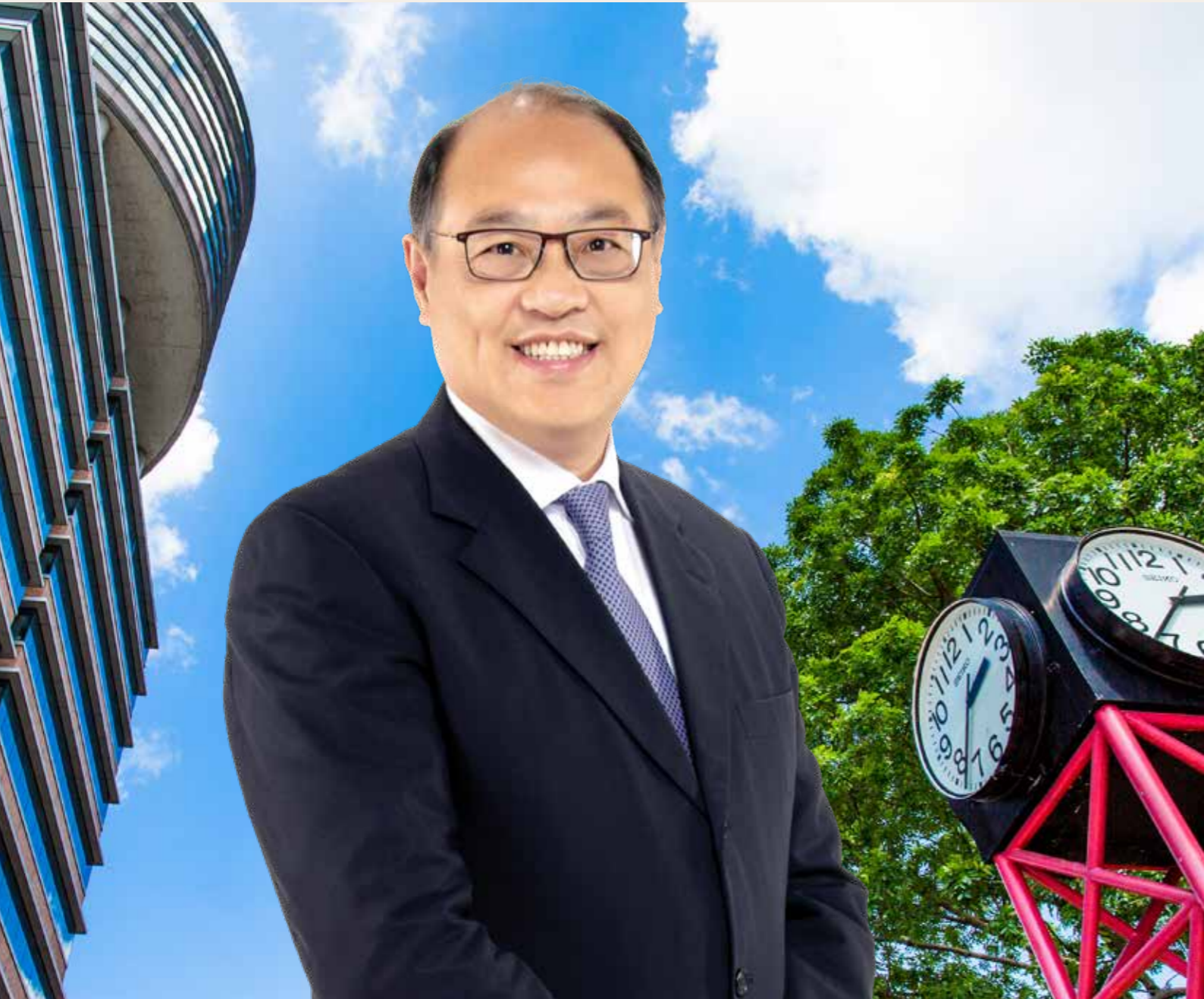
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The year 2022 marks the 85th anniversary of The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU). As an alumnus myself, I am filled with pride when I look back at the evolution of this remarkable institution, from its origin as a small local college, to a university that is today ranked among the top 100 in the world. The whole PolyU community, including our many distinguished alumni, should feel justifiably proud of everything we have achieved.

One constant throughout our history is the significant role that PolyU and its predecessors have played in the social and economic development of Hong Kong, by cultivating graduates who can meet societal needs. From our early days as the Government Trade School, offering courses in marine wireless operating, mechanical engineering and building construction, to our time as the Hong Kong Technical College, when we launched new programmes to cater to the demands of the textiles industry, we have provided students with the skills they need to contribute to the growth of our city. The programmes were further extended to meet the community's manpower requirements in fields such as engineering, health and social sciences at the Hong Kong Polytechnic. Today, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University is a world-class university that excels in many cutting-edge disciplines, such as smart cities and artificial intelligence, that are essential to fostering talents who can usher Hong Kong, the Greater Bay Area and beyond into the new era of the Fourth Industrial Revolution.

This book explores the remarkable accomplishments of our nearly 100 distinguished alumni who have received the prestigious Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award, in recognition of their impactful contributions to the University and the community. In fact, since we were first founded, we have nurtured more than 400,000 graduates who have gone on to excel in their chosen fields. Whether as professionals working in areas such as engineering, surveying, accounting and healthcare, or as entrepreneurs, designers, scientists or members of industry and community leaders, our graduates have been a positive force in the development of society. We take great pride in having nurtured so many talents whose accomplishments have greatly benefited their professions and who have substantially contributed to Hong Kong, the Nation and the world.

As we celebrate our 85th Anniversary, we will remain committed to promoting the development of outstanding graduates who can meet evolving societal needs, living up to our promise of "Opening Minds, Shaping the Future".

Dr Lam Tai-fai, GBS, JP

Council Chairman

The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

Foreword by President



As The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU) commemorates its 85th Anniversary, we take great pride in celebrating the extensive achievements of our scholars, researchers, students and alumni. We reach this milestone in our history at a time when PolyU is ranked among the top five universities globally in the Times Higher Education Young University Rankings 2022, and is 65th in the QS World University Rankings 2023. Equally impressive is the fact that 70% of our research work is rated as being world-leading or internationally excellent by the University Grants Committee's Research Assessment Exercise 2020.

One of the most distinctive features of the education PolyU provides is the emphasis we place on nurturing the leaders of tomorrow. We take significant satisfaction from seeing that so many of our alumni have gone on to become pillars of society, making impactful contributions to Hong Kong, the Nation and the world in their chosen fields. As President, I am glad that we have compiled the inspiring stories of our Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award recipients in this special anniversary publication, which serves as a powerful testimony to the University's ability to nurture graduates who strive for the betterment of society.

A landmark anniversary not only provides an opportunity to reflect on the past, but also to look ahead. Going forward, we will continue to be committed to developing successful future professionals and leaders who possess a global perspective, deep affection for our Nation and the Hong Kong community, and a strong sense of social responsibility. Our dedication to these important goals is reflected in the learning opportunities and whole-person education we offer. Our award-winning Service-Learning initiative integrates meaningful community service with academic study. This approach not only enhances our students' sense of civic responsibility and engagement, but also provides huge benefits to communities in need. As part of our value education, the University has enhanced the curriculum to further develop the sense of national identity among students. In particular, the General University Requirements (GUR) of the new undergraduate curriculum now include a compulsory component on law-abiding leadership that covers the Hong Kong National Security Law and related topics for full-time undergraduate students (and an online study component for other students). The GUR now also include a subject in the area of Chinese history and culture. To ensure that our teaching continues to address pressing societal issues, we have incorporated elements related to innovation, entrepreneurship and emerging technologies into our undergraduate programmes, thus preparing our students for the Industry 4.0 era. There is also the "INSPIRE" Mentorship Programme, which aims to enhance students' holistic education experience and facilitate their personal, academic and professional development through a robust network of role models and prominent leaders of the PolyU community.

Above all, we will accelerate our pursuit of nurturing future graduates and alumni who live up to our motto of "To learn and to apply, for the benefit of mankind", excelling in their aspirations, thriving in their careers, and making a transformational impact on society.

Professor Jin-Guang Teng, JP

President

The Hong Kong Polytechnic University



Introduction

It is with great pleasure that we publish this commemorative book as part of PolyU's 85th Anniversary celebrations. When marking this important milestone in our history, we are particularly proud to celebrate the significant contributions and achievements that our alumni have made towards making PolyU what it is today.

Since as early as 1937, the University and its forerunners have strived to make a positive impact on society, establishing our defining features of emphasising impactful innovations and using knowledge to address real-world challenges. In this book, we reflect this and highlight the rich heritage and attainments of our Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award recipients from 1996 to 2021. Since its launch, the Award has been giving recognition to distinguished graduates of PolyU and its predecessors, namely the Government Trade School, Hong Kong Technical College, and the Hong Kong Polytechnic. From engineers to accountants, from designers to health professionals, from entrepreneurs to academics, the array of alumni have been honoured for their great distinction in their chosen fields, active support to their alma mater, as well as impactful contributions to Hong Kong, the Nation and the world.

This book is not only a celebration of the impressive achievements of our graduates over the past 85 years but will also, we hope, serve as an inspiration for our current students, as they see how those who came before them went on to build great success on the cornerstone of their PolyU education.

Our rich history

A key part of any anniversary celebration involves looking back at what came before. At PolyU, we take great pride in our rich history, during which we have continuously pushed the boundaries of education. When we were founded in 1937 as the Government Trade School, we were the first publicly funded, post-secondary technical institution in Hong Kong. The School offered three programmes, namely marine wireless operating, mechanical engineering and building construction, which were all crucial to the development of the city at the time. Our campus in Wood Road, Wan Chai, comprised a



three-storey Victorian building and was referred to by locals as the “Red Brick House”, marking the beginning of our association with the red brick architecture for which we have become well known.

In 1947, shortly after World War II, we became the Hong Kong Technical College, offering both part-time and full-time courses. As we continued to grow in the following decade, we moved to our new premises in Hung Hom in 1957, marking the start of a new era of industrial education in Hong Kong. Having recognised the predominance of manufacturing, the College trained people with the skills and expertise the city required, as evidenced in the establishment of a Navigation Department in 1951 and a Commerce Department in 1954. Reflecting the strength of the local textile industry, our Faculty of Applied Science and Textiles was founded in 1957, followed by the School of Design in 1964.

Our history continued to mirror the economic development of Hong Kong when our next iteration, Hong Kong Polytechnic, was formally established in 1972. In view of the rapid growth of large-scale infrastructure and construction projects, Hong Kong Polytechnic was established with a mandate to provide post-secondary technical education to meet growing manpower needs. It was during this period that both our Faculty of

Health and Social Sciences and School of Hotel and Tourism Management were formed. We launched our first five degree programmes in 1983, followed by Master’s programmes in 1986 and Doctorates in 1989.

We assumed full university status in 1994, when we became The Hong Kong Polytechnic University. Today PolyU ranks among the top 100 institutions in the world, providing over 160 postgraduate and undergraduate programmes that open doors to the worlds of business, design, engineering, healthcare, hospitality and science. We continue to move with the times and respond to the changing needs of society and industry, both in Hong Kong and beyond, with research focuses that range from aerospace to big data and artificial intelligence, to health science, sustainability and the smart city.

Builders of a Better World

We chose the title “Builders of a Better World” for this book because for us it perfectly encapsulates PolyU’s motto: “To learn and to apply, for the benefit of mankind.” We also truly believe that our distinguished alumni have helped to “build” a better world. From chairmen and directors of international corporations, to

world famous designers, to high-ranking government leaders, including a former Chief Executive of the HKSAR, our recipients of the Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award have not only helped to shape the city we know today, but many have also made national and global contributions in their fields. They have earned prestigious industry awards, such as the Young Industrialist Award of Hong Kong, awards from the International Exhibition of Inventions of Geneva, the World's Outstanding Chinese Designer Award and Hong Kong's Ten Outstanding Young Persons Award. There are also numerous Justices of the Peace and holders of the Bronze, Silver and Gold Bauhinia Star.

Despite their impressive careers and busy professional lives, these outstanding alumni have continued to give back to their alma mater. They have helped establish centres of innovation at PolyU as well as having donated generously to fund endowed professorships, scholarships and lecture series. Many former students have also made a difference through the Outstanding PolyU Alumni Association UNITE initiative, where they contribute their expertise, wisdom, networks and resources to foster the development of the University, its students and alumni. They have assisted with PolyU's technological advancement and knowledge transfer activities, enhancing the University's international reputation.

The stories in this book are arranged in order of the four phases of PolyU's history. We start with our first outstanding alumni – Dr Ng Wing-hong – a building graduate of the Government Trade School who not only contributed substantially to Hong Kong's construction industry but was also the first alumnus to return to the School to teach evening courses. Dedicated to supporting his alma mater, he was elected President of the first alumni association of the then Hong Kong Technical College and was later made Honorary Life Chairman of the PolyU Foundation. After Dr Ng, we share the stories of alumni who studied with us when we were the Hong Kong Technical College and Hong Kong Polytechnic, ending with those who were students after we were granted university status.

Over the past 85 years, PolyU has proactively played the role of a “builder”. Our mission is to foster a community in which all members can excel in their aspirations with a strong sense of belonging and pride. Our University is a place that nurtures talent and shapes the leaders of tomorrow. There are more than 400,000 graduates, who have made enormous contributions to the development of various industries, as well as to society as a whole. We are tremendously proud of all our former students who have dedicated themselves to the betterment of society.



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GOVERNMENT
TRADE SCHOOL



Dr NG Wing-hong (1916-2015)

- Diploma in Building, 1940
- University Fellow, 2004/2005
Honorary Doctor of Engineering, 2011
- Awardee of Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award 2009



Dr Ng Wing-hong had a distinguished career in construction which spanned more than 50 years. During this time, he founded his own construction company and worked to develop the building sector in Hong Kong.

Dr Ng attributed his interest in construction to his father, and it was this enthusiasm that led him to study a Diploma in Building at the Government Trade School, the earliest precursor of PolyU. His aptitude for the subject impressed his teachers so much, that Dr Ng became the first ever student to be invited to teach evening courses to workmen at the School. After graduating in 1940, Dr Ng set up his own construction company. Hong Kong was experiencing a period of rapid expansion at the time, and he was soon commissioned to take on building projects of all sizes.

Alongside growing his own business, Dr Ng also worked to improve both construction standards and the professional image of the industry in Hong Kong, serving as President of the Hong Kong Building Contractors Association. He also gave back to the wider community through taking on the role of Vice Chairman of Po Leung Kuk, which provides support services to people in need, particularly children.

Dr Ng retained strong links with his alma mater throughout his career. When he first set up his construction company, he received regular referrals from his teachers at the Government Trade School to carry out maintenance and renovation work at various government schools. Later in 1953, he became the Elected President of the first alumni association of the then Hong Kong Technical College. He went on to be an ardent supporter and generous donor to a number of different initiatives at PolyU, helping the University to fulfil its mission to provide high quality education programmes with practical value, and developing new technologies that have a positive impact on the community. His passion for helping the University is reflected in the fact that he was made Honorary Life Chairman of the PolyU Foundation. Dr Ng's son, Dr Ng Tze-chuen, has continued these close links by collaborating with engineers at PolyU to develop ground-breaking equipment for use in space exploration.

A tree on the PolyU campus was planted to honour Dr Ng in 2002, in recognition of his contribution to the building and real estate sector in Hong Kong, and his staunch support for the University. In 2004/2005, he was made a University Fellow and in 2011 he had an Honorary Doctorate conferred upon him. The University has a daily reminder of Dr Ng, as in 2008, a teaching block was named after him. The Ng Wing Hong Laboratory for Sustainable City also bears his name. The laboratory offers cutting-edge technology to support sustainable construction and urban development in Hong Kong, a subject that was close to Dr Ng's heart.

Hongkong Technical College Commerce Department
1954 - 1955.



1947



HONG KONG
TECHNICAL COLLEGE



Ir Dr CHAN Fuk-cheung, BBS

- Former General Manager, CLP Engineering
- Higher Diploma in Electronic Engineering, 1970
- Master of Arts in English for the Professions, 2001
- Awardee of Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award 2013



Ir Dr Chan Fuk-cheung dedicated his life to creating efficient and reliable power systems. He specialised in power systems protection, distribution automation and energy services. Dr Chan created the world's largest distribution automation system in Hong Kong.

Dr Chan graduated top of the class from PolyU's predecessor Hong Kong Technical College with a Higher Diploma in Electronic Engineering (Distinction) in 1970. He was admitted directly into the second year of the bachelor's degree programme at The University of Hong Kong and continued to achieve outstanding academic results. He obtained his Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering with First Class Honours at The University of Hong Kong and joined China Light and Power as a graduate trainee in the Transmission and Distribution Department in 1972. Dr Chan focused in power system protection development.

He travelled to the United Kingdom to carry out research in power system protection at The Imperial College, University of London in 1976 and was awarded a PhD in 1979. Dr Chan returned to Hong Kong and continued to serve CLP Power with his professional skills, including completing the world's largest distribution automation system in 2000, enabling CLP Power with 99.999% supply reliability in subsequent years. Dr Chan retired as the General Manager of CLP Engineering, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the CLP Group in 2010.

Dr Chan is humble and open-minded. Despite his success, he has continuously pursued new knowledge to advance his skill sets throughout his career. He obtained a Master of Business Administration from The Chinese University of Hong Kong in 1988, a Master of Arts in English for the Professions (Distinction) from PolyU in 2001, and a Master of Laws from the University of London in 2006. Dr Chan has published over 50

“When you set your mind to a goal, you should persevere, no matter the difficulty. Success will come with determination and will.”

papers and was invited to give keynote speeches in numerous international conferences. He won Transactions Prize from The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers (HKIE) in 2003 and 2007.

Dr Chan was the President of the HKIE from 2011 to 2012 and had developed a television series about engineers with Radio Television Hong Kong. The television series served to raise public awareness of engineers' contributions and to enhance the professional image of engineers. He founded the HKIE “Venere Club” in 2012, which provides a platform for retired engineers to communicate, socialise, and continue to learn.

In recent years Dr Chan has also devoted time in public services, serving as a Member of the Town Planning Committee, a Member of a variety of working groups including those under the Education Bureau, the Environment Bureau and the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department, as well as a Member of the Hong Kong Volunteer Work Council. Dr Chan is deeply rooted in Hong Kong and in recognition of the outstanding services over a long period of time, he was awarded the Bronze Bauhinia Star in 2017 by the Hong Kong government.

Dr Chan has been a fervent PolyU supporter, serving as Chairman or Member of the Advisory Committees for the English, Electrical Engineering and Building Services Engineering Departments. He helped the Department of English in establishing the Alumni Association in 2007. In Dr Chan's capacity as Honorary President of the Hong Kong Polytechnic Electrical and Electronic Engineering Alumni Association (HKPEEEAA), he organised a celebration banquet for the Association's 50th Anniversary in November 2016 with over 600 participants. Dr Chan led HKPEEEAA to help the Electrical Engineering and Electronics and Information students establish the “E&E Toastmasters Club” in April 2017. The E&E Toastmasters Club provides a learning platform for the students to strengthen interpersonal skills to benefit their career development.



Dr CHANG Chu-cheng

- Chairman, iView Limited
- Higher Diploma in Electrical Engineering, 1964
- Awardee of Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award 2001



Dr Chang Chu-cheng, Chairman of iView Limited, has made an outstanding contribution to Hong Kong's electronics sector. His expertise in superconductive electronics saw him receive an award from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) in the United States, and co-found one of the world's leading manufacturers of Liquid Crystal Displays (LCDs).

After completing a Higher Diploma in Electrical Engineering at PolyU's predecessor Hong Kong Technical College in 1964, Dr Chang went on to obtain a doctorate in solid state electronics at the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology in the United Kingdom.

He returned to Hong Kong to take up lectureships in physics and later electronics at The Chinese University of Hong Kong. It was here that he co-founded Varitronix in 1978, with his university colleague Dr York Liao and three associates. The company manufactured small-to-medium-sized LCDs, which offered complete solutions for a wide range of applications in the automotive and industrial sectors. Varitronix grew under his stewardship, and was listed in Hong Kong in 1991.

Dr Chang has also made his mark in the research arena. During the 1976/1977 academic year, he took a sabbatical to work on a NASA project at what is now the National Institute of Science and Technology, north of Washington DC in the United States. His contribution to the development of a microwave integrated circuit for Josephson voltage standard earned him certificates of recognition from NASA in 1979 and 1984.

“Please google ‘Pale Blue Dot’ and listen to Carl Sagan’s speech of 2000 on the only liveable planet presently known to humanity. Open your heart and mind to the world and beyond. Never think of becoming one of the Shinto Monkeys who ‘hear no evil, see no evil and speak no evil’.”

Alongside developing his own career, Dr Chang has also contributed substantially to Hong Kong's electronics industry, helping to lay the foundations for the city to become the innovation and technology hub it is today. The many industry roles he has undertaken include being a Member of the Electronic/Electrical Appliances Advisory Committee of the Hong Kong Trade Development Council, and the Electronics Committee of the Industry Technology and Development Council. He has also acted as Honorary Chairman of the Hong Kong Critical Components Manufacturers Association, and has been a Director of the Hong Kong Chapter of the Society for Information Display. Other posts he has held include being Vice Chairman of the Hong Kong Electronic Industries Association and a Director of the Provisional Hong Kong Science Park Co., Ltd.

Reflecting his enthusiasm for innovation, Dr Chang was a Committee Member of the Growth Enterprise Market, the alternative stock market operated by Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited. He has also contributed to talent development through being a Council Member of City University of Hong Kong, and supporting alumni from his alma mater.

Dr Chang attributes much of his success to luck. He reflects that he was lucky to be admitted to the Hong Kong Technical College and have the college arrange for him to study in Manchester after his graduation. “Otherwise, I wouldn’t have had the chance to pursue further studies there,” he says. He considers being appointed to a one-year lecturer position at The Chinese University of Hong Kong after finishing his Post-Doctoral Fellowship in the United Kingdom as a turning point in his life. “If it wasn’t for Professor Charles Kao, who offered me a lecturer position in the Department of Electronics in 1971, I might not have met most of my partners for starting a company making LCDs. Luck again, wasn’t it?” he says.



Ir Johnny FAN Siu-kay

- Director, Keystone Design Consultants Limited
- Higher Diploma in Structural Engineering, 1972
- University Fellow, 2009
- Awardee of Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award 2013



Ir Johnny Fan Siu-kay, Director of Keystone Design Consultants Limited, has more than 40 years' experience working in the construction and engineering sectors. During his impressive career, he introduced new technologies to Hong Kong which have gone on to become industry standards.

Ir Fan studied a Higher Diploma in Structural Engineering at PolyU's predecessor Hong Kong Technical College, graduating in 1972. Throughout his career, he has always prided himself on putting his alma mater's motto into action, using his professional knowledge to benefit society. He credits the University with not only providing him with sound professional training, but also encouraging him to think out of the box to meet the changing needs of his clients and society.

He is notable for bringing a number of new building technologies to Hong Kong. In the 1990s, he worked with Japanese firm Daido Concrete Limited to introduce the first high strength concrete, precast, prestressed spun concrete pile, known as the Daido Pile. The innovation remains one of the most economical piling systems used in Hong Kong today. In addition, he imported technology from Germany to set up the first YTONG blocks factory in Hong Kong, a material that continues to be used extensively in commercial buildings. Ir Fan was also behind the construction of Hong Kong's first spiral steel pipe factory to fabricate large-diameter water pipes which were used for the Lo Wu/Sheung Shui water supply connection to bring water from the Dongjiang River to Hong Kong. He also introduced precast concrete facades. Despite initial scepticism from the industry, precast concrete facades went on to become standard for all high-rise buildings

following the introduction of the Government's Green Building Policy. In 2005, Ir Fan began investigating curtain wall technology, exploring areas such as design, performance, environmental analysis, sustainability and durability. Despite this field being new to him, he acquired the necessary knowledge and skills, and established a team of facade engineers at Hyde Consulting Limited, where he was then employed, becoming a respected consultant in the field.

Alongside helping his industry through the introduction of new technology, Ir Fan has also served on many professional associations. He was a Committee Member of both The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers (Structural Division) and The Institution of Structural Engineers (Hong Kong Branch), as well as being Chairman of the Joint Structural Division of The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers from 2001 to 2003. He has been equally generous with his time in terms of giving back to the wider community. He has been a Member of the Rotary Club since 1988, regularly conducting charity work and community service in his spare time, and serving as the Club's Assistant Governor from 1997 to 1998. In addition, he was a senior member of the Hong Kong Road Safety Association, acting as Regional Commander for East Kowloon for a decade from 1995 to 2005.

Ir Fan has retained strong links with his alma mater. He has served on the PolyU Court and was Founding Vice-President of the Federation of PolyU Alumni Associations, as well as being Founding President of the PolyU Civil and Structural Engineering Alumni Association. He has also contributed to the training of the next generation of engineers through being a Member of the University's Advisory Committee of the Department of Civil and Structural Engineering. At the same time, he was a Member of the PolyU Building Association, a platform through which alumni in the construction industry can exchange knowledge and ideas, and he has supported many fundraising and capital projects. In recognition of his commitment, he was honoured with a University Fellowship in 2009.



Mr Thomas HO Hang-kwong

- Former Property Director, MTR Corporation Limited
- Higher Diploma in Surveying and Building Technology (General Surveying), 1971
- Awardee of Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award 2011



Mr Thomas Ho Hang-kwong, Former Property Director at MTR Corporation Limited, and now a pastor in the United Kingdom, played a key role in implementing the company's "Rail + Property" strategy, through which he has helped transform Hong Kong's urban landscape.

Mr Ho studied a Higher Diploma in Surveying and Building Technology (General Surveying) at PolyU's predecessor Hong Kong Technical College, graduating in 1971. He started his career as a Student Estate Surveyor for the Government in the same year, qualifying as a Chartered Surveyor in Hong Kong in 1974. He specialised in land administration during his early career, and worked his way up through the ranks to hold a directorate post in the Lands Department. In this role, he was responsible for formulating policies and procedures to make land available for the new airport development and Airport Express project, laying a solid foundation of experience in urban renewal, valuation and land administration.

In 1991, Mr Ho joined MTR as Property Director, where he oversaw the company's property development and management for more than 20 years, leading a multi-disciplinary team of managers involved in the planning, design, construction and management of large-scale property developments. He was a key advocate of MTR's development of railway stations and adjacent land into housing and malls. Known as the "Rail + Property" strategy, the concept proved to be so successful that the company incorporated it into its international operations. Mr Ho also oversaw MTR's "Commercial + Residential Community" approach, which combined commercial premises such as retail and offices with residential developments. It was

integrated into a number of large-scale projects, including the Kowloon Station Development. Alongside generating revenue for MTR and the Government, this approach also ensured that land resources were used efficiently, making urban renewal more viable and helping alleviate Hong Kong's housing shortage.

Mr Ho is a well-respected member of his profession. He was a Fellow of both the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors and The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors. In addition, he held the post of Honorary Professor of the Department of Real Estate and Construction at The University of Hong Kong, through which he passed on his knowledge to the next generation. Mr Ho has also used his experience to help the wider community through serving as a Member of the Executive Committee of the Hong Kong Housing Society. In addition, he has been an active member of The Community Chest of Hong Kong for many years, including serving as Co-Chairman of its Corporate and Employee Contribution Programme Organising Committee, a year-round fundraising event which generates more than a third of its funds. Mr Ho has also played an important role in encouraging corporations and their employees to take part in charitable endeavours and give back to society, through serving as a Member of the Sub-committee on Promotion of Corporate Volunteering, organised by the Social Welfare Department.

A strong supporter of his alma mater, Mr Ho is keen to help PolyU students. The University has been able to leverage his extensive experience in the property sector through having him serve as a Member of the Departmental Advisory Committee for the Department of Building and Real Estate.



Emeritus Prof. Bernard HON Kwok-keung

- Emeritus Professor of Manufacturing Systems, School of Engineering, University of Liverpool, United Kingdom
- Higher Diploma in Production Engineering, 1971
- Awardee of Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award 2007



Professor Bernard Hon Kwok-keung, Deputy Convener of the Engineering Panel, Hong Kong Research Assessment Exercise 2020, has devoted his career to teaching and research in the field of manufacturing systems, holding a number of prestigious appointments at top universities in the United Kingdom.

Prof. Hon's commitment to manufacturing engineering began when he came to PolyU's predecessor Hong Kong Technical College to study a Higher Diploma in Production Engineering, graduating top of his class in 1971. He started his career as a lecturer at the University of Bath, before moving to the University of Birmingham, where he won a University Gold Medal in 1985. Prof. Hon was appointed to the first Chair in Manufacturing Systems at the University of Dundee in 1987. He moved to the University of Liverpool in 1990 to take up the new Chair in Manufacturing Systems and the Headship of the Department of Industrial Studies. During his time at the helm, he guided the department to increase its research rating of the United Kingdom government's Research Assessment Exercise from just two stars to the top rating of five stars within a period of eight years. Having retired in 2015, he is now Emeritus Professor of Manufacturing Systems at the School of Engineering of the University of Liverpool.

Throughout his career, Prof. Hon was a prolific researcher publishing more than 135 research papers, covering areas such as manufacturing system analysis and optimisation, additive manufacturing and, more recently, sustainable manufacturing. In 2021, he was commissioned by the Department of International Trade to produce a report on China-UK Green Manufacturing jointly with the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology in China. His interest in sustainable development led him to found a new conference series, the International Conference on Design and Manufacturing for Sustainable Development sponsored by the Royal Academy of Engineering, with the aim of promoting energy and materials efficiency.

“ Aim high, work hard and enjoy your success with your loved ones. ”

Although the United Kingdom remained his main base, Prof. Hon started academic collaboration with universities in Mainland China as early as 1985, where he holds eight honorary professorial appointments. In addition, he has served as international advisor to the Universiti Sains Malaysia, as well as supporting engineering colleges in Jaipur and Allahabad in India under the auspices of the British Council. Prof. Hon was invited to join the “Technology Foresight” programme launched by the United Kingdom government's Office of Science and Technology. He also represented the United Kingdom on a Science and Technology Mission to South Korea. Prof. Hon served as an assessor for 12 national research funding bodies, including those in Australia, Hungary, South Africa, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and the United States. During his time in Birmingham, he founded the Birmingham Chinese School, a registered charity supported by the Birmingham City Council and offered weekend classes on Chinese language and culture to children and adults up to GCE and A-Level.

Despite his international career, Prof. Hon did not forget his alma mater. In the 1990s, he made significant contributions in his role as Academic Advisor to PolyU's Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering during its transition from the former Department of Manufacturing Engineering. He also served as an external examiner for the University's Master of Science in Manufacturing Automation. In addition, he is the Honorary Chairman of the Manufacturing and Industrial Engineering Alumni Association.

Prof. Hon vividly remembers his time at Hong Kong Technical College and three memories in particular stand out for him. He says: “Firstly, a full Constitution of the Student Union was drafted and approved for the first time while I was the Chairman of the Student Congress. Secondly, our College Badminton team won the Inter-College Badminton competition for the first time after defeating Chung Chi College in a cliff-hanger final. I was a member of the team as well as the Chairman of the Badminton Club. And finally, our Mechanical, Production and Marine Engineering Department team won the inter-departmental tug of war and proved that we were the strongest!”



Ir Roger LAI Sze-hoi, SBS, JP

- Former Director of Electrical & Mechanical Services, The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
- Higher Diploma in Electrical Engineering, 1967
- Awardee of Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award 2005



Ir Roger Lai Sze-hoi, Former Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services for the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, has played a key role in areas ranging from promoting biomedical engineering to improving electrical and gas safety, as well as encouraging the take up of renewable energy and energy efficient systems in Hong Kong.

Ir Lai studied a Higher Diploma in Electrical Engineering at PolyU's predecessor Hong Kong Technical College, graduating in 1967. He went on to obtain a Master of Technology in Electrical/Electronic Engineering from Brunel University in the United Kingdom. He spent much of his career at the Government's Electrical and Mechanical Services Department, working his way up through the ranks to become Director. His early career focused on biomedical engineering. He not only facilitated the use of a wide range of medical instruments and specialist equipment for public hospitals and clinics, but he also laid a solid foundation for the subsequent development of biomedical engineering in Hong Kong. Of particular note is his vision to develop the medical electronics engineering service for Hong Kong's major hospitals in 1984, with properly resourced and staffed workshops established on site to increase service reliability. At his instigation, The University of Hong Kong also launched a two-year extra-mural certificate course on biomedical engineering to help train the highly specialised technicians for this sector.

In 1992, Ir Lai oversaw the progressive introduction of the Electrical and Mechanical Services Trading Fund, of which he eventually became the General Manager. The Fund is the trading arm of the department

and was a pilot programme that helped drive a culture of providing efficient, customer-focused services across the Government. It served as a role model for the implementation of Total Quality Management in the Government and went on to win a number of awards. Another important contribution was his focus on ensuring the relevant safety legislation covering the operation and use of gas and electrical appliances, lifts and escalators was being complied with, creating a sound regulatory environment. He was also a strong advocate of the need to develop renewable energy and promote energy efficient systems in Hong Kong.

Alongside his work for the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department, Ir Lai also contributed to the engineering sector through being a long-standing Member of The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers' Council, as well as being Chairman of a number of its committees, including its Biomedical Division, which he reactivated in 1989.

Despite his busy career, Ir Lai has always found time to support his alma mater. He contributed to the formation of the University's Electrical Engineering Alumni Association, of which he is an Honorary Member and an ongoing Advisor. He was also Chair of the Advisory Committee of PolyU's Department of Electrical Engineering, drawing on his extensive knowledge and experience to offer guidance on its programme development, as well as the continuing professional development and training of its graduates. In 2002, he was an enthusiastic supporter of PolyU's Human Rainbow project to mark the University's 65th anniversary.



Ir Daniel LAI, BBS, JP

- Programme Director, CoolThink@JC
- Certificate in Supervisory Management, 1972
Diploma in Management Studies, 1975
- Awardee of Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award 2001



Ir Daniel Lai, Programme Director of CoolThink@JC, a computational thinking and coding education programme funded by The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust, has left a lasting legacy on Hong Kong's digital landscape from the 55 years he has spent working in the IT sector.

Ir Lai's studies at PolyU's predecessors spanned a total of ten years. After completing a Certificate in Supervisory Management at Hong Kong Technical College in 1972, he went on to take a Diploma in Management Studies at Hong Kong Polytechnic in 1975. He also spent five years studying part-time with the Department of Computing, before completing a Master of Technology Management at Griffith University in Australia.

From 1978 to 1998, Ir Lai held a number of key IT managerial positions with The Hong Kong Jockey Club, during which time he managed one of Asia's largest computer installations, as well as an off-shore advanced IT research and technology centre in Australia. He went on to become Head of IT at MTR Corporation from 1999 to 2011, where he led many digital transformation initiatives and established sound IT governance. In 2012, Ir Lai took up the post of Government Chief Information Officer. During his three years in office, he led the IT services function for government departments, as well as promoting IT in the community and business sector.

“ In whatever you do, do your best! One cannot merely depend on luck to attain achievements, good preparations and effort will eventually pay-off! ”

Ir Lai has used his IT skills to give back to both his profession and the wider community. A Distinguished Fellow of the Hong Kong Computer Society, he served as its President for two terms. He is also Director and Chairman of the Advisory Committee of Hong Kong Internet eXchange Limited, and a Director of Digital Technology and Consultancy Company Limited. In addition, Ir Lai has helped develop close links between Hong Kong's IT sector and its counterparts in Mainland China and overseas through organising international conferences and leading IT delegations. He has also promoted the sector through setting up awards, such as the IT Excellence Awards and the Asian Pacific ICT Awards.

In addition to his achievements in the IT sector, Ir Lai is also a Fellow of The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers and The Hong Kong Institute of Directors. He is currently a Director of the Hong Kong Quality Assurance Agency, and an Independent Non-executive Director of SANVO Fine Chemicals Group. In recognition of the significant contributions he has made to the IT sector and Hong Kong community, he was appointed a Justice of the Peace in 2001 and awarded the Bronze Bauhinia Star in 2004.

Ir Lai has continued to support his alma mater, serving as interim Vice President (Administration) of PolyU from March to September 2015, before becoming Professor of Practice (Computing) from 2015 to 2017. He was also Chairman of PolyU's Department of Computing Advisory Committee, a Member of the Knowledge Transfer Committee, and a Director of the Outstanding PolyU Alumni Association. He is currently a research team member of the Department of Computing, developing a model and platform using AI and Big Data to predict learning and behavioural outcomes of students to address student diversity. He has many fond memories of his time studying, including being asked to give two lectures to students during the final year of his Management Studies Diploma. “In the 1970s, preparing a presentation meant typing and then enlarging and transferring the text onto transparencies and using an overhead projector to project to the class. Preparing the lectures actually reinforced my learning and understanding,” he says. He also remembers the coaching and mentoring he received while doing his final year project thesis.



Ir Dr James LAU Chi-wang, BBS, JP

- Chairman and Executive Director, Ri Ying Holdings Limited
- Higher Diploma in Structural Engineering, 1968
- University Fellow, 2015/2016
- Awardee of Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award 2011



Ir Dr James Lau Chi-wang, Chairman and Executive Director of Ri Ying Holdings Limited, has had a long and varied career in which he has served as a civil and structural engineer, barrister and District Councillor.

Dr Lau studied for a Higher Diploma in Structural Engineering at PolyU's predecessor Hong Kong Technical College, graduating in 1968. He was then awarded an HSBC Trustee scholarship to undertake industrial training in the United Kingdom. He went on to obtain a Master of Science from The University of Manchester in 1972, followed by a Doctor of Philosophy from the University of London in 1977. He also obtained a Master of Business Administration from The Chinese University of Hong Kong in 1982, as well as a Master of Science in Economics from SOAS University of London in 1994.

In 1977, he was employed by the Government as a geotechnical engineer. In 1980, he joined Wong & Ouyang (HK) Limited as their Chief Civil Engineer. During his time with the company, he oversaw the development of many projects, such as Pacific Place I & II in Admiralty, Bond Centre, Far East Financial Centre, the Hang Seng Bank New Headquarters Building, Whampoa Gardens Phase I, and Shatin City One. In 1989, Dr Lau started his own construction business, Fong On Construction Group. In 2018, it was listed on the Main Board of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange under the name Ri Ying Holdings Limited.

“ Commitment to life-long learning. ”

Dr Lau has many professional designations, and is an Authorised Person, a Registered Structural Engineer and a Registered Geotechnical Engineer. He is also a First-Class Registered Structural Engineer (PRC) and a Registered Professional Engineer in the Civil, Structural and Geotechnical Disciplines. He is a Fellow of The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers, a Member of the Institution of Civil Engineers, and a Fellow of The Institution of Structural Engineers, of which he was Vice President in 2002. He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, a Fellow of the Hong Kong Institute of Arbitrators and an Accredited Mediator.

Dr Lau is also trained in law. After obtaining a Bachelor of Laws at the University of London in 1985, and a Master of Laws at The University of Hong Kong in 1990, he became a Barrister-at-Law at Gray's Inn in the United Kingdom in 1992. He was called to the English Bar in the same year, before being called to the Bar of the Supreme Court of Hong Kong in 1993. He combined his expertise in engineering with his legal qualifications to specialise in construction law.

When Dr Lau became District Councillor for Wong Tai Sin in 2004, he used his expertise to assist the community on matters concerning local planning and community projects. He served on various sub-committees, including being Chairman of the Working Group on Government and Public Utilities Works Projects. In recognition of his contributions, he was appointed a Justice of the Peace in 2004, and was awarded the Bronze Bauhinia Star in 2009.

Dr Lau is a strong supporter of education. He taught at several universities in Hong Kong on a part-time basis. He is an Adjunct Professor at The University of Hong Kong, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, City University of Hong Kong, and the Technological and Higher Education Institute of Hong Kong. He has also supported his alma mater by being an Adjunct Professor at PolyU, and serving as Senior Advisor to the President. He was appointed to the PolyU Council in 2016, and is Chairman of the Campus Development Committee.



Prof. LAW Chung-king

- Robert H. Goddard Professor of Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering, Princeton University, United States
- Certificate in Electrical Engineering, 1965
- Honorary Doctor of Engineering, 2012
- Awardee of Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award 2007



Professor Law Chung-king, Robert H. Goddard Professor of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering at Princeton University in the United States, is an international authority in the areas of combustion, propulsion, fluid mechanics, energy and the environment.

He traces the roots of his impressive career back to his days studying for a Certificate in Electrical Engineering at PolyU's predecessor Hong Kong Technical College, taking evening classes while he was still a secondary school student. After graduating in 1965, he went on to further study, completing a Bachelor of Science in Physics from the University of Alberta, and a Master of Applied Science in Aerospace Studies from the University of Toronto. In 1973, he earned a PhD in Engineering Physics from the University of California at San Diego for his thesis on droplet combustion. Prof. Law has held his current post at Princeton since 1995, after joining the university in 1988. He has previously held teaching and research positions at Northwestern University and the University of California at Davis.

Prof. Law's primary research interests are in combustion, fluid mechanics, heat transfer and fuel chemistry, looking at their applications in propulsion, energy, alternative fuels, material synthesis and the environment. A prolific writer, Prof. Law had published more than 550 journal articles as of 2021, leading to him being recognised by various citation and indexing agencies, including the Institute for Scientific Information, as one of the most cited researchers worldwide in the engineering field.

“The thirsty mind of the young is the most precious possession of a civilization that needs to be fiercely protected and lavishly nurtured for its own happiness and progress.”

His prowess in research has seen him earn many professional designations. He is an Elected Member of the United States' National Academy of Engineering, and a Fellow of a number of professional societies, including the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA), the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), and the American Physical Society, while he is also a past President of the Combustion Institute (CI). In addition, he is an Honorary Professor of several leading universities in China, as well as being the Director of the Center for Combustion Energy at Tsinghua University. His research has earned him numerous awards and medals from institutions including the ASME, the AIAA, the CI, and the American Society for Engineering Education.

Prof. Law has retained strong links with PolyU. He has been particularly supportive of the development of the Department of Mechanical Engineering. By leveraging his extensive contacts in his field, the University's Asia-Pacific International Symposium on Combustion and Energy Utilization in 2004 featured an impressive array of distinguished speakers. He was conferred an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Engineering by PolyU in 2012. He has fond memories of his time studying, and credits PolyU for setting him out on the road to academic success. “I am most grateful to the Hong Kong Technical College (HKTC), as PolyU was previously known, for providing me with the college-level education through its evening program while I was still a day-time secondary school student elsewhere. This opportunity enriched my technical knowledge, accelerated my subsequent college education process, and ignited my passion for a lifelong pursuit of the beauty of science.” He adds that his evening trips to attend classes at the HKTC were journeys of joy and excitement and are his fondest memories from his formative teenage years.



Ir Emeritus Prof. LEE Wing-bun

- Emeritus Professor (Manufacturing Engineering), The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
- Higher Diploma in Production Engineering, 1972
- Awardee of Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award 2011



Ir Professor Lee Wing-bun, Emeritus Professor of Manufacturing Engineering at PolyU, has made significant contributions to both his research fields and the University.

His connections with PolyU began when he studied a Higher Diploma in Production Engineering at the University's predecessor Hong Kong Technical College, graduating in 1972. Prof. Lee went on to become the Head of the Industrial and Systems Engineering Department at PolyU, leading the transformation of the former Hong Kong Polytechnic's Department of Manufacturing Engineering into this new department offering a wide range of broad-based and multidisciplinary programmes. Alongside overseeing the introduction of the world's first Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Enterprise Engineering with Management, he also set up the Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) in Product Engineering with Marketing, as well as the Master of Science in Knowledge Management. In addition, Prof. Lee pioneered the study of mesoplasticity modelling and its applications in ultra-precision machining research, leading to him becoming the founding head of the State Key Laboratory of Ultra-Precision Machining Technology at PolyU.

Prof. Lee's achievements do not end there, and he was also a pioneer in the research and practice of knowledge management, recognising the important function it would go on to play in organisations. This interest led to him being the founding Director of the Knowledge Management and Innovation Research Centre at PolyU, which was the first research centre of its kind in Hong Kong and Mainland China when it opened in 2007. The centre is actively involved in the promotion of knowledge management and related consultancy work in both the public and private sectors. Prof. Lee also introduced the Global MAKE (Most Admired Knowledge Enterprise) Award to Hong Kong in 2008.

“Being an alumnus and working at PolyU for more than 40 years, I have witnessed the transformation of Hong Kong from an industrial to a service economy, and how PolyU has successfully responded to the changing needs of society through the provision of high standards of teaching, research and scholarship.”

With research interests including advanced manufacturing technology and manufacturing strategy, as well as knowledge management, Prof. Lee's pioneering work in ultra-precision machining technology enabled Hong Kong's optics industry to transform itself into a manufacturer of high-tech products. He also invented a high-power LED lighting system, which won him three international awards at the 36th International Exhibition of Inventions of Geneva in 2008. His research team went on to win the Second Class Technology Progress Award from the Ministry of Education in Mainland China in 2010. Prof. Lee later won a Gold Medal with the Congratulations of the Jury at the 46th International Exhibition of Inventions of Geneva in 2018 for his “intelligent 3D stereoscopic imaging system on plenoptic camera principal investigator”, which captures high quality 3D images and videos. During his career, Prof. Lee was ranked by Web of Knowledge as being among the most-published scientists in the world in the field of materials engineering, and the top scientist in the area of ultra-precision machining technology.

Prof. Lee has enjoyed watching PolyU grow and develop over the years, and he has fond memories of his own time as a student there. “PolyU started from a small campus with only a few buildings. The ones which I still remember well are the Keswick Hall and the Industrial Centre, which was the only place in Hong Kong during those years that was well-equipped with all sorts of machine tools, and one could get practical training in all-round workshop skills,” he says. He adds that the summer was always an exciting period for engineering students, as everyone had the opportunity to work in industry for more than one month. “I was attached to an iron and steel works, involved in steel casting, rolling and testing, which was rare in Hong Kong,” he remembers.



Prof. John LEE Hak-shan

- Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering, McGill University, Canada
- Diploma in Mechanical Engineering, 1957
- Awardee of Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award 2003



Professor John Lee Hak-shan, Professor at the Department of Mechanical Engineering at McGill University, is an international authority in the areas of shock wave physics, detonation and explosion, and nuclear engineering.

Prof. Lee began his long academic career when he came to PolyU's predecessor Hong Kong Technical College to study a Diploma in Mechanical Engineering, graduating in 1957. He went on to pursue a Bachelor of Engineering at McGill University in Canada, and a Master of Science at Massachusetts Institute of Technology in the United States, before returning to McGill University to complete a PhD.

His primary research focus is on combustion and energy systems, while he also conducts research into aerodynamics and fluid mechanics, with his interests covering areas as diverse as nuclear engineering, environmental science, and the treatment of hazardous waste. Prof. Lee is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, and the National Academy of Engineering of Canada, as well as being an Honorary Professor of the Institute of Mechanics, Chinese Academy of Sciences. In addition, he is a Member of The Combustion Institute, and the American Physical Society, while he has served as a Member of the Board of Directors of the Institute for the Dynamics of Explosions and Reactive Systems.

Prof. Lee applies his academic knowledge to help society, advising on hazard mitigation, the treatment of hazardous waste and assisting in investigations into accidental explosions. He has served as a consultant

to many industry and government agencies in a number of countries. Positions he has taken on include being appointed as a United Nations Development Programme Consultant on industrial chemical hazards to the Philippines in 1991 and 1994, working with the Ministry of Metallurgy in Mainland China, and collaborating with the White Sands Test Facility and Langley Research Center of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), as well as the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and Brookhaven National Laboratory in the United States. He has also worked with the Netherlands Technologisch Laboratorium, the Norwegian Defence Construction Services, the Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources in Quebec in Canada, British Nuclear Fuels, and Nuclear Power Engineering Corporation of Japan. Meanwhile, Prof. Lee has also passed on his extensive knowledge and experience through delivering lectures, seminars and courses at a range of prestigious universities and research institutions around the world, as well as authoring research papers.

In 1991, he received the Numa Manson Gold Medal from the Institute for the Dynamics of Explosions and Reactive Systems for making outstanding contributions to the understanding of fundamental and practical aspects of explosions and detonation phenomena. Prof. Lee has also been awarded the Dinoizy Smolenski Medal of the Polish Academy of Sciences for his outstanding contributions to the advancement of knowledge of the combustion and explosion process.

Despite his busy professional life, Prof. Lee has continued to support his alma mater, giving his advice to assist in the development of academic and research programmes at PolyU's Department of Mechanical Engineering, particularly in the areas of combustion and air pollution. He has also initiated collaborative research exercises between PolyU and McGill University, as well as delivering lectures to students at the University.



Dr Rebecca LEE Lok-sze, MH

- Founder, Polar Museum Foundation
- Certificate in Commercial Design, 1964
- University Fellow, 2009
- Awardee of Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award 2003



Dr Rebecca Lee Lok-sze, Founder of the Polar Museum Foundation, is well known for being both the first woman and the first person from Hong Kong to visit the three most extreme places on earth, namely the Arctic, the Antarctic and the summit of Mount Everest.

Dr Lee's later life as a scientific explorer is a far cry from her early career in design. She studied a Certificate in Commercial Design at PolyU's predecessor Hong Kong Technical College, graduating in 1964. She went on to set up her own design company working on magazine and public relations projects with some of Hong Kong's best-known organisations, such as The Hong Kong Jockey Club, Cathay Pacific and CLP Power Hong Kong Limited. As her company developed, she started to specialise in travel magazines, utilising her skills as both a photographer and a writer.

Already an avid traveller, Dr Lee got her first taste of what life as an explorer would be like when she was asked to design an exhibition on the Chinese National Antarctic Research Expedition's first trip. She was captivated by the material she was given for the exhibition, and vowed that she would one day visit the Antarctic and photograph its dramatic landscapes herself.

Her opportunity came in 1985, when she visited the Antarctic as a member of the Chinese research team's news group. The trip inspired her to change her career and focus on researching the extreme worlds that exist at the poles and on Mount Everest. She travelled to the North Pole a year later in 1986, making a return trip in 1993. In 1992, she accompanied a Chinese scientific expedition to Mount Everest, when she became the first woman to visit both poles and the world's tallest mountain.

“All these years, I enjoyed my work very much because I can offer my skills and interest in every aspect of my career, such as in advertising, as a film art director and writer, as well as on scientific expeditions to Antarctica and the Arctic. Therefore, finding the right job for yourself is very important!”

Dr Lee has published many articles, photographic essays and books about her expeditions, as well as making television documentaries. She also founded the Polar Museum Foundation. In addition, she has channelled her interest in science and adventure into public service roles, including being a Science Advisor to the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, Vice Chairman of the Scout Association of Hong Kong Programme Committee, and President of the Hong Kong Association for the Advancement of Science and Technology.

Her contributions to society have been recognised through numerous awards, including the Hong Kong Medal of Honour, World Outstanding Chinese Award, and Hong Kong's Most Outstanding Leaders Award, while she has been named as one of Hong Kong's Outstanding Earth Champions for her environmental work. In addition, she has received a Gold Medal from the Society of Woman Geographers in the United States, while she is an Honorary Fellow of the Social Enterprise Research Academy. She is also a University Fellow of PolyU.

Despite her many adventures and experiences, she looks back on her time studying as one of the best periods of her life. “The old days inspired my future career in advertising and other art related works,” she says. She particularly remembers the people she met while studying, who went on to become lifelong friends. “I can still remember the precious moments with my school fellows discussing and sharing our opinions on advertising and design, organising many surveys and field trips to embrace nature.”



Mr David C. LEE, BBS, JP

- Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, DH International Group Holdings Limited
- Higher Diploma in Surveying and Building Technology, 1970
- University Fellow, 2002
- Awardee of Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award 1999



Mr David C. Lee has had a significant impact on Hong Kong's land and property development during his long and distinguished career, managing more than 200 development projects that collectively totalled over 150 million square feet.

Mr Lee studied a Higher Diploma in Surveying and Building Technology at PolyU's predecessor, Hong Kong Technical College. After graduating in 1970, he worked for one of the most well-known developers, before founding his own development consultancy in 1992. His firm, David C. Lee Surveyors Limited, went on to become a highly regarded specialist advising on major development and infrastructure projects, particularly ones involving railways, as well as providing overall management services and corporate strategy to developers.

During his career, Mr Lee worked on a number of landmark projects, and was the Project Director for Central Plaza, which at the time of its construction was the tallest reinforced concrete building in the world and the tallest building in Asia. He also handled the land exchange negotiations for the Shiu Wing Steel Mill site at Tseung Kwan O, and the Civil Servants Co-operative Building Society at Belcher Gardens, two of the largest land exchanges completed in Hong Kong at that time. The creation of residents' clubs in private residential developments was also started by Mr Lee. He is a Chartered Valuation Surveyor and an Authorised Person, a Fellow of both the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors and The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors, as well as being an Associate of the Incorporated Society of Valuers and Auctioneers, and the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.

“Hong Kong used to lead China and the world in many areas in land development and engineering. But we have been too complacent in the last few decades and have been overtaken by the Mainland. It's time we pull up our socks and regain that leading position in at least some areas.”

Alongside his passion for development, Mr Lee has also served as a Member of the HKSAR Government's Central Policy Unit, as well as a number of boards and committees, and was the Chairman of the Hong Kong Housing Society and a Member of the Managing Board of the Land Development Corporation. Mindful of the need for Hong Kong's economy to develop and embrace new industries, he was also a Member of the Managing Board of the Hong Kong Industrial Estates Corporation, now known as Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation, which provides space for innovation and technology companies. His extensive contributions to Hong Kong were recognised when he was made a Justice of the Peace in 1996 and awarded the Bronze Bauhinia Star in 2000.

Mr Lee has also generously given his time to support his alma mater, and he has been as a Member of the PolyU Council, the Executive Committee, the Estate Committee, and the Tender Board Committee, as well as being a Member of the Task Force to make the best use of the University's staff quarters. He has many fond memories of his time studying, but remembers that he was nearly not admitted. “It was 1967, the age of the Beatles, and I had shoulder-length hair. At the interview with Mr Bert Varty, I was sitting with my back to the door. Mr Varty told me afterwards that the Principal, Mr Sung, walked past and told him: ‘In no case shall you take this student, his hair is too long!’ But Mr Varty replied: ‘I judge a student by his performance, not by the length of his hair!’ I am sure it was my performance, and not Mr Varty's discreet disregard of Mr Sung's remark, that got me admitted.”



Ir LO Yiu-ching, GBS, JP

- Former Permanent Secretary for the Environment, Transport & Works (Works), The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
- Higher Diploma in Structural Engineering, 1966
- Awardee of Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award 2005



Ir Lo Yiu-ching, Former Permanent Secretary for the Environment, Transport and Works (Works) of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, has made a substantial contribution to local infrastructure development. During his more than 30 years of public service, he oversaw landmark projects such as the West Kowloon Reclamation project and the creation of Hong Kong Disneyland.

Ir Lo studied a Higher Diploma in Structural Engineering at PolyU's predecessor Hong Kong Technical College, graduating in 1966. He went on to obtain a Bachelor of Science from Thames Polytechnic, now known as the University of Greenwich, in United Kingdom, and a Master of Science in Engineering from The University of Hong Kong. He began his career working in London for Ove Arup & Partners, before returning to Hong Kong in 1974 and taking up a post as a government engineer. He worked his way up to become Director of the Civil Engineering Department from 1999 to 2000, and Director of the Highways Department from 2000 to 2002. In September 2002, he was appointed as Permanent Secretary for the Environment, Transport and Works (Works). In this role, he was responsible for formulating policies in areas as diverse as public works programmes, slope safety, environmental issues, flood prevention and water supplies, administering seven different works departments.

During his long career, Ir Lo oversaw many projects that helped shape Hong Kong's development, transforming it into the city we know today. These projects included the creation of new towns in the New Territories, the West Kowloon Reclamation, development projects associated with the new airport, and

the creation of Hong Kong Disneyland. As well as overseeing infrastructure projects, Ir Lo also worked to support and develop Hong Kong's construction industry. He took the lead in strengthening industry ties between Hong Kong and Mainland China under the Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement (CEPA), helping to reduce the entry requirements for Hong Kong contractors and consultants to operate in Mainland China, and establishing reciprocal recognition of relevant professional qualifications. Alongside his government role, Ir Lo also served on numerous construction industry-related committees and boards.

His illustrious career saw Ir Lo obtain many professional designations. He is a Fellow of the Institution of Civil Engineers, The Institution of Structural Engineers and The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers, as well as being a Member of the China Civil Engineering Society. In addition, he served as the Hong Kong Representative of the United Kingdom's Institution of Civil Engineers. To help nurture the next generation of engineers, he also taught as an Adjunct Professor at the Department of Civil Engineering at The University of Hong Kong. His wide-ranging contributions to his profession were recognised when he was made a Justice of the Peace in 1997. He was also awarded the Gold Bauhinia Star in 2006.

Ir Lo has remained a strong supporter of his alma mater. He served as Chairman of the Advisory Committee for the Area of Strategic Development in Mitigation of Urban Hazards for PolyU's Faculty of Construction and Land Use. He also tapped into his love of music to support and perform at the Caring Engineers' Concert in 2004, which raised more than HK\$1 million to train engineering students and graduates at PolyU and other institutions.



Ir Dr CHAN Fuk-cheung (right) receives the Transactions Prize from The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers.



Ir Daniel LAI receives the China Top CIO Award.



Ir Emeritus Prof. LEE Wing-bun (centre) wins Grand Prize and Gold Medal at the 44th International Exhibition of Inventions of Geneva.



Dr Rebecca LEE Lok-sze (centre) receives the World Outstanding Chinese Award.



Ir Dr James LAU Chi-wang meets the media after the listing ceremony.



Ir Dr James LAU Chi-wang (centre) attends The Corporate Partner Recognition Ceremony held by The International Institute of Management.



Ir Daniel LAI (left) meets Bill Gates, Co-founder of Microsoft.



Ir Dr CHAN Fuk-cheung (right) is awarded the Bronze Bauhinia Star.



Mr David C. LEE (right) meets Bill Clinton, the 42nd president of the United States.



Prof. LAW Chung-king is conferred honorary doctorate by PolyU.



Ir Emeritus Prof. LEE Wing-bun (right) attends the grand opening ceremony of the Hong Kong Branch of Chinese National Engineering Research Centre.



Mr Alex LUI Chun-wan

- Project Director (Green Deck), The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
- Higher Certificate in Building, 1964
- University Fellow, 2016/2017
- Awardee of Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award 2019



Mr Alex Lui Chun-wan, Project Director of Green Deck at The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, has had a significant impact on Hong Kong's urban development scene through his humanist approach to architecture and urban development. This approach focuses on the way users interact with the space created by a building, rather than the structure itself.

He studied a Higher Certificate in Building at PolyU's predecessor Hong Kong Technical College, graduating with distinction in 1964. He went on to study architecture at The University of Hong Kong and city planning at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in the United States. Mr Lui spent his early career working in Singapore and the United States, before returning to Hong Kong in 1988. During his long career, he has led many prestigious projects including the Beijing Henderson Centre, and the China Merchants Bank building in Shanghai, as well as The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology campus, Park Island, and the visually striking Hysan Place in Hong Kong. In the United States, he oversaw the Boston Logan International Airport Master Plan and the award-winning Charleston Visitors' Center in South Carolina. Keen to help nurture the next generation of talent, he was also a Professor at the Department of Architecture at The Chinese University of Hong Kong from 1998 to 2002.

Throughout his career, Mr Lui has been an active member of professional bodies, including the Hong Kong Institute of Architects and the Hong Kong Institute of Planners, while he was one of the Founders of the Hong Kong Urban Design Alliance. He has also served on many public bodies relating to housing,

“An excellent building and outstanding city must be places where people are happy to gather and live in.”

construction and town planning, such as the Appeal Tribunal Panel of the Building Ordinance, the Appeal Board of the Construction Workers Registration Ordinance, the Town Planning Board, and the Hong Kong Housing Society.

Mr Lui's contributions to PolyU have been no less impressive. He served on the University Council for six years and is currently a Member of the University Court. In addition, he was Chairman of the PolyU Campus Development Committee and Director of Hotel ICON. As Project Director of PolyU's Green Deck project, he leads the community-based initiative to turn the Cross Harbour Tunnel Plaza into a recreational site for the public. In recognition of his many contributions, he was named a University Fellow of PolyU in 2017. Mr Lui holds his alma mater in high esteem. “The long, dedicated and perseverant efforts by generations of Polyuians have been inseparable from the development of our city to become a world metropolis. Through PolyU, more people have improved their knowledge, led better lives, and made greater contributions to all segments of our society. I'm one of those beneficiaries,” he says.

He still remembers his time studying, attending lectures in the evenings. “My classmates came from all walks of life. There were very few absentees, but after working all day, they were tired and struggled to pay attention. Despite this, everyone was so anxious to learn new knowledge, skills, and theories that they persisted year by year.” He adds that the teachers had to work overtime to offer lectures in the evening. “I'm forever grateful to them for their dedication and professionalism. I guess this is the spirit of Hong Kong. I hope this spirit can be handed down from generation to generation among Polyuians and Hong Kongers, for the betterment of our alma mater, our city and country.”



Ir Dr Kenneth NG Kam-wing

- Former Managing Director, Silcon Electronics Company Limited
- Higher Diploma in Production Engineering, 1970
- Awardee of Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award 2013



Ir Dr Kenneth Ng Kam-wing had a long and distinguished career during which he helped introduce ISO9000 quality standards in Hong Kong's watchmaking sector.

Dr Ng began his academic journey when he undertook a Higher Diploma in Production Engineering at PolyU's predecessor Hong Kong Technical College, graduating in 1970. He then completed further studies in the United Kingdom, obtaining a Master's degree and Doctor of Philosophy in Production Technology from Brunel University. In 1978, he returned to Hong Kong and took up a teaching position at his alma mater, which had since become Hong Kong Polytechnic. Just under a decade later, Dr Ng decided to put his academic knowledge into practice, and he moved into the industrial sector. He became a successful entrepreneur and Managing Director of Silcon Electronics, which manufactured high-quality watches, clocks and automatic watch winders for prestigious brands.

Not content with just achieving excellence within his own company, Dr Ng also worked to improve standards across his industry through the establishment of the Watch Manufacturers Quality Club in 1992, promoting ISO9000 quality standard certification. Working with the Hong Kong Productivity Council, the Club oversaw widespread adoption of quality assurance systems in an industry that was dominated by SMEs. His quest for quality did not end there: between 1995 and 1997, Dr Ng served as President of the Hong Kong Watch Manufacturers Association, using his tenure to encourage the take up of both quality standards and new technologies. He was instrumental in establishing the Watch & Clock Technology Centre at the Hong

“After a long career in academia and industry, I am now retired. I am pleased that I can devote more time and resources to community service for the betterment of Hong Kong.”

Kong Productivity Council in 1996, which is jointly managed by the Hong Kong Watch Manufacturers Association and The Federation of Hong Kong Watch Trades & Industries. In addition, Dr Ng was a driving force behind work to adapt the technology used in radio-control timepieces to watches. During his tenures as Vice President and President, the Hong Kong Watch Manufacturers Association obtained HK\$10 million in funding from the government's Industry Support Scheme.

Alongside his work to further his industry, Dr Ng has also been dedicated to giving back to the wider community. He has been deeply involved in charity and community service projects run by the Lions Club, making regular visits to elderly people and children with disabilities. In addition, he served as a Hong Kong Lions Clubs District Officer and the President of the Lions Club of Lion Rock. Dr Ng is also keen to help the next generation of entrepreneurs and led students on study tours in Mainland China and through an international youth exchange programme.

Dr Ng maintained close ties with his alma mater, serving as both a Member and Chairman of its advisory committees, and providing expert guidance in areas such as curricula, course promotion and course validation. In addition, he has supervised and mentored students, while his company provided PolyU students and graduates with local and overseas training opportunities. He has fond memories of his time studying and particularly enjoyed the practical aspects of the Higher Diploma. He remembers: “As a break from the hectic and sometimes boring routine in the classroom and laboratory, for half a day of every week, students attended practical workshop training. This experience was enjoyable, and I found the hands-on operating of machine tools intriguing.” He credits this experience with inspiring his PhD subject. “My interest in machine tools never abated and I am so pleased that years later my PhD was done in the field of metal cutting,” he says.



Ir Prof. Fred NG Sai-ho

- Senior Advisor to the President, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
- Diploma in Building, 1962
- University Fellow, 2002
- Awardee of Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award 1997



Ir Prof. Fred Ng Sai-ho, Senior Advisor to the President of PolyU and Honorary Member of the PolyU Court, has worked in civil, structural, geotechnical and forensic engineering in both the public and the private sectors during his long and impressive career.

Prof. Ng obtained a Diploma in Building at PolyU's predecessor Hong Kong Technical College in 1962. His academic abilities led to him being awarded a Charles Rayner Scholarship to continue his studies in the United Kingdom, where he received professional training at the Staffordshire College of Advanced Technology, and qualified as a Chartered Engineer. He also earned a Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering at the University of Aston in Birmingham.

In 1967, Prof. Ng returned to his alma mater to take up a lectureship in Structural Engineering. He was made Acting Head of the department within three years, and oversaw the establishment of the Departments of Building and Surveying, now known as the Department of Building and Real Estate, and the Department of Civil and Structural Engineering. He changed career direction in 1973, when he joined the Government's Public Works Department as a Structural Engineer, working his way up to be Chief Geotechnical Engineer of the Civil Engineering Services Department in 1977, and Government Structural Engineer at the Building and Lands Department in 1980. After nine years at the Building and Lands Department, Prof. Ng moved into the private sector, becoming a Partner at Harris and Sutherland Consulting Civil and Structural Engineers, and Principal of Harris and Sutherland (Asia), a consulting engineering practice in Singapore. In addition to

“Hearty congratulations to the University on its 85th birthday and many happy returns. All my best wishes go to all the alumni – preferred graduates.”

these positions, he has practised as a forensic engineer and expert witness for more than 30 years. He has also been an Adjunct Professor in the Department of Civil Engineering at The University of Hong Kong.

During his career, Prof. Ng has made significant contributions to his profession. He served as Chairman of the Structural Division and the Professional Practice Board of The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers, while he was also a member of the Institution's Council and Administration Board. In 1995 and 1997, he held the post of Vice-President of The Institution of Structural Engineers in the United Kingdom on two occasions, and was its Overseas Representative for more than 30 years. His dedicated service saw him win the Lewis Kent Award in 1996, the highest honour awarded to structural engineers by the Institution in recognition of outstanding service to both the Institution and the profession. He also served as Chairman of the Registered Contractors' Disciplinary Board, as well as being a Member of the Appeal Tribunal, Buildings Ordinance, the Lands and Building Advisory Committee, and the Authorised Persons Registration Committee and Registered Structural Engineers Registration Committee, while he was also Director of Projects at the Hong Kong Housing Society.

Prof. Ng is an ardent supporter of his alma mater and alongside his current positions, he has been a Committee Member and Chairman of PolyU's Building Association. He is an Honorary Member of the University's Civil and Structural Engineering Alumni Association and has served on the Department of Civil and Structural Engineering Advisory Committee, which he has also chaired. Looking back on the time he has been involved with PolyU, Prof. Ng says: “On reflection, it's almost nostalgic having witnessed the evolution of the University from the former Technical College to the Polytechnic then the present Polytechnic University in a span of over eight decades. I am proud to be part of it.”



Ir Dr NG Tat-lun, SBS, JP(1942-2013)

- Diploma in Production Engineering, 1962
Diploma in Management Studies, 1969
- University Fellow, 2002
- Awardee of Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award 1997



Ir Dr Ng Tat-lun was a prominent industrialist who made significant contributions to both the professional field of engineering and the development of the manufacturing industry in Hong Kong.

He studied a Diploma in Production Engineering at PolyU's predecessor Hong Kong Technical College, graduating in 1962. His impressive academic achievements led to him winning a scholarship backed by the then West German government, and at the age of 20, he travelled to Europe for three years of industrial training at a number of firms in West Germany. Dr Ng returned to Hong Kong in 1965 and worked as a Mechanical Engineer at Sonca Products Limited. He also returned to his alma mater to complete a Diploma in Management Studies, which he obtained in 1969.

Dr Ng worked his way up in Sonca, becoming Head of its industrial engineering department in 1967 and Plant Manager of the lighting products division in 1978, ultimately being promoted to Managing Director. In addition, he was General Manager of Eveready Hong Kong Company, and a Director of several other firms and organisations. Despite his increasingly busy professional life, Dr Ng continued to broaden his knowledge through the pursuit of higher education. He obtained a Master of Science in Industrial Engineering from The University of Hong Kong in 1978, followed by a Master of Business Administration from The Chinese University of Hong Kong in 1981. He went on to earn a Doctorate in Engineering from the University of Warwick in the United Kingdom.

During his impressive career, Dr Ng earned many professional designations. He was a Chartered Engineer in the United Kingdom and a Registered Professional Engineer in Hong Kong. He was also a Fellow of

many professional organisations, including The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers, and the Institute of Management, the Institution of Mechanical Engineers and the Institution of Electrical Engineers all in the United Kingdom. In addition, Dr Ng was a Senior Member of both the Institution of Industrial Engineers, and the Society of Manufacturing Engineers in the United States, as well as a Member of the Institution of German Engineers.

Dr Ng was always keen to apply new manufacturing technologies to increase quality and productivity. He was an active supporter of The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers, of which he was a Council Member, as well as serving on the Engineers Registration Board. His efforts to promote his industry saw him win The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers Award. His impact does not end there as he also held positions on more than 20 government committees and community organisations. He was Deputy Chairman of the Vocational Training Council, Vice-Chairman of the Occupational Safety and Health Council, Chairman of the Production Management Committee of the Hong Kong Management Association, and Chairman of the Employees Retraining Board. In recognition of his contributions, he was appointed a Justice of the Peace in 1992 and made a Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) in 1995. He was awarded the Bronze Bauhinia Star in 2002 and the Silver Bauhinia Star in 2006.

Dr Ng remained a strong supporter of his alma mater. He was Chairman of the Advisory Committee of the Production and Industrial Engineering Department, now the Department of Manufacturing Engineering, and the Industrial Centre Steering Committee. In addition, he was Permanent Honorary Chairmen of MILES Alumni Association of The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, President of the Federation of PolyU Alumni Associations, and Deputy Chairman of the PolyU Council.



Sr Kenneth PANG Tsan-wing, SBS

- Former Commissioner of Rating and Valuation, The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
- Higher Diploma in Surveying and Building Technology, 1967
- University Fellow, 2006/2007
- Awardee of Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award 2001



Sr Kenneth Pang Tsan-wing, Former Commissioner of Rating and Valuation of the HKSAR Government, has had a distinguished career in general practice surveying and public administration spanning more than 45 years.

After graduating from PolyU's predecessor Hong Kong Technical College with a Higher Diploma in Surveying and Building Technology in 1967, Sr Pang joined the civil service as a Valuation Assistant III in the Rating and Valuation Department. He rose through the ranks to become Principal Rating and Valuation Surveyor in 1979, followed by Assistant Commissioner of Rating and Valuation in July 1984, and Deputy Commissioner of Rating and Valuation in 1989. In 1993, he was appointed as Land Registrar, the Head of the Land Registry. During his career, Sr Pang was the first professional grade officer to be sponsored by the government to study the Master in Public Administration programme at Harvard University, something that had previously been reserved for Administrative Officers.

Sr Pang went on to be Hong Kong Commissioner for Economic and Trade Affairs in the United States between 1996 and 1999. During this time, he handled key issues such as the textile quota, intellectual property rights, trade promotion, investment protection and financial issues. When he returned to Hong Kong, Sr Pang was made Commissioner of Rating and Valuation, making him the first PolyU graduate to hold the post. His experience in the United States helped him ensure that Hong Kong's story was well understood in Washington during its transition from British to Chinese sovereignty. During the Asian financial crisis, Sr Pang continued to clearly articulate the city's many advantages, drawing on his deep knowledge of its trade relationships.

“ I am truly indebted to the college education at HKTC, the predecessor of PolyU. My fulfilling professional career has undoubtedly been inspired by the University motto: ‘To learn and to apply, for the benefit of mankind’, and also by its logo with four interlocking Ps: Professionalism, Performance, People and Partnership! ”

Alongside serving Hong Kong through holding government positions, Sr Pang has also made significant contributions to his profession. He served on the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (Hong Kong Branch)/Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors Joint Committee in the late 1980s, and was Chairman of the General Practice Division and the Education Committee. He also served on the Executive Committee of the Hong Kong Housing Society and was Chairman of the Estate Management Committee. His extensive contributions to Hong Kong were recognised when he was made a Justice of the Peace and a recipient of the Silver Bauhinia Star.

Sr Pang is a strong supporter of his alma mater. He is the Founding President of the Outstanding PolyU Alumni Association and a Member of the PolyU Court. In addition, he is Adjunct Professor in the Department of Building and Real Estate and Honorary Advisor of the Federation of PolyU Alumni Associations. He has fond memories of his time studying and all of the friends he made, who he met up with again at a 50th anniversary reunion in 2017. He says: “From a bunch of college kids graduating in 1967 to a reputable batch of professionals in building, engineering, surveying and technology, 18 alumni of the B. E. S. T. Class were reunited after half of a century, spending time together on a campus tour and reconnecting with our faculty and departmental staff.” He adds that while the new campus buildings are impressive, they missed the White Building and Keswick Hall at the old campus. “Our reunion highlight was a fine dining dinner at Hotel ICON, where we celebrated our 50th anniversary with lots of reminiscences of the good old days!”



Ir Dr Otto POON Lok-to, BBS, OBE

- Chairman, ATAL Engineering Group
- Higher Certificate in Electrical Engineering, 1962
Higher Certificate in Mechanical Engineering, 1964
- University Fellow, 2006/2007
- Awardee of Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award 1999



Ir Dr Otto Poon Lok-to, Chairman of ATAL Engineering Group, has more than 50 years' experience working in the fields of engineering and business, while he is also a strong advocate for education and sustainable development.

Dr Poon graduated from PolyU's predecessor Hong Kong Technical College in 1962 with a Higher Certificate in Electrical Engineering. He returned to undertake a Higher Certificate in Mechanical Engineering, which he completed in 1964, before going on to do further study at Lanchester College of Technology, now Coventry University, in the United Kingdom. After working for a number of leading international and local companies in Hong Kong, he founded ATAL Engineering Group, part of Analogue Holdings Limited, in 1977.

Dr Poon has always shown a deep willingness to contribute to his profession. During his career, he has served as President of The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers (HKIE), the Hong Kong Academy of Engineering Sciences, and the Hong Kong Association of Energy Engineers, as well as being Life President of the Hong Kong Federation of Electrical and Mechanical Contractors. In addition, Dr Poon has made a significant contribution towards the accreditation of engineering degrees from Hong Kong universities, overseeing mutual recognition agreements between HKIE and professional institutions overseas. He takes a particular interest in nurturing the next generation, and recruits 40 university graduates and 40 apprentices to his company every year.

“To do well in a task, any task, the only guiding principle is ‘to commit, to perform and to deliver’. That applies to me personally and to my company.”

His distinguished career has seen him be made a Fellow of the HKIE, the Institution of Mechanical Engineers (IMechE), the Hong Kong Academy of Engineering Sciences, and the Institution of Engineering and Technology. He was named IMechE Outstanding Branch Member of the Year and also made an Honorary Member of the Chinese Mechanical Engineering Society. In addition, he received an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Technology from Coventry University.

Alongside promoting the engineering sector, Dr Poon is also a strong proponent of sustainable development and is a member of the International Advisory Committee of the Research Institute for Sustainable Urban Development at PolyU. He has also served on the Advisory Council on the Environment, the Energy Advisory Committee, and the Council for Sustainable Development. In addition, he was Chairman of the Hong Kong Climate Change Forum and was an observer at a number of Conference of the Parties (COPs), including COP21 when the Paris Agreement was signed. Other roles he has undertaken include being a Member of the Legislative Council Election Committee – Engineering Subsector. His many contributions to society were recognised when he was made an Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) and awarded the Bronze Bauhinia Star.

He retains strong links with his alma mater and is Honorary Life Vice President of the PolyU Foundation, while the Otto Poon Charitable Foundation Limited is also Honorary Life Chairman of the Foundation. Dr Poon credits his time at Hong Kong Technical College for his commitment to lifelong learning. He remembers: “One of the first tasks when I joined the Hong Kong Technical College was to use a handsaw, chisel, file and sandpaper to craft and polish a two cubic inch rectangular iron piece to perfection. It took me a good many hours of labour to complete the assignment. The lesson I learnt was ‘Jade has to be carved to be an ornament, man has to learn to be knowledgeable (玉不琢不成器，人不學不知理)’. That set me on a course of lifelong learning.”



Mr Thomas TANG Koon-yiu

- Chairman, Greater China Leapfrog Teaching Foundation
- Higher Diploma in Production Engineering, 1968
- Awardee of Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award 2001



Mr Thomas Tang Koon-yiu has helped Hong Kong develop from a manufacturing hub into an innovation and technology centre. During his career spanning more than four decades, he has worked in the local and international manufacturing industry, as well as the public and private sector.

Mr Tang studied a Higher Diploma in Production Engineering at PolyU's predecessor Hong Kong Technical College, graduating in 1968. He went on to study a Master of Science in Industrial Engineering at Cranfield College of Technology in the United Kingdom. Mr Tang worked in the electronics sector during the early years of his career, creating several pioneering components, including the manufacturing of magnetic heads, powder metallurgy, printer heads and mechanisms, and servo-valves for the aerospace industry. His achievements saw him win the Young Industrialist Award in 1990. He went on to work in a number of international companies in the areas of computers, critical components, office automation equipment, consumer electronics, metals and plastics.

Mr Tang has used his vast experience across many different industry sub-sectors to help promote both manufacturing and innovation and technology in Hong Kong. He has served as Executive Director of the Hong Kong Productivity Council, Deputy Chairman and Executive Director of the Chinese Association of Productivity Science, Honorary Advisor of the Productivity Promotion Center, Henan Provincial Department of Science and Technology, and Honorary Advisor of Guangdong Provincial Development Research Council. In addition, he has sat on a number of government committees, including the Innovation and Technology Fund Vetting Committee, the Information Infrastructure Advisory Committee, and the Skills Upgrading Scheme Steering Committee. He also served on the Advisory Board of HongKong-SV.com, which fosters closer links between the information technology sectors of Hong Kong and Silicon Valley. Mr

“I am glad to have taken part in Hong Kong’s development over the years beginning with my education in industrial and manufacturing engineering, which supported my career growth from local industries to international industries, and from the private sector to the public sector. The main theme for my career has always been the constant pursuit of quality and technology. These are keywords in my personal career, business endeavours, and community involvement. I am thankful to my alma mater for what I have learnt.”

Tang has earned many industry designations, including being a Fellow of the World Academy of Productivity Science, and the Hong Kong Association for the Advancement of Science and Technology.

A strong supporter of Hong Kong’s tertiary education institutions, Mr Tang has taken on many roles to assist in the development of PolyU, including being Honorary Adviser to PolyU’s Manufacturing Engineering Alumni Association, and a Director of the University’s Business and Technology Centre. Mr Tang still has vivid memories of his time studying. “Hong Kong was different in the 1960s. Young people’s dream was to learn, yearn and earn. The latest skills and technologies permeated our minds on a daily basis. Yet over weekends, Keswick Hall was a different centre altogether. Social functions, gatherings, and balls took place, often encouraged by staff but daunting to many engineering nerds.” He adds that they were urged to participate in these events as if their future career success depended on it. “As we progressed and moved up professional and social echelons, we witnessed how knowledge and capabilities helped one shine, but perhaps equally important was having successful networks and a healthy work-life balance to ensure you lasted. This is exactly what our department head said.”



Emeritus Prof. TSOI Ah-chung

- Emeritus Professor, University of Wollongong, Australia
- Higher Diploma in Electronic Engineering, 1969
- Awardee of Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award 2001



Professor Tsoi Ah-chung, Emeritus Professor at the University of Wollongong, was a pioneering scholar in the field of artificial neural networks. His research achievements contributed to the development of theories and practical applications in the field of artificial intelligence, including neural network techniques and speech and image processing.

Prof. Tsoi began his higher education studying a Higher Diploma in Electronic Engineering at PolyU's predecessor Hong Kong Technical College, graduating in 1969. He went on to obtain a Master of Science and a Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Salford in the United Kingdom. His first academic post was as a Senior Research Fellow at the Inter-University Institute of Engineering Control at the University College of North Wales in Bangor, the United Kingdom, before becoming a lecturer at Paisley College of Technology, also in the United Kingdom. In 1977, he moved to the University of Auckland in New Zealand, before taking up a post at the University of New South Wales in Australia in 1985.

From 1990 to 1996, Prof. Tsoi held positions first as a Reader and then as a Professor in Electrical Engineering at the University of Queensland, Australia. In 1996, he was on the move again, taking up the post of Dean of the Faculty of Informatics at the University of Wollongong, also in Australia. He later became Pro Vice Chancellor (Information Technology and Communications) at the University of Wollongong, a position he held until 2003. His next move was to become Executive Director of Mathematics, Information and Communication Sciences Inter-Disciplinary Cluster at the Australian Research Council, followed by a stint as Director of the Monash eResearch Centre, at Monash University, from 2005 to 2007.

“ Management is a chasing game: if I am not chasing others, I will be chased by them. ”

Prof. Tsoi returned to Hong Kong in 2007 when he became Vice President (Research and Institutional Advancement) at Hong Kong Baptist University, a post he held until 2010, when he became Dean of the Faculty of Information Technology of The Macau University of Science and Technology. He retired in 2016 and moved to Brisbane.

During his long career, Prof. Tsoi's pioneering research work assisted the development of artificial intelligence applications, including speech processing, image processing, facial recognition, pattern detection in large data bases and document comprehension. He authored and co-authored more than 60 journal publications, six book chapters and more than 100 conference papers. He also holds a patent in the area of speech verification.

His high academic standing has seen him take up many roles on professional bodies in both Hong Kong and Australia. He served as Deputy Chairman of the Committee for International and National Collaborations of the Australian Research Council between 1995 and 1998, while he was also Chairman of the Technical Expert Group, DEETYA High Performance Computing National Centre of Excellence Scheme in 1998.

Prof. Tsoi also used his expertise to give back to his alma mater, and he has served as Academic Advisor to the Department of Electronic and Information Engineering at PolyU, as well as being a Member of the University's Centre for Multimedia Signal Processing. He was also Director of the Board of the Outstanding PolyU Alumni Association from 2012 to 2016. In addition, he has also done much to encourage the next generation of scholars. Prof. Tsoi has happy memories of his time at Hong Kong Technical College and the friends he made there. “My fondest memory of PolyU is sitting in Keswick Hall among my fellow classmates, talking about life,” he says.



Ir TSUI Tack-kong

- Founder and Managing Director, T.K. Tsui & Associates Limited
- Diploma in Building, 1959
- University Fellow, 2012/2013
- Awardee of Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award 2011



Ir Tsui Tack-kong, Founder and Managing Director of T.K. Tsui & Associates Limited, is a distinguished structural engineer who has completed more than 300 projects during his long career spanning more than five decades.

Ir Tsui studied Diploma in Building at Hong Kong Technical College, PolyU's predecessor, graduating in 1959. He then pursued graduate training and further study in the United Kingdom, obtaining a Postgraduate Diploma from the University of Liverpool in 1963. He returned to Hong Kong to start his career as an Assistant Engineer for the Government's Public Works Department, before becoming a Construction Engineer for China Light and Power Company Limited, assisting in the construction of Tsing Yi Power Station. In 1973, he used his professional experience to set up his own development consultancy firm T.K. Tsui & Associates. As an Authorised Person, Registered Structural Engineer and a Registered Geotechnical Engineer, he has completed more than 300 projects.

Since qualifying as a structural engineer in 1965, Ir Tsui has taken an active role in supporting and promoting his profession. He was the first Joint Chairman of the Hong Kong branch of The Institution of Structural Engineers (UK)/Structural Division of The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers in 1979. In addition, he served as a Council Member of The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers in the early 1980s. Ir Tsui has also contributed to the wider Hong Kong community through being a Director of both Pok Oi Hospital and Yan Oi Tong in the 1970s and 1980s, as well as acting as a consultant for a number of NGOs, including Po Leung Kuk and Chuk Lam Ming Tong.

“I always believe that helping others is the foundation of happiness, and broadening your horizons may not only improve one's communication skills, but also enhances good foresight. Hence, I love to share with youngsters and encourage them to go and see more, as they are our future.”

Ir Tsui has retained strong links with his alma mater, and he was behind PolyU's Wall of Pride, which showcases key moments in the University's history and development. He built it to commemorate the 50th anniversary of his graduation. Alongside making generous donations and sponsoring many activities to support the University, he is an Adjunct Professor in the Department of Building and Real Estate, Honorary Life Chairman and Governing Committee Member of the PolyU Foundation, as well as being Honorary Chairperson of the PolyU Charity Dinner 2011. In his capacity as Senior Advisor to the President, he has assisted with many campus development projects, including the student hostel at Ho Man Tin. He also assisted the University in renting a building at below the market rate to provide hostel places for 90 students from Mainland China. The “Ir Tsui Tack-kong Bursary” was established in 2011, and more than 100 students have since benefited from it. To support the launch of the Endowed Young Scholars Scheme by PolyU, a “Tsui Tack Kong Endowed Young Scholar in Civil Engineering” was also founded in 2021.

His extensive contributions to PolyU were recognised when he was made a University Fellow in 2012/2013. He still remembers his time studying. “My fondest memory at PolyU was my study in the ‘Red Brick’ Technical College in Wan Chai and my graduation at the new campus in Hung Hom. I really enjoyed my school life and what I learned from my alma mater, providing me with the knowledge and skills which have enhanced my career development,” he says.



Emeritus Prof. WONG Kit-po (1946-2018)

- Higher Diploma in Electrical Engineering, 1967
- Awardee of Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award 2011



Professor Wong Kit-po was an accomplished academic and international expert in the area of power system engineering, and a pioneer in using computational intelligence applications in his field. He wrote more than 120 research papers and had more than 27,000 citations during a career that spanned four decades.

Prof. Wong started his academic journey studying a Higher Diploma in Electrical Engineering at PolyU's predecessor Hong Kong Technical College. After graduating in 1967, he obtained a prestigious apprenticeship with Taikoo Dockyard, an opportunity that was reserved for the top graduates of their class. In 1969, he passed his professional exams to register as a Chartered Engineer, later gaining a scholarship to work at an electrical equipment manufacturing company in the United Kingdom. While in the United Kingdom, Prof. Wong studied for a Master of Science and then a PhD at the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology. He stayed on as a research assistant in electrical engineering, until his former PhD supervisor invited him to join him at the University of Western Australia.

He taught at the University of Western Australia for more than 30 years, before joining PolyU as Chair Professor and Head of the Department of Electrical Engineering in 2002. During his time at the helm, he integrated innovative academic programmes with research that was focused on problem solving, helping his department achieve international recognition for its teaching and research excellence. Prof. Wong returned to the University of Western Australia in 2011 to take up the post of Winthrop Professor at the School of Electrical, Electronics and Computer Engineering.

During his long career, Prof. Wong made significant contributions to many areas of power system engineering, including the development of power transmission based on electricity consumption and environmental needs. He was also a pioneer in the area of artificial intelligence and computational intelligence in power engineering. His many research projects led to industry applications in Hong Kong and overseas. Prof. Wong contributed to a number of collaborative projects in Hong Kong, including the creation of an e-channel at the Lok Ma Chau border crossing with Analogue Group, and working on predictions for wind power generation with Hongkong Electric. International projects included studies on large-scale power network stability and control, as well as the impact wind power had on power systems.

Alongside his impressive research credentials, Prof. Wong also earned many professional designations. He was a Fellow of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE), acting as Chair of the Western Australia Chapter between 1999 and 2000, while he was also the inaugural Western Australia Chapter Chair of the IEEE Power Engineering Society. He served as the Editor-in-Chief of the *IEEE's Power and Energy Society Transaction Letters*, which publishes peer reviewed technical papers, while he was also Editor-in-Chief of the United Kingdom's *Institute of Electrical Engineers' Proceedings, Generation Transmission and Distribution*, the leading academic journal in the field of power engineering. Prof. Wong was a recipient of the prestigious Sir John Madsen Medal awarded by the Institution of Engineers Australia on three occasions in 1981, 1982 and 1988. In 2000, he was awarded the IEEE Third Millennium Award.

Alongside his accomplishments in his academic field, Prof. Wong was also a respected master in tai chi and kung fu, and he made significant contributions to promoting Chinese martial arts in both Hong Kong and Australia, founding Wong's Academy of Chinese Martial Arts in Perth, and giving talks and lectures on tai chi to the PolyU community. Prof. Wong was also a strong advocate of the art of Chinese calligraphy, holding regular calligraphy sessions at his home in Perth.



Ir Dr WONG Tit-shing

- Chairman, Jetta Company Limited
- Higher Diploma in Production Engineering, 1967
- University Fellow, 2012/2013
Honorary Doctor of Engineering, 2018
- Awardee of Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award 2009



Ir Dr Wong Tit-shing, Chairman of Jetta Company Limited, has been promoting Hong Kong's toy sector for more than 50 years. He also spearheaded corporate social responsibility (CSR) both at his own company and in the wider industry.

Dr Wong graduated from PolyU's predecessor Hong Kong Technical College in 1967 with a Higher Diploma in Production Engineering. He went on to found Jetta Company, of which he is Chairman, in 1977. Under his leadership, Jetta grew from a toy manufacturer that has partnered with some of the world's largest toy companies, to a leading original equipment manufacturer (OEM), specialising in product design, development, engineering and manufacturing. It has provided more than 40,000 jobs at several production facilities in Mainland China. While growing Jetta, Dr Wong always stressed the importance of CSR, placing an emphasis on having codes of conduct, high environmental standards, occupational health and safety policies and educational development. He also founded the Jetta Charitable Foundation, which has helped build more than 60 schools in Mainland China, as well as making donations to numerous educational foundations.

During his career, Dr Wong worked hard to promote the toy industry in Hong Kong. He was the first Asian President of the International Council of Toy Industries, while he was also made Honorary President of the Hong Kong Toys Council and acted as an Advisor to the General Committee of The Toys Manufacturers' Association of Hong Kong. His focus on CSR led to him being instrumental in formulating the International Council of Toy Industries' Code of Business. His work on behalf of the sector was recognised when he was

“Applying one's talent for the benefit of all, will lead to being entrusted with more. This is applicable to everyone, whether corporations or individuals. Our alma mater has long been practicing this cycle of blessings with all of its graduates.”

awarded the Outstanding Award of the Hong Kong Toy Industry, while he also earned the Industrialist of the Year Award.

Dr Wong's contributions extend beyond his own industry, and he also served as Honorary Chairman of the Guangzhou Foreign Investment Enterprises Chamber of Commerce, as well as being a member of the Executive Committee of the People's Political Consultative Conference in Guangzhou and a member of the Election Committee for the HKSAR Chief Executive.

He has long been a staunch supporter of his alma mater. Through his role at the Toy Manufacturers' Association of Hong Kong, he supported the creation of the Toys Design Centre at PolyU in 2000. In addition, he is Honorary Life Chairman of the PolyU Foundation and has served as a Member of the PolyU Fundraising Committee. His commitment and career achievements have led to him being conferred a University Fellowship and Honorary Doctorate of Engineering by PolyU. Dr Wong still has vivid memories of his time studying. “It was late summer in 1964, my first day at Hong Kong Technical College. Department Head, Ir Sung Sing Zak, stepped into the classroom, with a big cigar, wearing a smile of confidence on his stern face with piercing eyes behind his glasses, an image of great professional success. A nervous high school graduate sat in awe, longing for a word of wisdom from this giant. Instead, I got a warning: engineering is a tough career, down to earth and hands-on, not everyone can endure the challenges.” Dr Wong says the students were advised to leave and get a refund before it was too late if they did not think they were up to the challenge. “I didn't get the refund and enjoyed every part of the journey.”



Ir Dr Chris WONG Ho-ching

- Former Director of Industrial Centre, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
- Higher Diploma in Electrical Engineering, 1969
- Awardee of Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award 1997



Ir Dr Chris Wong Ho-ching, Former Director of PolyU's Industrial Centre, developed the centre into a "learning factory" that stimulated innovation and became the University's first "area of excellence". The Centre was praised by the United States' Institute of Industrial Engineers as "something Hong Kong should be proud of".

Dr Wong's involvement with the University dates back to the 1960s, when he studied a Higher Diploma in Electrical Engineering at PolyU's predecessor Hong Kong Technical College, graduating in 1969. He started his career working as an apprentice at the Hong Kong United Dockyards Limited, but his flair for innovation was spotted and he was soon promoted to head the company's Design Office. He returned to his alma mater in 1973, first as an Assistant Lecturer and later a Principal Lecturer, before going back to the commercial sector in 1989, working as a general manager at two multi-national technology companies.

In 1991, Dr Wong returned to what was now Hong Kong Polytechnic to run the Industrial Centre, a position he retained until he retired in 2009. Under his leadership, the Industrial Centre transformed from a traditional vocational training centre into a hotbed for innovation, providing engineering education, and supporting students and researchers in technology transfer. It earned high praise from both the industrial sector and organisations involved in engineering education.



Stay hungry, stay foolish.



But Dr Wong's contributions to the engineering and technology sectors are not limited to his work nurturing the next generation. He has also been appointed as a Council Member of the City University of Hong Kong, and was a Member of the Selection Committee for the First Government of the HKSAR, as well as subsequent Election Committees to select the Chief Executive. He has served as President of The Hong Kong Association for the Advancement of Science and Technology, and the Hong Kong branch of the Institute of Industrial Engineers, and Vice-President of the Institute of Industrial Engineers in the United States. He was also a Consultant to the China Association of Science and Technology (CAST) and an Overseas Consultant to UNESCO, while he was invited to be a Founding Member of the World Federation of Technology Organisations.

The impact Dr Wong has had on his industry is reflected in the many awards he has won, including being the first non-United States resident to receive the Fellow Award from the Institute of Industrial Engineers. He also received the Hong Kong Outstanding Industrial Engineers Award for the Millennium, and the World Outstanding Chinese Award before his retirement.

Dr Wong has supported his alma mater's work with its alumni, acting as Chairman of the Alumni Liaison Group, which helped more than ten academic departments form their own alumni associations. He was also Convenor of the Organising Committee for the Federation of PolyU Alumni Associations, which paved the way for the formation of the Federation in 1995. In addition, he is Honorary Life Vice President of the PolyU Foundation. Dr Wong has fond memories of the people who inspired him as a student. "Dr Ching Yuen-kai, the last principal of the Hong Kong Technical College, was my significant other who let me further my study after I graduated from the Kowloon Technical School in 1966. To pay tribute to him, I used the funds raised by the sale and auction of my photographic work, around HK\$2 million, to establish the Dr YK Ching Memorial Scholarship in 2009." He adds that Prof. Poon Chung-kwong was another role model. Dr Wong also remembers the people he worked with at the Industrial Centre. "I can never forget the song my colleagues sung to me while I read through the whole bunch of emails that they wrote to me when I was about to retire. My colleagues in the Industrial Centre are the best of the best. They led to me frequently being described by local newspapers as 'The Father of Space Forceps'"



Dr Samuel WONG, MBE, JP (1937-1997)

- Diploma in Mechanical Engineering, 1961
- Awardee of Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award 1997



Dr Samuel Wong Ping-wai had a long and distinguished career as an engineer, during which he founded his own company and was among the first ten Hong Kong residents to be made a Fellow of the Royal Academy of Engineering.

Dr Wong graduated from PolyU's predecessor Hong Kong Technical College with a Diploma in Mechanical Engineering in 1961. His high academic achievements led to him being recommended for a two-year graduate apprenticeship in Glasgow in the United Kingdom. He stayed on in the United Kingdom to obtain a Bachelor of Engineering in Mechanical Engineering, graduating with first class honours. He went on to win the W.N. Haden Scholarship for postgraduate research at the University of Wales in Swansea, where he obtained a Master of Engineering.

After that, Dr Wong returned to Hong Kong working as a Design Engineer at Jardine Engineering Corporation Limited, before taking up a post as a Lecturer in Mechanical Engineering at The University of Hong Kong. In 1973, Dr Wong left to set up his own company, Associated Consulting Engineers, which went on to become a major consulting engineering firm in Hong Kong, specialising in mechanical and electrical engineering works for buildings.

Throughout his career, Dr Wong used his expertise to contribute to the engineering sector, holding an impressive roster of positions in professional societies and industry bodies. He served as a Member of the

Executive Group Committee of the Engineering Council in the United Kingdom, while he was also President of The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers, and Chairman of the Hong Kong Advisory Committee of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers for a decade. In addition, he was Chairman of the Hong Kong branch of the Chartered Institution of Building Services Engineers, and President of the Hong Kong Chapter of the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-conditioning Engineers. He was a Legislative Councillor representing the Engineering Constituency in 1991.

Unsurprisingly, Dr Wong's impressive career saw him win many awards and designations. He was a Fellow of the United Kingdom's Royal Academy of Engineering, and an Honorary Fellow of the Chartered Institution of Building Services Engineers, and the University College of Swansea, Wales. He was made an Honorary Doctor of Laws by the University of Strathclyde in 1989.

Dr Wong was equally generous in giving his time to help the wider community through sitting on several government bodies. He served on the Industry and Technology Development Council, and was a Member of the Urban Council, Director of the Land Development Corporation, and Chairman of the Employees Retraining Board. His commitment to education and nurturing the next generation of engineers is reflected in him acting as Chairman of the Vocational Training Council, while he was a Member of the Education Commission. Dr Wong also served as a Consulting Professor at Xian Jiaotong University, the South China University of Technology and Shanghai Tongji University. His extensive service to the community was recognised three times, when he was made a Justice of the Peace in 1986, awarded an MBE (Member of the Order of the British Empire) in 1990, and an OBE (Officer of the Order of the British Empire) in 1997.

Dr Wong was equally giving of his time to his alma mater, acting as Chairman of the Mechanical Engineering Advisory Committee, as well as being the first Chairman of the Building Services Engineering Advisory Committee. He was also Chairman of the Organising Committee of the Federation of PolyU Alumni Association, and served as a Member of the University Court.



Mr Marco WU Moon-hoi, GBS

- Former Chairman, Hong Kong Housing Society
- Higher Diploma in Surveying and Building Technology, 1967
- Awardee of Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award 2007



Mr Marco Wu Moon-hoi, former Chairman of the Hong Kong Housing Society, has played a pivotal role in improving the living environment for households on low and middle incomes in Hong Kong. During his distinguished career, which spanned more than four decades, he oversaw the establishment and implementation of schemes to help lower and middle income households own their own homes.

Mr Wu obtained a Higher Diploma in Surveying and Building Technology at PolyU's predecessor, Hong Kong Technical College, graduating in 1967. He started his career in the Government's Rating and Valuation Department, where he acquired his professional qualification as a Chartered Surveyor in 1971 before transferring to the Housing Department as a Senior Estate Surveyor in 1977. He became the Deputy Director of Housing in 1996. While at the Housing Department, he undertook a part-time Master's Degree course in Urban Studies at The University of Hong Kong. His thesis explored the development of various home ownership schemes in Hong Kong. He made use of his knowledge and experience to help develop and implement the Home Ownership Scheme. He also worked to ensure the equitable use and distribution of Hong Kong's public housing resources, and assisted in the development and management of non-domestic properties in public housing estates.

In 2003, Mr Wu was transferred to the Buildings Department as the Director of Buildings. During his term of office, he implemented a new enforcement strategy against unauthorised building works and took a major step forward in promoting green buildings through setting new standards and providing guidelines for professionals and practitioners. Mr Wu became Chairman of the Hong Kong Housing Society from 2012 to 2018, the second largest public housing provider in Hong Kong, helping it to fulfil its mission of providing affordable housing to lower and middle income families.

“Fledgling eagles will fly high. Don't think that these are too far off for you. To be serious about your career choice, you should start to care now. Care for your chosen profession and care for your community.”

During his long career, Mr Wu has also helped enhance the professional standards of surveyors working in Hong Kong. He was President of The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors between 1991 and 1992. During his tenure, the Institute signed a reciprocity agreement with the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, and assisted the Government in setting up a Surveyors' Registration Board to register and discipline professional surveyors. In addition, Mr Wu has advised the Government, statutory bodies and other institutions on a wide range of issues relating to the development and management of land and buildings. He served on the Consumer Council's Real Property Committee and the Law Reform Commission's Description of Flats on Sale Sub-committee. He was the President of the Hong Kong Institute of Real Estate Administrators from 2008 to 2010, and is a Fellow of both The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors and the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors. The significant contributions he has made to the community were recognised by the HKSAR Government when he was awarded the Silver Bauhinia Star in 2006, and the Gold Bauhinia Star in 2014.

Mr Wu has continued to contribute to his alma mater, maintaining close links with PolyU's Department of Building and Real Estate, and providing valuable support and guidance for the overall development of the University and its fundraising activities. He gave lectures at PolyU and assisted in the development of its surveying degree programmes, while he also served as Chairman of the Advisory Committee of the Department of Building and Real Estate from 1993 to 1996. Mr Wu is proud to be a graduate of PolyU. He says: “From its humble beginning as a Government Trade School, PolyU has come a long way to become one of the top universities in Asia and the world. Through more than eight decades of educational excellence, PolyU has made significant contributions towards the advancement and transfer of knowledge, which is reflected in the many successful stories of its graduates.”



Prof. Philip YEUNG Kwok-wing

- Former Executive Director, Clothing Industry Training Authority
- Higher Diploma in Dyeing, Printing & Finishing Technology, 1968
- Awardee of Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award 2005



Professor Philip Yeung Kwok-wing, former Executive Director of the Clothing Industry Training Authority, has had a significant impact on Hong Kong's textiles industry during his illustrious career. He also has a long history of involvement with PolyU.

His association with the University started when he studied a Higher Diploma in Dyeing, Printing and Finishing Technology at PolyU's predecessor Hong Kong Technical College. After graduating in 1968, Prof. Yeung worked in the dyeing industry as a technician, before starting his teaching career when he took up lectureship at the Institute of Textiles and Clothing at his alma mater, which had since become Hong Kong Polytechnic.

Prof. Yeung, who went on to earn a PhD from Queen's University Belfast, continued to teach at PolyU, becoming Professor and Head of Department in 1995, and Vice President (Academic Development) of the University in 2000. In his latter role, he steered major policy areas such as academic planning and resources. In particular, he oversaw the design of PolyU's many interdisciplinary subjects, as well as introducing innovative modes of teaching, and helping to establish HKCyberU, the first virtual university in Hong Kong. Equally significantly, he foresaw the need for continuing education, and was instrumental in the development of PolyU's credit accumulation mechanism, which provides a flexible study path for lifelong learners.

“I feel most privileged to have worked for the textile industry at the time of its prime. As the industry is truly global, one can find PolyU graduates holding senior positions in the four corners of the world.”

Alongside his achievements in the academic sphere, Prof. Yeung also had a significant impact on the textile and apparel industry. In 2001, he founded the Society of Textile Scientists and Engineers Asia, while he was also Founding Chairman of the Hong Kong Institution of Textile and Apparel. Always interested in innovation, he holds many patents, and his services as a consultant are in high demand. Alongside publishing many papers himself, Prof. Yeung has served on the advisory boards of industry journals such as *Research Journal of Textiles and Apparel*, and *Journal of Fashion Marketing and Management*. He is a Chartered Textile Technologist, and a Fellow of a number of professional bodies, including The Textile Institute and the Society of Dyers and Colourists, both in the United Kingdom, as well as the Hong Kong Institution of Textile and Apparel, and the Textile Association in India.

During his career, Prof. Yeung has made significant contributions in the education sector. He has served as a Member of the Steering Committee for Self-Review of the Hong Kong Council for Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications, and a Council Member for both the Open University of Hong Kong (now the Hong Kong Metropolitan University), and the World Association for Cooperative Education. In addition, he was a Member of the Accreditation Advisory Board for Hong Kong's Commerce, Industry and Technology Bureau.

Prof. Yeung has fond memories of his time studying and credits the encouragement he received from lecturers at Hong Kong Technical College for his career success. “The one person who really changed my professional life is Mr Anthony Hawks, who was a chemist teaching us in the Higher Diploma programme. He fully appreciated our potential and encouraged us to take a professional examination, leading to corporate membership of the Society of Dyers and Colourists in the UK.” Prof. Yeung explains that the exam was the equivalent of an honours degree qualification. “Based on its strength, many of my schoolmates, including myself, were able to further our studies and begin many of our illustrious professional careers.”



Mr Alex LUI Chun-wan (centre) is conferred the title of University Fellowship by PolyU.



Ir Dr Kenneth NG Kam-wing (right) is conferred Industrial Fellowship by The University of Warwick.



Ir Prof. Fred NG Sai-ho (back row, third left) attends PolyU 75th Anniversary Celebration Dinner.



Sr Kenneth PANG Tsan-wing (first right) attends the opening ceremony of the new research facility of the Aviation Services Research Centre.



Ir TSUI Tack-kong (right) donated and set up PolyU's first Endowed Young Scholar position.



Emeritus Prof. TSOI Ah-chung (right) celebrates students' graduation as Vice President (Research and Institutional Advancement) of Hong Kong Baptist University.



Ir Dr WONG Tit-shing (second right) receives the Hong Kong Business Awards.



Mr Marco WU Moon-hoi (left) is awarded Property Person of the Year by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors.



Ir Dr Chris WONG Ho-ching (first left) establishes the Dr YK Ching Memorial Scholarship.



Mr Marco WU Moon-hoi (right) is awarded the Gold Bauhinia Star.



Ir Dr WONG Tit-shing (right) earns the Industrialist of the Year Award.



Sr Kenneth PANG Tsan-wing (second row, fourth right) with other Hong Kong Technical College graduates



Ir Dr Otto POON Lok-to (second right) staunchly supports PolyU's research advancement.

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Mr Stephen AU Ling-ming

- Managing Director, MTECH Engineering Company Limited
- Higher Diploma in Applied Science, 1982
- Awardee of Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award 2017



Mr Stephen Au Ling-ming used the knowledge he acquired through his studies to found MTECH Engineering Company Limited, a leading information technology company for the manufacturing and construction industry in Hong Kong and Mainland China.

Mr Au completed a Higher Diploma in Applied Science at PolyU's predecessor, Hong Kong Polytechnic, which gave him a solid grounding in applied physics, thermodynamics, material science and electronic instruments. After graduating in 1982, he started his career selling first generation PCs in Hong Kong, but his innovative mindset soon came to the fore, and he moved to Mainland China, where he imported a low-temperature rice-seed storage bank, using Canadian thermodynamic technology. In 1990, he returned to Hong Kong to join a machinery company that was promoting 3D computer-aided design (CAD) and computer-aided manufacturing (CAM) technology for the mold tooling industry. He went on to join a market leading French CAD/CAM software vendor, deploying this technology in Asian markets through distribution networks.

By this time, Hong Kong was becoming a global leader in plastic original equipment manufacturing (OEM) and original design manufacturing (ODM), and after being the Head of the Four Asian Dragons, Mr Au was keen to apply the extensive experience he had gained in technological applications by founding his own company. He started MTECH Engineering Company Limited, which spearheaded the application of 3D product lifecycle management (PLM) technology in product design and production for industries in Hong Kong and Mainland China. Under his leadership, the company expanded its scope to cover large-scale construction projects, leveraging its expertise in high-tech manufacturing. It also assisted Chinese architects in designing the iconic Beijing National Stadium, dubbed the Bird's Nest due to its innovative appearance.

“What is our life for: ‘happiness, community and rationality’, according to Aristotle. PolyU has given me a wonderful experience since 1979. It offers me a lifelong platform for happiness, learning, creating, collaboration and fulfilment for society.”

In 2017, MTECH was named one of Hong Kong's Most Valuable Companies by Mediazone in recognition of its major contributions to the effective application of 3D technology for the construction industry.

Keen to pass on his knowledge, Mr Au is an active speaker at both university seminars and events organised by different industrial associations, such as the Hong Kong Productivity Council, The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers, the Construction Industry Council, and the Chartered Institute of Building (Hong Kong). He has a particular passion for 3D technology, knowledge management and process engineering. He has also taken on numerous advisory roles at various higher education institutions. His extensive work in the fields of IT, building construction and manufacturing for more than 30 years, saw him receive the China's Top 100 Innovative Enterprise Leader Award in 2007.

Mr Au has remained an ardent supporter of his alma mater, generously setting up technology centres with PolyU's Department of Building and Real Estate and its Department of Mechanical Engineering to explore state-of-the-art building information modelling (BIM) and PLM solutions. In 2021, he supported his mentee Mr Max Lee in setting up a start-up innovation company FJ005 with PolyU's Department of Aeronautic and Aviation Engineering. The company develops building information positioning systems for the metaverse. His fondest memory from his time at PolyU is working in his own laboratory for his final year project, developing bamboo/plastic composites. “Together with my classmate Mr Chow Wing Keung, we worked day and night to develop a new material that was suited for mass production with good mechanical strength, that was non-flammable and waterproof. Of course, the lab was our private party place for cross-discipline networking,” he remembers. He credits the project for giving him an innovative mindset and putting him on the career path of technology development and deployment across multiple industries including IT, manufacturing, mechanical engineering and construction.



Mr Jack CHAN Hoi

- EY China Chairman, EY Greater China Regional Managing Partner and Member of EY Global Executive
- Bachelor of Arts in Accountancy, 1992
Master of Corporate Finance, 2003
- Awardee of Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award 2021



Mr Jack Chan Hoi, Chairman of EY China, Regional Managing Partner of EY Greater China and a Member of the EY Global Executive, oversees the professional services organisation's operations in Greater China, managing 33 offices and more than 22,000 employees.

He first came to PolyU's predecessor Hong Kong Polytechnic to study for a Bachelor of Arts in Accountancy, graduating with honours in 1992. After completing his first degree, he embarked on his professional career journey with accountancy firm Arthur Andersen and later PricewaterhouseCoopers. He returned to his alma mater a decade later to pursue a Master of Corporate Finance, which he obtained in 2003.

Mr Chan joined EY in 2006, and was later promoted to Managing Partner of Financial Services in the Greater China Region. In this role he provided tax, audit, consulting and merger and acquisition advisory services to the region's banks, insurance and securities companies, and other financial institutions. He became Regional Managing Partner of EY Greater China Region in January 2020, before being appointed as Chairman of EY China in July 2020.

Mr Chan is an active member of professional bodies in Hong Kong, the United States and the United Kingdom. He is a Fellow of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants and a Fellow Member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, a Member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, as well as a Member of The Institute of Internal Auditors.

“My profession has taken me to places around the world but nowhere else could compare to the vibrancy and efficiency of Hong Kong. Whichever way your career aspirations take you, I strongly encourage all of you, our younger generation, to take bold strides, capture the opportunities brought forth by the strategic positioning of Hong Kong in the Greater Bay Area and the Asia Pacific region to build a bright future for yourself and for our city.”

During his career, Mr Chan played a pivotal role in H-share initial public offerings in Hong Kong for some of Mainland China's largest financial institutions and conglomerates. His commitment to the development of the accounting profession and fostering Hong Kong's position as an international financial centre is reflected in his service on a number of advisory committees for the Hong Kong Monetary Authority and the Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau. Mr Chan was also among the early advocates of green finance and sustainable development. He has been an Advisor for the “Research and Promotion on Sustainable Development Goals Impact Financing in China” project for the United Nations Development Programme China and China International Center for Economic and Technical Exchanges under the Ministry of Commerce.

Mr Chan describes his memories of studying at PolyU as being bittersweet. “Like many others in those days, besides attending classes, I spent much of my time offering private tutoring lessons to support myself through college – thus missing out on leisure activities and fun.” Despite his busy schedule, he was a devoted member of the school's debate team, and even went on to claim the championship at the intercollegiate debate competition in his final year, which he says was the highlight of his years at PolyU. “Looking back, I have enjoyed every experience – bitter or sweet – at my alma mater and wouldn't change any part of it, for it has given me the power of knowledge, the confidence to explore and excel, and shaped me into who I am today. Thank you PolyU.”



Mr Eric CHAN Ping-pang

- Founder and President, ECCO Design, United States
- Higher Diploma in Design, 1976
- Awardee of Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award 2015



Mr Eric Chan Ping-pang, Founder and President of ECCO Design, has forged an illustrious career in the design industry.

After gaining a Higher Diploma in Design from PolyU's predecessor Hong Kong Polytechnic in 1976, graduating with distinction, he travelled to the United States, where he completed a Master of Fine Arts at Cranbrook Academy of Art in Michigan. His early career saw him hold senior positions with design houses such as industrial design consultancy Henry Dreyfuss Associates and the Emilio Ambasz Design Group. It was not long before he branched out on his own, and in 1988, he founded ECCO Design, an award-winning product development firm that is based in New York and specialises in design innovation.

The company boasts a number of leading international brands among its clients, including furniture company Herman Miller, luxury vehicle group Lexus, technology groups Apple and LG Electronics, and airline Virgin Atlantic. Mr Chan likes to create products with meaning and cultural relevancy, using his background in design, research, user experience and service design thinking to deliver better experiences for people. Born in Guangzhou and raised in Hong Kong, Mr Chan has never lost touch with his Chinese roots, and incorporates this heritage into many of his contemporary designs. An example of this approach was his "9707 Bamboo Chair" project, which was sponsored by Herman Miller and created to commemorate the 10th anniversary of Hong Kong's return to China.

“PolyU has one of the best design programmes in Asia. Its stimulating environment nurtures and opens young minds, and cultivates design leaders and visionaries for the success and growth of the global design community.”

Mr Chan's talent saw him listed among the Ten Most Influential Designers in the United States by *Contract Magazine* in 2007. His flair for design has also led to him winning many prestigious awards including International Design Excellence Awards (IDEA) in the United States, the Red Dot Design Award in Germany, and the DFA World's Outstanding Chinese Designer Award from the Hong Kong Design Centre in 2010. His works have been featured in major museums around the world, including the Museum of Modern Art (MOMA) in New York, the Design Museum in London and the Israel Museum in Jerusalem.

Mr Chan's creative flair is not limited to design, and he is also a prolific inventor and entrepreneur, holding more than 50 international patents and inventions. He is an advisor to a number of tech start-ups and an active member of the New York Angels investor community. Keen to share his knowledge and experience with others, Mr Chan is a regular guest lecturer at leading institutions across the world, including New York University, Tsinghua University in China and PolyU in Hong Kong.

He is also an active participant in PolyU alumni activities in both Hong Kong and New York. In 2012 and 2013, he attended an Education Forum at PolyU as an expert, giving advice on the future direction of the School of Design and helping raise its international profile. He remembers his years studying at the satellite campus in Tai Koo, while the present Hung Hom campus was under construction. He says: "My fondest memories are the friendship, the camaraderie, the intimacy of the stimulating environment, and the acquisition of design knowledge and skills through the process of searching and pushing the boundaries beyond my comfort zone to reach higher goals and vision." He adds that it was an influential experience that has guided and shaped his design journey, as well as fostering many life-long friendships.



Ir the Hon. CHAN Siu-hung, JP

- Member, Legislative Council, The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
Former Managing Director – China, CLP Holdings Limited
Senior Advisor, CLP Holdings Limited
- Diploma in Electrical Engineering, 1977
Higher Diploma in Electrical Engineering, 1979
- Awardee of Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award 2015



Ir the Honourable Chan Siu-hung, who has retired earlier from his role of Managing Director – China of CLP Holdings Limited, has made considerable contributions in helping develop the electricity industry and CLP's business in Mainland China.

After graduating with a Diploma in Electrical Engineering from PolyU's predecessor Hong Kong Polytechnic in 1977, Ir Chan went on to complete a Higher Diploma in Electrical Engineering at the same institution, before he obtained a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from The University of Hong Kong. He joined CLP Power Hong Kong as a graduate trainee engineer in 1981, working his way up to his last post of Managing Director – China of CLP Holdings Limited before his retirement. He remains a Senior Advisor of the company.

Despite his busy workload due to his senior position, Ir Chan still finds time to devote himself to various social services and professional bodies. He was appointed as a Justice of the Peace by the HKSAR Government in 2012. He is currently a Member of the HKSAR Legislative Council and a Member of the Hong Kong Advisory Council on AIDS. Ir Chan is the Past President of the Hong Kong Professionals and Senior Executives Association and the Chairman of the association's Membership Development Committee. He is a Member of the Engineers Registration Board, an Advisor of Our Hong Kong Foundation, Vice Chairman of the China Committee of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce, and a Member of The Hong Kong Coalition.

In the Mainland, Ir Chan has been appointed as a Member of the 11th and 12th Guangdong Provincial Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, a Member of the Council for the Promotion of Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Cooperation, Vice President of China Energy Society and Executive Council Member of the China Electricity Council.

“My motto for life and work is ‘Chance favours only the prepared mind’. It is not just about preparing one’s skillset but also one’s mindset. A key success factor is having ‘can do DNA’ rooted in you, and realising that staying in your comfort zone will not lead you to greater success. I encourage alumni to always be prepared in terms of their mindset and skills to contribute to the community. Hopefully my devotion of time and effort to public service in the political, trade and education sectors can inspire the younger generation to be more involved in the betterment of our homeland.”

Ir Chan is also a strong supporter of his alma mater, and has served on the Advisory Committee of PolyU's Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, while he is currently the Honorary Secretary of the Outstanding PolyU Alumni Association. He credits Hong Kong Polytechnic for furnishing him with the knowledge, skills and industry experience he needed to excel in his career through workshop practice and encouraging teamwork. He has fond memories of sitting on the lawn in front of Keswick Hall having leisurely discussions with his fellow students. “During my years at the Polytechnic, I realised the importance of team spirit, which I still put at the heart of what I do today. In fact, I have often reminded my colleagues of the benefits of having good team spirit, which has proved to be pivotal for driving outstanding performance in our business,” he said.



Mr Dennis CHAN Shui-lun

- Founder & Creative Director, Qeelin
- Higher Diploma in Design (Product), 1981
- Awardee of Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award 1999



An outstanding designer, Mr Dennis Chan Shui-lun is Founder and Creative Director of the luxury jewellery brand Qeelin. He was also the first Hong Kong designer to have his work sold in the museum shop of the Musée du Louvre in Paris and the Museum of Modern Art (MOMA) in New York.

After graduating with a Higher Diploma in Design (Product) from PolyU's predecessor Hong Kong Polytechnic in 1981, a scholarship took him to London, where he started his career as a designer at a local consultancy. He returned to Hong Kong in 1989 to join a design consultancy headed by the "godfather" of product design Ken Shimasaki, before setting up and being Managing Director of his own company, Longford Industrial Limited, providing professional design consultancy services to international institutions and brands. In 1997, he was commissioned by the HKSAR Government to design a watch to commemorate the handover of Hong Kong to China.

Mr Chan's passion for watches and fine jewellery led him to found Qeelin. He was inspired to start the brand after a visit to Mogao Caves in Dunhuang, Mainland China. The ancient artwork in the caves made him wonder why there was no international luxury brand that reflected China's rich cultural heritage. He answered this question by starting Qeelin, through which he gives traditional Chinese symbolism a contemporary twist. Qeelin's products debuted on the red carpet at the 2004 Cannes Film Festival. As a designer, Mr Chan is constantly evolving, and alongside product and jewellery design, he has explored photography and videography. He is also an artist and sculptor, and has an interest in hip-hop music, while he created the artistic platform HAHA PANDA to facilitate discussions on contemporary Chinese culture and values.

“Always be true to yourself. No matter how big or small your dream is, don't dare not to dream. And when you have a dream, do not forget to put it into practice and fulfil it.”

His distinguished creativity and professionalism have seen him win numerous international and local design honours, including the Outstanding Young Persons Award in 1995, Artist of the Year in 1997 and Young Entrepreneur of 1998. He has also been recognised by the Chartered Society of Designers, Japan G-Mark, the Singapore Design Awards and Maison&Objet Paris.

As one of Hong Kong's most influential designers, Mr Chan is much in demand as both an advisor and competition judge. He is committed to giving back to the design profession and raising the status of original products created in Hong Kong and Mainland China. This conviction has seen him serve on the Executive Committee of the Design Council of Hong Kong and the Hong Kong Designers Association, as well as being a Hong Kong Convention Ambassador for the Hong Kong Tourist Association. He has also lent his skills to help numerous charities produce striking designs.

Mr Chan has remained strongly connected to his alma mater. He was a Council Member of PolyU, and is currently serving as a Court Member. He has also been an Adjunct Professor regularly delivering keynote lectures. Being the founding Chairman of the School of Design's Alumni Association, Mr Chan has an overriding memory of his time studying – the “free and open learning vibe” of the University. “Our professors were very supportive and provided valuable guidance to me when I was a student. Graduating from Asia's highest-ranking School of Design has always been one of my proudest memories and moments,” he says. He adds that he particularly remembers the St Joanna's Building, where lectures were held. “This building has given me a lot of happy moments and memories at PolyU.”



Dr Alex CHEUNG Kwok-wai

- Master Trainer, Professional Training & Strategy Limited
- Associateship in Building Technology and Management, 1982
- Awardee of Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award 1999



Dr Alex Cheung Kwok-wai, Master Trainer at Professional Training & Strategy Limited, has not only had a significant impact on Hong Kong's construction sector during his career as a civil and structural engineer, but he has gone on to set up his own company to help people realise their full potential.

Dr Cheung studied an Associateship in Building Technology and Management at PolyU's predecessor Hong Kong Polytechnic, graduating in 1982. A year after graduation, Dr Cheung founded Professional Engineering Limited, specialising in quality consulting and contracting services for the construction industry in Hong Kong. Through his company, he had a significant impact on the sector, particularly in terms of promoting the latest building technologies to engineers. One such innovation was the use of sprayed concrete, which his company introduced in Hong Kong, as a cost-effective way of repairing and strengthening structures, and stabilising foundations and slopes. Dr Cheung was also behind the introduction of polyurethane resins to seal water leaks in buildings, instead of relying on quick-drying cement. In partnership with a United States firm, he also oversaw the use of cathodic protection for reinforced concrete structures, such as railway bridges in Hong Kong.

Dr Cheung's commitment to furthering his industry saw him hold many prestigious positions, serving as Vice President of The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers, as well as President of the American Society of Civil Engineers - Hong Kong Section. During his impressive career, he has been made a Fellow of 12 different professional institutions, including being the first person based overseas to be made an Honorary Fellow of

the Institute of Clerks of Works of Great Britain. In addition, he has also been awarded an honorary doctorate degree.

Alongside his personal achievements, Dr Cheung also worked hard to promote the awareness of occupational health and safety across various industries. He was President of the Hong Kong Occupational Safety and Health Association, and served on more than 20 government committees and professional bodies. These included being a member of the Land and Building Advisory Committee, the Engineers Registration Board, the Registered Contractors' Disciplinary Board, the Working Party on Geotechnical Human Resources of the Works Bureau, and the Working Group on Qualification and Training for the Consultancy Study on Supervision of Building Works. He also worked on the Steering Group for the Consultancy Study on Engineering Issues of Building Safety Inspection Scheme.

Following his success as a civil and structural engineer, Dr Cheung embarked on a new career, acting as a trainer to help people improve their sense of self-worth and realise their personal potential. He became qualified as a neuro-linguistic programming coach, teaching people to apply a set of practical behavioural psychology skills to a range of situations, such as corporate management, sports and therapy. He also runs business psychology workshops through his company Professional Training & Strategy Limited.

Throughout his career, Dr Cheung has always been an active supporter of his alma mater. He has shared his knowledge with the next generation as a part-time lecturer in building studies, while his company supported the Preferred Graduate Development Programme. In addition, he has served on the Advisory Committee of the Department of Building and Real Estate, and was an active Member of the Steering Committee for the formation of PolyU's Building and Real Estate Departmental Alumni Association.



Dr Lily CHIANG

- Founder, Eco-Tek Holdings Limited
- Doctor of Philosophy, 1993
- Awardee of Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award 1999



Dr Lily Chiang, Founder of Eco-Tek Holdings Limited, is a prominent industrialist who has helped promote Hong Kong's manufacturing industry and became the first female Chairman of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce.

Dr Chiang studied mechanical engineering at the University of Southern California, before starting work in the 1980s at Nypro Incorporated, a member of the Chen Hsong Group, which was founded by her father. She worked her way up through the company to become Executive Director of Chen Hsong Group, helping it become one of the world's largest manufacturers of plastic injection moulding machines, with subsidiaries in Hong Kong, Mainland China and Taiwan. During her time with the company, she oversaw the increased use of automation, and the introduction of computer-aided design (CAD) and computer-aided manufacturing (CAM) technologies.

She obtained a Doctor of Philosophy from PolyU's predecessor Hong Kong Polytechnic in 1993. She went on to found Eco-Tek Holdings, a company that invests in environmental protection-related products and businesses, after being inspired by the beauty of nature during a trip to the Antarctic. She also set up media company E1 Media Technology Limited. Her efforts have seen her receive the Ten Outstanding Young Persons Award and be named a Distinguished Woman of Hong Kong in the High Technology Sector.

Dr Chiang believes that a strong industrial sector with advanced technology elements will lead to balanced growth for Hong Kong and better standards of living for its people. To help promote the sector, she has held

positions on a number of industry boards, including being Chairman of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce, and Chairman (Group 7) of the Federation of Hong Kong Industries. She also served as a Member of the Presidium of Asian Industrial Technology Congress. Meanwhile, she has supported the development of advanced technologies through her active participations in the Plastic Technology Centre. In addition, she has served on a wide range of committees in both the public and private sectors, covering a number of different areas including vocational training, organisational research, healthcare and ethics.

In order to promote a healthy environment through technology, Dr Chiang established the Dongshan Water Supply Plant to improving living standards, including water quality, in the city, the industrial zone and the rural area near the Baodi District of Tianjin City. It is the only wholly foreign-owned enterprise to supply processed water to the Baodi District of Tianjin City. Through using advanced processed water technology and sophisticated management, Dongshan Water Supply Plant is the only inspection-free water supply unit in Tianjin.

Dr Chiang has continued her family's tradition of giving back to society and promoting the industrial sector through being a Director of Chiang Chen Industrial Charity Foundation, a post that she held until 2000. The charity was founded by her late father, Dr Chiang Chen, in 1990 by donating all his shares of the Chen Hsong Group. Sharing his vision of "Enriching the Livelihood of People by Industry, Strengthening the Country through a Prosperous Society", Dr Chiang actively participated in the establishment and operation of the Foundation. By promoting research and development into machinery, as well as sponsoring extensive industrial research, training courses and lectures in both Hong Kong and Mainland China, the Foundation has more than 100,000 beneficiaries over the years. In 2002, Dr Chiang also launched her own philanthropic organisation, Lily Chiang Charitable Foundation, with the aim of supporting good causes related to education, innovation and technology, healthcare and other areas.

Despite her many commitments, Dr Chiang has continued to be a strong supporter of her alma mater, and she was a founding member of PolyU's Business and Technology Centre. She reached out to the University when she was commissioning medical equipment for Chen Hsong's subsidiary Pro-Health Technology Limited. In addition, Dr Chiang made a significant contribution towards the formation of PolyU's Industrial Centre Safety Course Alumni Association. She has also been actively involved in supporting the development of young talents in the industry through sponsoring students at PolyU and making donations to the University.



Ir CHOY Kin-kuen

- Director – Structural, Meinhardt (C&S) Limited
- Higher Diploma in Structural Engineering, 1974
- Associateship in Structural Engineering, 1975
- Awardee of Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award 2015



Ir Choy Kin-kuen, Director – Structural of Meinhardt (C&S) Limited, has forged an impressive career as a structural engineer, and his work has had a lasting impact on the quality of Hong Kong's built environment.

After completing a Higher Diploma in Structural Engineering in 1974 and an Associateship in Structural Engineering in 1975 at PolyU's predecessor Hong Kong Polytechnic, he joined the government as a Structural Engineering Graduate. He started out in the Architectural Office of the Public Works Department, and after four years, he was transferred to the Buildings Ordinance Office (now the Buildings Department), where he spent the majority of his career. Ir Choy rose through the ranks to be promoted to an Assistant Director of the Buildings Department in 2006, a post he held until he retired in 2011.

A recurring feature of Ir Choy's career has been his strict adherence to high building design and construction standards. He was a Chief Structural Engineer for the Buildings Department in the mid-1990s, a period during which Hong Kong was undergoing a real-estate boom. The combination of increased construction activities and some undesirable practices introduced during the preceding decades, had led to building and construction problems. Ir Choy responded by implementing the Site Supervision Plan System and other codes of practice under the Buildings Ordinance to promote building safety and quality. He also oversaw the introduction of the Electronic Building Records Management System to make it easy to check if buildings had been constructed according to their approved plans. His emphasis on high standards continued when he was an Assistant Director of the Buildings Department, responsible for setting and reviewing policies and strategies for structural engineering related building controls. Ir Choy was awarded a 30 Years' Meritorious Service Certificate by the Department in recognition of his achievements.

“Many engineering employers have told me: ‘Graduates of the Hong Kong Polytechnic University are very practical, independent and reliable. They are always our first choice.’ I feel very proud of that!”

Ir Choy's passion for engineering did not end with his retirement from government service, and he was elected President of The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers (HKIE) between 2012 and 2013. A strong advocate of sustainability, he became a Director of the Hong Kong Green Building Council from 2013 to 2015, as well as the Chairman of the Professional Green Building Council from 2013 to 2014, and a Member of the Environmental Protection Department's Steering Committee on the Restored Landfill Revitalisation Funding Scheme. In addition, he has formulated guidelines for building professionals on environmentally-friendly and innovative building design and construction. Ir Choy also contributes to Hong Kong's talent pipeline by teaching civil engineering at various universities and mentoring young engineers at the HKIE. His commitment to the Hong Kong community is also reflected by the fact that he is a Member of the Hong Kong Council of Volunteering and a Member of the Home Purchase Allowance Appeals Committee of the HKSAR Government.

Ir Choy is a staunch supporter of his alma mater, becoming an Adjunct Professor of PolyU's Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering in 2004. He is also an Honorary Life Vice President of the PolyU Foundation. He has established the K. K. Choy Scholarship and makes an annual donation to the PolyU Privilege Card programme. He has fond memories of his time as a student. “I have to express my immense gratitude to my teachers of structural engineering subjects. They paved the way for my career as a professional Structural Engineer by providing lectures ranging from basic and fundamental theory to detailed and abstruse structural engineering analysis and design,” he says. He adds that after graduation, whenever he encountered problems in engineering design or construction work, he would go back to the Polytechnic and consult his lecturers. “They always provided me with valuable advice. My special thanks go to Ir Prof. Fred SH Ng, Ir Prof. HK Ng and Dr KH Lai.”



Mr CHU Chen-on

- Co-founder, October Pictures Limited
- Diploma in Design, 1985
- Bachelor of Arts in Design (Graphic Design), 1988
- Awardee of Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award 2019



Mr Chu Chen-on, Co-founder of October Pictures Limited, is a veteran film producer who has played a key role in making Hong Kong known to overseas film studios. For years, he has helped film directors from all over the world use Hong Kong as a setting for their stories.

Mr Chu completed a Diploma in Design in 1985, followed by a Bachelor of Arts in Design in 1988 at PolyU's predecessor Hong Kong Polytechnic. He began his career by exploring different sectors of the media industry, taking part in projects ranging from advertising and computer-generated imagery to feature film productions. He co-founded October Pictures more than a decade ago, and the firm soon built up an outstanding reputation for being a top production services company, assisting not only with feature films but also television commercials.

Mr Chu has a long-standing passion for his home, and he has been instrumental in introducing Hong Kong to international cinema audiences. He has worked on more than 30 overseas films during location shooting in Hong Kong, including blockbusters such as *Lara Croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle Life*, *Batman: The Dark Knight*, *Transformers 4: Age of Extinction*, Korean film *The Thieves*, and *Godzilla vs Kong*. Determined to promote Hong Kong as a co-production centre in Asia and a gateway to the Mainland China market, Mr Chu served on the Hong Kong Trade Development Council Entertainment Industry Advisory Committee from 2011 to 2015. Between 2018 and 2019, he was a Member of the Hong Kong Film Development Council and its Fund Vetting Committee, which aims to nurture talents in the industry.

“It is not about what you learn in classes but about what inspires you that transforms you into a different person.”

He attributes his success to his can-do spirit and the insights he has gained into the creative process, a process he describes as “noticing things and thinking about why they happen.” Mr Chu also credits his college days for inspiring him to explore and have visionary thinking, something he puts into use when he is scouting for suitable film locations across Hong Kong. He describes the city, with its mix of old and new, east and west, as having an “unsymmetrical beauty”. Mr Chu believes it is important that young people, including those studying design, explore the world in person, rather than relying on graphic images alone. But he stresses: “It’s your vision that matters, not what you see.”

One of his most outstanding memories from his time studying is borrowing the book *Bauhaus: Weimar, Dessau, Berlin, Chicago*, by Hans M. Wingler. “It was a big book with lots of pictures and illustrations and explanations about the Bauhaus,” he remembers. When he turned to the first page of the book, someone had written ‘Net Weight 15 pounds’ on the blank page. “It might have been written by someone who previously borrowed that book...who knows...but that became my first realisation of what communication is about – that you try to convey your feelings to someone else by means of visuals. So, whoever flips over the pages of that book, doesn’t just read it, they feel how heavy the book is,” he says. He also remembers the demolition of the diploma campus in the 1980s, which marked a new era for the school. “All the boys and girls who were trying to become designers rushed down to grab pieces of their work and mementos of the fun memories over the years... knowing that they would be gone with the campus,” he says.



Mr Dennis HO Chiu-ping

- Partner, PricewaterhouseCoopers
- Bachelor of Arts in Accountancy, 1993
- Awardee of Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award 2017



Mr Dennis Ho Chiu-ping, Partner at PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC), has played an important role both in advising large corporations and in promoting the accounting profession in Hong Kong during the nearly three decades he has spent in the industry.

After graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in Accountancy in 1993 from PolyU's predecessor Hong Kong Polytechnic, Mr Ho worked his way up to become a Partner at PwC. A prominent figure in the development of the accounting profession in Hong Kong and Mainland China, he was one of the youngest Presidents of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (HKICPA) when he took up the post in 2015. In 2016, he was appointed by the Minister of Finance of the People's Republic of China as the Advisor of the Government Accounting Standards Committee, and later as the Hong Kong Accounting Advisor in 2021. These positions enabled him to promote the development of the accounting profession and to contribute to the economic development and integration of Hong Kong and Mainland China.

Mr Ho has also played an important role in helping cement Hong Kong's status as an international financial centre through enhancing its audit and regulatory regime. He served as Chairman of the HKICPA's Auditing and Assurance Standards Committee, acting as Hong Kong's representative at international events on this subject, where he used his expertise in business and finance to further Hong Kong as a world-class business destination. Other crucial positions he has taken on include being a member of the Standing Committee on Company Law Reform, the Financial Services Development Council's Human Capital Committee, and the

“Putting ‘Passion into Action’ is my commitment in all my roles in life. To do this, it is vital to collaborate and connect. When we are connected, we are stronger. When we are stronger, we can achieve even more. Let's work together for the betterment of Hong Kong.”

Hong Kong Trade Development Council's Mainland Business Advisory Committee, among others. Reflecting the important role that innovation and technology will play in Hong Kong's future economic development, Mr Ho is currently a Director of Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation, which was set up by the HKSAR government to foster innovation and support start-ups. In addition to his activities in the finance and accounting sectors, Mr Ho has given back to the community by offering advice and guidance to help voluntary organisations improve their financial reporting and governance through HKICPA's outreach initiatives.

Mr Ho remains a staunch supporter of his alma mater, and has held a number of advisory positions at PolyU. Over the years, he has spearheaded multiple training, mentoring and sharing initiatives, to help foster the careers of young accounting professionals. He fondly recalls his time studying at the University. “Looking back, I realise that PolyU has left me with never ending, long-lasting fond memories. I recall the days and nights in the Amenities Building, during the Students' Society meetings where I worked with my peers to serve and create value for our fellow students; the days and nights in PolyU's library studying with my close friends, laughing and bonding together; and the intimate days and nights spent at the PolyU campus hanging out with my loved one. It is difficult to pick the fondest memory, but all of these will be with me in the years to come,” he says.



Ir Dr David HO Chi-shing, JP

- Former Group General Manager, Hong Kong Ferry (Holdings) Company Limited
- Higher Diploma in Business Studies (Transport), 1979
Endorsement Certificate in Transport Planning and Traffic Engineering, 1982
Doctor of Business Administration, 2002
- Awardee of Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award 2015



Ir Dr David Ho Chi-shing retired in late 2021, after serving Hong Kong Ferry (Holdings) Company Limited (HKF Group) for 40 years. During his four decades of working in ferry operations, he made a significant contribution to Hong Kong's transport and logistics industry.

Dr Ho has a long-standing passion for transport, and after completing a Higher Diploma in Business Studies (Transport) in 1979 at PolyU's predecessor Hong Kong Polytechnic, he went on to study an Endorsement Certificate in Transport Planning and Traffic Engineering at the same institution in 1982. He returned to PolyU later in his career to gain a Doctor of Business Administration, which he obtained in 2002. A strong believer in life-long learning, Dr Ho also completed three Master's degrees at the City University of Hong Kong, namely a Master of Business Administration in 1991, a Master of Arts in International Business Management in 1997, and a Master of Arts in Arbitration and Dispute Resolution in 2004.

The importance of protecting the environment has long been on Dr Ho's agenda and he has been a strong advocate of minimising the impact of businesses on the environment. Steps HKF Group took in this area included retrofitting the company's vessels with environmentally-friendly engines and generators, introducing award-winning safety and environmental management initiatives, and incorporating green building standards into its property development projects.

Dr Ho also placed a strong emphasis on developing the next generation of talent and being actively involved in community service. From 1974 to 1990, he served the Auxiliary Medical Service for 16 years. He is

“I am deeply indebted to PolyU for its excellent educational programmes. I continue this momentum by sharing my life experience and thoughts with future leaders to develop their full potential.”

currently Chairman of Adventure-Ship, a Board Member of the Hong Kong Sea School, a Trustee of Outward Bound Hong Kong, Vice-Convenor of the Import & Export and Logistics Industry Consultative Network of the Employees Retraining Board, a Council Member of the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport in Hong Kong (CILTHK), and Chairman of the Logistics & Transportation Discipline Advisory Panel of The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers. He also helped many students receive on-board training through internship programmes. His passion for helping the next generation, as well as his contributions to his industry were recognised when he was made an Honorary Fellow of the Vocational Training Council in 2007, a Justice of the Peace in 2013, and a recipient of the CILTHK President Award in 2015, while in 2019/2020 he was included in the Co-op Hall of Fame of WACE - Advancing Cooperative & Work-Integrated Education.

He remains a staunch supporter of his alma mater, and is an active Member of the PolyU DBA Alumni Association, as well as a generous donor to the association's scholarship programme. He also advises the Faculty of Business on its mentorship programmes. Dr Ho has fond memories of his time at PolyU and its predecessor, and remembers being struck by how different campus life and tertiary education was compared with being in secondary school. “It emphasised self-learning, independence, self-discipline and teamwork. It was a big challenge to new students. Fortunately, our class was very united and formed study groups to help each other,” he says. He particularly remembers one lecturer, Mr Clement Shum, a legal counsel by profession, who taught business law. “He introduced the subject of business law in a simplified way. However, he interrogated us seriously during tutorials, following the practice of a courtroom. He ensured that all students were prepared before attending his class. Today, I always strike a balance between independence and teamwork. I also make sure I am prepared all the time,” he says.



Ir Thomas HO On-sing, JP

- Advisor, Gammon Construction Limited
- Higher Diploma in Building Technology and Management, 1978
- Awardee of Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award 2009



Ir Thomas Ho On-sing, Advisor at Gammon Construction Limited, has dedicated more than 40 years of his life to the construction industry, spearheading safety initiatives, sustainable development and innovation excellence in the sector.

He graduated with a Higher Diploma in Building Technology and Management from PolyU's predecessor Hong Kong Polytechnic in 1978. He further enhanced his knowledge by going on to study a Master of Science in Construction Management and Economics from the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology in the United Kingdom. He joined Gammon Construction Limited in the mid-1990s, working his way up through the ranks to become Chief Executive in 2005.

Ir Ho's career is marked by his passion for both safety and innovation. His commitment to pursuing safety in the workplace is demonstrated by the series of CEO Safety Forums he organised, for which he pulled together government officials and industry leaders. His efforts were applauded by all stakeholders. He is also a strong proponent of innovation in the construction industry, highlighting the importance of the sector digitising and adopting new technology, such as Modular integrated Construction (MiC). Ir Ho's interest in technology is reflected in the fact that he was the inaugural Chairman of the Construction Innovation and Technology Application Centre, which serves as a knowledge hub for innovation in the sector.

“In order to be successful, one needs to maintain a fighting spirit at all times! Engage with the community, look into the future and never say no!”

His dedication to excellence, as well as his management and leadership abilities, have been recognised by many awards. In 1994, Ir Ho won a Gold Award in the Building Manager of the Year Awards (known as Construction Manager of the Year since 2006) from The Chartered Institute of Building (Hong Kong), which recognise the professionalism of construction project managers who transform architectural and engineering concepts into notable building structures. In 2007, he was the only awardee in the Private Companies category of the Directors Of The Year Awards of The Hong Kong Institute of Directors. In 2018, he received the Outstanding Achievement Award from the Hong Kong Institute of Construction Managers.

Ir Ho is committed to using his skills to give back to his industry and the community. He is currently Chairman of the Construction Industry Council. In addition, he has been a Member of the Building Contractors Committee of the Government's Development Bureau, MPF Industry Schemes Committee of the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Authority, as well as the Town Planning Board. The respect his expertise has garnered from his industry peers is reflected in his appointment as Honorary President of the Hong Kong Institute of Construction Managers and Vice President of the Hong Kong Construction Association.

Ir Ho is a strong supporter of his alma mater, and as a Member of the Advisory Committee of PolyU's Department of Building and Real Estate from 2001 to 2007, he oversaw the establishment of the Gammon-PolyU Digital Construction Centre to promote innovation in the use of virtual construction techniques. His company, Gammon Construction Limited, has also made generous donations to the centre to support its ongoing research, and has formed a strategic partnership with it for commercialisation. He has happy memories of his time studying. “When I studied at Hong Kong Polytechnic, the campus was much smaller compared with today. However, I can still remember how intimate and friendly the ambience of the campus was! I have fond memories of Keswick Hall and lining up at the library,” he says.



Mr Barrie HO Chow-lai, MH

- Founder and Director, Barrie Ho Architecture Interiors Limited and Barrie Ho Collections Limited
- Diploma in Design, 1988
Bachelor of Arts in Design (Interior Design), 1991
- Awardee of Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award 2007



Mr Barrie Ho Chow-lai, Founder and Director of Barrie Ho Architecture Interiors Limited and Barrie Ho Collections Limited, is one of the most influential architectural designers in Hong Kong. He has won more than 160 major international design awards.

Mr Ho studied a Diploma in Design at PolyU's predecessor Hong Kong Polytechnic, graduating in 1988, before embarking on a Bachelor of Arts in Design (Interior Design), which he completed in 1991. He went on to study at The University of Hong Kong, gaining first class honours in his Bachelor of Arts in Architectural Studies, and distinction in his Master's degree in Architecture in 1996. Three years later, he founded his own company, Barrie Ho Architecture Interiors. He quickly gained a strong reputation for his unconventional style and cultural reinterpretation, in which new forms embody older meanings, and older forms are combined to convey new meanings. Mr Ho has applied this philosophy of cultural continuity to architecture, interior design, furniture, and even jewellery.

His talent has been recognised through the many international design awards he has won, including awards from France, Dubai, the United States, the United Kingdom, Shanghai, Beijing, Taiwan, Japan, Korea, and Hong Kong. Among the most prestigious awards he has received are honours from the Hong Kong Institute of Architects Cross-Strait Architectural Design Awards in 2013, 2015 and 2017, Asia Pacific Property Awards (Architectural Category) in five consecutive years, the Golden Pin Design Award 2014, and Dubai Cityscape Architectural Awards 2008. He has also been the recipient of Perspective Design Recognition Awards in nine

different years, and Hong Kong Designers Association Awards in four years, as well as receiving Outstanding Greater China Design Awards. In addition, he is a Fellow Member of the Royal Institute of British Architects, and a Member of the Australian Institute of Architects, the Architectural Institute of Japan, and the Architectural Institute of Korea.

Alongside his own achievements, Mr Ho is an active member of Hong Kong's design community, working hard to promote the sector. He is the Founder and Chairman of the Hong Kong Architectural Design Union, and a Member of the Advisory Board of the Hong Kong Design Institute. He has also served as an Executive Committee member of the Association of Architectural Practices, been Chairman of the Hong Kong Interior Design Association, and been Director of the Hong Kong Design Centre and Vice Chairman of the Centre's Board of Directors. Mr Ho has also worked as a guest curator at the Hong Kong Heritage Museum, while he was Chairman of the Organising Committee of the International Architectural Design Competition for the Hong Kong Design Institute. Keen to pass on his knowledge to the next generation of designers, he is a visiting lecturer at a number of Hong Kong universities and a regular speaker at international design conferences and seminars. He has also shown strong commitment to his alma mater by serving as a long-standing Member of the Academic Advisory Committee of PolyU's School of Design.

Mr Ho strives to use his talents to give back to the community. He has served as a Member of the Hong Kong Housing Authority, as well as a number of its committees, including the Building Committee and the Commercial Properties Committee. He also sat on the Urban Renewal Authority's Old Wan Chai Revitalisation Initiatives Special Committee. In addition, he has acted as Advisor to the Professional Services Promotion Committee of the Hong Kong Trade Development Council, and the Hong Kong Institute of Vocational Education. His contributions were recognised when he received the Ten Outstanding Young Persons Award in 2005 and the HKSAR government awarded him the Medal of Honour in 2011.



Mr Raman HUI Shing-ngai, BBS

- Film Director & Animator, PDI/DreamWorks, United States
- Diploma in Design, 1982
Higher Diploma in Design (Graphic Communication), 1984
- University Fellow, 2004/2005
- Awardee of Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award 2009



Mr Raman Hui Shing-ngai, Film Director and Animator at PDI/DreamWorks, has used his talents to help create a number of Hollywood blockbusters, such as *Shrek*, *Antz* and *Kung Fu Panda: Secrets of the Furious Five*.

Mr Hui's impressive career began when he studied a Diploma in Design at PolyU's predecessor Hong Kong Polytechnic, graduating in 1982. He then went on to study a Higher Diploma in Design (Graphic Communication) which he completed in 1984. His talent for animation was spotted shortly after he graduated for the second time, when he won the Best Animation Award at the Hong Kong Independent Film Festival.

He started out working for a local design studio, Quantum Studio, under a teacher from PolyU, before heading to Canada to undertake a three-month course in computer animation at Sheridan College. He spent time creating animation for television commercials in Toronto, before working as Junior Animator at Pacific Data Images. In 1989, the company was acquired by DreamWorks Animation, opening the door for him to work on a number of short animation films. His professional abilities stood him in good stead, and in 1998, he received a major break when he was made Lead Character Design/Supervising Animator for PDI/DreamWorks on their first full-length animated feature film *Antz*. From there, his career went from strength to strength. He was made Supervising Animator of *Shrek*, which went on to win the Academy Award for

“Try to do your best all the time when you are given opportunities. Then you can learn to grow stronger and better.”

Best Animated Feature in 2002, and *Shrek 2*, while he was Co-Director of *Shrek the Third* in 2007. Next, he directed three short animated films, namely *Kung Fu Panda : Secrets of the Furious Five*, *Scared Shrekless* and *Puss in Boots : The Three Diablos*, followed by *Monster Hunt* and *Monster Hunt 2*.

Keen to share his success as an animator, Mr Hui has returned to his home of Hong Kong to divulge his knowledge and experience of computer animation with students. In addition, he has illustrated several children's books to help raise funds for Hong Kong charities. His talents have led to him winning a number of professional awards, including the United States' ShoWest Best Animation Director Award in 2007, and being named the World's Outstanding Chinese Designer by the Hong Kong Design Centre in 2008. He was also listed by *Forbes* as being among 25 notable Chinese Americans in 2010.

Mr Hui has continued to give back to his alma mater, teaching classes and speaking at conferences at PolyU's School of Design. In addition, at his own request, many of the interviews and photo opportunities he has given over the years have been conducted at PolyU, drawing media attention to both the University and the School of Design, and helping raise its international profile. He was made a University Fellow in 2004/2005. Mr Hui traces much of the inspiration for his career back to his days studying at Hong Kong Polytechnic. He says: “I remember how PolyU opened my eyes to viewing the world in a different and creative way. I was very lucky that I got to try animation when I was there.” He still remembers the very first piece of simple animation he did. “It was a round, fat cat falling down. It was very amateur. I just did five to six drawings and made them into a cycle, panning a painted background to make the cat fall. It was very raw, but it changed my whole life.”



Mr Tino KWAN Wing-kuen

- Founder and Principal Consultant, Tino Kwan Lighting Consultants Limited
- Higher Diploma in Industrial Design, 1973
- Awardee of Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award 2021



Mr Tino Kwan Wing-kuen, Founder and Principal Consultant of Tino Kwan Lighting Consultants Limited, is an internationally acclaimed architectural lighting designer, whose avant-garde designs can be found all over the world. He is also a pioneer in green lighting design.

He studied Higher Diploma in Industrial Design at PolyU's predecessor Hong Kong Polytechnic. After graduating in 1973, he worked in an interior and furniture design company for a year, and later joined a United States lighting design company and started working as a lighting designer. The company sent him to its branch office in Greece, where he was greatly inspired by the country's architectural design and history. He later moved to London to take up a post of lighting design head at an international interior design firm named Dale Keller & Associates. In 1979, he founded his own company, Tino Kwan Lighting Consultants, in London, before relocating it to Hong Kong in 1982. It has since grown to become one of the world's largest lighting design companies with offices in Hong Kong, Beijing and Tokyo.

Mr Kwan's designs focus on creating space with light and shadow. His work can be found in venues as diverse as luxury hotels, royal palaces, super yachts, shopping malls, luxury villas and nano-homes. Notable hotels include The St. Regis Hong Kong, The Venetian Macao, The Peninsula Tokyo and Raffles Hotel Singapore. His work was showcased at a retrospective exhibition at the Hong Kong Arts Centre in 2019 celebrating the company's 40th anniversary. Mr Kwan has long been a pioneer of environmentally-friendly lighting designs. In line with his philosophy of less is more, he aims to utilise minimal light sources to achieve maximum

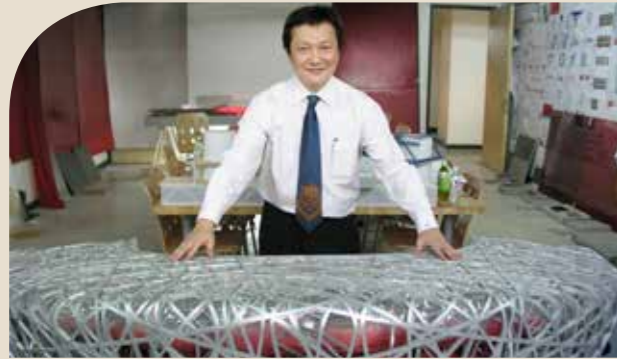
“PolyU provided me with a design platform. I would not have been able to achieve what I have achieved today without my education from PolyU.”

lighting effects. He has pursued this approach since the 1980s, with innovation and energy conservation continuing to be core values of his company.

Mr Kwan has won numerous local and international awards. Among them, he is a recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Hong Kong Interior Design Association, and the Ten Most Outstanding Designers Award from the Hong Kong Communication Art Centre. He is also a recipient of the 2017 Chinese Design of the Year awarded by the China Building Decoration Association, while he was inducted into the Hall of Fame of Interior Design Magazine China in 2018. He and his company have also won awards from institutions such as the Illuminating Engineering Society of North America, The Illuminating Engineering Institute of Japan, the China National Interior Decoration Association and the Asia Pacific Designers Federation.

Keen to pass on his knowledge and design philosophy to the next generation, Mr Kwan is a guest lecturer at several local design institutions, as well as at Tsinghua University in Beijing. Apart from being on the judging panels for numerous design competitions, he has also been Vice Chairperson of the Asian Association of Lighting Designers, and is currently the President of the Asia Pacific Hotel Design Association.

Mr Kwan remains a strong supporter of his alma mater, acting as a mentor on PolyU's INSPIRE mentorship programme. He has fond memories of his time studying. “In our design department, there were so many interesting subjects to learn, such as art history, life sketching, photography, dark room skills, fabric tie-dye, painting, and furniture making. We were a bunch of art students who liked to express ourselves and dressed in style, and were often envied by fellow students from other departments. Even more than 40 years after my graduation, I still maintain contacts and friendships with my fellow classmates. The time we studied together formed the best part of my educational life at PolyU.”



Mr Stephen AU Ling-ming assists Chinese architects in designing the Beijing National Stadium with 3D product lifecycle management (PLM) technology.



Mr Stephen AU Ling-ming receives the China's Top 100 Innovative Enterprise Leader Award.



Mr Dennis CHAN Shui-lun (centre) attends the 2017 Cannes Film Festival.



Ir CHOY Kin-kuen (left) receives a 30 Years' Meritorious Service Certificate.



Mr Jack CHAN Hoi (right) visits the Representative Office of United Nations Development Programme in China.



Mr Jack CHAN Hoi delivers a keynote speech at the Beijing Hong Kong Economic Cooperation Symposium.



Mr CHU Chen-on (fourth right) at a ceremony to mark the start of principal shooting of *The Dark Knight Rises* with Director Christopher Nolan and Executive Producer Kevin de la Noy



Mr CHU Chen-on (first left) does location recce for *Transformers: Age of Extinction* with Director Michael Bay and Producers Ian Bryce and Allegra Clegg.



Ir the Hon. CHAN Siu-hung (left) at the oath-taking ceremony for members of the seventh-term Legislative Council



Ir the Hon. CHAN Siu-hung (front row, third left) meets President Xi Jinping at the Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference 2013.



Mr Dennis CHAN Shui-lun wins Artist of the Year 1997.



Mr Dennis HO Chiu-ping hosts the Joint HKICPA and IFRS Foundation IFRS Conference 2015.



Mr Tino KWAN Wing-kuen (left) is appointed as Honorary Major of the Hong Kong Adventure Corps.



Mr Dennis HO Chiu-ping (right) meets the then Vice Finance Minister Yu Weiping.



Ir Dr David HO Chi-shing (right), on behalf of Hong Kong Ferry (Holdings) Company Limited, receives The Grand Award under the Industry Cares Recognition Scheme 2014.



Mr Tino KWAN Wing-kuen (left) shares his insights at the Business of Design Week (BODW) 2020.



Mr Tino KWAN Wing-kuen gives a lecture in a seminar at the Interior Designers Conference 2018 in Chongqing, China.



Ir Thomas HO On-sing (left) is the only awardee in the Private Companies category of the Directors Of The Year Awards 2007.



Ir Thomas HO On-sing (centre) receives the Outstanding Achievement Award from the Hong Kong Institute of Construction Managers.



Mr Barrie HO Chow-lai (right) with Dr the Hon. Leung Chun-ying and his wife at the Honours and Awards Presentation Ceremony



Mr Barrie HO Chow-lai (centre) with The Hon. Carrie Lam Cheng Yuet-ngor and The Hon. Stephen Lam Sui-lung at the Honours and Awards Presentation Ceremony



Mr Kenneth LAM Yiu-kin

- Former Partner, PricewaterhouseCoopers
- Higher Diploma in Accountancy, 1975
- University Fellow, 2002
- Awardee of Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award 2005



Mr Kenneth Lam Yiu-kin, Former Partner at PricewaterhouseCoopers, enjoyed a long and varied career as a certified public accountant, which saw him take part in one of the earliest “H” share listings in Hong Kong.

Mr Lam graduated with a Higher Diploma in Accountancy from PolyU’s predecessor Hong Kong Polytechnic in 1975. He immediately applied himself to his profession, and in 1983, he became the youngest person at the time to become a Fellow of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA). He spent the first 14 years of his career working as an auditor with various accountancy firms in Hong Kong, London and Melbourne, before joining Price Waterhouse in 1989, which later became the Big Four accountancy firm PricewaterhouseCoopers following a merger. Mr Lam’s hard work paid off when he was made a partner at the firm, where he led its Consumer and Industrial Products Practice in Greater China, and headed its Assurance and Business Advisory Services division.

A strong advocate of an open China market, Mr Lam led the Hong Kong team that pioneered the listing of one of the earliest “H” shares companies, Tianjin Bohai Chemical Group, while he was also involved in the dual listing of PetroChina in Hong Kong and New York in 2000. Keen to contribute to the development of his profession, Mr Lam was Chairman of the Hong Kong branch of the ACCA, helping it become a leading professional body in Mainland China. In addition, he was Chairman of the Hong Kong Members’ Group of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia. He has also served as a member of the Listing Committee of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong, as well as sitting on its Financial Reporting Advisory Panel. Mr Lam is

“Be confident to stand tall and to accept challenges. Seize opportunities to take leadership positions in business and Government, and to give back to the community. Go forth and build a career that will make you feel proud to have been an integral part of Hong Kong’s success.”

also a Fellow of a number of other professional bodies, including the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants, as well as being a Member of the Hong Kong Chartered Governance Institute, and The Society of Chinese Accountants and Auditors.

Mr Lam’s contributions to Hong Kong are not limited to the accounting sector, and he has also been Chairman of the Finance Committee of Tuen Mun Hospital, and a member of the Board of Governors of the Prince Philip Dental Hospital, and the Faculty of Dentistry – Ethics Committee of The University of Hong Kong.

Mr Lam has not forgotten his roots and has been a strong supporter of PolyU over the years. He was Adjunct Professor of PolyU’s School of Accounting and Finance, and served as Treasurer and a Member of PolyU’s Council. He was conferred the honorary title of University Fellowship in 2002. He has happy memories of his time studying at the University’s predecessor, particularly of the temporary campus in Taikoo Shing in the 1970s. “How could we forget? Whether it was attending classes in the haunted-looking building, or kicking a ball in the rough land as if it were our soccer pitch, when we weren’t cramming accounting or taxation past papers or waiting to be counselled by Rita Fan.” He adds: “Mr Preen was the gweilo who encouraged the unseasoned timid kids to practise their Chinglish. Leslie Howard was our Head. We knew of his existence, but could never touch, see or talk to him, as he was always busy in meetings.”



Dr LAM Tai-fai, GBS, JP

- Chairman, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University Council
Chairman, Hong Kong Sports Institute
- Higher Diploma in Textile Technology, 1981
- University Fellow, 2000
Honorary Doctor of Business Administration, 2004
- Awardee of Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award 2001



Dr Lam Tai-fai, Chairman of The Hong Kong Polytechnic University Council, has forged an impressive career in the textiles industry and made significant contributions to a wide range of sectors in Hong Kong.

He graduated with a Higher Diploma in Textile Technology from PolyU's predecessor Hong Kong Polytechnic in 1981, and was awarded Master of Arts in History by Tsinghua University in 2022. Soon after graduation, Dr Lam started his career as a trainee in the fashion and clothing industry. Within ten years, he had soared to the position of Managing Director.

As a distinguished industrialist, Dr Lam has been appointed to many leading roles by the Government, such as Chairman of the Clothing Industry Training Authority and Vice Chairman of the Independent Police Complaints Council. His rich experience also made him a highly valued member of numerous trade and commerce associations. He was formerly Vice President of The Chinese Manufacturers' Association of Hong Kong, Vice Chairman of the Textile Council of Hong Kong, Chairman of the Hong Kong Woollen & Synthetic Knitting Manufacturers' Association, Chairman of the Hong Kong Institution of Textile and Apparel, and Vice President of the Hong Kong Young Industrialists Council.

Dr Lam later devoted himself to participating in politics fulltime. In 2008, apart from being an Appointed Member of the Shatin District Council, he won a seat in the Industrial (Second) functional constituency of the Legislative Council, and was re-elected in 2012. He is currently Chairman of the Board of Advisors of Radio Television Hong Kong, a Member of the 11th, the 12th and the 13th National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), and Standing Committee Member of Henan Provincial Committee of the CPPCC.

“It is my wish to provide opportunities for every youngster to fully develop their abilities. I truly believe in the power of education to change people's lives.”

In 2001, Dr Lam established Lam Tai Fai Charitable Foundation. Supported by the organisation, Lam Tai Fai College – a Direct Subsidy Scheme secondary school – was set up in 2004, promoting the all-round development of young people through the integration of academic learning, sports, design, and innovation and technology. Amongst the college alumni list are 2020 Tokyo Olympics medal winners Edgar Cheung Ka Long and Grace Lau Mo Sheung. In 2006, Dr Lam embarked on an education project in Mainland China, and he has built nearly 30 primary schools in Henan, Qinghai and Hubei.

Dr Lam fervently supports sports development in Hong Kong. He was the former President and Board Chairperson of the Handball Association of Hong Kong, China, for many years and served as Chairman of the Rangers Football Club, Happy Valley Athletic Association-Football Team and Shatin Sports Association. He was one of the torch bearers of the 2008 Beijing Olympics as well as one of the key supporters of the 2009 East Asian Games. He was Director of the Hong Kong Sports Institute (HKSI) from 2009 to 2015, and has been Chairman of HKSI since 2017.

His contributions to society have been acknowledged in a number of ways. Alongside being honoured with the Young Industrialist Awards of Hong Kong in 2000, Dr Lam was conferred University Fellowship by The Hong Kong Education University in 2017. He was also appointed as a Justice of the Peace in 2005 and awarded Bronze Bauhinia Star, Silver Bauhinia Star and Gold Bauhinia Star by the HKSAR Government in 2006, 2012 and 2022 respectively.

Dr Lam has all along been deeply committed to his alma mater. Alongside being Chairman of the PolyU Council, he is Honorary Life Chairman of the PolyU Foundation. In 2000, Lam Tai Fai Charitable Foundation generously supported PolyU in the establishment of Hong Kong's first full-time Master of Arts programme in Fashion and Textile Design. In recognition of his contributions, the University named the Lam Tai Fai Amphitheatre after Dr Lam in 2015.



Prof. Herman LAU Mun-cheung

- Director of Allied Health Service, CUHK Medical Centre
- Professional Diploma in Physiotherapy, 1984
- Master of Philosophy, 2006
- Doctor of Philosophy, 2011
- Awardee of Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award 2019



Professor Herman Lau Mun-cheung, Director of Allied Health Services of CUHK Medical Centre, has more than 30 years' experience of healthcare management and is a driving force and role model for volunteer services in Hong Kong's healthcare sector.

He started his career as a physiotherapist after studying a Professional Diploma in Physiotherapy at PolyU's predecessor Hong Kong Polytechnic, graduating in 1984. He returned to the University a little over two decades later to complete a Master of Philosophy in 2006, coming back again to complete a Doctor of Philosophy in 2011. Prof. Lau also studied a Master of Public Administration at the University of Management and Technology in the United States.

His distinguished career has seen him become the first physiotherapist in Hong Kong to be appointed as a hospital chief executive, when he was the Chief Executive of three hospitals in the New Territories East Cluster (NTEC), namely Bradbury Hospice, Cheshire Home, Shatin, and Shatin Hospital. He also acted as Clinical Stream Co-ordinator (Diagnostics and Allied Health Services) and Chairman of the NTEC Integrated Chinese Western Medicine Committee.

In this role as Chief Executive, Prof. Lau was instrumental in re-engineering and enhancing allied health services in NTEC. Under his leadership his team won the Hospital Authority Outstanding Team Award on five occasions. He was also a key driver in the use of volunteer services in hospitals, putting together a team

“Do not be afraid of making sacrifices. The experience you gain today, will be a treasure for you in the long run.”

of more than 1,000 volunteers who collectively provided around 10,000 hours of service every month. In 2008, he initiated and coordinated rehabilitation support for victims of the massive earthquake in Sichuan. More than 200 allied health professionals joined the volunteer service, including Prof. Lau, who travelled to Sichuan during weekends and holidays to help people impacted by the disaster. His efforts were recognised in 2009, when he was awarded the HKSAR Chief Executive's Commendation for Community Service.

Prof. Lau has also used his professional expertise to contribute to patient charities and societies both in Hong Kong and further afield. He has been an Honorary Advisor of The Hong Kong Stroke Association, and Rehabilitation Coordinator of the Stand TALL project of the Chinese Speaking Orthopaedic Society. As an Australian Council on Healthcare Standards Surveyor for more than a decade, Prof. Lau has made substantial contributions to improving the quality of healthcare services locally and overseas.

He is also strongly committed to education and training up the next generation, holding posts as Honorary Professor at Hong Kong Metropolitan University, and Professor of Practice at the School of Health Sciences, Caritas Institute of Higher Education. Prof. Lau has remained a staunch supporter of his alma mater, acting as Professor of Practice at PolyU's Department of Rehabilitation Services. He used his expertise to assist with the setting up of PolyU's MSc in Manipulative Physiotherapy programme, for which he provided teaching support. He says it was his own experience of studying at PolyU that inspired him to share his knowledge with the next generation. He has particularly fond memories of being an undergraduate, spending his days and nights studying and practising his new skills along with his peers. “Though the days were tough, our professors and lecturers were kind and encouraging. This period of study equipped me with the basic skills and knowledge to handle challenging healthcare settings,” he says.



Sr LAU Ping-cheung, GBS, JP

- Managing Director, Biel Asset Management Company Limited
- Higher Diploma in Quantity Surveying, 1974
- Awardee of Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award 2019



Sr Lau Ping-cheung, Managing Director of Biel Asset Management Company Limited, is a highly respected figure in the field of surveying, well-known for his unstinting service to the public.

He studied a Higher Diploma in Quantity Surveying at PolyU's predecessor Hong Kong Polytechnic, graduating in 1974. He has enjoyed a distinguished career and is currently responsible for a portfolio of real estate developments in both Hong Kong and Mainland China. He has also served as Chairman of both The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors and the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (Hong Kong Branch).

Throughout his career, Sr Lau has always strived to give back to society. He has sat on many public boards and government advisory committees, assisting with issues ranging from economic development, to land and housing, to education, to the integration of Hong Kong and Mainland China. His various positions have included being an Advisor to the Department of Land Surveying and Geo-Informatics, a Member of the Economic Development Commission, a Member of the Basic Law Promotion Steering Committee, a Member of the Long Term Housing Strategy Steering Committee, and a Non-Executive Director of the Urban Renewal Authority, to name a few. He is currently a Member of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference. He has previously been a Member of the HKSAR Legislative Council. In 2001, he co-founded the Hong Kong Coalition of Professional Services with representatives from ten major professions, and he has been its Chairman since June 2012. In addition, Sr Lau was instrumental in the setting up of the government-funded HK\$200 million Professional Services Advancement Support

“ I love most the one who gave birth to me, my mother. I love most my alma mater too for giving me my second life as a professional surveyor to serve the industry, society and my country. ”

Scheme, serving as Vice Chairman of its Vetting Committee. In recognition of the significant contributions he has made to Hong Kong, he was awarded the Silver Bauhinia Star by the HKSAR Government in 2004, made a Justice of the Peace in 2016, and awarded the Gold Bauhinia Star in 2017.

He remains deeply grateful to the opportunities his alma mater gave him and continues to support PolyU. Not only has he served as a Member of the University's Council, but he has also been a Member of its Corporate Governance Committee and Campus Development Committee. In addition, he helped establish the Federation of PolyU Alumni Associations and has assisted in raising funds for the PolyU Foundation. Unsurprisingly, many of his efforts to support the University relate to his professional field and his passion for education and training up the next generation. He has used his various positions to offer advice and support to PolyU graduates as they develop their careers, and he has also acted as Chairman of the Hong Kong Polytechnic Building Association, under the Faculty of Construction and Environment.

Sr Lau has fond memories of his time studying. “Society was nowhere near as affluent in the 1970s as it is today. When we were students at the then Hong Kong Technical College, we were given unlimited helpings of steamed rice with a HK\$2.5 meal at the canteen,” he says. He also remembers a cashier coming to the classroom every month to collect the HK\$40 tuition fees, as well as feeling scared having to walk past a nearby mortuary when leaving the campus at dusk. “Amidst scarce teaching materials and publications, a long queue of students outside the small library was a common sight on any given day. Among those in the queue was one tall boy who later become the Chief Executive of the HKSAR, the Honorable C Y Leung,” he remembers.



Dr LAU Kam-chiu

- Chief Executive Officer and Chief Technical Officer, Automated Precision, Incorporated, United States
- Technician Diploma in Mechanical Engineering, 1973
- Awardee of Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award 2017



Dr Lau Kam-chiu, Chief Executive Officer and Chief Technical Officer of Automated Precision, Incorporated, is a leading technological innovator. Known as the “Father of Laser Tracking Technology”, his inventions have had a significant impact on advanced manufacturing across the world.

His passion for precision engineering and innovation can be traced back to his time at PolyU’s predecessor Hong Kong Polytechnic, where he studied a Technician Diploma in Mechanical Engineering. After graduating in 1973, he moved to the United States to pursue his research interests, and he went on to obtain a PhD in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

He started his career as a research scientist at the former US National Bureau of Standards in the early 1980s. Dr Lau founded his company Automated Precision, Incorporated in 1987 to commercialise some of his innovations. The firm is now recognised as a global leader in advanced metrology science and technology. It has 400 employees and facilities and operations that span the United States, Europe, China, India, Brazil, Mexico, Japan, Korea, the Middle East and Southeast Asia, while Dr Lau himself holds more than 30 patents.

Dr Lau is the inventor of a wide range of technologies and systems that have helped improve quality control processes in modern manufacturing. Products such as his laser tracking system, 6D laser interferometer system, high-precision 9D Ladar, and the CNC machine geometric and thermal error mapping and compensation system, have become products of choice for the aerospace, automobile, shipping, robotics

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PolyU’s practicum education helps to bridge the gap between theory and reality, and I am one of the many beneficiaries of this education.

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and manufacturing industries. In particular, his laser tracking system has ushered in a new era of digital automation in aircraft and automobile fabrication, leading to the industry becoming more cost-effective. In fact, many of the products he developed during his days at the US National Bureau of Standards have been adopted as international standards. Unsurprisingly, Dr Lau’s significant achievements caught the attention of his industry peers, and in 1986, he earned the Outstanding Young Manufacturing Engineering Award from the Society of Manufacturing Engineers.

Dr Lau remains committed to both innovation and Hong Kong, and in 2016, he spearheaded the formation of the Hong Kong Centre of Excellence at Hong Kong Science Park, with the mission to nurture the next generations of high-tech entrepreneurs.

He credits PolyU for contributing to his career success. “I believe PolyU’s outstanding practicum education is one of the best and helped instigate my interest and shape my career in precision engineering,” he says. He explains that he was in plastic engineering, and, as well as learning about the theory of machine design, students were also given the opportunity to go through the entire process of precision mould design and making. “From designing to machine operations, students had the opportunity to get familiar with all the machines available and develop the best practice and best strategy to meet the design objectives.” He adds that students also learned to operate multiple dimensional inspection instruments to ensure the precision of the parts, and test and evaluate the moulds they made. Dr Lau continues to contribute to his alma mater, and his company actively collaborates with PolyU on high-tech research projects.



Mr Freeman LAU Siu-hong, BBS

- Founder, KL&K Creative Strategics
- Diploma in Design, 1979
- University Fellow, 2010/2011
- Awardee of Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award 2001



Mr Freeman Lau Siu-hong, Founder of KL&K Creative Strategics, is a renowned Hong Kong designer and artist who has won more than 300 local and international awards. He was also the creative force behind the iconic Watson's water bottle design and brand image.

Mr Lau graduated from PolyU's predecessor Hong Kong Polytechnic in 1979 with a Diploma in Design. During his three decades as an artist, Mr Lau has created a wide spectrum of artworks, covering sculptures, installations, public arts and even art products. His highly reputed "Chairplay" series, in which he introduces a new way of perceiving everyday objects, was sought after by museums and collectors from all over the world. In recent years, he has been working on his bamboo installations including "Sui Sui Ping An", an installation of gigantic bamboo lanterns which was shown in the Civic Centre Plaza of San Francisco in 2017, and his "Bamboo Fortune Cookies", shown in the Hong Kong Heritage Museum in 2015 and the Eslite Spectrum, Suzhou, China in 2016.

Among the many honours and awards Mr Lau has received over the years are The Best Asian Designer Award at the 2014 Asian Designers' Invitational Exhibition in Korea, a Bronze Award at the International Poster Biennale Warsaw 2014, as well as the Hong Kong Culture and Creativity Industries Award 2017. In the field of graphic design, one of his signature sets of posters, "Chairligraphy" saw him win the Judges Award and the Bronze Award in the Hong Kong International Poster Triennial 2010, while he was also the winner of the Communication Design Award at the Red Dot Design Awards. In 2015, the Hong Kong Heritage Museum organised the "Freeman Lau & Design: Inter-dependent Decisions" exhibition in celebration of his work, and a book of the same title was published by Chung Hwa Book Company (Hong Kong) Limited in 2020. In 2021, he received the Grand Award in the Hong Kong Publishing Biennial Awards, as well as being

“Design is not just about whether the object looks beautiful or not. It is instead about how it works, with good objectives, the right attitude and the proper allocation of resources.”

named DFA World's Outstanding Chinese Designer. In 2022, he wrote the book series *3 Gene-Rations In 2 Places Creative Trio* with Mr Kan Tai-keung and Mr Hong Ko, which consists of *Ink Design – Design Ink*, *Chairplay* and *Design Is All About Life*. In September of the same year, Mr Lau was the guest curator of "By the People: A Collection of Creative Works of Chinese Characters" exhibition in collaboration with the Hong Kong Museum of Art.

Alongside his creative work, Mr Lau is an active contributor to the art and design sector in Hong Kong. He is currently Honorary Fellow of the Vocational Training Council, Vice Chairman of The Design Alliance Asia, Chairman of the Hong Kong Federation of Design and Creative Industries, and Chairman of the Hong Kong Design Institute Advisory Board. He has also served as a Committee Member and Chairman of the Hong Kong Designers Association. Keen to help nurture the next generation of creative talents, Mr Lau has frequently lectured and acted as an academic advisor at various Hong Kong higher education institutions, as well as being an external examiner for the Design Department of the Hong Kong Institute of Vocational Education.

Mr Lau maintains close professional links with the School of Design at his alma mater, and he is an active Member of the School's Alumni Association. He was conferred the honorary title of University Fellowship in 2011. Looking back on his time studying, Mr Lau is thankful for the people he met, who he says have been a major influence on his life and career. "Meeting Mr Cheung Yee at PolyU is one of the fondest memories of my life. His impact on my career as a designer is almost as significant as Mr Kan Tai-keung's. Mr Cheung and I used to go to the canteen together for tea and chit chat after classes. We covered all sorts of art, folk crafts, design creations and many other topics in our lives. Throughout the decades, he has always been there for me as my tutor and my friend. Everything started in the canteen of PolyU."



**Mrs Yvonne LAW SHING Mo-han,
BBS, JP**

- Chairman, Yinn Advisory Services Limited
- Higher Diploma in Accountancy, 1977
- University Fellow, 2016/2017
- Awardee of Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award 2007



Mrs Yvonne Law Shing Mo-han, Chairman of Yinn Advisory Services Limited, has had a distinguished career as an accountant, blazing a trail for other women in the profession.

Mrs Law graduated with a Higher Diploma in Accountancy from PolyU's predecessor Hong Kong Polytechnic in 1977. She spent two-and-a-half years working for the Inland Revenue Department before moving into the private sector. After working for a number of international accountancy firms, she joined Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu in 1988, where she became the first locally trained woman to be made a Partner. She was a Partner at the firm for 26 years from 1990. She held various posts, including Partner in charge of the Hong Kong and China Tax Department of the Hong Kong Office, National Chief Knowledge Officer, Tax Managing Partner – Eminence Building and Business Development, and Vice-chairman of the National Firm.

She was consistently named as one of the World's Leading Tax Advisors in Hong Kong and Mainland China between 2001 and 2015 by authoritative tax publication *International Tax Review*. In 2006, she received the National Hundred Outstanding Women Entrepreneurs Award in Mainland China. Mrs Law also has many professional affiliations, including being a Fellow of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (HKICPA). She has also served as Chairman of the HKICPA's Taxation Committee and is a past President of the Association of Women Accountants (Hong Kong), of which she is a Founding Member.

“I am proud to see PolyU contributing to the Nation's Mars Camera... I have given ideas and shared experiences in government committees since 2002. We are all learning every day.”

As a highly respected commentator on global and tax issues, Mrs Law was appointed as a part-time member of the HKSAR Government's Central Policy Unit between 2002 and 2004. The following year, she became a member of the Commission on Strategic Development, which advises the Chief Executive on Hong Kong's long-term development needs and goals. She was also elected to represent the Accountancy Sub-sector in the Election Committee responsible for electing the HKSAR Chief Executive three times in 2000, 2006 and 2011. Mrs Law continues to use her skills to help the community through serving as a Member of the Hospital Authority, and the Independent Commission Against Corruption's Citizens Advisory Committee on Community Relations, as well as the Antiquities Advisory Board. Her efforts were recognised when she was appointed as a Justice of the Peace in 2013 and awarded the Bronze Bauhinia Star in 2017. She is also appointed as a Member of the 10th, 11th and 12th Jiangsu Provincial Committee of the CPPCC since 2008.

Alongside her services to her profession and the wider Hong Kong community, Mrs Law has also continued to contribute to her alma mater. She is currently a Member of the PolyU Court, and has previously served on the Advisory Committee on Accounting and Finance. She has also acted as a mentor for many accounting students. Mrs Law has vivid memories of her time at Hong Kong Polytechnic, including the classrooms from her first two years at the temporary site, situated at where the current Taikoo Shing buildings are, which she likens to those of a secondary school. “I hadn't studied bookkeeping, modern maths, or statistics, and being an arts student, I studied very hard and scored the best in my class in my first year. I remember vividly Mr Cheung, who taught accounting with very concise notes, and Mr Kung's 'CCCFLI' as the six elements of contracts,” she says. She adds that she is proud to be a professional accountant and has always worked with what she was given, focusing on finding better ways to do everything.



Ir Arthur LEE Kam-hung

- Founder and Chairman, Kolinker Group
- Higher Diploma in Electronic Engineering, 1981
- Master of Science in Engineering Business Management, 2008
- Awardee of Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award 2019



Ir Arthur Lee Kam-hung, Founder and Chairman of Kolinker Group, is a prominent entrepreneur who has received numerous industrial awards, but always strived to give back to society.

Ir Lee chose to pursue a tertiary education in Hong Kong, rather than study abroad, to reduce the financial burden on his family. He studied a Higher Diploma in Electronic Engineering at PolyU's predecessor Hong Kong Polytechnic, graduating in 1981. He returned to PolyU nearly three decades later, to obtain a Master of Science in Engineering Business Management in 2008.

Within a couple of years of graduating for the first time, Ir Lee had established Kolinker Group. The group, which was initially known as Kolinker Industrial Equipment Limited, manufactured test equipment for the quartz crystal industry. It derived its name from its aim to act as a "core" for the latest technologies, and to "link" these technologies to specific fields of industry. Today, it is one of the leading manufacturers of high-quality equipment worldwide and has received many industry awards.

Ir Lee has always put a strong focus on research and development, enabling Kolinker to stay at the forefront of its field. The group has recently turned its attention to catering to 5G applications, developing the GNSS Disciplined Oscillator series and ultra-stable high frequency oscillators for this purpose. The GNSS Disciplined Oscillator went on to win the Equipment and Machinery Design Award in the Hong Kong Awards for Industries in 2019. Alongside developing precision equipment, Ir Lee's technical publications,

“**Know your strengths and limits. Set a goal slightly higher than your limit; adjust your goal after you have achieved it. Don't dream about a goal too high nor an easy goal too low.**”

such as his "Direct Impedance Method for Load Resonant Measurement of Crystal", which he presented at the Piezoelectric Devices Conference and Exhibition in the United States in 1999, have been adopted as the de facto standard in the industry.

The high value Ir Lee places on research has led him to actively contribute to Hong Kong's innovation and technology sector. Among the many positions he has held, he is a Member of the Committee on Innovation, Technology and Re-Industrialisation, a Board Director of the Nano and Advanced Materials Institute Limited, and Vice President of the Hong Kong Young Industrialists Council Foundation. In addition, he is a General Committee Member of The Chinese Manufacturers' Association of Hong Kong and Founding Chairman of Kowloon City District Senior Police Call Honorary Presidents Council.

Ir Lee remains a strong supporter of his alma mater and is currently a PolyU Council Member, as well as being Honorary Life Vice President of the PolyU Foundation. He is also Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Applied Physics, and a Member of the Departmental Advisory Committee of the Electronic and Information Engineering Department. He has fond memories of his time studying, particularly the compulsory summer training for year one engineering students, which he did in 1979. "It was held in the melting hot summer at the Industrial Centre, without air conditioning. Every day, right after the training, we rushed to the swimming pool, took off the inch thick boiler suit, and splish splash, we jumped into the welcoming cool water. A most enjoyable moment!" Ir Lee believes his destiny took him to Hong Kong Polytechnic instead of other higher-ranking universities. "My PolyU experience was most enjoyable, and its ethos of combining theory and practice provided me with an ideal and most enjoyable experience, which I have continued with today. PolyU helped me make my own destiny, and I never regret that," he says.



Dr Raymond LEUNG Siu-hong

- Chairman and CEO, Altai Technologies Limited
- Higher Diploma in Production and Industrial Engineering, 1977
Associateship in Production and Industrial Engineering, 1979
- University Fellow, 2021/2022
- Awardee of Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award 2009



Dr Raymond Leung Siu-hong, Founder, Chairman and CEO of Altai Technologies Limited, has had a long and distinguished career as an industrialist and entrepreneur. During this time, he has gained a reputation for driving new technology from being a vision to a reality.

He studied a Higher Diploma in Production and Industrial Engineering at PolyU's predecessor Hong Kong Polytechnic, graduating in 1977. He then went on to study an Associateship in Production and Industrial Engineering, which he completed in 1979.

Dr Leung made his mark as Chairman of TDK China and SAE Magnetics, when he guided SAE to become the world's largest independent supplier of magnetic recording heads for the hard disk drive industry. In addition, he served as the Executive Vice President of TDK Corporation Japan, making him the first non-Japanese officer to be appointed since the company was established in 1935. Dr Leung was also a Director of Imation Corporation, a United States-based digital storage technology company.

Alongside his roles in the corporate sector, Dr Leung is also a successful entrepreneur, founding a number of start-ups, including Amperex Technology Limited (ATL), which went on to become one of the world's leading lithium ion/polymer battery solution providers. His mentee went on to establish Contemporary Amperex Technology Company Limited (CATL), a spin-off of ATL which focuses on the next wave of electric vehicle batteries, and has become the leading electric vehicle battery manufacturer in the world. Dr Leung believes that as the founder of a disruptive technology venture, the focus of his business should not be

“ Failure means you have been given another opportunity to do the task but with more experience and knowledge. Ace the situations and achieve your goals. ”

about monetary gain, but rather the benefits to society and humanity. He is also passionate about training up the next generation of talents.

Dr Leung is determined to give back to society in other ways as well, and has served on many advisory committees and agencies, including the Consumer Council, and The Better Hong Kong Foundation. He is the co-founder of One Laptop Per Child Asia Pacific Limited and Board Chairman of the philanthropic organisation Give2Aisa Foundation, Hong Kong. His efforts to give back to the community have seen him receive numerous awards, including the Honorary Citizen award from the Municipal Government of Dongguan, and the Asian Knowledge Leaders Award from the Asian Knowledge Management Association.

Dr Leung has been equally giving to his alma mater. Once a Member of the PolyU Council, he still serves as a Member of the PolyU Court and Chairman of the Board of PolyU Enterprise Plus Limited, while he is also Honorary Life Vice President of the PolyU Foundation. In addition, in the past he has been Chairman of the Advisory Committee of the Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering, and Chairman of the Manufacturing, Industrial, Logistics, Engineering and Systems (MILES) Alumni Association. He has vivid memories of his time studying, particularly of PolyU's iconic red brick walls. “The campus opened in 1976, three years after the Hong Kong Polytechnic was established. One of my most memorable moments was the 15-minute walk to the temporary campus (named HUT) during my first two years at PolyU, before the construction of the current campus in Hung Hom was finished. There was no shelter, so every time, I had to brave the wind, sun and rain along the way.” He points out that the buildings in the PolyU's campus today are inter-connected and are raised one floor above the podium. “They have a modern architectural style and practical designs, such as the sheltered open spaces from the core buildings to Jockey Club Innovation Tower.”



Ir Dr Humphrey LEUNG Kwong-wai, JP

- Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Growgreen Limited
Founder and Chairman Emeritus, Solomon Systech (International) Limited
- Higher Diploma in Electronic Engineering, 1978
Associateship in Electronic Engineering, 1981
Doctor of Business Administration, 2010
- University Fellow, 2014/2015
- Awardee of Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award 2003



Ir Dr Humphrey Leung Kwong-wai has put the knowledge he has acquired throughout his life to good use. He has not only spent decades advancing the semiconductor industry in Hong Kong, but also founded a company that uses technology and environmentally-friendly techniques to optimise indoor planting to address concerns about food quality and supply.

Dr Leung first studied a Higher Diploma in Electronic Engineering at PolyU's predecessor the Hong Kong Polytechnic, graduating in 1978, before completing an Associateship in Electronic Engineering in 1981. He returned to PolyU to obtain a Doctor of Business Administration in 2010. Dr Leung spent the majority of his career working in the semiconductor industry, specialising in integrated circuit design and business development. After graduating, he worked for Motorola Semiconductors (HK) where he helped make the company's integrated circuit design centre the largest of its kind in Hong Kong. He also worked for Motorola in the United States, where he trained for a number of key positions in the industry.

In 1999, he founded Solomon Systech Limited, a leading semiconductor company producing display integrated circuits used in applications such as mobile phones and portable devices. From modest beginnings with just 32 staff based in Hong Kong, Dr Leung grew the company into a multinational entity listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange. He developed more than 100 new integrated circuit products which were sold globally, and won many awards for Solomon Systech.

“Most people will let reality shape their beliefs. Innovators will turn their beliefs into reality.”

Dr Leung's commitment to advancing the development of the semiconductor and electronics industry has seen him serve on many professional bodies. He is a Member of the Committee on Innovation, Technology and Re-industrialisation in the HKSAR Government, and was a Member of the Board of Directors of the Hong Kong Applied Science and Technology Research Institute Company Limited, and the Nano and Advanced Materials Institute. He is also Vice-Chairman of the Hong Kong Electronic Industries Association. His achievements have seen him win numerous awards, including the Young Industrialist Award of Hong Kong, and the Outstanding Achievement Award from the China Semiconductor Industry Association and Hong Kong Electronics Industry Council.

After achieving such remarkable success, Dr Leung could be forgiven for enjoying a well-earned retirement. But instead, he decided to apply his knowledge to a new venture for modern green living. He established Growgreen, which develops hydroponic smart growers, utilising technology to provide optimal conditions for indoor planting. His system enables healthy plants to grow faster, using less energy and water, while avoiding environmental contamination and unnecessary additives. Alongside growing his business, Dr Leung also places a strong emphasis on community wellbeing and STEM education. Throughout his career, he has continuously upgraded his knowledge and practised what he has learnt in the fields of engineering, science and business to serve the government, industry, and education and research institutions. He has also pioneered many innovations that have made significant contributions both locally and globally.

As a graduate of both Engineering and Business, Dr Leung continues to be a strong supporter of his alma mater. He has served as a part-time lecturer and Advisory Committee Chairman of the Department of Electronic and Information Engineering. In addition, he has served as a Member of the University Court and University Council. “All these identities have provided me opportunities to understand more of our University, making me feel more grateful to our alma mater for providing such an excellent learning environment and nurturing every single one of us,” he says.



Dr the Hon. LEUNG Chun-ying, GBM, GBS, JP

- Vice Chairman, National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference
- Higher Diploma in Surveying (General Practice), 1974
- Honorary Doctor of Business Administration, 1998
- Awardee of Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award 1997



Dr the Honourable Leung Chun-ying, Vice Chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, needs little introduction, as he is well known for being the Chief Executive of the HKSAR from 2012 to 2017. What may be less well known about him is the significant part he played in land and housing reforms in Mainland China.

Dr Leung graduated from PolyU's predecessor Hong Kong Polytechnic in 1974 with a Higher Diploma in Surveying (General Practice). He went on to do further study in the United Kingdom at Bristol Polytechnic, now known as the University of West England, where he obtained a Bachelor of Science in Valuation and Estate Management. He returned to Hong Kong in 1977 and joined Jones Lang Wootton, where he worked for 16 years. During this period, he participated in land and housing reforms in Mainland China. Following constitutional amendments in 1988, he assisted a number of Mainland cities with land leasing matters on a voluntary basis. He was appointed as Honorary Advisor on land and housing reforms by the Governments of Shanghai, Shenzhen and Tianjin, while he was also made an Honorary Consultant by the Shanghai Government for the development of Pudong.

In 1993, Dr Leung and six other Hong Kong surveyors set up their own business, C.Y. Leung & Company, offering professional surveying, valuation and real estate consultancy services. As Managing Director, Dr Leung grew the company to become one of the largest real estate consultancies in Hong Kong, with ten offices across Asia and around 500 staff. Alongside growing his own business, Dr Leung has also used his

“ I am grateful to PolyU for the training which enabled me to contribute to the land and housing reforms in Mainland China. ”

expertise in housing and surveying to contribute to the wider community, and he has served on nearly all of the HKSAR Government's land-related committees, including the Land and Building Advisory Committee and the Building Management Advisory Committee. He is a Fellow of both the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) and The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors (HKIS), as well as being a past Chairman of RICS (Hong Kong Branch) and a past President of HKIS. He was awarded the Grand Bauhinia Medal in 1999.

Dr Leung's involvement in politics began in the 1980s. He joined the Hong Kong Basic Law Consultative Committee in 1985, becoming its Secretary General in 1988. Between 1984 and 1997, he was involved in the preparatory work for the establishment of the HKSAR. He was a member of the Executive Council of Hong Kong from 1997 to 2011, acting as the Convenor of the Non-Official Members from 1999 to 2011, before becoming Chief Executive in 2012.

Despite his busy professional life, Dr Leung has served as a member of PolyU's Advisory Committee and an External Examiner for the Department of Building and Real Estate. He was also a Founding Member of the Court of the University and a Member of its China Business Centre Advisory Board. He has happy memories of his time studying. “PolyU was a much smaller institution then. I could recognise nearly all of the students, even those from other departments,” he says. He particularly remembers the food. “There was only one canteen with a limited choice on the menu. Dessert was ice creams sold by a hawker outside the main gate. For a few days, the canteen was closed due to a dispute between the Students Union and the manager. I was too lazy to go outside, so ice creams became my lunch.”



Mr Tommy LI Wing-chuen

- Creative Director, Tommy Li Design Workshop Limited
- Higher Certificate in Two-Dimensional Design, 1983
- Awardee of Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award 2007



Mr Tommy Li Wing-chuen, Creative Director of Tommy Li Design Workshop Limited, is a standout brand consultant and graphic designer of his generation who has won nearly 700 awards and achieved international recognition.

Mr Li studied a Higher Certificate in Two-Dimensional Design at PolyU's predecessor Hong Kong Polytechnic, graduating in 1983. He went on to found Tommy Li Design Workshop in 1990. His firm specialises in brand consultancy, and posters and packaging design, serving a wide range of customers including retailers and the food and beverage industry.

As a brand designer, Mr Li is best known for the black humour of his work and his audacious visual designs. His career has spanned Hong Kong, China, Japan, and the United States. In 1999, he published a bilingual art bookazine, *VQ*, the only publication of its kind in Asia, winning plaudits from the Hong Kong Trade Development Council. In another first, he established the first creative-orientated web radio station, Radiodada, in 2008.

Among the nearly 700 awards he has received, he has won the Overall Best Graphic Design Award for three consecutive years from Hong Kong's Chartered Society of Designers, as well as the Hong Kong Artist of the Year Award in 1997, and four awards from the New York Art Director's Club. In 2007, he was one of the winners of the well-coveted Gold Pencil from The One Show, one of the creative industry's top awards

“To be able to create influential design in the market in order to experience the value of the designer.”

programmes. Tommy Li Design Workshop Limited was also included as one of the Top 10 Branding Companies in China in 2009/10 by Mainland China's Chinabico.com website, while Mr Li himself was named as the single most influential graphic designer of the next decade in Hong Kong by Japanese design magazine *Agosto*.

Mr Li is a prolific exhibitor in Hong Kong, Japan, Mainland China and other locations. He was invited by the Hong Kong Heritage Museum to organise a solo exhibition, “Project·Objects·Play Tommy Li P.O.P. Design Show” in 2018. Other solo exhibitions include “Black and White” in the ARTtube at Hong Kong's Central Station, and a solo exhibition celebrating his 20 years of design career from 2010 to 2015, which took place in Hong Kong's ArtisTree, Chengdu, Suzhou, Beijing and Shenzhen.

Since 2005, he has been a member of Alliance Graphique Internationale (AGI), an elite organisation for the world's leading graphic artist and designers whose membership is limited in number. He has acted as a judge at a number of international competitions over the years, and passes on his knowledge to the next generation of designers through teaching and writing, including teaching at The University of Hong Kong and being a Director of the Hong Kong Design Centre. Despite his success, Mr Li continues to find time to give back to his alma mater, acting as a mentor to students, sponsoring internships and offering his services as a consultant and external examiner. He has fond memories of his time studying at Hong Kong Polytechnic, which set him up for his impressive career. He says: “At that time, the tutors of the evening school were the top and most professional designers in Hong Kong. The way they taught was different from an academic school, the content was practical and of a professional standard. For the four-year course, students needed to have strong motivation, otherwise they may need to leave.”



Mr LIU Sing-cheong, JP

- Non-Executive Chairman, Grosvenor Asia Pacific Limited
- Higher Diploma in Surveying (General Practice), 1977
Advanced Higher Diploma in General Practice Surveying, 1979
- University Fellow, 2010
- Awardee of Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award 2003



Mr Liu Sing-cheong, Non-Executive Chairman of Grosvenor Asia Pacific Limited, has extensive experience in the property development industry in both Hong Kong and Mainland China. He was a Fellow of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors and a pioneer in promoting professional services in Mainland China.

Mr Liu first came to PolyU's predecessor Hong Kong Polytechnic to study a Higher Diploma in Surveying (General Practice), graduating in 1977. He went on to study an Advanced Higher Diploma in General Practice Surveying, which he obtained in 1979. He later studied for a Master of Business Administration at The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology.

Mr Liu is the Founder and Chairman of real-estate services company MyTopHome (China) Holdings Limited, while he also founded Evergreen Real Estate Consultants Limited. He was appointed to the board of Grosvenor Asia Pacific Limited in 2018 and became its Non-Executive Chairman in 2019. He is also a Director of knitwear manufacturer Hong Kong Sales (International) Limited.

Throughout his career, Mr Liu has had a significant impact on his industry. He was the Founding Chairman of the Asia Pacific Board of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors. Public roles he has taken on include being a Sub-committee Member of the Law Reform Commission of Hong Kong, a Member of the Hong Kong Housing Authority, a Member of the Council of The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, and a Member of the Board of Directors of Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation, as well

“Keep doing what you believe in and enjoy,
and you will have the best chance of success.”

as a part-time Member of the Central Policy Unit of the HKSAR. In Mainland China, he served as a Member of the Standing Committee of Guangzhou Urban Planning Association. In addition, he has been actively involved in many university-based studies on land and property policies and is an active speaker and writer on property-related topics. He was also a Visiting Professional Fellow of the International Land Institute of the University of Cambridge. His contributions to both his industry and society were recognised when he was appointed as a Justice of the Peace in 2009.

Mr Liu has remained actively involved with his alma mater, supporting the research activities of PolyU's Department of Building and Real Estate, working as a co-investigator on several research projects covering issues such as the evolution of the property industry, and urban land management in Mainland China cities. He was made a University Fellow in 2010 and is currently a Member of the PolyU Court. Mr Liu has vivid memories of his time studying, particularly from his first term in 1974, when the first phase of the main campus development was still under construction. He says: “The walks from the main campus to the temporary lecture rooms in the then newly reclaimed area, which is now part of Tsim Sha Tsui East, and the lunch trips to Hung Hom proper quintessentially reflected what Hong Kong was then, which was lively, vibrant and sometimes chaotic. The memory always reminds me how far my alma mater and its alumni have come in the last half century.”



Mr Anthony LO Wai-kei

- Chief Design Officer, Ford Motor Company
- Higher Diploma in Design (Product), 1985
- Awardee of Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award 2013



Mr Anthony Lo Wai-kei, Chief Design Officer at Ford Motor Company, has not only fulfilled his childhood dream of becoming a car designer but he has had a distinguished career and won multiple awards, including the World's Outstanding Chinese Designer Award.

He traces his success back to his training at PolyU's predecessor Hong Kong Polytechnic, where he studied a Higher Diploma in Design (Product), graduating in 1985. He then went on to study at the Royal College of Art in London. Mr Lo's first job was with Lotus Cars in London, followed by a three-year stint at Audi's design studio in Germany. While he was working in Germany, he was approached by German auto giant Daimler to be Design Manager at its new Mercedes-Benz Advanced Design Centre in Japan. After just over a decade, he moved back to Germany to take up the post of Advanced Design Director at General Motors, overseeing projects for its Saab, Opel and Vauxhall brands. It was during this period that he made a lasting impact on the car design industry, leading the design team for the SAAB Aero X concept car. The vehicle won a number of prestigious industry awards, including *Autocar's* Concept Car of the Year 2006 award, The Red Dot : Best of the Best Award 2007, and *TIME Magazine's* Most Innovative Concept Car 2007. Mr Lo was also named Asian Designer of the Year in the *ELLE* Style Awards in the same year.

In 2010, he moved on to French carmaker Renault, where he was Vice-President of Exterior Design. He led Renault's "Cycle of Life" design strategy, delivering a series of award-winning concept cars, including the DeZir, Captur, R-Space and Frenzy. While at Renault he received the World's Outstanding Chinese Designer

“I feel proud of being part of the global community of PolyU Alumni. Although it seemed extremely challenging at the time, I learned great design skills at PolyU and developed the self-confidence to pursue my dream of becoming a car designer. I would recommend all aspiring designers set high goals, because anything is possible if you set your mind to it and work hard!”

Award at the Hong Kong Design Centre's Design for Asia Awards. After 11 years at Renault, he took up his current post of Chief Design Officer at Ford Motor Company. Mr Lo shares his experience as a regular speaker at international conferences, including at the Business of Design Week in Hong Kong, while he has also given lectures at the Royal College of Art in London, and Tsinghua University in Beijing.

Mr Lo is keen to give back to his alma mater and share his knowledge with the next generation. He has given lectures at PolyU, and served on the Advisory Committee of its School of Design. He says one of the highlights of his time at Hong Kong Polytechnic was building 3D models in the design workshop. "I always enjoyed making models at home but having access to such high-end equipment and being taught by competent technicians allowed me to polish my modelling skills and learn the properties of various materials." He adds that in the advanced phase of the product design process, he had to test several proposals to find the best solution. "I learned to make quick mock-ups out of wood or foam to assess the proof of concept, before making the polished and painted presentation models in plastic or metal. This 'fail fast' prototyping method that I learned at the PolyU remains the most effective design process to this day, especially in human-centred design, such as for household appliances and car interiors."



Mr Joseph LO Kin-ching

- Former Chairman, Deloitte China
- Higher Diploma in Accountancy, 1976
- University Fellow, 2009
- Awardee of Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award 2007



Mr Joseph Lo Kin-ching, Former Partner of Deloitte China, has had a long and distinguished career as an accountant, during which he has made significant contributions to both the accounting profession and the wider financial services sector.

Mr Lo graduated from PolyU's predecessor Hong Kong Polytechnic in 1976 with a Higher Diploma in Accountancy, qualifying as a professional accountant in 1979. He joined Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu in 1980, and worked his way up to become a Partner in 1988. In 2006, he was elected Vice Chairman and in 2008 he became Chairman of Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu, China. He remained at Deloitte until he retired in 2016. Mr Lo is a Fellow of a number of prestigious industry organisations, including the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA), the Taxation Institute of Hong Kong, and the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (HKICPA). He is also an Associate of the Hong Kong Institute of Chartered Secretaries and a Member of the Association of Business Recovery Professionals.

During his career, Mr Lo made substantial contributions to the accounting profession in Hong Kong. He served as a Member of the Executive Committee of the ACCA Hong Kong Branch, of which he was elected Chairman in 1992. He was also a Member of the Investigation Panel of the HKICPA for many years. In addition, Mr Lo played a key role in helping establish Hong Kong's Growth Enterprise Market (GEM) Board as a Member of the Working Group of the GEM of the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong.

Mr Lo also contributed to the society in other areas. He served as a Member of the Standing Commission on Civil Service Salaries and Conditions of Service from 2013 to 2019. He served on the Hospital Governing Committee of Queen Mary Hospital and Tsan Yuk Hospital for seven years. He is currently a Member of

“PolyU made me a professional accountant, enabling me to grow along with the development of Hong Kong over the last four decades. I am glad to have contributed to the development of the accountancy profession and participated in the development of the financial services industry in Hong Kong and Mainland China.”

the Hospital Governing Committee of MacLehose Medical Rehabilitation Centre, a Member of the Board of Governors of Chu Hai College of Higher Education, and a Committee Member of the Hong Kong Arts Development Council Fund. In addition, he is the Director of Hong Kong Design Centre and a Member of the Finance Committee of museum M+.

Mr Lo has used his wealth of knowledge to contribute to the development of PolyU. He has served as a Member of the University Council, including taking on the role of Treasurer, while he is currently a Member of the University Court. In addition, he has sat on various committees of the Council, including being Chairman of the Finance Committee, and a Member of the Executive Committee, the Fundraising Committee, and the Honorary Degrees Committee. He has also helped develop programmes through his role as Adjunct Professor of the School of Accounting and Finance. Mr Lo's extensive contributions to PolyU were recognised when he was made a University Fellow in 2009.

He has very happy memories of his time studying and particularly remembers his first day. “In the morning of a sunny day in October 1973, at the canteen area of the Quarry Bay campus of the then Hong Kong Polytechnic, a live band was performing Beatles music and everyone there was having fun. The people surrounding me were friendly and cheerful.” He adds that all of his fondest memories are related to the people he met. “My classmates and the lecturers were all helpful and friendly. My experience at PolyU formed a good part of my life ventures and learning enhancement.”



Mr Kenneth LAM Yiu-kin (fifth left) attends an IPO Listing Ceremony.



Dr LAM Tai-fai (back row, third left) attends Lam Tai Fai College's 10th Anniversary celebration event.



Ir Arthur LEE Kam-hung (centre) receives the Equipment and Machinery Design Award in the Hong Kong Awards for Industries.



Dr Raymond LEUNG Siu-hong (left) is conferred Industrial Fellowship by The University of Warwick.



Dr LAM Tai-fai (centre) is the Chairman of the Hong Kong Sports Institute.



Sr LAU Ping-cheung attends the G20 Hangzhou Summit.



Mr Anthony LO Wai-kei presents the Renault EZ-GO Concept at the Shanghai Auto Show Press Conference.



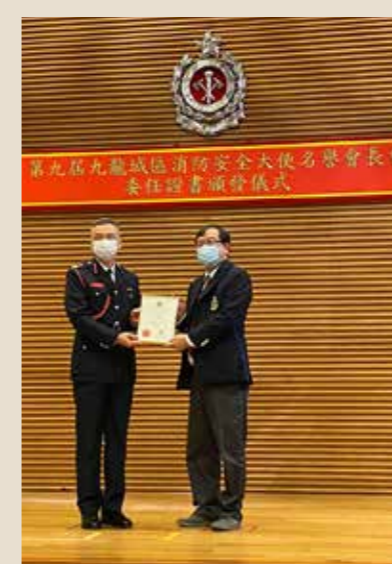
Mr Anthony LO Wai-kei (right) meets Remi Depoix, Founder of Festival Automobile International, in Paris.



Sr LAU Ping-cheung attends the Fourth Session of the 13th CPPCC National Committee.



Mr Freeman LAU Siu-hong is named DFA World's Outstanding Chinese Designer 2021.



Ir Arthur LEE Kam-hung (right) is a Fire Safety Ambassador Honorary President (Kowloon City).



Ir Dr Humphrey LEUNG Kwong-wai (right) meets former Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao.



Mr Tommy LI Wing-chuen attends the Alliance Graphique Internationale (AGI) Graphic Design Conference in India.



Ir Dr Humphrey LEUNG Kwong-wai (right) receives the Outstanding Achievement Award from the Hong Kong Electronics Industry Council.



Dr the Hon. LEUNG Chun-ying establishes a not-for-profit Hong Kong school in Nansha District of Guangzhou as part of the planned Hong Kong community there.



Ir Eric MA Siu-cheung, GBS, JP

- Chief Executive Officer, NWS Holdings Limited
Executive Director, New World Development Company Limited
- Diploma in Structural Engineering, 1982
Higher Diploma in Structural Engineering, 1984
- Awardee of Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award 2017



Ir Eric Ma Siu-Cheung, Chief Executive Officer of NWS Holdings Limited and an Executive Director of New World Development Company Limited, has been fascinated by how skyscrapers were built since he was a young child. Spurred on by curiosity, he went on to pursue his dream of becoming an engineer. His aptitude for engineering has been put to good use as a business leader, government official and university lecturer.

He started his training at PolyU's predecessor Hong Kong Polytechnic, graduating with a Diploma in Structural Engineering in 1982, before proceeding to study a Higher Diploma in Structural Engineering, from which he graduated in 1984. He later obtained a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering at The University of Hong Kong and a Master of Engineering Science in Transportation at Monash University, Australia.

Ir Ma has held a number of leadership positions at different multinational consulting firms, including being Managing Director of Maunsell Consultants Asia Limited from 2007 to 2009, and Executive Vice President for Civil and Infrastructure Business (Asia Pacific) of AECOM, overseeing the group's business expansion in the region. He has also served as Acting CEO of Hong Kong-Shenzhen Innovation and Technology Park Limited and Principal Consultant of Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation. In 2014, Ir Ma joined the HKSAR Government as Under Secretary for Development, becoming Secretary for Development in 2017. His work portfolio covered areas as diverse as urban planning and development, building safety, public works, and heritage conservation. During his time in office, he paid particular attention to addressing the housing shortage and land supply for building.

Ir Ma's engineering prowess has led to him being made a Fellow of several professional bodies, including The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers, of which he has been a Vice President since 2021, the Chartered

“ I am still fascinated by the journey that an engineer experiences. It starts with just a pinch of imagination which later turns into a plan, then is eventually realised in stone or metal or energy that shapes society and improves lives. I am grateful for all these privileged adventures. ”

Institution of Highways and Transportation, of which he was Chairman of the Hong Kong branch in 2009, and The Institution of Structural Engineers in the United Kingdom. He uses his expertise to give back to Hong Kong, and is a Co-opted Member of the Development Committee of the West Kowloon Cultural District Authority, while he has also been involved in other high-profile projects to enhance Hong Kong's landscape, including the Kai Tak Development and Wanchai Harbourfront Enhancement. Ir Ma's extensive services were recognised through him being appointed a Justice of the Peace and being awarded the Gold Bauhinia Star in 2014 and 2017 respectively.

Ir Ma is also known for his commitment to passing on his enthusiasm for engineering and sharing his knowledge and experience with the next generation. He is an Adjunct Professor in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering of PolyU, an Adjunct Professor in the Department of Real Estate and Construction of The University of Hong Kong, and an Honorary Professor of the School of Science and Technology of the Hong Kong Metropolitan University. In addition, Ir Ma is regularly invited to speak at major academic and professional conferences and seminars.

Ir Ma has fond memories of his time studying at Hong Kong Polytechnic. “I still vividly remember the day I came to PolyU's library and immediately got myself immersed in reading the serial collection there, which was a genuine eye-opening discovery for me of the amazing engineering world,” he says. He adds that Professor J. M. Ko, his tutor during his final year studying for his Higher Diploma, inspired him to explore and appreciate complex and fascinating structures from new perspectives. “I have always been grateful for his guidance, support and encouragement.”



Mr NG Wai-hung, MH

- Founder and Former Chairman, SAE Magnetics (HK) Limited
- Higher Certificate in Production Engineering, 1976
- University Fellow, 2004/2005
- Awardee of Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award 2005



Mr Ng Wai-hung, Founder and Former Chairman of SAE Magnetics (HK) Limited, built his company up to become one of the world's largest independent manufacturers of magnetic recording heads for hard disk drives.

Mr Ng studied a Higher Certificate in Production Engineering at PolyU's predecessor Hong Kong Polytechnic, graduating in 1976. He started his career at electronics companies Ampex Corporation and Alphanetic, before founding SAE Magnetics in 1980. The company initially manufactured recording heads for floppy disks, later branching out into magnetic recording heads for hard disk drives, as well as head gimbal assemblies (HGA) and head stack assemblies (HSA) for computer disk drives, and high-performance recording heads for video tape recorders.

In 1986, SAE Magnetics became a wholly-owned subsidiary of Japan's TDK Corporation, the world's leading electronic components and devices company. Under Mr Ng's chairmanship, SAE Magnetics went on to have a 30 percent world market share and generate annual revenue of more than US\$1 billion. In recognition of his outstanding contribution to both SAE Magnetics and its parent company, Mr Ng was made an Associate Director of TDK in 1999, making him the first non-Japanese national to hold this position in the company's history.

Alongside developing his own company, Mr Ng has also made a significant contribution to furthering Hong Kong's manufacturing sector. He was the Founder and Chairman of the Hong Kong Critical Components Manufacturers Association. He also served as Chairman of the Science and Technology Committee of

the Asia Pacific Academy for Productivity Innovation, and as Honorary Chairman of the Hong Kong Optoelectronics Association. In addition, he was Vice Chairman of the Dongguan City Association of Enterprises with Foreign Investment.

Other accolades Mr Ng has earned during his career include being an Elected Fellow of the World Academy of Productivity Science, while he earned a Master of Business Administration from the Asia International Open University (Macau). He has also authored and co-authored numerous papers on corporate culture and management models, as well as presenting papers on industrial and technology management in the hard disk industry, and productivity management in the Pearl River Delta, including delivering a paper at the World Productivity Congress held in Hong Kong in 2001.

Keen to help train up the next generation of engineers, Mr Ng has taken on roles at the Department of Electronics Engineering at City University of Hong Kong, and the Faculty of Engineering at The Chinese University of Hong Kong. His company has also supported a number of laboratories and Innovation and Technology Fund projects at universities across the city, as well as sponsoring summer internship schemes for undergraduates. His wide-ranging contributions to Hong Kong were recognised in 2015 when he was awarded the Medal of Honour by the HKSAR Government.

Mr Ng has retained strong ties with his alma mater. He has served as a Member of the University Court, as well as on the Advisory Board for PolyU's Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering. He was made a Fellow of PolyU in 2004/2005.



Mr Michael ROSS

- Group Senior Vice Chairman, Charoen Pokphand Group
Co-chairman, CP Commercial Real Estate
- Higher Diploma in Institutional Management and Catering Studies, 1989
- Awardee of Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award 2021



Mr Michael Ross, Group Senior Vice Chairman of Charoen Pokphand Group (CP Group) and Co-chairman of CP Commercial Real Estate, is a prominent business leader who places a strong emphasis on giving back to society.

He studied a Higher Diploma in Institutional Management and Catering Studies at PolyU's predecessor Hong Kong Polytechnic, graduating in 1989. He went on to make his name in business when he joined Thailand-based conglomerate CP Group and witnessed the establishment of the first hypermarket, Lotus, in Shanghai in 1997. Lotus has since expanded to become a megastore chain with more than 100 outlets across Mainland China. For the past two decades, Mr Ross has helped steer development in retail and real estate at CP Group. Among his many achievements, Mr Ross oversaw the upgrade of the Super Brand Mall in Pudong in Shanghai into a landmark destination attracting more than 30 million visitors a year. During the COVID-19 pandemic, CP Group was one of the first landlords to offer rent relief to tenants in its portfolio of shopping malls in China, with concessions totalling RMB100 million. Meanwhile, under his management, CP Center, the super-A-class office commercial complex in Beijing's central business district, has become an industry leader. In addition to creating a global Chinese business exchange platform, CP Center has also developed a sustainable 'Great Health + Great Future' industrial ecosystem, bringing value enhancement to the development of business opportunities. Whatever he does, Mr Ross strives to live by his motto to "benefit the nation, the people and the enterprise".

Alongside his positions at CP Group, Mr Ross is an active member of various consultation bodies under the Chinese Government, as well as serving as a Member of the Shanghai Pudong Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference. His contributions to Shanghai were recognised through the Municipal People's Government giving him the Magnolia Memorial Award and Magnolia Honor Award, the highest honours an overseas entrepreneur can receive. Mr Ross has also been honoured by Xiangyang Municipal Government as a Xiangyang Economic Development Consultant. In addition, he has played a prominent role in promoting the business sector, including being Chairman of the Asia-Pacific Advisory Committee of the International Council of Shopping Centres and Honorary Chairman of the Hong Kong Chamber of Commerce in Shanghai. Keen to help nurture the next generation, Mr Ross was also a Founding Council Member of the Research Center for Real Estate Finance at Tsinghua University.

Mr Ross has maintained strong ties with his alma mater, helping establish the PolyU Shanghai Alumni Network and sponsoring many of the events it has hosted. He has fond memories of his time studying. "I always remember the first day at orientation, the day that I was infused with curiosity and a breath of fresh intellectual air. Curious about what lay ahead of me in the next three years of higher education bestowed upon me by this great institution, and the many years lying ahead of me after I graduated. Despite the anxiety of these unknowns, I was struck with the openness (integrity), creativity and pragmatic approach of PolyU." He adds that from that day onwards, these three qualities guided his learning. "My special thanks go to our Dean of Institutional Catering and Management Studies, Mr David Longworth and other professors, including Mr Woon Chi Ching, Mrs Mary Kilgour and many others who constantly encouraged us to be creative, to collaborate and to work as a team."



Mrs Natalia SENG SZE Ka-mee

- Past President and Council Member, The Hong Kong Chartered Governance Institute
- Higher Diploma in Company Secretaryship & Administration, 1979
- Awardee of Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award 2019



Mrs Natalia Seng Sze Ka-mee, Past President and Council Member of The Hong Kong Chartered Governance Institute, has had a distinguished career during which she championed the important work of professional company secretaries and governance professionals in Hong Kong.

Her interest in company secretaries can be traced back to her time studying a Higher Diploma in Company Secretaryship and Administration at PolyU's predecessor Hong Kong Polytechnic, graduating in 1979. She joined Tengis Limited, a wholly owned service company under Ernst & Young's predecessor firm Turquands Ernst & Whinney that year, and worked her way up to become Director of Company Secretarial Services in 1994. When the ownership and business operations of Tengis was sold by EY to Tricor Holdings Limited (a consortium led by The Bank of East Asia Limited) in 2002, Mrs Seng was appointed as Executive Director and Head of Corporate Services in Hong Kong, later becoming the CEO of Tricor China and Hong Kong. During her time at the helm from 2012 to 2018, she spearheaded the growth of the company secretary services Tricor offered to listed and private companies based in Hong Kong, while also extending its business with Mainland China entities, offering external company secretary services to H shares and Red Chip companies and offshore companies listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange. Since the People's Republic of China became a member of the World Trade Organization, Tricor has provided professional assistance to many multi-national corporations, helping them set up wholly foreign-owned enterprises to enter the Mainland China market. Mrs Seng went on to hold the post of Vice Chairman of Tricor Hong Kong and Offshore before her retirement.

After qualifying as a Chartered Secretary, and from 1997 onwards, Mrs Seng was an active participant of The Hong Kong Institute of Chartered Secretaries, which was recently renamed The Hong Kong Chartered

“ I feel proud to have joined a profession that helps enhance the governance practices, standards, culture and structures of business entities and non-profit making organisations. Corporate governance is the cornerstone that facilitates Hong Kong to continue its success as an international financial centre. ”

Governance Institute. She was President of the Institute from 2007 to 2009. In addition, Mrs Seng was a Council Member of the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators in the United Kingdom. Her services to the business community do not end there, and Mrs Seng was appointed by the Government as a Lay Council Member of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants, as well as being a Member of the Standing Committee on Company Law Reform, and an Appointed Member of the Inland Revenue Department's Users' Committee. Despite her busy schedule, Mrs Seng has also offered her services on a pro bono basis to help enhance corporate governance in non-profit organisations.

As well as being a Fellow of the Taxation Institute of Hong Kong, she also earned an Executive Master of Business Administration from City University of Hong Kong in 2006. In recognition of her contribution to the development of company secretary services and the enhancement of corporate governance, Mrs Seng was awarded The Hong Kong Institute of Chartered Secretaries Prize in 2017.

Mrs Seng has continued to give back to her alma mater, and was an External Advisor on PolyU's Master of Corporate Governance programme. She has fond memories of her time studying, and the brand new buildings at the Hung Hom campus, particularly the library. “I was most impressed with the company secretarial practice classes conducted by Mr Agnew Dermont, who was also the Principal Course Organiser of the Higher Diploma in Company Secretaryship and Administration. Mr Dermont inspired me to pursue my career as a professional company secretary and governance professional. I was fascinated by his saying that a professional company secretary must be able to hold one's tongue,” she remembers.



Ir Alfred SIT Wing-hang, GBS, JP

- Former Secretary for Innovation and Technology, The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
- Higher Diploma in Electrical Engineering, 1981
Associateship in Electrical Engineering, 1982
- Awardee of Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award 2021



Ir Alfred Sit Wing-hang, Former Secretary for Innovation and Technology of the HKSAR Government, credits PolyU for inspiring him to help build Hong Kong's vibrant innovation ecosystem, cementing the city's status as one of the key innovation and technology (I&T) hubs in the region.

Ir Sit first came to PolyU's predecessor Hong Kong Polytechnic to study a Higher Diploma in Electrical Engineering. After graduating in 1981, he stayed on to obtain an Associateship in Electrical Engineering. His long-standing interest in I&T is reflected in his decision to join the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) in 1984, shortly after graduating for the second time. He stayed with the department and worked his way up through the organisation to become Chief Electrical and Mechanical Engineer in 2001, Government Electrical and Mechanical Engineer in 2007, and Deputy Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services in 2011.

In 2017, he was promoted to the post of Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services, and Electrical and Mechanical Services Trading Fund General Manager. In this role, he spearheaded the creation of the E&M InnoPortal at EMSD, which builds a closer connection between government departments and the I&T sector, giving local innovators the opportunity to create smart city solutions for the public sector. He continued to expand the I&T ecosystem when he became Secretary for Innovation and Technology in 2020, overseeing the establishment of two InnoHK research clusters, flagship I&T projects, focusing on healthcare technologies, and artificial intelligence and robotics technologies. He has also promoted Hong Kong's participation in developing the Greater Bay Area (GBA) into an international I&T centre by leveraging the synergies between Hong Kong's strength in research and development and the strong advanced manufacturing capabilities in neighbouring cities in the GBA. In addition, he has further deepened the I&T co-operation between Hong Kong and Shenzhen.

“ I aspire to make Hong Kong a better place to live in, and I am making my best endeavours to bring different I&T stakeholders together to work hand-in-hand with our GBA counterparts to develop Hong Kong into an international I&T hub. ”

During his career, Ir Sit has earned many professional designations. He is an Honorary Fellow of The Hong Kong Institute of Facility Management (HKIFM) and a Fellow of The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers (HKIE). He has worked hard to contribute to his profession, serving as President of the HKIFM, as well as Honorary Secretary of the HKIE's Nuclear Division, and Chairman of its Biomedical Division.

His belief in the importance of nurturing the next generation has also seen him involved in education, serving as the School Manager of Marymount Secondary and Primary Schools, as well as being a Member of the Incorporated Management Committee of Tang King Po School. Alongside working as a volunteer tutor for underprivileged students, he is also a Director of Heep Hong Society, and was previously a Member of China Light and Power Company's Education Fund Advisory Committee.

Ir Sit has retained close links with his alma mater. He has served as Chairman of the Departmental Advisory Committees of both the Department of Building Services Engineering, and the Department of Electrical Engineering. His time studying at Hong Kong Polytechnic made a deep impression on him, and the University's motto, "To learn and to apply, for the benefit of mankind" has guided him throughout his career. He says: "It was PolyU that inspired me to build a vibrant Hong Kong where all people can unleash their potential and have their dreams come true. I enjoyed the learning environment at PolyU, which always encouraged open discussion and the pursuit of innovation." He adds: "The library, where all great minds come together for knowledge advancement, was one of my favourite places. Let us learn every truth and use our knowledge to serve society."



Mr Richard SUN Po-yuen, JP

- Retired Partner, PricewaterhouseCoopers
- Professional Diploma in Accountancy, 1984
- University Fellow, 2018/2019
- Awardee of Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award 2013



Mr Richard Sun Po-yuen, Retired Partner from PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC), is a veteran capital markets professional who has witnessed the development of Hong Kong into an international financial centre and helped many companies from Mainland China list here.

After graduating with a Professional Diploma in Accountancy in 1984 at PolyU's predecessor, Hong Kong Polytechnic, Mr Sun joined Big Four accountancy firm PwC. He qualified as a Certified Public Accountant and was made a Partner of PwC's Audit Division in 1996. After eight years, he moved on to the firm's Capital Market Service Group, later becoming its Leader, before taking on the role of Head of China South and Hong Kong Entrepreneurial Group. In this post, he helped many state-owned and privately-owned companies from Mainland China list on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange. His knowledge and expertise on capital markets also saw him serve on the Listing Committee of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange between 2009 and 2014. In 2016, Mr Sun moved to lead PwC's Assurance Institutional Group for Hong Kong and Macau, later taking up a role on PwC's Global Board as a representative of the China market. He retired from PwC in June 2021, and is currently Senior Advisor at Chartwell Capital Limited.

Throughout his career, Mr Sun has applied his expertise to support both his profession and the business sector. He has served as Chairman of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants Hong Kong, and a Member of the 2011 Election Committee Accountancy Sub-Sector for the election of the Chief Executive of the HKSAR. He put his knowledge of corporate governance and entrepreneurship to use when he took up the post of Director of Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation, as well as being Chairman of its Finance and Administration Committee, and Audit Committee consecutively. He also served as Director

“It was indeed a fascinating experience being a Big Four partner for the past 25 years and to witness Hong Kong developing into a major international financial centre and helping many state-owned and privately-owned companies from Mainland China seek listings on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange.”

and Chairman of the Audit Committee of the Hong Kong Applied Science and Technology Research Institute Company Limited, a Director of the Estate Agents Authority, and a Member of the Admissions, Budgets and Allocations Committee of The Community Chest of Hong Kong. In recognition of his extensive contributions to Hong Kong, Mr Sun was made a Justice of the Peace in 2012.

Despite his busy professional life, Mr Sun always spared time to support his alma mater. He is Honorary Life Vice President of the PolyU Foundation and currently Deputy Chairman of the Outstanding PolyU Alumni Association. He was made a University Fellow in 2018/2019. In 2002, PolyU's Accounting and Finance Graduates Association awarded him the Champion of Alumni Award for raising the highest level of donations for the PolyU 65th anniversary event Human Rainbow. Mr Sun attributes his commitment to giving back to society to an unforgettable experience he had during his second year at Hong Kong Polytechnic. As a member of the Social Services Group, he took part in the New Immigrants Programme, which involved making home visits to adult immigrants from Mainland China and offering tuition classes to their children at weekends. “For home visits, knocking at the doors of many strangers living in Diamond Hill squatter huts to show care and offer companionship was an awesome experience. Schoolmates engaged in the programme had regular gatherings, sitting on the lawn at our campus sharing our feelings about helping the new immigrants and singing songs together. It was good teamwork and memorable service learning,” he says.



Mr Dominic TAM Jo-tak

- Executive Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Combine Will International Holdings Limited
- Higher Diploma in Production & Industrial Engineering, 1977
- Awardee of Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award 2019



Mr Dominic Tam Jo-tak, Executive Chairman and CEO of Combine Will International Holdings Limited, wanted to be an entrepreneur from an early age and became fascinated by the toy manufacturing industry. He went on to found Combine Will, a leading original equipment and design manufacturer.

Mr Tam's interest in production can be traced back to his childhood, when he spent time at his father's textile printing factory. He studied a Higher Diploma in Production and Industrial Engineering at PolyU's predecessor Hong Kong Polytechnic, graduating in 1977. He then went on to study a Bachelor of Science in Production Engineering and Management at Loughborough University in the United Kingdom.

His interest in toy manufacturing led to him working for global toy giant Mattel, as well as several other toy manufacturers. Having spent a number of years in the sector, Mr Tam decided to launch his own company, Combine Will, in 1992. Mr Tam transformed the company into a major supplier of industrial moulds, machine tools and other consumer products after starting out as a toy manufacturer. He successfully listed the company on the Singapore Stock Exchange in 2008, and today it has more than 10,000 workers at five manufacturing facilities in Mainland China and Indonesia. Mr Tam places a high emphasis on work safety, employee wellness and environmentally friendly production, as well as encouraging his staff to volunteer for community projects, and his efforts have seen Combine Will win numerous awards over the years.

“I am fortunate to be able to do what I like in product manufacturing. It is just amazing to see a nice product being made by putting people, material and technology together!”

Alongside building his own company, Mr Tam has also worked for the advancement of his industry, helping introduce new techniques to the sector. He has served as Chairman of the Hong Kong Foundry Association, and President of The Toys Manufacturers' Association of Hong Kong. In addition, he has held posts as President of the Professional Validation Council of Hong Kong Industries (PVCHK), of which he is an Honorary Fellow, while he was a Member of the Hong Kong Trade Development Council's Toys Advisory Committee. Education and training up the next generation are also important to Mr Tam, and he served as Chairman of the Organising Committee for the Learning Enterprise Award, which was co-organised by PolyU and PVCHK in 2017. Combine Will has also sponsored scholarships for students at Hong Kong's Vocational Training Council for more than a decade.

Mr Tam remains a strong supporter of his alma mater. In the 1980s, he was a part-time lecturer at Hong Kong Polytechnic, while he was also a Member of PolyU's Institute for Entrepreneurship (IfE) Management Board and Course Management Committee. In addition, he has offered his expertise to assist initiatives such as IfE's Junior Entrepreneur Programme, and he is a Member of the PolyU MILES Alumni Association. Mr Tam has also been named a Fellow Member of PolyU's CEO Club. He has fond memories of his time studying at Hong Kong Polytechnic, particularly of forming a rock band, called “The Jets”, with his fellow students during his first year. “We rented an apartment for practice and living. To support ourselves, we gave private tuition to young students. I had seven students one time so I could upgrade my guitar and our sound system. We did some performances, won some prizes and almost got a contract from a record company,” he says. Mr Tam adds: “I always feel proud to be a member of a dedicated team and to pursue our goals together.”



Miss Vivienne TAM

- Designer and Founder, VIVIENNE TAM Fashion House
- Higher Diploma in Design, 1978
- University Fellow, 2006/2007
- Awardee of Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award 1997



Miss Vivienne Tam, Designer and Founder of VIVIENNE TAM Fashion House, is an internationally-renowned designer famous for her East-meets-West designs that act as a bridge between the two cultures.

Miss Tam credits her success to her time at PolyU's predecessor Hong Kong Polytechnic, which she says inspired her, filled her with innovative ideas and gave her the confidence to pursue her passion. Born in Guangzhou but moving to Hong Kong as a young child, Miss Tam developed her interest in fashion watching her mother make clothes for the family. She studied a Higher Diploma of Design at Hong Kong Polytechnic, and after graduating with distinction, she landed a job working as a Fashion Coordinator at the Hong Kong Trade Development Council (HKTDC).

Her first collection, launched under the East Wind Code label, which means good fortune and prosperity, caught the attention of the fashion world. She went on to design under her own name, holding her first show at New York Fashion Week in 1994. Today, Miss Tam's distinctive designs, which feature traditional Chinese elements with a modern edge, are sold around the world in prestigious department stores, as well as her own boutiques. Her creations have been worn by celebrities such as Gong Li, Lady Gaga, Jessica Alba, Julia Roberts, Paris Hilton, First Lady of the United States Jill Biden, and former First Daughters Ivanka Trump and Tiffany Trump. Her designs are included in the permanent collections of some of the world's most famous museums, including the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, the Andy Warhol Museum in Pittsburgh, and the Victoria and Albert Museum in London. In 2015, three of her iconic gowns, including one from her Buddha collection, were highlighted in the Metropolitan Museum Exhibition: "China: Through the Looking Glass", and received rave reviews.

“Happy 85th Anniversary to my alma mater which realised my potential to become who I am, and equipped me with the confidence to pursue my passion in life.”

In addition to designing clothes, Miss Tam is the author of the award-winning book *China Chic*, which is about the fusion of Chinese and western styles. She has also pioneered marrying fashion with technology through collaborations with international brands such as HP, Lenovo and Tencent. Miss Tam is the recipient of many awards, including being named one of the 25 Top Chinese-Americans in Business by *Forbes* magazine in 2010, and one of the 50 Most Beautiful People by *People* magazine. She also won the Visionary Award at the Asian Excellence Awards 2007 in Los Angeles, Veuve Clicquot Business Woman of the Year 2007, International Design Pioneer Award at the China Fashion Awards in 2012, Life Achievement Award at the World Etiquette Culture Festival in Beijing in 2016, and the China Fashion Award in Beijing – International Designer of the Year 2017.

Although Miss Tam is based in New York, she travels back and forth to Hong Kong and China, and remains a strong supporter of her alma mater. She is an Adjunct Professor at PolyU's Institute of Textiles and Clothing. She also supports students at the School of Design through sharing her experience in fashion design and marketing. Miss Tam has vivid memories of the time she spent on studying. "My years at PolyU were so inspiring, full of innovative ideas plus a lot of fun. My fondest memory is the 'seamless' project with my then lecturer Stella Rose in Year Two, creating fashion pieces without sewing seams. I was awarded distinction and handpicked for a HKTDC internship, probably the first student to have this internship opportunity," she remembers. "That was where I started to gain experience and exposure in the international fashion world."



The Hon. Tony TSE Wai-chuen, BBS, JP

- Member, Legislative Council,
The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
- Higher Diploma in Surveying (General Practice), 1976
- Awardee of Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award 2021



The Hon. Tony Tse Wai-chuen, Member of the Legislative Council (Architectural, Surveying, Planning and Landscape) of the HKSAR Government, has spent more than four decades contributing to the development of Hong Kong's real estate sector.

After studying a Higher Diploma in Surveying (General Practice) at PolyU's predecessor Hong Kong Polytechnic, graduating in 1976, he joined the Government's Public Works Department. He stayed for 12 years, working his way up to become a Senior Estate Surveyor, before moving on to take up positions in a number of public and private enterprises. He also set up his own property consultancy company Brand Star Limited.

Sr Tse has long been an advocate for his profession, and in his current role, he acts as a bridge between practitioners and the Government. He was involved in the Property Management Services Bill, which introduced a licensing regime for the building management sector. He was also the first Chairman of the Property Management Services Authority, and has successfully lobbied the Government to introduce a number of policies that benefit the sector, including securing more than HK\$110 million of subsidies under the Anti-epidemic Fund. Sr Tse has also held a number of positions in professional bodies that support the work of practitioners in the surveying and real estate sector. He has served as President of The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors, while he was also President of the Hong Kong Professionals and Senior Executives Association, and Chairman of the Surveyors Registration Board. His commitment to his profession was recognised through him being named a Lifetime Achiever by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors in 2017.

“With closer integration to the Greater Bay Area and the rest of the country, Hong Kong continues to be afforded many opportunities. I will continue to act as a bridge to connect our young professionals with these opportunities for the betterment of Hong Kong and the broader region.”

Alongside his role as a Legislative Councillor, Sr Tse has sat on a number of public bodies. He is a Non-Executive Director of the Urban Renewal Authority, and a Member of both the Harbourfront Commission, and the Standing Committee on Disciplined Services Salaries and Conditions of Service. He is also a Member of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference. In the past he has served on the Land and Building Advisory Committee and Town Planning Board, as well as being Vice-Chairman of the Independent Police Complaints Council, Chairman of Vocational Training Council's Real Estate Services Training Board, Chairman of the Hong Kong Trade Development Council's Infrastructure Development Advisory Committee, and served on the Court of Lingnan University. In recognition of his extensive contributions, he was awarded the Bronze Bauhinia Star in 2014 and made a Justice of the Peace in 2020.

Sr Tse is a strong supporter of his alma mater, where he was previously a visiting lecturer and currently acts as a mentor for PolyU's INSPIRE mentorship programme. “My fondest memories are of the times I spent sitting on the lawn courtyard, conversing and sharing ideas with my classmates. We were able to immerse ourselves in the academic and intellectual environment, while being situated in the heart of the bustling commercial city of Hong Kong.” He adds that one particular lecturer frequently joined their chats. “Often, he would bring along his baby, adding to the sense of family that I felt during my time at Hong Kong Polytechnic. This Scottish lecturer, who has since remained in Hong Kong and has contributed tremendously to the city, certainly inspired me to do the same for Hong Kong.”



Ir Vincent TSE Kam-chuen

- Managing Director, MEP Property & Buildings, Asia, WSP (Asia) Limited
- Higher Diploma in Mechanical Engineering, 1975
- Awardee of Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award 2005



Ir Vincent Tse Kam-chuen, Managing Director, MEP Property & Buildings, Asia, at WSP, has helped construct some of the most iconic buildings in Asia. During his 40-year career, he has been involved in landmark projects such as the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, Singapore International Convention Centre, the Marina Bay Sands Resort, as well as the Venetian and Parisian hotels in Macao.

Ir Tse started his training studying a Higher Diploma in Mechanical Engineering at PolyU's predecessor Hong Kong Polytechnic, graduating in 1975. He went on to gain a Polytechnic Diploma in Mechanical Engineering and a Master of Science in Building Services Engineering at the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology in the United Kingdom. In 1981, he joined leading building services engineering consultant Parsons Brinckerhoff (Asia) Limited, now WSP, rising through the ranks to take on his current role in 2019.

Ir Tse has always strived to give back to his profession. He has been a Fellow and Vice President of The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers and Chairman of its Building Services Division. He is also a Fellow and Member of the Board of Governors of the Hong Kong Chapter of the American Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE). He is currently a Trustee Board Director of the Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat. He has also acted as a liaison between his profession and a number of government departments, including the Fire Services Department and Buildings Department.

His contributions to the building profession have seen him win many awards, including the regional Energy Professional Development Award of the United States' Association of Energy Engineers in 1986, and the

“ I feel very grateful to have had opportunities to participate in the design of many tallest buildings, hospitals and mega projects in Asia and China in the last 40 years, such as China Zun in Beijing, Shanghai Tower, Seoul Lotte World Tower, Guangzhou and Tianjin CTF Finance Centre, Chongqing Raffles City, and Singapore Marina Bay Sands Resort. ”

Exceptional Services Award from ASHRAE in 2015, and its Distinguished Services Award in 2004. He was also a recipient of the Chartered Institution of Building Services Engineers' (CIBSE) Gold Medal Award in 2013. In addition, Ir Tse is a Fellow of the United Kingdom's Institution of Mechanical Engineers, CIBSE and the Institute of Healthcare Engineering.

Ir Tse has also given his time to benefit the wider community. Alongside acting as Director of the Methodist Youth Centre in Ap Lei Chau, he has served as a Director of the Haven of Hope Christian Services, Chair of the Building Management Committee of Wan Chai Methodist Church, and Director of the Methodist Centre in Wan Chai.

Despite his busy professional life, Ir Tse has still contributed to his alma mater, and he has held the role of Chairman of the Advisory Committee of the Department of Building Services Engineering. He has fond memories of his time studying and particularly remembers the support he received from Prof. Leung Tin-pui. “Without his recommendation in 1975, I would not have had the opportunity to receive my mechanical engineering training in the United Kingdom and complete my MSc degree at University of Manchester,” he says. He adds that without his guidance, he would not have held many of his positions on professional bodies.



Mr Michael TSUI Kam-fai

- Chief Executive Officer, Deltason Medical Limited
- Professional Diploma in Occupational Therapy, 1991
- Awardee of Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award 2013



Mr Michael Tsui Kam-fai, founder and CEO of Deltason Medical Limited, has used his background in occupational therapy to create medical devices that accelerate patients' rehabilitation. In doing so, he has become one of a growing number of "Poly-preneurs", namely PolyU graduates who combine their technical knowledge with entrepreneurship.

Mr Tsui started his journey when he studied a Professional Diploma in Occupational Therapy at PolyU's predecessor Hong Kong Polytechnic, which he obtained in 1991. He later completed a Master of Science in Automation and Computer-Aided Engineering at The Chinese University of Hong Kong, to help him understand the latest technologies and incorporate them into his rehabilitation devices. He has a number of professional affiliations, including being a Member of the Hong Kong Occupational Therapy Association and the International Industry Society in Advanced Rehabilitation Technology.

A few years after graduating from Hong Kong Polytechnic, Mr Tsui founded his first company Deltason Medical Limited. In 2010, he founded his second enterprise Rehab-Robotics Company Limited, which creates advanced medical and prosthetic devices for the healthcare sector. He established Rehab-Robotics to commercialise an electromyography (EMG)-driven exoskeleton robotic hand that was developed in a joint project with PolyU. The device, named the "Hand of Hope", helps patients regain hand mobility through biofeedback and motor relearning. It went on to win five international awards, including the Gold Award and Grand Prix Award at the 40th International Exhibition of Inventions Geneva in 2012 – the first time in

“You only live once. Live life to its fullest. Don't pray for an easy life, pray for the strength to endure a difficult one.”

more than 40 years that a Hong Kong invention had received the Grand Prize. Mr Tsui's contribution to the medical sector goes beyond rehabilitation devices, and he also pioneered the use of automated pharmacy systems in Hong Kong hospitals and other organisations.

Alongside running his two companies, Mr Tsui has also served as a Committee Member of the Hong Kong Trade Development Council, and a Funding Panellist for the Innovation and Technology Bureau. As a long-term supporter of ministry to the elderly in hospitals, he continues to be a Director of Shatin Hospitals Chaplaincy Ministry. The contributions Mr Tsui has made in assisting the rehabilitation of patients was recognised when he won the Innovation for Good Award at the Spirit of Hong Kong Awards by the *South China Morning Post* in 2014.

Mr Tsui has retained close links with his alma mater. He and his team continue to work closely with PolyU researchers on solutions to help stroke patients. He has also collaborated on one of PolyU's Innovation and Technology Fund research projects on a brain training device to aid recovery from strokes, and an interactive exoskeleton robot for walking. He has hired many PolyU graduates to work at his company. In addition, he has served as a Director of the Board of Outstanding PolyU Alumni Association and is a visiting lecturer in entrepreneurship at the University. He has happy memories of his time studying, and believes the training he received at Hong Kong Polytechnic helped him succeed when faced with difficulties. "The most important skills I learned from the teacher had nothing to do with treatment techniques. The problem-solving skills we applied in the clinical environment helped me to deal with challenges in all aspects of life," he says. He particularly remembers Dr Cecilia Li, Dr David Man and Dr Horace Ting. "They are not only good therapists but also good life coaches," he adds.



Sr Augustine WONG Ho-ming, JP

- Executive Director and General Manager of the Property Development Department, Henderson Land Development Company Limited
- Diploma in Building Studies, 1980
- Higher Diploma in Surveying (General Practice Surveying), 1982
- Advanced Higher Diploma in General Practice Surveying, 1983
- Master of Science in E-Commerce for Executives, 2002
- Awardee of Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award 2021



Sr Augustine Wong Ho-ming, Executive Director and General Manager of the Property Development Department, Henderson Land Development Company Limited, is a veteran real estate developer who has helped set the standard for real estate agents working in Hong Kong.

He first came to PolyU's predecessor Hong Kong Polytechnic to study a Diploma in Building Studies, graduating in 1980, before acquiring a Higher Diploma in Surveying (General Practice Surveying) in 1982, and an Advanced Higher Diploma in General Practice Surveying in 1983. He returned to his alma mater later in his career to obtain a Master of Science in E-Commerce for Executives in 2002.

In 1996, Sr Wong joined his current company, Henderson Land. He has been an Executive Director there since 2010. A firm believer that the gentrification of older communities helps improve people's lives, under his guidance, Henderson Land has become a significant player in urban renewal, acquiring more than 3,000 residential units in obsolete buildings for redevelopment over the past decade. Sr Wong has also worked with the government and NGOs to use residential units that are pending redevelopment as affordable temporary accommodation for people in need. In addition, he is a pioneer in brown field redevelopment and wetland restoration. He is a Fellow of The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors (HKIS) and a member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, and the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.

“ I am fortunate to have learnt from different successful people and they do have some common characteristics: thinking from other people's perspectives, listening carefully, the ability to explain complicated ideas in simple terms, and sincerity. Being humble is a bonus. ”

Alongside his career achievements, Sr Wong has made a significant contribution to formulating the regulatory framework for real estate agents in Hong Kong. He was a Member of the working group of the HKIS which commented on the draft Estate Agents Bill setting professional and ethical standards for the industry. He was also appointed as the first Chairman of the Practising Committee to promulgate subsidiary regulations governing the sector's daily operations. He is a Founding Member of the Estate Agents Authority and a Member of the Appeal Board under the Estate Agents Ordinance. In addition, Sr Wong has served as a Member of the Executive Committee of the Real Estate Developers Association of Hong Kong, and Convenor of the Association's Legal Sub-committee. He has also held the post of Chairman of the Real Estate Services Training Board under the Vocational Training Council, and served on a number of government bodies, including the Housing Authority, the Land and Building Advisory Committee, and the Central Policy Unit. His extensive service to the community was recognised when he was made a Justice of the Peace in 2008.

Sr Wong has been no less dedicated to helping his alma mater, both through serving on the Advisory Committee of the Department of Building and Real Estate, and through making donations. He has fond memories of his time studying. “In the early 1980s, the best place to study in the Polytechnic was the library. Students usually queued up early before the opening and used books to occupy places at the front of the queue in order to get the best seats.” He says students who came later were angry and quarrels were common, leading to enforcement action being taken by the librarians. “In the end, the three most powerful gangs came together to reach a settlement and split the first 20 places in the queue. It was a good example of the game theory and Nash equilibrium. It was so funny, and I was in one of the three gangs.”



Mr Marcellus WONG Yui-keung

- Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors, AMTD Group
- Higher Diploma in Accountancy, 1977
- Awardee of Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award 2019



Mr Marcellus Wong Yui-keung, Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors of AMTD Group, is a renowned tax expert who was named as one of the world's leading tax authorities for 14 consecutive years.

After studying a Higher Diploma in Accountancy at PolyU's predecessor Hong Kong Polytechnic, graduating in 1977, he started his career at the Inland Revenue Department as a tax assessor. In 1985, he qualified as a Fellow Member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, while he became a Member of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants in 1987. He then returned to studying, acquiring a Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of London in 1988.

Mr Wong joined accountancy firm Arthur Andersen in 1990, where he went on to become a Partner and Director of the firm's tax practice, before joining PwC, where he was a member of PwC's Governance Board, and Risk and Quality Leader of its tax practice in Hong Kong, China and Asia Pacific. He moved to his current company AMTD in 2015. On top of being named one of the world's leading tax advisors in Hong Kong and China by *Euromoney's International Tax Review* for 14 years in a row, Mr Wong also earned a President's Award for Excellence and Meritorious Service Award from CPA Australia in recognition of his contributions to the industry.

Mr Wong has used his expertise to the benefit of Hong Kong, serving as a Member of the Joint Liaison Committee on Taxation, as well as many public bodies and professional organisations, including being a

“As professionals, we must be passionate about our work and be prepared to pursue a lifetime of continuous learning about new things and look for new challenges. As entrepreneurs, we must be resilient in the face of adversity. Be agile and persevering in charting the course of our destiny.”

Board Member and President of the Greater China Division of CPA Australia, for which he continues to be an Honorary Adviser. He was also President of The Taxation Institute of Hong Kong, and is currently Chairman of its Advisory Board and Examination Board, as well as Member of its Tax Policy Committee. In addition, he has served as a Member of the HKSAR Government's Working Group on Long-Term Fiscal Planning. He has also played a key role in the support AMTD gives to charitable organisations and education. Mr Wong's efforts in these areas have seen him win an Asian Social Caring Leadership Award from the Social Enterprise Research Academy.

Despite his busy professional life, Mr Wong has always found time to give back to his alma mater. Committed to passing on his knowledge to the next generation, he was an Adjunct Professor at PolyU's School of Accounting and Finance between 2002 and 2013. He is also a Member of the Accounting and Finance Graduates Association, and former Member of the Advisory Committee on Accounting and Finance. In addition, AMTD has given a HK\$10 million donation to the AMTD FinTech Centre of PolyU's Faculty of Business. Mr Wong looks back on his student days at PolyU as being some of the happiest of his life. He remembers: “During my three years' education at PolyU, I not only gained a solid foundation for my professional career after graduation, but also met my schoolmates who later became my colleagues at work, and even some of my best friends now. After attending lectures during the daytime, I also managed to use my spare time to teach in the evening and earned sufficient income to pay for my tuition fees and living expenses, as well as a washing machine as a gift for my mother.”



Sr Mike WONG Chik-wing, JP

- Deputy Managing Director, Sun Hung Kai Properties Limited
- Higher Diploma in Surveying (Building Surveying), 1977
Master of Science in International Real Estate, 2003
- Awardee of Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award 2017



Sr Mike Wong Chik-wing, Deputy Managing Director of Sun Hung Kai Properties Limited (SHKP), has had a long and distinguished career as a professional surveyor. During this time, he has left his mark on Hong Kong's skyline after overseeing the development of the city's two tallest buildings: the International Commerce Centre (ICC) in Kowloon and the International Finance Centre (IFC) on Hong Kong Island. He also built Shanghai International Finance Centre (Shanghai IFC), one of the landmarks in Pudong, Shanghai.

He studied a Higher Diploma in Surveying (Building Surveying) at PolyU's predecessor, Hong Kong Polytechnic, graduating in 1977. He returned more than two decades later to obtain a Master of Science in International Real Estate in 2003. Sr Wong started his career as a building surveyor for the HKSAR Government, before joining SHKP in 1981. He worked his way up through the organisation, becoming an Executive Director in 1996 and being promoted to his current post of Deputy Managing Director in 2012. He is also a member of SHKP's Executive Committee. During his career, he has supervised hundreds of residential and commercial projects built by SHKP.

Sr Wong is a registered Professional Surveyor and has been designated a Distinguished Building Surveyor by The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors, of which he is a Fellow. He is also a Member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors and an Honorary Fellow of the Hong Kong Institute of Project Managers. He is keen to use his professional expertise and experience to help both his profession and Hong Kong, and Sr Wong has served as a Member of the Construction Industry Council, and the Hong Kong Housing Society.

“ The training gained from PolyU provided me with a solid foundation to lead SHKP's project management, planning and development, as well as construction teams to deliver hundreds of residential and commercial developments in Greater China, including the IFC and ICC, the tallest two landmark skyscrapers in Hong Kong. ”

Alongside his professional commitments, Sr Wong is also dedicated to serving the community. He takes an active role in SHKP's support for the Community Chest of Hong Kong, while he also promotes other good causes within the company, such as the SHKP Reading Club, which encourages reading and learning among young people, and co-organises the biennial Young Writers' Debut Competition. His commitment to education and nurturing the next generation is also reflected in the fact that he is an Adjunct Professor at PolyU and The University of Hong Kong. His many contributions to Hong Kong were recognised when he was appointed as a Justice of the Peace.

Sr Wong has staunchly supported the development of PolyU. Alongside being an Adjunct Professor of the Department of Building and Real Estate, he is also a Member of the department's Advisory Committee, and acts as a mentor to students studying in the field. He has set up two scholarships at the University, and has made many donations to support both PolyU's research efforts and its overall development. He says: “I take pride in graduating from the institution twice in 1977 and 2003. The diploma study in Building Surveying equipped me with the basic training, not only in building science and construction technology, but also in law, urban economics, town planning and elementary accounting as well.” He remembers returning to PolyU after working in the real estate industry to undertake the Master of Science in International Real Estate. “During my studies, I had a chance to travel to Cambridge in England, Vancouver and Beijing to study abroad briefly to learn and appreciate how the rules of the game for real estate development, both formal and informal, can vary from place to place,” he recalls.



Mr Samuel WONG King-on

- Former Managing Partner, Ernst & Young China Central
- Higher Diploma in Accountancy, 1977
- Awardee of Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award 2003



Mr Samuel Wong King-on, Former Managing Partner of Ernst & Young China Central, has more than 30 years' experience working in the accounting and finance sectors. He was also the first non-European Global President of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA).

PolyU's predecessor, Hong Kong Polytechnic, provided Mr Wong with the cornerstone of his career in accounting, when he studied a Higher Diploma in Accountancy there, graduating in 1977. He went on to study overseas, obtaining a Master of Business Administration from the University of Bradford in the United Kingdom in 1978, where he was also awarded the Binder Hamlyn Prize for the best student in financial management.

Mr Wong spent the majority of his career at Ernst & Young, where he held various senior roles. From 1993 to 2005, he was Partner of Assurance and Advisory Business Services, under which he was responsible for the audits of medium and large companies listed on the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong and Singapore Stock Exchange, as well as initial public offerings and due diligence assignments. He also headed up the firm's Capital Markets Group and was a member of the Partner Admission Advisory Group. In 2005, he took on the post of Managing Partner of China Central, which he held until his retirement in 2010.

During his career, Mr Wong contributed to the accounting profession through being an active member of ACCA, the global body for professional accountants. He sat on the Executive Committee of ACCA Hong Kong, serving as Chairman in 1998. The following year he was elected by ACCA members worldwide to sit on the ACCA Council, the organisation's governing body. He was re-elected for a second term in 2002. It was during this period that he became the first non-European Global President of ACCA when he held the post from 2003 to 2004. In addition to the official positions he held, Mr Wong also helped to develop innovative fundraising activities at ACCA Hong Kong, with the money raised benefitting more than a dozen local charitable organisations.

Alongside being a Fellow of the ACCA, Mr Wong is also a Fellow of the Hong Kong Institution of Certified Public Accountants and CPA Australia, previously known as the Australian Society of Certified Practising Accountants, as well as being a Member of the Macau Society of Certified Practising Accountants and the Hong Kong Securities Institute. His commitment to helping nurture the next generation of accountants saw him appointed as Honorary Vice-President of the Advisory Board of the Society of Accounting Students of The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology. Mr Wong was also an Honorary Adviser to the Children's Heart Fund of the Hong Kong Adventist Hospital.

Mr Wong has been a strong supporter of his alma mater. He was Adjunct Professor at PolyU's School of Accounting and Finance between 2002 and 2010, and the Professor of Practice (Accounting) between 2013 and 2016. He also served as an honorary student mentor to encourage and share his knowledge and experience with accounting students at the University.



The Hon. Frankie YICK Chi-ming, SBS, JP

- Member, Legislative Council, The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
Director, Wharf Limited
- Higher Diploma in Production and Industrial Engineering, 1977
- Awardee of Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award 2017



The Hon. Frankie Yick Chi-ming, Director of Wharf Limited, has had significant contributions on Hong Kong's public transport infrastructure and logistics sector during his long career which has spanned four decades.

Mr Yick graduated from PolyU's predecessor Hong Kong Polytechnic in 1977 with a Higher Diploma in Production and Industrial Engineering. He went on to obtain a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering from The University of Hong Kong, later completing a Master of Science in Industrial Management at the University of Birmingham in the United Kingdom in 1980. He joined Wharf Group in 1994, and became a Director in 2007, with responsibility for overseeing Wharf Group's public transport and terminals portfolio. He has many professional designations, including being a Chartered Fellow of The Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport in Hong Kong, and a Chartered Engineer of the Engineering Council. In 1999, Mr Yick received the Hong Kong Outstanding Industrial Engineers Award for the Millennium.

He has used his extensive experience in the public transportation and logistics industry to support the sector. Mr Yick is a Member of the Legislative Council of Hong Kong representing the Transport Functional Constituency, and has been a Board Member of the Airport Authority Hong Kong since 2014, as well as being a Member of the Hong Kong Maritime and Port Board, and the Hong Kong Logistics Development Council.

“ I always believe that ‘if there is a will, there is a way.’ I would like to encourage our fellow students to work hard towards their career goals and never give up. I am sure that they will get there one day!

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In addition, he has been a Council Member of The Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport in Hong Kong, and a Member of both the Transport Policy Committee and the Logistics Policy Committee. Mr Yick has also contributed to the engineering profession, serving as President and later a Director of the Institute of Industrial Engineers in Hong Kong. In addition, he is a Member of the 13th National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference and has been a Member of the Property Management Services Authority since 2016.

Mr Yick has also strived to use his skills to give back to society, and he oversaw the development of Wharf's business-in-community initiative Project WeCan, which works to empower disadvantaged children. Launched in 2011, it pairs local secondary school students with a sponsor for a multi-year collaboration offering both financial aid and volunteer support. His extensive service to Hong Kong was recognised when he was made a Justice of the Peace in 2015 and awarded the Silver Bauhinia Star in 2017.

Despite the many positions he holds in the public and private sector, Mr Yick has still found time to give back to his alma mater. He became a Member of the Advisory Committee of the Shipping Research Centre in PolyU's Department of Logistics and Maritime Studies in 2014, through which he helps to shape the next generation of professionals in his field. He remembers his time studying as being full of fun, and he says the Polytechnic felt like home. He was an active participant of the Student Union, the departmental society, and various interest groups and sports clubs. “By actively participating in all sorts of activities, I learnt leadership and public speaking skills that have helped to build the foundation of what I do today as one of the legislators in the local political arena,” he says. He also developed excellent relationships with his cohort and the teaching staff, and more than 40 years after graduating, he still maintains these friendships.



Mr Alan YIP Chi-wing

- Founder and Director, Yip Design Limited
- Bachelor of Arts in Design (Industrial Design), 1987
- Awardee of Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award 2005



Mr Alan Yip Chi-wing, Founder and Director of Yip Design Limited, is an award-winning international industrial designer who has designed more than 1,000 products and worked to promote high design standards in Hong Kong.

He studied a Bachelor of Arts in Design (Industrial Design) at PolyU's predecessor Hong Kong Polytechnic, graduating in 1987. While he was studying, he won the Pauline Chan Design Foundation Scholarship to the United States, where he joined Frog Design Inc. in California. After graduation, he was immediately invited by Philips Eindhoven to work at the company's Design Centre in the Netherlands. During his two-year tenure, he was inspired to work to upgrade Hong Kong's design standards to an advanced international level. Mr Yip returned to Hong Kong in 1990 and founded Yip Design Limited. Since then, he has designed over a thousand products, including the "Bamboo Stroll" roll-up flexible calculator, which is known as the "Sushi Calculator" worldwide and is included in the permanent collections of the Hong Kong Heritage Museum and the Design Museum in London. Mr. Yip has filed many international design registrations and patents, and has his own ALANYIP brand, while he has also designed products for household names such as Philips, Nintendo, Hitachi, Daewoo, and Hyundai.

Mr Yip's talent has been recognised by many international design bodies. He was awarded the 2016 Red Dot Design Award, the iF Design Award, as well as awards from the German Design Council and the United Kingdom's Chartered Society of Designers. In Hong Kong he received the HKSAR Chief Executive's Commendation and was named a Hong Kong Outstanding Young Person. He has also won the China Red

“I was very lucky to study industrial design and turn it into my hobby and lifetime career. My master – the late Mr. Szeto On – taught me that ‘Industrial designers’ mission is to enhance human living standards’. I am practising it every day of my life.”

Star Design Award and the World Outstanding Chinese Artist Award. Mr Yip has been an adjunct professor at The Hang Seng University of Hong Kong, a visiting professor at Chengdu University and Xihua University, as well as a visiting lecturer at the University for the Creative Arts in the United Kingdom and Southern University of Science and Technology in Shenzhen.

Alongside developing his own business, Mr Yip has worked to promote and develop design in Hong Kong. He is Founding Chairman of the Hong Kong Design Trade Association, and former Chairman of the Hong Kong Designers Association. He was also Vice Chairman of the Hong Kong Design Centre. In addition, he has sat on the advisory boards of the Innovation and Technology Commission and the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, as well as working closely with the Hong Kong Trade Development Council.

Despite his busy career, Mr Yip still finds time to support his alma mater, such as being a Member of the Departmental Advisory Committee of PolyU's School of Design. He still remembers his favourite professors Yanta Lam, Norman Tang, Douglas Tomkin, and the late John Heskett. "I had a good time at PolyU, designing new products and making beautiful models at the model-shop." He remembers his hobby of modifying his remote-control model car and doing test runs on the podium. "My best moment was my water-drop iron student project which was published in the United Kingdom's *Design* magazine, and receiving a letter from Philips at PolyU that led to my overseas designer contract at their Netherlands headquarters. I felt like I was in the movie *Chariots of Fire* running on my own track, seeing no opponents, just trying very hard to challenge my own record," he says.



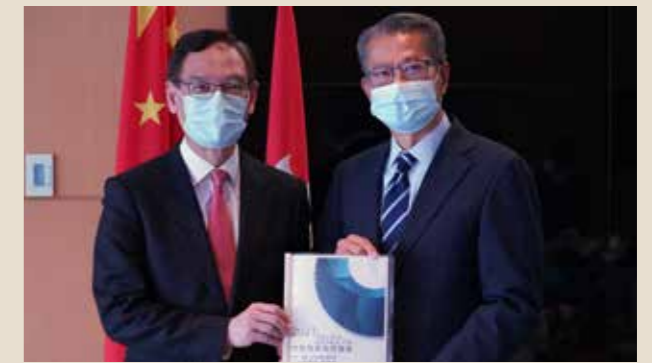
Ir Eric MA Siu-cheung (front row, right) attends the "Carbon Neutrality" Partnership Launching Ceremony.



Mr Michael ROSS receives the Magnolia Honor Award.



Mr Dominic TAM Jo-tak (left) is elected President of the Professional Validation Council of Hong Kong Industries.



The Hon. Tony TSE Wai-chuen (left) submits a proposal for The 2021-22 Budget.



Mrs Natalia SENG SZE Ka-mee at the Hong Kong Institute of Chartered Secretaries Annual Dinner



Ir Alfred SIT Wing-hang (left), Former Secretary for Innovation and Technology, takes the oath of office.



Miss Vivienne TAM (right) meets Jill Biden, the first lady of the United States.



Ir Vincent TSE Kam-chuen (right) is a Fellow and Member of the Board of Governors of the Hong Kong Chapter of the American Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air-Conditioning Engineers.



Mr Alan YIP Chi-wing (right) is named a Hong Kong Outstanding Young Person.



Mr Richard SUN Po-yuen (right) attends the PolyU Fundraising Dinner.



Mr Dominic TAM Jo-tak (right) is elected President of The Toys Manufacturers' Association of Hong Kong.



Mr Michael TSUI Kam-fai (left) at the Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation, serving as a trainer for the Lean Launchpad Programme.



Sr Augustine WONG Ho-ming (right) receives Distinguished Service Medal in the 2012 Scout Awards.



Sr Mike WONG Chik-wing (right) attends a conference hosted by Prof. Ronald Coase in 2008.



The Hon. Frankie YICK Chi-ming is a Member of the 13th National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference.



Sr Augustine WONG Ho-ming (back row, fourth left) meets with Chinese government officials.



Mr Marcellus WONG Yui-keung (right) wins an Asian Social Caring Leadership Award from the Social Enterprise Research Academy.



The Hon. Frankie YICK Chi-ming at the oath-taking ceremony for members of the seventh-term Legislative Council

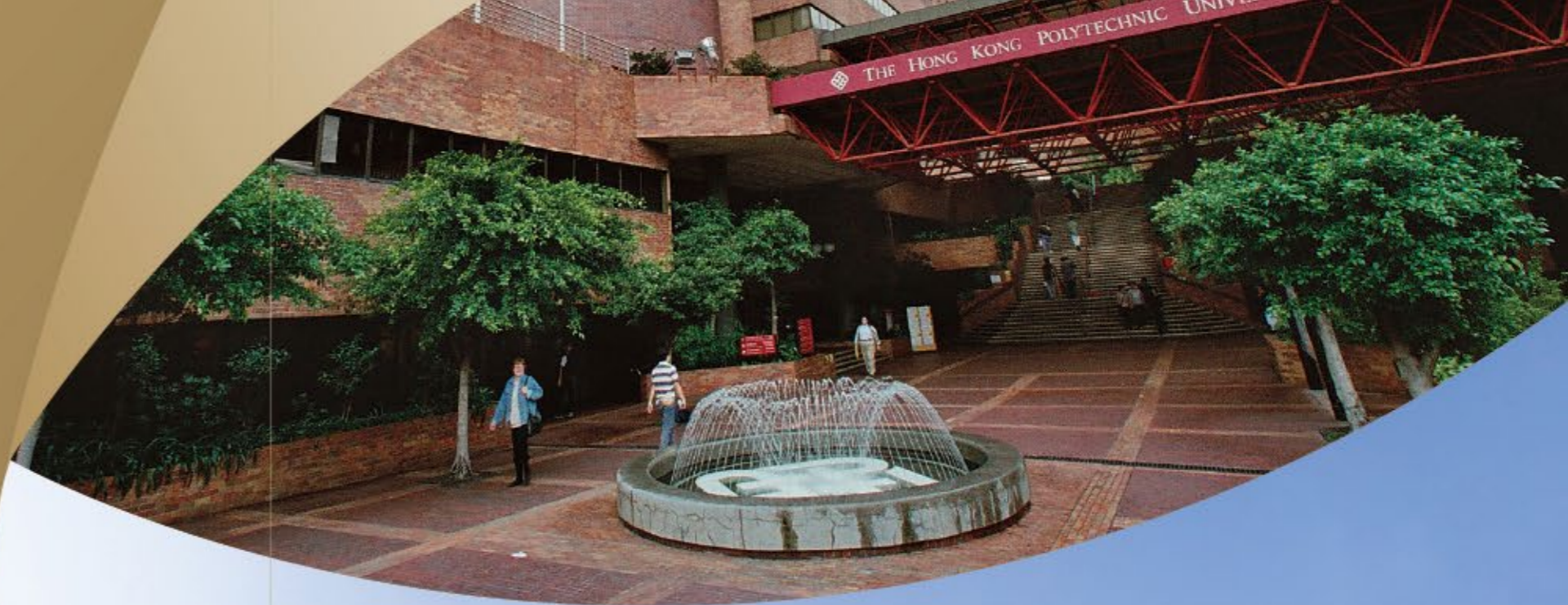


Mr Alan YIP Chi-wing is awarded the 2016 Red Dot Design Award.

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Dr Hubert CHAN Chung-ye, JP

- Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, HKC International Holdings Limited
- Doctor of Business Administration, 2008
- Awardee of Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award 2013



Dr Hubert Chan Chung-ye, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer at HKC International Holdings Limited, has shown dedication and flare in both the commercial world and the charitable sector.

He came to PolyU to study for a Doctor of Business Administration, graduating in 2008. But he had demonstrated his business acumen long before this point, overseeing the transformation of HKC from a small trading firm founded by his late father into a publicly-listed company in 2001. Today HKC is a major provider of Information Communication Technology (ICT) solutions, with businesses ranging from product development, to the sale of IT and telecommunications equipment, to systems integration in Hong Kong, Mainland China, South East Asia and the United States.

Dr Chan has not only used his skills and knowledge to develop his own company, but he has also made significant contributions to furthering Hong Kong's telecoms industry. He was Chairman of the Communications Association of Hong Kong from 2006 to 2012, during which time he helped formulate initiatives to safeguard consumer rights. Meanwhile, as Founding Chairman of the Advisory Committee to the Green ICT Consortium, he promoted the use of sustainable ICT to reduce the sector's carbon emissions. He has been a member of the Communications Authority since 2020.

Dr Chan has been equally giving of his time to social causes and community service, holding a number of leading positions with charitable organisations. He served as a Board Member of World Vision Hong Kong from 2007 to 2016, and has been a Council Member of the Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups

“ The motto of the Society for the Promotion of Hospice Care is applicable to everybody: ‘When days cannot be added to life, we add life to days.’ ”

since 2010. In addition, he provides free consultations on communication systems to NGOs, as well as teaching part-time at community colleges to help promote upward mobility through education. In 2011, in recognition of his many contributions to society, Dr Chan was made a Justice of the Peace.

Dr Chan has remained a staunch supporter of PolyU and is an active member of the PolyU DBA Alumni Association, providing a hosting service for the Association's website. Leveraging his expertise in the ICT industry, Dr Chan was a Panel Speaker at the 9th ICT and Business Innovation Seminar organised by PolyU's Department of Computing in 2010. In 2012, he was a sponsor of PolyU's 75th Anniversary Conference organised by the School of Accounting and Finance, while he was also a speaker for the Faculty of Business Distinguished Alumni Talk.

Unsurprisingly, given his commitment to good causes, his fondest memory from his time at PolyU is when he created a business plan for a new hospice for the Society for the Promotion of Hospice Care (SPHC) in 2006, as an assignment for the Qualitative Research module of his doctorate studies. He explains that the main objective of the study was to establish whether the project was financially feasible. The financial projections and cashflow analysis were submitted to SPHC's Executive Committee for consideration. The project went ahead in 2014 and it commenced operation in 2017 as the Jockey Club Home for Hospice. Dr Chan served as Chairman of the Board between 2018 and 2020. He says: “Turning an academic study into reality is a great achievement in a DBA journey, which has a starting point but no ending. I must thank Professor Peter Yuen for giving our group an ‘A’ for the assignment, and for the subsequent consultancy support he offered after the home went into operation.”

Ms Janet CHEN Lijuan

- Chairman, Shenzhen Ebeca Beauty Technology Investment Company Limited
- Master of Business Administration, 2007
- Awardee of Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award 2021



Janet Chen Lijuan, Chairman of Shenzhen Ebeca Beauty Technology Investment Company Limited, is a highly regarded businesswoman in the health and beauty industry in Mainland China.

Ms Chen, who studied a Master of Business Administration at PolyU, graduating in 2007, traces her success back to her decision to introduce the French skincare brand Ebeca into the Chinese market in 1983. Her company went on to represent dozens of famous brands from France, Germany, Switzerland, Korea and Taiwan in Mainland China. She later acquired the Ebeca brand in 1992.

Today, Ebeca Beauty is ranked among the top 30 leading enterprises in the health and beauty sector in China. Since it was first launched nearly 40 years ago, Ms Chen has transformed it into a conglomerate with a vertically integrated supply chain, covering a full range of health and beauty businesses. These include 60 spas and three customised rejuvenation treatment centres across Mainland China, a biotech company that does research and development for the company's own products, and beauty schools. In addition, the company runs stem cell anti-ageing treatment centres, organic farms and even a beauty-themed resort town. It also has an investment company that focuses on health and beauty-related investment opportunities. At the same time, Ms Chen has signed strategic agreements with more than ten beauty tech companies in the United States, Switzerland, France, Germany and Australia, ensuring the group stays at the forefront of advances in the field.

Alongside building up her own business, Ms Chen has also worked hard on behalf of the wider health and beauty industry, holding positions such as Vice President of the Shenzhen Beauty Industry Association, and Chairman of its Beauty Standards Committee. In addition, she introduced the 5HFRC Healthy Skin

“Let PolyU alumni better understand the policies and development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, integrate into the development of the Greater Bay Area, and create internships and develop opportunities for PolyU alumni to create a warm alumni ecological chain.”

Customised Measurement System, and the 5HBRC Health Management System, which went on to become the industry standard for beauty treatments that encompass naturotherapy, physiotherapy and biotherapy.

Her impressive achievements in her field have seen Ms Chen win a number of awards, such as being named among the Women with Outstanding Entrepreneurial Spirit in China, and Shenzhen Outstanding Entrepreneurs. She was also included in the China Top 100 Outstanding Women Entrepreneurs, and the Shenzhen Top 10 Outstanding Women Entrepreneurs lists. Meanwhile, her regular donations to education, healthcare, welfare and disaster relief funds saw her earn the title of Shenzhen Beneficent Woman Entrepreneur in 2010.

Ms Chen has retained strong links with her alma mater, serving as President of the PolyU Pearl River Delta Alumni Network since 2016, helping to build up links between PolyU alumni in the region and provide internship opportunities for graduates. In 2018, she founded the Hong Kong Poly-Yuan Charity Foundation under the alumni network to help people in need. She also made a generous donation to the PolyU COVID-19 Student Support Fund. She has vivid memories of her time at PolyU. “My best memories of PolyU are the pureness of the campus, also the international, scientific and enlightening teaching system.” She adds that there were two professors who particularly helped her, namely Professor Xinpeng Xu, who taught her economics, and Professor Jianqing Wu who encouraged her for doing the daily administration of the class. “The motto of PolyU is ‘To learn and to apply, for the benefit of mankind.’ Through constantly exploring the world and absorbing wisdom from history, I have become who I am today,” she says.

Mr LAU Hiu-fung (1984-2012)

- Bachelor of Science in Computing, 2009
- Awardee of Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award 2011



Mr Lau Hiu-fung did not allow a degenerative disorder to stand in the way of fulfilling his dream to study computing.

He was diagnosed with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy when he was just eight years old, and confined to a wheelchair since the age of 12. But despite his disability, he achieved significant academic success. He completed his secondary education at the John F. Kennedy Centre of the Hong Kong Red Cross, winning the Hong Kong Sino-British Fellowship Trust Scholars' Foundation Award for his outstanding performance in the Hong Kong Certificate of Education Examination in 2004. He went on to win many more prestigious scholarships and awards for academic excellence, including the Shell-Island Jaycees Scholarship for the Disabled from the Education Scholarships Fund Committee in 2005, the Sir Edward Youde Memorial Award for Disabled Students in both 2004/2005 and 2006/2007, and the Sir Edward Youde Memorial Prize for secondary students for three consecutive years in 2004, 2005 and 2006.

Mr Lau became a student at PolyU in 2006, studying a Bachelor of Science in Computing, graduating with first class honours in 2009. His innovative computer programme writing skills for his final year project "RFID/SMS-based Flight Information and Advertising System" saw him win a Gold Award in three competitions, namely the 2009 Amway Pan-Pearl River Delta Regional Universities IT Project Grand Competition, Best Innovation and Research Category (College and Undergraduates) at the Hong Kong ICT Awards 2009, and

“ To live every day to the fullest. To live without regret every day. ”

the Under-21 category at the Hong Kong RFID Awards 2009. His achievements are all the more remarkable as by this stage of his life, Mr Lau's muscles had deteriorated so much that he could barely move his limbs. Unable to type with his fingers, he completed the project using a pair of chopsticks to tap the computer keyboard.

After graduating, Mr Lau worked as a Project Assistant at PolyU's Department of Computing on a project funded by the Office of the Communications Authority, developing a package of SMS-based services for airport users and tourists. Affectionately known as "Hong Kong's Stephen Hawking", he also continued to develop software on a pro-bono basis for the John F. Kennedy Centre, where he received his secondary education. Mr Lau's ability to overcome adversity, as well as his desire to use his talents to give back to the community saw him receive the Ten Outstanding Young Persons Award from the Junior Chamber International Hong Kong. Despite the challenges he faced, he still managed to see a bright side to everything. He once said, "I think everything has two sides, fortunate and not fortunate."

He greatly enjoyed his time studying at PolyU, likening university to a buffet from which you could get whatever you wanted through your own efforts. He also liked the fact that university education encouraged students to ask questions, and he once stayed on campus until 11pm talking to one of his professors.

Ir Dr Kelvin LEUNG Kai-yuen

- CEO, Asia Pacific, DHL Global Forwarding (Hong Kong) Limited
- Doctor in Business Administration, 2010
- Awardee of Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award 2021



Ir Dr Kelvin Leung Kai-yuen, CEO, Asia Pacific at DHL Global Forwarding (Hong Kong) Limited, lives by his company's motto: "Connecting people and improving lives".

Dr Leung, who completed a Doctor of Business Administration at PolyU in 2010, places a strong emphasis on adhering to high social, environmental and ethical standards in his work overseeing DHL's operations in more than 20 territories in Asia Pacific. He is a humanistic leader, who cares for his colleagues and focuses on having good communication channels, and is a strong advocate of innovation. This approach has also seen him embrace digitalisation at DHL, adopting the latest technology to increase transparency for customers. During the COVID-19 pandemic, when the cost of air freight soared, under Dr Leung's direction DHL offered innovative solutions, such as multimodal transportation, to its customers to help keep costs down and speed up transit times. DHL was also among the best-prepared logistics firms for the temperature-controlled shipments required for certain COVID-19 vaccinations.

His corporate achievements and strong leadership have seen Dr Leung named CEO of the Year (Logistics) by the Customer Relationship Excellence Awards, while he has also made it into the *International Who's Who of Professionals* and the *Cambridge Who's Who*. He won the Supply Chain Leader of Efficient Consumer Response Golden Circle Award as well.

Dr Leung has used his knowledge and experience to benefit his industry, serving as the Honorary Chairman of the Hong Kong Logistics Management Staff Association. He was formerly the Chairman of the Hongkong Association of Freight Forwarding and Logistics, as well as serving as a Member of the Hong Kong Logistics

“ Many cities in Mainland China are growing fast and developing into the future. If Hong Kong wants to remain as the shining spot on the China (and the world) map, we need to continue to up ourselves. That is only possible if our younger generations are really ready and equipped for it. Hong Kong's future counts on you!

Development Council, and the Aviation Development Advisory Committee under the HKSAR Government, helping formulate policies and regulations for the sector.

In line with his belief in connecting people and improving lives, Dr Leung also works to give back to society, particularly young people. To help nurture the leaders of tomorrow, he volunteers as a mentor to students at The University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong Baptist University and City University of Hong Kong, as well as participating in the Government's mentorship scheme for the Hong Kong Scholarship for Excellence Scheme.

Dr Leung has been no less giving to his alma mater, and alongside serving on Departmental Advisory Committees, DHL has sponsored an annual scholarship for students in the Department of Logistics and Maritime Studies for the past ten years. Dr Leung looks back on his decision to study at PolyU as being one of the best things he has done. He says: "Despite all the hard work, time spent and the financial cost of my Doctor of Business Administration at PolyU over three-plus years, it was one of the best investments I have ever made." He points out that not only did he make a lot of new friends who he is still in touch with today, but the knowledge he acquired is also highly relevant to his work. "The most memorable moments were the get-together social events with my cohort and the academic staff, a trip to Kota Kinabalu with my family to prepare for my thesis, our overseas module at the International Institute for Management Development and all the reading time during the weekends and inflight during all my duty travels."

Dr Edith MOK KWAN Ngan-hing, MH

- Vice Chairperson, The Hong Kong Society for Rehabilitation
Distinguished Fellow, Hong Kong Computer Society
- Doctor of Business Administration, 2003
- Awardee of Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award 2015



Dr Edith Mok Kwan Ngan-hing, Vice Chairperson of The Hong Kong Society for Rehabilitation, and Distinguished Fellow of the Hong Kong Computer Society, is a veteran information and communications technology (ICT) professional. She overcame a debilitating stroke and went on to help others through working to make Hong Kong more accessible for people with disabilities.

Her association with PolyU goes back to the mid-1990s, during her career in the ICT sector, when she served as the University's Director of Information and Technology Services. She went on to hold senior managerial positions at AT&T Asia Pacific, The Hong Kong Jockey Club (briefly), and the International Academy of Management.

Dr Mok's prowess in the industry was recognised in 1996, when she was listed among the Top 100 Women in Computing by McGraw Hill in the United States. In addition, she has advised various government bureaus on IT-related issues. While serving as Secretary General of the Hong Kong Computer Society, she helped develop and implement IT professional certification in Hong Kong, and worked for mutual recognition of qualifications with The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers, both internationally and in Hong Kong. In 2011, she was made a Director of the Certification Board of the Hong Kong Institute of IT Professional Certification.

But her life has not been without challenges. In 1997, Dr Mok suffered a severe stroke that impaired her ability to walk, talk and think. She refused to let the situation hold her back, and she persevered through the gruelling stages of rehabilitation. Her strength of character in overcoming this adversity is demonstrated by the fact that she obtained a Doctor of Business Administration (DBA) from PolyU in 2003.

“ It is my privilege to serve people with disabilities, chronic diseases and elders through accessible transport, rehabilitation services, and advocacy for their rights in the community. ”

Dr Mok's experience inspired her to help others, and in the same year she graduated, despite still being paralysed on one side, she founded the Braincare self-help group, which united four brain injury groups with a total of around 3,000 members. The group provides an information website and enquiry hotline and educates the public about brain injuries.

Once she had fully rehabilitated from her stroke, Dr Mok decided to use her IT and management expertise to help people who were physically impaired or chronically ill, as well as the elderly, through becoming a volunteer for The Hong Kong Society for Rehabilitation, which had played a key role in her own recovery. In 2010, she took up the role of Vice Chairperson, overseeing the provision of rehabilitation services for more than 1.2 million elderly and disabled people. She is also Chairperson of the Accessible Transport Services and Digital Transformation Committees. In addition, she serves as Chairperson of the e2Care Project, a Community Rehabilitation Network initiative which encourages self-learning and health management among people with chronic health conditions. Over the years, she has spared no effort in tackling rehabilitation-related issues with different government bureaus and departments.

Dr Mok's extensive contributions to both the IT industry and the wider community were recognised in 2011, when she received the Outstanding Women Professionals and Entrepreneurs Award for her work promoting digital inclusion in Hong Kong, while in 2014 she was a recipient of the Medal of Honour.

She vividly remembers her time at PolyU and how her fellow students rallied round to help her after she had suffered the stroke. Dr Mok says: “The most unforgettable event was my PolyU classmates from the first year of the Doctor of Business Administration providing an accessible transport service to take me to my therapeutic sessions until the non-emergency ambulance transfer service could be arranged. With this encouragement and boost from my classmates, I restarted my study two years later, and passed my DBA in 2003!”

Mr Elton NG Chun-ting

- Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Centre of Rehabilitation & Exercising Specialist
- Bachelor of Science in Physiotherapy, 2000
Master of Science in Sports Physiotherapy, 2005
- Awardee of Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award 2019



Physiotherapist Mr Elton Ng Chun-ting, Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Centre of Rehabilitation & Exercising Specialist, has scaled great heights in both his personal and professional life. He has climbed Mount Everest and made significant contributions to help people with medical conditions and injuries.

Mr Ng studied a Bachelor of Science in Physiotherapy at PolyU, graduating in 2000, before completing a Master of Science in Sports Physiotherapy in 2005. After spending six years working at the MacLehose Medical Rehabilitation Centre, he founded the Centre of Rehabilitation & Exercising Specialist (CORES) in 2006. CORES promotes Mr Ng's holistic approach to rehabilitation and wellbeing, not only helping patients to heal, but also assisting them in gaining strength to prevent injuries reoccurring. It also offers consultancy services to sports events, sports teams, club houses, and public and private organisations, as well as educating the public about how to prevent sports injuries.

Mr Ng's passion for sports is evidenced by the fact that he is an elite adventure and ultra-trail athlete, and has represented Hong Kong in a number of competitions. He is also a formidable mountaineer, and became only the second Hong Konger to scale successfully Mt. Manaslu in 2016. He conquered Mount Everest a year later, making him the second Hong Kong mountaineer to have successfully summited all eight highest mountains across the world's seven continents.

Alongside achieving his own goals, Mr Ng believes it is important to help others. This belief has seen him doing extensive charity work, including founding the Hong Kong Physiotherapy Support Network. He is also the Founding Chairman of CORES Athletic Union, which promotes running and health. Since 2009, he has been the Life Invigorating Ambassador for Hong Kong Transplant Sports Association to increase

“ Life is a torrent; spectacular waves are only splashed when the current meets massive obstacles. Be kind, be sincere and uphold your integrity on your life journey. Your life will be much more rewarding if you prioritise helping others in need and devote yourself to addressing social challenges rather than personal gain. ”

public awareness about organ donation. In addition, he has been an honorary medical consultant to promote hydrotherapy and rehabilitation for the Hong Kong Arthritis & Rheumatism Foundation. Mr Ng has also volunteered to be a sports physiotherapist for many large-scale sports events, including being in charge of physiotherapy services at the 2009 East Asian Games.

His devotion to helping others has led to him winning a number of awards. He was named one of the Ten Outstanding Young Persons by the Junior Chamber International Hong Kong in 2018, and he was awarded the Hong Kong Volunteer Award by the Agency for Volunteer Service, for his efforts in promoting organ donation, holistic rehabilitation, and fundraising. He was also a recipient of the Youth Dream Makers Award in 2017. In addition, he has inspired many people through his speech and books about overcoming multiple challenges to reach his goals, and one of his books won the Hong Kong Golden Book Award 2017.

Mr Ng continues to be an active participant in life at his alma mater, and he regularly gives lectures at professional bodies. He has attributed much of his inspiration to his time at PolyU. “I still remember how I was inspired by the vast horizon of intercultural education at PolyU and the genuine sharing of professors. Our professors excelled in their own areas of expertise, and all were multi-talented. I looked up to them as if they were the giants,” he says. Mr Ng adds that sometimes these “giants” shared how much effort they had to put in when they were at the beginning of their journey. “I then understood that besides endeavour, insight, time management, marketing acumen and multiple skills were important for success. Their words also taught me to be a generous giver when I was one day capable.”

Dr the Hon. Johnny NG Kit-chong, MH

- Member, Legislative Council, The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
Founder and Chairman, Goldford Group
- Bachelor of Engineering in Manufacturing Engineering, 1996
Doctor of Philosophy, 2002
- Awardee of Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award 2015



Dr the Hon. Johnny Ng Kit-chong, Founder and Chairman of Goldford Group, is a successful entrepreneur who uses his skills and knowledge to help start-ups and early stage companies realise their potential.

He first came to PolyU to study for a Bachelor of Engineering in Manufacturing Engineering, graduating in 1996. He returned to undertake a Doctor of Philosophy, which he obtained in 2002. In 1999, just three years after he first graduated, he founded Goldford Group with HK\$5,000 of seed capital. The investment group provides seed angel funding and support to early stage start-ups in the fintech, internet and education sectors, and the creative industries in Greater China. In the late 2000s, the group branched out into venture capital investment as Goldford Venture. Alongside his role at Goldford Group, Dr Ng is currently Chairman of Oriental Payment Group and an Independent Non-executive Director of Chuang's China Investments Limited.

Dr Ng's achievements are not limited to his investment and business activities, and he also has an impressive track record in research into machine learning, focusing on pattern recognition and image processing. Between 2001 and 2009, while he was Chairman and Chief Executive of Titanium Technology Group, he spearheaded R&D initiatives in this area, consolidating the group's leading position in the biometric facial-recognition market and overseeing its listing in the United States. He also conducted post-doctoral research on proactive computing at Tsinghua University.

His achievements saw him ranked among the Hong Kong Ten Outstanding Young Digi Persons in 2000, while in 2003, he was named Innovative Entrepreneur of the Year, and a decade later, he was included in Hong Kong's Top Ten Outstanding Cantonese Youth. He was awarded the Medal of Honour by the HKSAR Government in 2018.

“Young people should keep open minds and should not be calculating. Do not be limited by your discipline or external factors. Skills and creativity count, but your mentality to open up is the most important.”

Dr Ng has always used his skills and experience to give back to the community, and he is a Member of the Hong Kong Art Development Council, Private Columbaria Licensing Board and the Employees Retraining Board. He is also a Committee Member of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference. Dr Ng is particularly focused on helping young people, and is a Convener of Hong Kong Youth Synergy, which helps young people find employment and start their own businesses. He was a former President of Hong Kong United Youth Association. He also donated HK\$1 million worth of equipment to the Institute of Vocational Education's Biometrics Laboratory in Tsing Yi.

He is a staunch supporter of his alma mater, and has served as Senior Vice Chairman of the MILES Alumni Association and a member of a Departmental Advisory Committee. He encourages the next generation of entrepreneurs through being a partner of Open Partner Ventures Limited, which has allocated HK\$2 million to the Tech Launchpad Fund Scheme, a PolyU venture that accelerates the growth of technology start-ups through providing match funding. Looking back on his time at PolyU, Dr Ng says he is in awe of all the opportunities that came his way. “In 1996, I benefitted from PolyU's signature Teaching Company Scheme, supervised by Dr Andrew W.H. Ip. I gained exposure to R&D, operations and management. Researching and working around 18 hours a day helped me develop resilience. With an entrepreneurial dream, three other PolyU colleagues and I launched my first start-up to provide biometric software services in 1999, naming the company after the research room EF303 on campus where we undertook our research projects.”

Ir Dr Samson TAM Wai-ho, JP

- Chairman, Group Sense (International) Limited
- Doctor of Philosophy, 2005
- Awardee of Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award 2007



Ir Dr Samson Tam Wai-ho, Chairman and one of the Founders of Group Sense (International) Limited (GSL), is a successful entrepreneur with more than 30 years' experience in the technology sector. He has played an important role in helping develop Hong Kong's innovation and technology ecosystem through nurturing start-ups and acting as an angel investor.

He started his career as an engineer after graduating in 1986 from The Chinese University of Hong Kong with a Bachelor of Science, majoring in Electronics and minoring in Computer Software. He came to PolyU more than a decade later to study for a Doctor of Philosophy, which he gained in 2005. Soon after graduating with his first degree, Dr Tam founded GSL, which developed handheld information devices, such as electronic dictionaries, digital personal assistants and smart phones. Within just five years of its launch, the company, which is well known for Instant-Dict, the world's first electronic Chinese-English dictionary, listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, a record achievement at the time. Under Dr Tam's leadership, GSL has won many awards, including the Grand Award in the first Technological Achievement Awards in the Hong Kong Awards for Industries. Meanwhile, Dr Tam himself won the Young Industrialist Award of Hong Kong in 1992, and was named one of Hong Kong's Ten Outstanding Young Persons in 1997.

Alongside his own impressive achievements, Dr Tam has worked hard to promote the innovation and technology sector in Hong Kong and the Greater Bay Area. Among the many posts he has held, he is Chairman of Hong Kong Industry-University-Research Collaboration Association and Partner of Hong Kong

“I have set up a fund focusing on angel investment and have started an incubation and accelerator centre in Shenzhen. Through these platforms, I can connect with dozens of start-ups, share with young entrepreneurs and grow with them.”

Inno Angel Fund, Shenzhen Baytech Capital and Shenzhen Zebras Technology Startup Acceleration, all of which are important vehicles that support entrepreneurs in growing and developing their innovations. In addition, he has been Chairman of the Hong Kong Business Angel Network, Deputy Chairman of the Hong Kong Productivity Council, and President of the Hong Kong Association for the Advancement of Science and Technology, as well as serving as a Legislative Councillor from the functional constituency of Information Technology from 2008 to 2012. Dr Tam is keen to encourage the next generation of entrepreneurs, which he does through his investment and incubation activities, as well as being a regular speaker in schools and universities, and acting as a consultant to several universities. In recognition of his extensive contributions to the community, Dr Tam was made a Justice of the Peace in 2006.

He continues to be a staunch supporter of PolyU, assisting in the University's development through being Chairman of the Advisory Committee of the Department of Electronic and Information Engineering, a Member of the Steering Committee of PolyU's Institute for Enterprise, and a Member of the Sub-Committee on Technology and Product Development. In addition, he has served as a member of the Advisory Committee for Double Master Degrees in Software Technology, offered jointly with the Chinese Academy of Sciences. Dr Tam has fond memories of his time at PolyU. “I enjoyed the project-based learning so much because I had the chance to meet many interesting and knowledgeable lecturers and team-mates. Through the group projects, I learnt a lot, such as team building, problem solving, especially, the thinking process of group members and how we explore solutions from different approaches and aspects. These skills helped a lot in my entrepreneurship, as well as my services to society.”



Mr WAN Feng

- President, Centre Testing International, China
- Master of Business Administration, 2006
- Awardee of Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award 2015



Mr Wan Feng, President of Centre Testing International (CTI), is a successful entrepreneur who pioneered third-party testing and certification services in Mainland China.

He founded his first company, Greem Consulting Company Limited, in the mid-1990s, when he was still only in his 30s. The company was China's first home-grown system management consultancy firm. Drawing on his background in engineering, gained while working at the Huangshi Dongbei Mech-Electric Group, Mr Wan expanded his portfolio to offer third-party testing and certification, founding CTI in 2003.

Keen to expand his knowledge of the business world, Mr Wan studied for a Master of Business Administration at PolyU. A year after graduating in 2006, he became President of CTI. The group went from strength to strength, and just six years after it was first founded, CTI was listed on the Shenzhen Stock Exchange. It was not only the first listed third-party testing certification institution in Mainland China, but it also ended the monopoly on third-party testing and certification that had previously been enjoyed by foreign companies.

CTI went on to expand its services, and alongside its core offering of testing and certification, it also provides one-stop solutions on inspection, audit, training, and technical services. Today it has more than 10,000

employees, operating out of a network of more than 150 laboratories in more than 70 cities and 10 countries across the world. CTI is an accredited laboratory for the Compulsory Certification of China, the China National Accreditation Service for Conformity Assessment and the China Metrology Certification. It is also a national certification company in Singapore, the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, Germany, Norway, and Mexico.

The company has gone on to win a string of prestigious awards. It was included in Deloitte's China Technology Fast 50 in both 2008 and 2009. It also won a place on the *Forbes* China Up and Comers List in 2010 and 2011. Meanwhile, Mr Wan himself was a recipient of the Mainland Programme Graduates Distinguished Achievement Award in 2012. He is also a registered Lead Auditor with the International Register of Certified Auditors, the world's largest certification body for auditors of management systems.

Mr Wan puts a strong emphasis on giving back to society, and encourages employees at CTI to volunteer to help people in need in the communities in which they operate. He has also served as Vice President of the Research Association of Corporate Social Responsibility in Guangdong, playing an important role in promoting corporate social responsibility in the province.

Despite the demands of running a successful company based in Shenzhen, Mr Wan has continued to retain strong links with his alma mater. He has acted as President of the PolyU SZRI Alumni Association (Pearl River Delta), as well as making generous donations to support alumni activities in Shenzhen. Through CTI, he has also provided scholarships for students at the Faculty of Business, while he frequently recruits PolyU graduates to his company.

Dr Alex WONG Siu-wah

- Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, King's Flair International (Holdings) Limited
- Doctor of Business Administration, 2019
- University Fellow, 2016/17
- Awardee of Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award 2021



Dr Alex Wong Siu-wah, Chairman and CEO of King's Flair International (Holdings) Limited, has built up his company from a small factory to an entity which listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange in 2015. While growing his business, he always abided by his guiding principle to give back to society what he got out of it.

He first came to PolyU's predecessor Hong Kong Polytechnic in the mid-1970s, to study mechanics and electronics. He returned to his alma mater more than 40 years later to undertake a Doctor of Business Administration, which he gained in 2019.

Dr Wong has demonstrated his business acumen through the growth of his kitchenware company, King's Flair, which he founded in 1989. He adopted a virtual manufacturing network model, which enabled him to have complete control over his whole supply chain, without the need to own any factories. This approach also provided the group with the flexibility to access emerging markets and incorporate new technology into its products. Dr Wong's focus on humanistic designs has seen King's Flair win a number of awards, including the Hong Kong Smart Design Awards, D-Mark awards from the Design Council of Hong Kong, Good Design Awards, as well as the Red Dot Design Award from Germany.

While growing his business, Dr Wong never lost sight of the importance of giving back to society. As such, he not only makes sure his operations conform to high corporate social responsibility standards, but he also supports many charities, including The Community Chest of Hong Kong, Chi Heng Foundation and A Drop of Life. In addition, King's Flair has built schools in Wuzhou in Guangxi Province, and Heyuan in Guangdong Province. These efforts saw King's Flair included in the Federation of Hong Kong Industries' Industry Cares Recognition Scheme in 2018.

“ Even if you and I are from different generations, backgrounds, and environments, you, the young generation, have so much more than we had growing up. I believe that with continued perseverance in your studies and life goals, you will achieve them. Don't give up. I strongly believe in your ability to achieve what you aspire to be. ”

Dr Wong also gives his time to help support the business sector. He has served as a Member of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce, the Chinese Manufacturers' Association of Hong Kong, and the Heyuan in Guangdong Provincial Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference.

An ardent supporter of his alma mater, Dr Wong is an active participant of the INSPIRE mentorship programme, sharing his knowledge with the next generation. He also helped establish a laboratory for R&D into cutting-edge nanotechnologies. In addition, his company, King's Flair International (Holdings) Limited, is an Honorary Life Chairman of the PolyU Foundation. Dr Wong is currently serving on the Advisory Committee of the Department of Mechanical Engineering. In 2014, he generously donated an endowed professorship to PolyU to support research in product design engineering. In recognition of his many contributions to PolyU, he was made a University Fellow in 2016/2017, and was later elected Chairperson of the PolyU University Fellows Association.

Dr Wong still remembers his early days studying at Hong Kong Polytechnic. “In 1974 I took my first steps onto the Hong Kong Polytechnic campus, a simple college with scattered buildings and soccer fields made of dirt and sand. Upon my return 27 years later, I came back to the same place, now known as The Hong Kong Polytechnic University. I felt extremely touched that the strong spirit and passion of the students and professors still prevailed. The dedication to achieve academic excellence shown by PolyU teaching staff and students many years ago helped build me into who I am today, and continues to persevere at PolyU,” he says.

Ir Dr WONG Kwok-keung, GBS, JP

- Chairman, Kum Shing Group
- Doctor of Business Administration, 2016
- Awardee of Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award 2017



Ir Dr Wong Kwok-keung, Chairman of Kum Shing Group, has played a leading role in the development of Hong Kong's energy infrastructure through his position as head of his family's company.

Dr Wong came to Hong Kong as an immigrant from Mainland China in the 1960s. He completed his higher education in Canada, studying for a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of Calgary, followed by a Master of Science in Geotechnical Engineering from the University of Saskatchewan, which he obtained in 1983. He returned to Hong Kong in 1985 to run engineering company Kum Shing Group, which was founded by his father in 1963. During his time at the helm, he transformed the company from a small sub-contracting operation with fewer than ten employees, into a major international engineering and property development business. Today, Kum Shing Group has more than 2,000 employees and multi-billion dollar active contracts, with clients including household names such as CLP Power, Hong Kong Electric, MTR Corporation, and the Airport Authority Hong Kong.

Under Dr Wong's leadership, Kum Shing Group has won many government and industry awards. In 2013, it won the Gold Award at the Hong Kong Management Association's Quality Awards, followed by an Appreciation Award in 2017. It has also won dozens of awards under the Development Bureau's Considerate Contractors Site Award Scheme, its Innovative Safety Initiative Award and its Lifting Safety Promotion Activities. The company has also won awards from the Occupational Safety and Health Council, the Labour Department, Environmental Protection Department and the Hong Kong Construction Association.

“ If I can obtain a PhD at my advanced age, anybody with enough perseverance can do it. ”

Dr Wong's achievements have made him highly respected in the engineering and business worlds. He is the Fellow of the Hong Kong Academy of Engineering Sciences, The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers, and The Hong Kong Institute of Directors, as well as the United Kingdom's Institution of Civil Engineers and The Institution of Structural Engineers. In 2010, Dr Wong was inducted into The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers' Hall of Fame, while in 2014, he was named Director Of The Year by The Hong Kong Institute of Directors. He is also an Honorary Fellow of The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, and was made an Honorary Doctor of Social Science by Hong Kong Baptist University.

Ever keen to help promote the business sector, Dr Wong has held many prominent positions, including being Founding Principal President of the Association of Hong Kong Professionals, Life Honorary Chairman of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, Life Honorary Chairman of the Federation of Hong Kong Guangdong Community Organisations. In addition, he served as a Member of the Election Committee of the Chief Executive of the HKSAR, as well as being a Member of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, and Deputy Director of its Committee on Culture, Historical Data and Study. He was also the Chairman of Kowloon City District Council and the Vice-President of the Hong Kong Construction Association. Dr Wong also places a high emphasis on giving back to the community. In 1996, he founded the WKF Foundation in the name of his father, which has donated more than HK\$300 million to education and other social causes. His contributions to China and Hong Kong were recognised when the Government of the City of Dongguan awarded him Honorary Citizenship in 2001, while in Hong Kong he was awarded the Silver Bauhinia Star in 2008 and the Gold Bauhinia Star in 2014. He was also appointed a Justice of the Peace in 2005.

Despite his impressive success in business, Dr Wong decided to further his knowledge, studying a Doctor of Business Administration at PolyU, graduating in 2016 at the age of nearly 70. He has remained a strong supporter of his alma mater, serving as a Member of the PolyU Council.

Ms Mary YU Wah

- Founder, Mary Yu Design
- Higher Diploma in Fashion and Clothing, 2003
Bachelor of Arts in Fashion and Textiles (Fashion and Textile Design), 2005
Master of Design (Design Practices), 2008
- Awardee of Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award 2021



Ms Mary Yu Wah, Founder of Mary Yu Design, has made her name designing bespoke qipao. She draws on her love of Chinese literature and mythology to incorporate cultural references into her exquisitely tailored dresses.

Ms Yu has a long history of studying at PolyU. She first came to the University to complete a Higher Diploma in Fashion and Clothing, which she obtained in 2003, before undertaking a Bachelor of Arts in Fashion and Textile Design, from which she graduated in 2005. She returned to study a Master of Design (Design Practices), which she completed in 2008. During her postgraduate studies, she was awarded a scholarship for an exchange programme in Italy.

Since she founded Mary Yu Design in 2005, Ms Yu has created upmarket qipao for many celebrities, including Ms Louise Ho Pui-shan, the first woman to hold the post of Commissioner of Customs and Excise. Ms Yu has also designed staff uniforms for Hong Kong companies such as Yoshinoya, Watsons and China Resources Group, as well as uniforms for local sports teams, such as the Hong Kong cricket team, and Hong Kong's equestrian team at the 2008 Beijing Olympics. More recently, she has branched out into designing jade jewellery.

Ms Yu's strong creative vision and the East-meets-West aesthetic she employs in her designs, have seen her win many design awards during her career. She was named in the Forty under Forty by *Perspective Magazine*, as well as the Ten Outstanding Young Persons Selection of Hong Kong, the Hong Kong Professional Elite Ladies Selection, the 2021 Youth Dream Makers Award, and the Hong Kong Culture and Creativity

“I hope to use design to continue to contribute to society. My motto in life is: ‘Dreams are the most beautiful, hope is with you.’”

Industries Award. In 2016, she was First Runner-up in Innobrand, a Mainland China-based competition that encourages innovation in branding across different genres. Meanwhile, her qipao have been included in the permanent collection of the China National Silk Museum in Hangzhou for five consecutive years, and featured in the Belt-and-Road International Fashion Show that toured Beijing, Hong Kong, Iceland, Panama and Tanzania.

Alongside her own impressive achievements, Ms Yu strives to give back to both the design community and wider society. She is currently the Design Consultant of the Royal Cheongsam Association, a Member of Cheongsam Connect, as well as a Member of the Customs and Excise Department's Customs YES Executive Committee. Her passion for helping the next generation is reflected in the fact that she has taught fashion design at PolyU, Hong Kong Baptist University and Hong Kong Metropolitan University, while she has previously been a Member of the Youth Development Commission and President of The Outstanding Young Persons' Association. At the same time, she helped organise the Anti-narcotics Fashion Design Contest for Wong Tai Sin District Fight Crime Committee for three consecutive years.

Ms Yu continues to be a strong supporter of her alma mater, and alongside teaching, she is a regular guest at events organised by PolyU, as well as acting as a judge in design competitions. She looks back on her time studying at PolyU as being one of the happiest of her life. She says: “Studying fashion design at the Institute of Textiles and Clothing (ITC) laid a good foundation for me to be a fashion designer. The Faculty of Applied Science and Textiles provided me with a solid knowledge of the clothing and fashion design industry, which included theory and practice. I am very grateful to ITC Professor Kinor Jiang and retired teacher Kim Liew.” She adds that she was also happy to be able to study for her Master's degree at PolyU's School of Design. “The students I know are now supporting each other at work, so that our design thinking can be improved.”

Ms Jessie YU Sau-chu, BBS, MH, JP

- Founder and Chief Executive, Hong Kong Single Parents Association
- Master of Arts in Social Work, 2005
- Awardee of Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award 2011



Ms Jessie Yu Sau-chu, Founder and Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Single Parents Association, has used her experience as a single mother to support others who are raising children on their own. She pays particular attention to the well-being of women, children, single-parent families, and disadvantaged communities.

Ms Yu, who comes from a grass-roots family, became a single mother after getting divorced. At one point, she was working as a helper for three households to raise her two daughters. Despite the struggles she faced, Ms Yu not only aspired to continue her education, but also to use the knowledge she gained to help others. After completing a Diploma in Social Work, she worked as a social worker for Harmony House, before founding the Concern Group on Single Parents in 1991, which later became the Hong Kong Single Parents Association. Still keen to deepen her knowledge, Ms Yu enrolled as a part-time student on a Master of Arts in Social Work programme at PolyU, graduating in 2005 after five years of study.

The Hong Kong Single Parents Association is a non-profit organisation that provides social services to single parents and others in need. Ms Yu is a strong believer that the best way to assist people is to help them help themselves. As such, the association provides emotional support, counselling, employment training, law consultation and education training, as well as using its frontline experience to help inform government social services policies. Ms Yu is also a strong supporter of women's issues, and uses her social worker skills to organise training activities in Macao, Taiwan and Mainland China to help promote family harmony.

“In social development, the challenges faced by different vulnerable groups may vary, which creates different service needs. I am very fortunate to contribute and serve the community with the knowledge I have gained, allowing those in need to empower themselves.”

Her drive to help women and disadvantaged families has seen her serve on a variety of government boards and committees, including the Equal Opportunities Commission, the Social Welfare Advisory Committee, the Commission on Poverty, and the Labour and Welfare Bureau's Community Investment and Inclusion Fund Committee. She was an Appointed Member of the Shatin District Council, a Member of the Ping Wo Fund Committee, and sat on the Social Workers Registration Board for two terms. On top of all of these commitments, she also hosted a radio programme at Radio Television Hong Kong for nearly 19 years, regularly interviewing community members, experts, academics and government officials about psychological and livelihood issues.

Ms Yu's hard work has led to her receiving a number of prestigious awards. She was awarded the Medal of Honour in 2003, and was appointed as a Justice of the Peace in 2007. In 2011, she was awarded the Bronze Bauhinia Star in recognition of her significant contributions to the community. Ms. Yu was also named as an Honorary Fellow by Lingnan University in 2020.

Alongside her commitment to helping the community, Ms Yu makes a significant contribution to her alma mater. She has served as President of the Department of Applied Social Sciences Graduates Association, and a board member of the Federation of PolyU Alumni Associations, as well as being a member of the Advisory Committee of the Department of Applied Social Sciences. She describes her experience of studying at PolyU as being enjoyable and fulfilling. “The teachers were very patient and guided us with great care. What impressed me most was their keen insight. I learned from them the theories and perspectives necessary to analyse and summarise the needs of society, which has inspired me a lot in my social service work.”

Dr Royce YUEN Man-chun, JP

- Co-Chief Executive Officer, MaLogic
- Doctor of Business Administration, 2000
- University Fellow, 2014/2015
- Awardee of Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award 2009



Dr Royce Yuen Man-chun, Co-Chief Executive Officer at MaLogic, is a brand-building and marketing management veteran who has played multiple roles in both the commercial world and the Hong Kong community. During his 30-year career, he has built his own brand consultancy business, and worked to advance marketing management as a liberal art.

Dr Yuen studied a Doctor of Business Administration at PolyU, graduating in 2000. He went on to use his knowledge and extensive experience to co-found MaLogic, a new type of consulting firm that integrates brand strategies, research insights and big data analytics to create innovative solutions for its international clients. Before setting up MaLogic, Dr Yuen was Chairman of Ogilvy Hong Kong and Southern China. Under his leadership, the firm was named Creative Agency of the Year by Campaign Brief Asia for three consecutive years, while it also won the Effie Awards for advertising effectiveness for five years in a row.

He is passionate about promoting marketing theory, and as a Professor of Practice, he has been teaching on MBA programmes in both China and Hong Kong for more than two decades. Dr Yuen is also involved in promoting marketing management as a liberal art through hosting TV and radio programs, while his book, *Decoding Branding*, has gained significant attention from marketing professionals worldwide. He also served as Chairman of The Association of Accredited Advertising Agencies of Hong Kong. His significant prowess in his field was recognised when he was named one of Hong Kong's Top 10 CEOs by Metro Radio in 2007. He was also made an Honorary Fellow of PolyU in 2014/2015, and named a Scholar Marketer by the Hong Kong Institute of Marketing in 2019.

“Generously share your knowledge and experience with others. You will soon realise that you will gain much more than what you have given.”

Alongside running his own brand consultancy business, Dr Yuen has used his knowledge to contribute to the society, serving on many government advisory committees and public bodies. He is an Advisor to Our Hong Kong Foundation and a Board Member of Drucker Academy. He has also served as a Council Member of the Hong Kong Trade Development Council and The Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts, as well as sitting on the Advisory Committee on Arts Development, the Vetting Committee of the SME Development Fund and BUD Fund, and advisory committees for the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau and the Education Bureau. He has also made significant contributions to the non-profit sector, acting as Vice-Chairman of Plan International Hong Kong for 10 years. In recognition of his extensive work for the community, he was made a Justice of the Peace in 2010.

His contributions to PolyU are no less extensive. Alongside teaching marketing management on PolyU's MBA programme for 10 years, Dr Yuen was also involved in the creation of the Executive Master in Innovation Leadership (EMIL) and was responsible for teaching two subjects. In addition, he is a former President of the Outstanding PolyU Alumni Association. He says: “When I commenced my DBA study at PolyU in 1997, I didn't expect to return to my alma mater as a teacher (part-time). I enjoyed a special bonding with my students as I could see myself in them. There has never been a dull moment sharing my experience and interacting with them. I stay in touch with many of them.” He adds that he has also learned a great deal from his students. “Nothing is more gratifying than knowing more about the younger generation's perspective on the current business and world matters,” he says.



Dr Hubert CHAN Chung-ye (back row, fifth right) at Street Children Centre in Afghanistan



Ms Janet CHEN Lijuan (second right) attends the RUC - PolyU Doctor of Management Alumni Network Inauguration Ceremony.



Dr Edith MOK KWAN Ngan-hing (right) is a recipient of the Medal of Honour.



Ir Dr WONG Kwok-keung (right) is awarded the Gold Bauhinia Star.



Ir Dr Kelvin LEUNG Kai-yuen (fourth right) at Round Table Luncheon organised by Recruit



Dr Edith MOK KWAN Ngan-hing (fourth left) receives the Outstanding Women Professionals and Entrepreneurs Award.



Mr Elton NG Chun-ting (second left) receives the Hong Kong Volunteer Award.



Mr Elton NG Chun-ting (second right) is named one of the Ten Outstanding Young Persons.



Dr the Hon. Johnny NG Kit-chong (second row, second right) at the Inauguration Ceremony of Hong Kong United Youth Association



Ir Dr Samson TAM Wai-ho is Partner of Hong Kong Inno Angel Fund.



Ms Jessie YU Sau-chu (third left) receives THE ONE HK 2017 Award.



Ir Dr WONG Kwok-keung (right) meets President Xi Jinping.



Dr Alex WONG Siu-wah (second left) at the launching ceremony of the King's Flair Innovative Technology Centre of PolyU Faculty of Business



Dr Alex WONG Siu-wah (right) attends the PolyU • King's Flair Group Asian Universities Invitational Basketball Tournament.



Ms Mary YU Wah (left) has previously been President of The Outstanding Young Persons' Association.



Dr Royce YUEN Man-chun (first right) is conferred the title of University Fellowship by PolyU.

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PolyU's distinguished alumni have not only made tremendous contributions to society, but they also actively support the development of their alma mater through the Outstanding PolyU Alumni Association (OPAA). The OPAA was established by recipients of the Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award as a networking platform to strengthen the links between alumni who have excelled in their chosen fields.

The Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award was launched in 1996 to give recognition to outstanding graduates of the University and its predecessors who have used the knowledge they acquired to make significant contributions to their profession, the community and their alma mater. Jointly organised by PolyU and the Federation of The Hong Kong Polytechnic University Alumni Associations, more than 90 distinguished alumni have been honoured by the award since it was first introduced.

The OPAA, which was officially incorporated in July 2012, harnesses these talents to support the ongoing development of PolyU and its students, as well as the wider Hong Kong community. The flagship OPAA UNITE initiative acts as a vehicle to bring together members' expertise, wisdom, network and resources to assist the University. UNITE stands for the five key areas in which the OPAA focuses its efforts, namely

university development, nurturing students and fostering the alumni community, institutional advancement and sustainability, technological advancement and knowledge transfer, and enhancing internationalisation and engaging the Nation.

The OPAA provides exceptional opportunities to nurture the next generations through its signature OPAA Master Class programme, under which the Outstanding Alumni share their expertise and experience, successes and failures, with PolyU students and young graduates through the Speaker Forum. To further support future talents, the Association has also established the OPAA Scholarship Fund and other prizes, awarding more than 80 students throughout the past ten years. Our members have also groomed over 300 mentees through both the OPAA Master Class Mentorship Programme and PolyU's INSPIRE Mentorship Programme, enhancing students' academic, personal and professional growth as a whole.

Through their ongoing commitment to their alma mater, these Outstanding Alumni are a true source of inspiration, and embody PolyU's motto of applying their knowledge for the benefit of others.

Inauguration Ceremony



OPAA Master Class - Speaker Forum



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