

Glamorous reunion for construction graduates

The five alumni associations of the Faculty of Construction and Land Use held their first-ever Joint Annual Ball at the Grand Hyatt Hotel on 23 February. More than 300 graduates and guests attended the occasion, with President Prof. Poon Chung-kwong as the officiating guest.

All these five associations have been active in establishing and maintaining close relationships with their members. Back in mid-January, representatives from the associations also attended the annual dinner reception hosted by the Faculty to strengthen links with its alumni.



Recapping some memorable moments of the annual ball.

Faculty Dean Prof. Ko Jan-ming addressing participants of the dinner held in January.



Former Chief Secretary speaks at MBA alumni gathering

"The best leaders are those who encourage different viewpoints and who are prepared to listen," Mrs Anson Chan, Former Chief Secretary for Administration of the HKSAR told some 170 members of PolyU's MBA Alumni Association during their Annual Dinner on 6 April.

With her wealth of experience in the civil service, Mrs Chan shared her insights on leadership and the public service at the gathering. She holds that the top responsibilities of leaders are: to reinforce core values and to lead by personal example; to value and motivate those whom they seek to lead; and to drive the search for improvement. Furthermore, she believed that "honesty and integrity above all else" should be the core values of a world-class civil service.

"Perhaps the essence of a first class public service is what Professor Peter Hennessy of the University of London described as 'speaking truth unto power – fearless advice resting on top class analysis, itself fashioned by evidence and reason'. Policy making within the public sector should not be the sole prerogative of a few at the top. The wider the consultation, ...the greater the prospect of the policy being accepted," she remarked.

Also present at the dinner were her husband Mr Archie Chan; Mr Alexander Tzang, the Deputy President; Mr Kenneth Pang, Commissioner of Rating and Valuation of the HKSAR and a recipient of the Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award 2001; and Mr William Tong, Chairman of the Federation of PolyU Alumni Associations.



Mrs Anson Chan receives a souvenir from the association.