

Salute to long-serving staff

The University paid tribute to 194 staff members for their loyalty at a special ceremony held in January.

The long-serving staff were presented with the "Long Service Award" as a token of the University's sincere appreciation of their dedicated contributions. Among them, 53 have served for 25 years, 71 for 20 years and 70 for 15 years.

In order to enhance the overall performance of staff, their level of academic attainment and their research and development capabilities, more than \$12 million has been invested in staff development programmes during 2000/01.

Since 1990, the Long Service Award Scheme has been in place to publicly recognise staff of more than 15 years of service and to foster a sense of belonging among PolyU staff.



A team of over 750 members, comprising staff, students, alumni and their families, participated in this year's Hong Kong and Kowloon Walk organised by the Community Chest in January.

The \$205,947 raised from this walk will be used to provide family and child welfare services through the Chest's member social welfare agencies and service units.

It is the tenth consecutive year that the University has participated in this charitable activity.

Earlier on, nearly 500 staff took part in the Chest's Dress Casual Day campaign and raised a total of \$43,395.



Striving for a sustainable future



Staff posing in front of the University's training outpost in Zhuhai.



Mr Peter Cheung (middle) shared his insights at the Workshop.

The 8th Management Workshop was recently held in Macau for senior staff of the University.

With the theme "Developing a Sustainable Future", the Workshop examined and discussed issues relating to the future of PolyU's Institute for Enterprise, The Hong Kong CyberU, School of Professional Education and Executive Development, self-financed programmes, Areas of Excellence, Areas of Strategic Development and academic visioning.

At the University's invitation, Mr Peter Cheung, Secretary-General of the University Grants Committee, delivered a keynote address at the Workshop. Entitled "Towards a Better Future – Are We Helping or Are We in the Way?", Mr Cheung's presentation provided insights on the trends, threats and opportunities for higher education in Hong Kong. Another highlight was the visit to the International College for Innovative Training in Zhuhai, the University's newest training outpost on the mainland.

The annual event provided senior staff members with an opportunity to address a number of major issues pertaining to the enhancement of the University's operations, efficiency, cost-effectiveness and quality of management. ❖

External appointments

- Mr Alexander Tzang, Deputy President, has taken up the following appointments:
 - Vice President of the Management Board of *Journal of China Human Resource Development* for a period of three years, with effect from 27 July 2001
 - Visiting Professor of the Wuhan University of Technology, with effect from 20 November 2001
- Prof. Philip Yeung Kwok-wing, Vice President (Academic Development), has been re-appointed by the University of Hong Kong as Honorary Professor of the Department of Curriculum and Educational Studies, with effect from 1 February 2002 to 30 April 2003.
- Prof. Choy Chung-loong, Dean of Faculty of Applied Science and Textiles, has been appointed by Nanjing University as Concurrent Professor for a period of three years, with effect from October 2001.
- Prof. Liz Hamp-Lyons, Chair Professor of English, has been elected as Vice President of the International Language Testing Association for a period of one year, with effect from January 2002; and as President of the Association for a period of one year, with effect from January 2003.
- Prof. Lee Yim-shu, Head of Department of Electronic and Information Engineering, has been re-appointed by the Vocational Training Council as a member of the Committee on Technologist Training, with effect from 1 January 2002 to 31 March 2003.
- Prof. Ronald So Ming-cho, Head of Department of Mechanical Engineering, has been elected to the grade of Fellow of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics. ❖