

Biodata of the recipients of the Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award 2023



Prof. Sophia Chan Siu-chee, GBS, JP

Professor of Nursing, The University of Hong Kong; Senior Advisor to the President's Office, The University of Hong Kong; Director, HKU Primary Health Care Academy

Post-registration Diploma in Health Care Education (Nursing) (1991), Hong Kong Polytechnic

Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award in Professional Achievement

Best known for her decade-long stints as the Under Secretary for Food and Health and the Secretary for Food and Health, Prof. Sophia Chan Siu-chee was the first PolyU alumna and nurse in Hong Kong to take up these ministerial positions. She has made remarkable contributions to the formulation and implementation of policies on health, food safety and environmental hygiene services. Moreover, Prof. Chan has been widely recognised for her pioneering academic achievements including her research in public health, tobacco control, primary health care, children's health, as well as health promotion and disease prevention. Despite her accomplishments, she never forgets her nursing roots and has been supportive of her alma mater. She was a founding faculty member of the School of Nursing, contributing to PolyU's offering of the first bachelor degree nursing programme in Hong Kong. Over the years, she has also served the School as a consultant, external examiner and in various other roles.



Sr Dr Cheung Tin-cheung, SBS

Chairman, Hong Kong Green Building Council

Higher Diploma in Surveying (1982), Hong Kong Polytechnic

Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award in Professional Achievement

A building surveyor by profession, Sr Dr Cheung Tin-cheung has served in the Hong Kong government for nearly four decades, with tenures spanning various departments. As Director of Buildings, he led the Buildings Department to review and develop policies and strategies that greatly enhanced building safety. His endeavours in improving the quality of building

development and promoting a sustainable built environment have established him as a visionary open to new ideas and innovation. By removing barriers to technological adoption within the building industry, he has shifted its culture to one that embraces change. Dr Cheung has also forged close ties with his alma mater, having been a Member and Chairman of the Departmental Advisory Committee for the Department of Building and Real Estate, serving on the validation panel for the Department's doctoral programme and being a frequent speaker at various events.



Prof. To Chi-ho

Visiting Chair Professor of Experimental Optometry, School of Optometry, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University; Chief Operating Officer and Deputy Scientific Director, Centre for Eye and Vision Research Limited
Professional Diploma in Optometry (1987), Hong Kong Polytechnic
Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award in Scholarly Achievement

Prof. To Chi-ho is a globally recognised scholar in the fields of myopia and glaucoma. Apart from publishing in top journals and being a sought-after keynote speaker at international conferences, he is a pioneer leading his research team to develop the ground-breaking Defocus Incorporated Soft Contact (DISC) Lens and the Defocus Incorporated Multiple Segments (DIMS) Spectacle Lens, which have been proven to slow the progression of short-sightedness among children by as much as 60%. Being significant technological breakthroughs in vision health, both innovations have received multiple awards, including Grand Prizes at the International Exhibition of Inventions Geneva. His headship of PolyU's School of Optometry during 2013 to 2022 was equally impressive; in the Research Assessment Exercise (RAE) 2020, 88% of the School's research outputs were rated as "internationally excellent" or above. Moreover, Prof. To has connected the School with research laboratories and scholars worldwide, sparing no effort in fostering interdisciplinary research.



Mr Alex Wong Chun-bong

Founder, C. B. Wong & Co.

Higher Diploma in Accountancy (1982), Hong Kong Polytechnic

Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award in Community Service Achievement

Renowned for his philanthropic endeavours and volunteering work, Mr Alex Wong Chun-bong is a firm believer in community service and giving back to society. With his expertise in accounting, he has volunteered as an Honorary Auditor, Honorary Treasurer and Financial Advisor for various non-governmental organisations (NGOs), such as the China Candlelight Educational Fund and UNESCO Hong Kong Association Global Peace Centre. He has also chaired the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) Hong Kong Executive Committee. In addition to these services spanning two decades, he regularly provides financial support to the ACCA Charitable Foundation, ORBIS and other NGOs, as well as to higher education institutions. Mr Wong's contributions to his alma mater are also impressive. Over the years, he has served as a PolyU Council and Court Member, President of the Federation of The Hong Kong Polytechnic University Alumni Associations, President of the Accounting and Finance Graduates Association, as well as a student mentor and event speaker, supporting University development, alumni engagement and student growth on all fronts.

Biodata of the recipient of the Outstanding PolyU Young Alumni Award 2023



Mr Fang Bing

Co-founder, Hai Robotics

Bachelor of Engineering in Electronic and Information Engineering (2014),
The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

Outstanding PolyU Young Alumni Award in Entrepreneurial Achievement

Mr Fang Bing co-founded Hai Robotics, the first unicorn start-up nurtured under PolyU's entrepreneurial ecosystem. The company independently developed HaiPick, the world's first Autonomous Case-handling Robot (ACR) system that boosts warehouse operation efficiency by three to four times and storage density by 80% to 400%. Hai Robotics currently serves customers from over 30 countries and regions, with offices in China, Japan, South Korea, Australia, the Netherlands, Singapore and the U.S. Revolutionising warehouse logistics, it has filed over 1,800 patent applications worldwide and earned the RBR50 Robotics Innovation Award in 2022. As an enthusiastic alumnus, Mr Fang has played a crucial role in facilitating collaboration between PolyU and Hai Robotics, including the launch of the Smart Delivery System in the University's new Artificial Intelligence and Robotics Lab (AIR Lab) that not only strengthens robotics education, but also encourages co-creation and innovation among students and researchers.