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Message



Over the past seventy years, PolyU's Department of Building and Real Estate (BRE) and its predecessors – “Building Department”, “Department of Building, Surveying and Structural Engineering” and “Department of Building and Surveying” – have established the Department as a leading educator in nurturing all-round and well-equipped graduates for one of Hong Kong's largest and most competitive industries. Our BRE alumni play a crucial role in building Hong Kong's distinctive skyline for which the city is known today. Apart from the significant achievements in their professional field, our alumni are also active contributors to the local community.

I am most delighted to extend my heartfelt congratulations to the two recipients of this year's “Outstanding BRE Alumni Award”, Professor Chan Ka-kui, BBS, JP and Mr Lau Ping-cheung, SBS, on their well-deserved honour. The Award does not only recognize their illustrious professional accomplishments, it also pays tribute to Professor Chan and Mr Lau's unwavering devotion to the Department, their alma mater and society at large. They set shining examples for fellow graduates, PolyU members and the younger generation in Hong Kong.

Taking this opportunity, I wish to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation to the Selection Panel for their valuable time in the judging process.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Timothy W. Tong'.

Timothy W. Tong, Ph.D.
President
The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

Message



The Department of Building and Real Estate of The Hong Kong Polytechnic University takes pride in witnessing our graduates' outstanding achievements and valuable contributions to our community.

Established in 1937, the Department of Building and Real Estate has been the leading provider of a wide range of comprehensive undergraduate and postgraduate programmes nurturing all-rounded graduates for the building and real estate industry in Hong Kong. Many of our graduates have rendered remarkable accomplishments and contributions throughout the years.

Since its launch in 2010, the '*Outstanding BRE Alumni Award*' has given public recognition to 14 outstanding BRE graduates. This special award marks the professional achievement of our awardees, honouring their valuable contributions to the community, the PolyU and BRE.

We proudly present the 2014 Outstanding BRE Alumni Award to the two distinguished BRE alumni, Prof. CHAN Ka Kui, BBS, JP and Mr. LAU Ping Cheung, SBS, for their extraordinary accomplishments and great contributions. I wish to extend my warmest congratulations to both awardees and thank the Selection Panel for their sincere support.

I am confident that both the awardees and other BRE alumni will continue to contribute to BRE, the PolyU, and ultimately to our community.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael YAM'.

Ir Dr Michael YAM Chi Ho
Interim Head and Associate Professor
Department of Building and Real Estate
The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

Background

Introduction

Established in the 1930s, The Department of Building and Real Estate (BRE) has developed a leading position in providing a wide range of academic programmes that nurture preferred graduates for the building and real estate industry in the region. Our alumni have excelled in their professions locally and internationally. The Outstanding BRE Alumni Award aims to give public recognition to outstanding graduates of our Department for their distinguished accomplishments in their professions and significant contributions to the community.

Nominations

The nominee must be a bona fide graduate who has successfully completed regular full-time or part-time programmes offered by BRE (forerunners: "Building Department", "Department of Building, Surveying and Structural Engineering" & "Department of Building and Surveying") which lead to academic awards offered by the Department.

Selection Criteria

The major selection criteria include the nominee's :

1. Personal achievements / accomplishments in his / her profession ;
2. Contribution to the community in which he / she lives ;
3. Contribution to the built environment development ; and
4. Support to PolyU / BRE and the alumni development.

Result Announcement

The result was publicly announced in July 2014.

Award Presentation Ceremony

The Award Presentation Ceremony is held at the Faculty Congregation on 4 November 2014.

Celebration Dinner

Celebration Dinner is held in November 2014.



Prof. CHAN Ka Kui, BBS, JP

Higher Diploma in Surveying / Building Technology

(Year of Award : 1971)

Hong Kong Technical College



Prof. Chan Ka Kui qualified as a Chartered Quantity Surveyor in 1974 and has excelled himself in the last forty years. He is visionary, industrious and caring.

Prof. Chan demonstrated his vision and pioneering spirit in the early days of his career. In the seventies, the Hong Kong economy was only in its early stage of development. At that time, most professional surveyors preferred to stay with government service or consultancy practice where employment was more secure. On the contrary, Prof. Chan decided to leave government in 1978 and joined Hsin Chong Construction Company Limited, as its Chief Quantity Surveyor. It was a rare move at that time but it paid off remarkably. Through hard work and dedication, Prof. Chan was quickly promoted to become the Managing Director and helped to build up the company to become a very successful multi-discipline major construction group in Hong Kong and Macau.

Prof. Chan was an active and well respected member of the surveying and construction community. He had helped to shape the landscape of these two important areas of the property and construction industry in Hong Kong. He was elected as the Chairman of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (Hong Kong Branch) in 1989, Chairman of the Construction Industry Training Authority from 1993 to 2001 and was the Vice President of the Hong Kong Construction Association from 1989 to 1999.



Profile on Awardee

Prof. Chan has a wide spectrum of interest and expertise. His contribution to Hong Kong is not merely restricted to the surveying profession and construction industry. He was appointed by the government to serve as Chairman of the Sir David Trench Fund Committee, Vice Chairman of the Occupational Safety and Health Council, and member of both the Town Planning Board, and the Sports Development Board.

The outstanding achievements of Prof. Chan were recognized in the wider public domain as early as 1989 when he was elected as an Outstanding Young Person; later appointed as a Justice of the Peace in 1992; and conferred the Bronze Bauhinia Award in 1998.

Prof. Chan retired from employment in 2008 to focus on his interest in community service. He is currently the Chairman of the Mustard Seed Foundation which is a charitable foundation aiming to help young people from underprivileged families, Vice-Chairman of Friends of Caritas and a member of various government committees.

Notwithstanding his heavy commitment elsewhere, Prof. Chan is always available to render service to his alma mater. He has a very long history of association with the BRE Department since the early eighties. The Department has benefitted from his sound advice and many students have benefitted from his philanthropy and mentorship. He was Chairman of the Advisory Committee of the Department from 2009 to 2013, and is currently an Adjunct Professor of the University.





Mr. LAU Ping Cheung, SBS

Higher Diploma in Quantity Surveying

(Year of Award : 1974)

Hong Kong Polytechnic



Mr. Lau Ping Cheung (more commonly known as PC) graduated from the Hong Kong Polytechnic with a Higher Diploma in Quantity Surveying in 1974. An illegal immigrant with his parents and other siblings from Mainland China, PC spent his childhood in one of those hillside squatter areas in Shaueiwan, Hong Kong Island. The poor living conditions without daily necessities for water, drainage, etc., helped bequeath him with the instinct and strong desire to join the construction and real estate development sectors, which, as Hong Kong people have all so discerningly witnessed in the past few decades, have transformed Hong Kong's built environment into what it is today.

Notwithstanding being an escapee from Mainland China, PC was yet, ironically, in the vanguard of those few daredevils who made their early forays into Mainland China in the early 80s when China was at its embryonic stage of opening its door to the outside world, and when most Hong Kong people, let alone the whole world, were skeptical about Deng Xiaoping's open door policy. As a young surveyor, PC's first assignment in the Mainland was on a foundation project in Beijing's Jianguomen district in the early 80s. Unknown to him at that time, the project was in fact for a major landmark building in that district which would subsequently be transformed into the first ever central business district (CBD) in Beijing, the district surrounding Jianguomen China World Trade Centre in Chaoyang District, that we all know so well today. Since then, PC's career, in addition to working in Hong Kong, has been inseparable from the Mainland market, covering major cities such as Beijing, Shanghai, Chengdu, Chongqing, Shenyang, Dalian, etc., thus experiencing and witnessing in person China's colossal achievement in economic and social changes in the past 3 decades that have shocked the world with unparalleled precedence.



Profile on Awardee

While developing his career, PC has dedicated much of his personal time to serving initially the surveying profession, then the wider professional community and Hong Kong society at large. He has been a past president of the Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors, past chairman of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (HK Branch), and past chairman of the Surveyors Registration Board. He was the founding chairman of the Joint Professional Centre, one of the Founders of the Hong Kong Coalition of Professional Services, and has been the Chairman since June 2012. PC was a former President and a key member of The PolyU Building Association in the 90s, providing a pivotal link between alumni in the construction and real estate sectors and their alma mater before the establishment of the Federation of The PolyU Alumni Association.



In addition, PC has been selflessly serving Hong Kong society at large for years, being a former member of the HKSAR Legislative Council, a former non-executive Director of the Urban Renewal Authority, former chairman of the Infrastructure Development Advisory Committee of the Trade Development Council (TDC), a former member of the Professional Services Advisory Committee of TDC, a former member of the Council of City University of Hong Kong, and a former member of the Long-term Housing Strategy Steering Committee. Currently, PC is a member of the Economic Development Commission as well as the Convener of its Working Group on Professional Services, a co-opted member of the Professional Services Sub-group of the Consultative Committee on Economic and Trade Cooperation between Hong Kong and the Mainland, a member of the Lantau Development Advisory Committee, and a member of the Council of The Hong Kong Polytechnic University. PC is also a member of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference of Shanghai and Dalian. He is currently a Project Director at SOCAM Asset Management (HK) Ltd of the Shui On group of companies.



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- **Research Centre for Construction and Real Estate Economics**

(research on Land & Construction Economics, Safety, Real Estate and Housing etc)



- **Research Centre for Construction Innovation**
(research on Construction I.T., Project Management, Contracting & Regulatory Innovations etc)

- **Ng Wing Hong Laboratory for Sustainable City**
(aims to provide information technology infrastructure for examining sustainable development)



- **Construction Virtual Prototyping Laboratory**
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