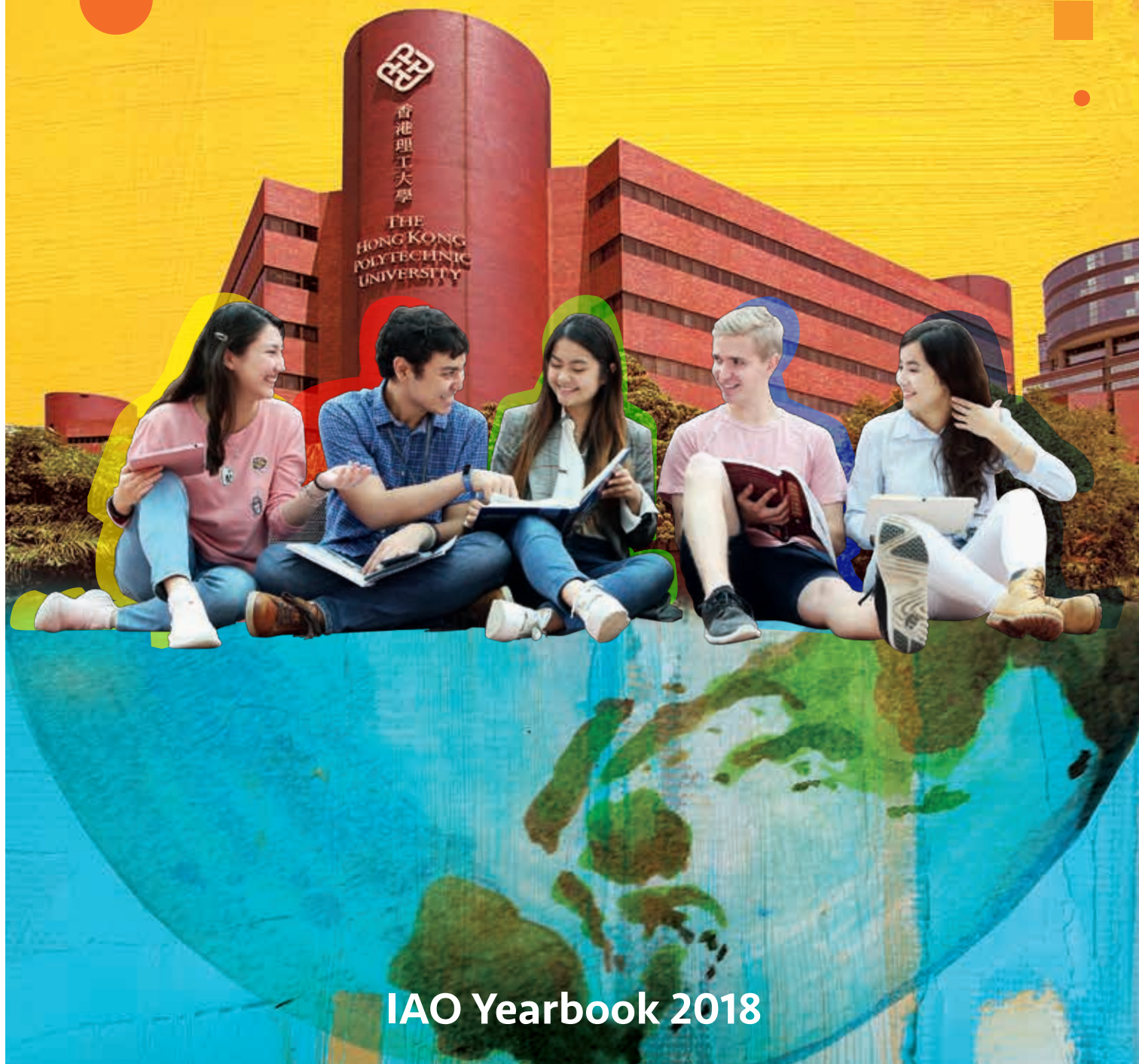


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ABOUT INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS OFFICE

Every day the world becomes more connected, more integrated and more global. The International Affairs Office (IAO) of The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU) understands that universities play a vital role in preparing young people everywhere to succeed and thrive within this new global environment.



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**To live together in harmony as global neighbours,
helping each other to share the fruits of
our collective skills with respect
drawn from learning and understanding.**

”

A WIDER WORLD

IAO Vision

IAO broadens and deepens PolyU's international activities with an aim to bring improved engagement opportunities for students, faculty, and partnerships in an increasingly interconnected world.

IAO Mission

To support the University as an institution with global outlook and reach by :

- Fostering a dynamic international environment through attracting talented students from diverse cultural backgrounds.
- Enabling our students to thrive in dynamic, global environments through opportunities to undertake non-local mobility experiences.
- Enhancing PolyU's international profile and supporting engagement through strengthening collaborations and active participation in strategic networks with partners that share our commitment to high-impact research that benefits the world.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT RECRUITMENT

At PolyU we believe strongly in the benefits of a truly diverse student community. We believe that a vibrant mix of genders, cultures, nationalities and ideas not only enriches the overall learning environment, but also better equips all students both local and those from overseas to thrive and flourish in today's increasingly globalized world.



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT RECRUITMENT

One of the core functions of the IAO is to recruit international students from across the globe to create a diverse and mutually enriching student body here in Hong Kong. We do this by connecting prospective students with the right programmes and welcoming them into the PolyU community.

Our efforts thus far have been successful, evidenced by the continuous increase in the number of international students applying for and enrolling in PolyU undergraduate programmes. In comparison to 2017/18 intake, this year we had 35% more international applicants and enrolled 59% more international undergraduate students.

PolyU is home to **15,000+** undergraduate students with

International Students represent **50+** nationalities

Intake
2018/19

Application number **↑35%** | Enrolment number **↑59%**
compared to Intake 2017/18

95+
Entry
Scholarships
Recipients

Met our prospective students through

360+ | **45+**
education fairs and school visits | PolyU campus visits

Hear from our International Students

Faculty of Applied Science and Textiles



Makoto Yagi
Year 3 / Applied Biology with Biotechnology
from Japan

“Hong Kong embraces multiculturalism, and as one of most cosmopolitan and vibrant cities in Asia made me felt at home straight away on my arrival to Hong Kong. For me, university is a place to forge connections as well as to learn new things. My programme at PolyU offers just versatility, as it gives students opportunities in both business and research.”

Faculty of Business



Karen Wen
Year 2 / Management
from Dominican Republic

“Studying management in Hong Kong, the nerve centre of entrepreneurship in Asia, has helped me to take my business ideas to a new level. I'm grateful for the opportunity to learn about different business cultures and pursue my dream of becoming an entrepreneur within PolyU's vibrant academic community.”

Faculty of Construction and Environment



Alvin Sutanto
Year 4 / Civil Engineering
from Indonesia

“My internship at Shanghai Construction Group as part of PolyU's Work Integrated Education scheme was an unforgettable experience. Studying and working overseas has helped me to adapt to unfamiliar environments and cultures, and I had the chance not only to apply the knowledge I have learned at PolyU, but also to master new renovation techniques.”

Faculty of Engineering



Karina Zholdasbekova
Year 3 / Enterprise Information Systems
from Kazakhstan

“PolyU has changed my life. I've not only grown as a person in this richly diverse environment, but have also had the chance to give back to the community. A cultural integration group I co-founded, PolyUnio, has already achieved a lot, and I'll be travelling to Rwanda this year for a service-learning project.”

Faculty of Health and Social Sciences



Yee Xi Law
Year 4 / Physiotherapy
from Malaysia

“ Alongside the exceptional classroom teaching provided at PolyU, I've gained clinical experience in diverse healthcare settings, from Hong Kong, Cambodia to the UK. The expertise I've accrued, along with a keen cultural awareness and strong international connections, has equipped me perfectly to pursue a career as a physiotherapist serving the global community. ”

Faculty of Humanities



Maciej Nowakowski
Year 4 / English Studies for the Professions
from Poland

“ PolyU has opened up the world to me. As if being offered a scholarship by one of the best linguistics schools in Asia weren't enough, I've also had the chance to study diverse subjects – from discourse to anthropology – under faculty from across the globe, equipping me perfectly for a career in foreign relations or journalism. ”

School of Design



Salla Tuulia Aaltonen
Year 4 / Environment and Interior Design
from Finland

“ For me, the best part of being an international student at PolyU is gaining new perspectives from the people I meet, who are all from different countries and backgrounds. I also relish studying in one of the world's top design schools in such a diverse city with so much to experience – fashion, music and especially food! ”

School of Hotel and Tourism Management



Pavithra Heeleliyana Arachchige Senevirathne
Year 4 / Hotel Management
from Sri Lanka

“ Having grown up in the hospitality industry, I always knew I'd pick a major in this subject, and the BSc in Hotel Management at PolyU's world-famous SHTM was my very first choice. I now think of PolyU as my second home, and of my friends here – hailing from around the globe – as a family. ”

Newly Introduced Services

At IAO, we understand that starting university and adapting to a new way of life in a new country can be especially difficult for international students. As part of IAO's new initiatives to connecting the students to the real world, and to enhancing campus experiences of prospective students, we introduced a series of services this year to facilitate their study journey right from the beginning.



A Visit to PolyU

In view of the increasing quality applicants and the proximity of location, IAO introduced a new event, **"A Visit to PolyU"** this year to give international students in the Greater Bay Area, including local non-JUPAS offer recipients, to explore PolyU in person. Their parents were also welcomed to get a unique opportunity to experience their children's future campus life. Apart from pre-departure session delivered by IAO staff members, current students also shared their experiences of living and studying at PolyU. The event culminated with tours in various campus facilities.

Facebook Live Chats

We also introduced Facebook Live Chat sessions on a series of important topics: **"Faculty and Programme Overviews, Application Essentials, Pre-departure Essentials and Current Students' Experiences."** Recordings can be found on the IAO facebook page. During the live chats, staff, faculty and students offered guidance on applying to PolyU, life in Hong Kong, making the most of campus life and targeted learning outcomes for individual programmes. They also provided on-the-spot answers to questions from prospective students and upcoming freshmen.



Airport Pickup

We truly understand how hard it can be to step out of one's comfort zone and move to a new place alone. To make our new students feel as comfortable as possible from the moment they arrive in Hong Kong, IAO introduced the **"Airport Pickup"** service. On selected days before the beginning of the 2018 academic year, IAO members and ambassadors stationed at the arrival halls of the Hong Kong International Airport to meet and greet our new students. The team not only welcomed the students but also gave them essential information on PolyU, answered all of their questions and provided any assistance needed.

STUDENT MOBILITY

At PolyU we believe in helping young people enjoy the benefits and rewards of becoming global citizens. To this end, we offer a wide range of exchange and advancement opportunities to help our students broaden their horizons, spread their wings and discover new cultures, new ideas and new ways of looking at things that will help them to thrive in the global world.

These programmes vary in length from a few weeks to an entire semester or even a whole year. They include an astonishing variety of study opportunities including Summer@OxBridge, the Undergraduate Summer Research Abroad Programme, the International Competition & Conference Participation Scheme, the Study Abroad Fund, and the Clinical Placement

Exchange in addition to our wide variety of regular exchange and summer exchange programmes.

To deliver all of these programmes to the high standard you would expect from us, we partner with over 230 of the world's top institutions. This forms part of our commitment to constantly extending and improving our learning programmes to embrace global standards and our evolving world.



STUDENT MOBILITY

Academic
Year
2017/18

PolyU has
230+ across **37**
exchange partners countries

Sponsorships to
Student Mobility
Over **HK\$20** million

1,498 **1,308**
students participated
Student Exchange Programme
Other Outbound Opportunities
190

Over **98%** inbound exchange students
recommend PolyU exchange programme to others

International Conference & Competition Scheme

44 students participated in **21** events

Global Student Project Fund
61 students participated in **9** projects

Summer@OxBridge

60 students participated

UG Summer Research
Abroad Sponsorship
ponsored **25** students

New initiative
Study Abroad Fund **450** new places
created with Sponsorship upto **HK\$2** million

Student Exchange Programme

During the academic year of 2017/18, more than 650 PolyU students enjoyed external learning and advancement opportunities organized by PolyU and its over 230 exchange partner institutions in 37 countries across the globe.

We also welcomed more than 650 inbound students from 56 nations. Not only did their time at PolyU enrich their lives, but they also contributed their unique cultures, ethnicities and ideas to the rich cultural melting pot that is the PolyU campus.

In addition to our regular academic exchange programmes and hugely popular summer programmes, such as those hosted by the world-renowned universities of Oxford and Cambridge in the U.K., we offer our students an extensive range of overseas learning and advancement opportunities.

Inbound Exchange Students



Manuela Magalhães
Economics
University of São Paulo, Brazil

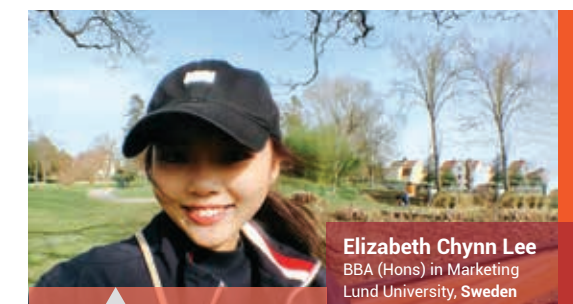
“ Studying economics as an exchange student at PolyU, with its rich academic life, dynamic surroundings and international connections, has opened many doors for me. Most importantly, as a citizen of a developing country and a public university student, I've gained the knowledge and skills I'll need to serve Brazil and its people in the future. ”



Erik Eimterbaeumer
Interactive Media
Osnabrück University, Germany

“ PolyU's Innovation Tower, a breathtaking landmark in a city swiftly becoming Asia's design hub, offered the ideal setting for my exchange study. With my professors' support, I soon felt at home in Hong Kong, where I've had the chance to learn from and exchange views with people from across the globe. ”

Outbound Exchange Students



Elizabeth Chynn Lee
BBA (Hons) in Marketing
Lund University, Sweden

“ The 6-month student exchange to Sweden was a highlight of my study at PolyU. PolyU provided such an excellent opportunity to fully immerse myself in the Scandinavian lifestyle. Getting out of my comfort zone and going halfway across the globe was certainly something that did not cross my mind. ”



Grace Sie
BSc (Hons) in Tourism & Events Management
KAIST, South Korea

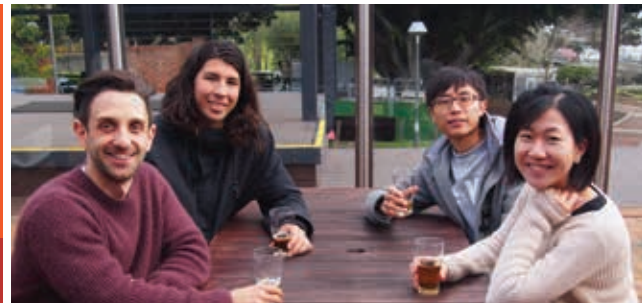
“ The only downside of last year's exchange programme in South Korea was that it didn't last longer! As a shy person, I'd never imagined that I would make so many friends so quickly. Participating student exchange programme enabled me to gain new knowledge, skills and broaden my connections in tourism and hotel management. ”

Clinical Placement Exchange

We also offer a unique placement exchange programme for students majoring in health sciences such as Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy and Optometry. These activities are not traditional semester-based exchanges, but involve carefully planned weeks of genuine clinical placements recognised as part of the PolyU curriculum. Among the clinical placement exchange destinations for both outbound and inbound students are Australia, Canada, Denmark, Finland, New Zealand, Singapore, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand and the U.S.



Hoi Kwan Lo
BSc (Hons) in Physiotherapy



“ This 6-week overseas clinical placement at Curtin University in Australia was a challenging yet rewarding experience for me. Being exposed to a completely different clinical setting from that of Hong Kong enabled me to interact with patients and colleagues with diverse cultural backgrounds.

Australia has always been a pioneer in physical therapy education, steering the development of rehabilitation care around the globe. While working at the Curtin University clinic, I realised that Australia's success in this field is due to clinicians' ceaseless thirst for knowledge and clinical evidence. During the placement, our supervisor reviewed our cases with us every lunchtime and after each day of work. He discussed our diagnosis and management plans using a lot of up-to-date clinical evidence and references. The discussion was always very informative and motivating, showing me directions for improvement and strategies for performing better.

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Ka Man Wong
BSc (Hons) in Optometry



“ Last summer, I undertook a one-month Optometry practicum at the University of New South Wales in Sydney. This exchange programme was an eye-opening experience, widening my optometric knowledge, advancing my clinical skills and helping me to achieve personal growth.

During the practicum, I gained hands-on experience of conducting full consultations with real patients. I also had the chance to observe clinics in different specialties. I most enjoyed the session in an advanced contact lenses clinic, as I was exposed to cases that I would not have been able to access as an undergraduate at PolyU. This clinic was attended by patients with complex eye conditions who needed special lenses.

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To support our students in their quest to become genuine global citizens, we also provide access to extensive funding opportunities. Some students receive financial support for periods of research or fieldwork abroad, and others are funded to participate in summer programmes and international competitions and conferences.

This invaluable support enables students to explore real global issues, ranging from ecotourism and technological innovation to population ageing and other cultural and social changes. They have the chance to interact and forge connections with other students and academics from institutions worldwide. In 2018, IAO provided various kinds of financial support to more than 160 students in participating their outbound opportunities.

Summer@OxBridge

The Summer@OxBridge programme offers three study options: two at the University of Cambridge (Pembroke-King's Summer Programme and the Girton College Summer Programme) and one at the University of Oxford (the Exeter College Summer Programme). Students can choose from a range of subjects, from Art and Humanities, Philosophy, History, International Relations and Social Sciences to Business and Economics, Engineering, Science and Mathematics. This year, 60 students have enrolled in the programme and many of whom have received some forms of financial support.



Haoyuan Wang
BEng (Hons) in Electronic and Information Engineering



“ I'm grateful to PolyU for the opportunity to immerse myself in a completely new learning culture last summer, at Oxford University. This six-week programme was a great way to experience the Oxford small-group teaching style, but most memorable for me were the candlelit formal dinners in the old halls, surrounded by hundreds of years of history!

”



Ka Yan Theresa Tse
BSc (Hons) in Radiography

“ Last year I spent my best summer ever at one of the world's most prestigious universities. What I gained from PolyU's Pembroke-King's Summer Programme at Cambridge University went far beyond academic enrichment. The friendships I formed and the insights I obtained opened my mind and inspired me to dream.

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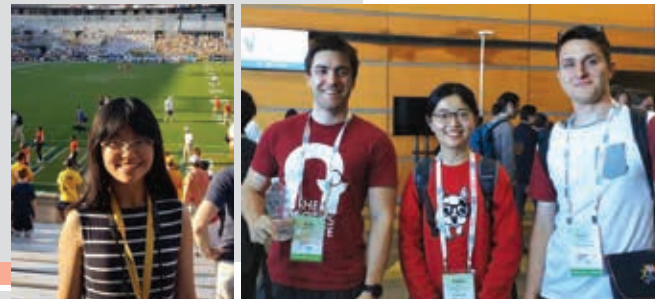
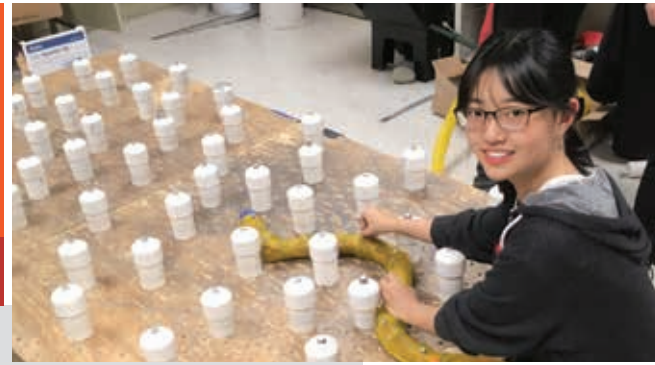


Undergraduate Summer Research Abroad Sponsorship

PolyU students have the chance to enjoy guided summer research opportunities at many of the world's top universities, such as Carnegie Mellon University, Harvard University, Johns Hopkins University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the University of Sydney.



Yunfei Shi
BEng (Hons) in Electrical Engineering



“Prior to my arrival at PolyU three years ago, I'd never heard of snake robotics, but last year it had become my summer research focus at Carnegie Mellon University. I have also presented paper on the topic at the International Conference on Robotics and Automation in Australia later on. I'm thankful for PolyU's academic and financial support, which has enabled me not only to travel abroad to study at another world class institution but also to discover my research interests in robotics.”



Xi Wen
BSc (Hons) in Computing

“I was drawn to join this programme by my passion for research and by my curiosity about research processes in top overseas universities. In addition, the cooperating university with my department is MIT, which is one of the best places to learn computer science and gain research experience.”

Had IAO not provided this sponsorship, I would not have been able to travel to MIT for this programme because of the high cost of airfare and Boston's high cost of living. This sponsorship definitely alleviated my concerns about cost so that I could devote my full attention to this valuable experience.”



International Competition & Conference Participation Scheme

This scheme encourages and enables full-time PolyU undergraduate students in UGC-funded programmes to participate in international competitions and attend conferences to widen their international exposure and learning opportunities. The scheme subsidises up to two thirds of the expenses involved.



Altynay Abilgazyeva
BBA (Hons) in Accounting And Finance

“In 2018, I had the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to attend the Clinton Global Initiative University to discuss innovative solutions to global problems with 1,000 other students and the Clintons themselves. I'll always be grateful to PolyU's International Competition and Conference Participation Scheme for making this inspirational and rewarding trip possible.”



New Initiative — Study Abroad Fund

After several stages of planning and discussion, the IAO launched a new initiative called "Study Abroad Fund" in 2018. This new initiative was all carefully designed to support PolyU's fundamental mission, "enhancing internationalisation and engaging the nation".

The Study Abroad Fund allows students to sample other cultures by participating in short-term overseas learning activities. It also serves as an alternate option for students who are unable to study abroad for a semester or a year. Starting from Winter 2018, this new initiative offers nearly HK\$2 million to enhance the international outlook and multicultural understanding of about 450 students.



GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT

As a leader in education with a global perspective, PolyU extends its partnerships with world-class institutions across the globe in a ceaseless drive to raise our levels of learning, research excellence and development opportunities for students & staff members for PolyU. Establishing partnerships is another key role of the International Affairs Office. Throughout the academic year of 2017/18, we have successfully maintained and built enduring partnerships with world-class institutions across 48 countries and regions.



GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT

This year was an exciting year, with delegations coming and going as we forged new connections and strengthened existing ones with world-class institutions worldwide. Throughout the academic year of 2017/18, PolyU has 418 valid agreements on mobility and academic collaboration across 48 countries and regions. In addition, PolyU established 34 agreements with 21 new overseas partners from 13 countries and regions, including 4 from Belt and Road countries (Kazakhstan, New Zealand, Poland and South Korea), and renewed 11 agreements. Throughout the year, the IAO team also arranged and facilitated outgoing delegation visits and meetings for PolyU senior management to explore new academic learning and research opportunities for students and staff members.

Academic
Year
2017/18

PolyU has agreements on
Mobility and Academic Collaboration

418 across **48**
countries and regions

80+ incoming delegation
visit from

across **30** countries
and regions

18 Belt and
Road countries

Renewed
11
mobility and
academic
collaboration
agreements

Established
34 | **21**
agreements | new overseas
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across
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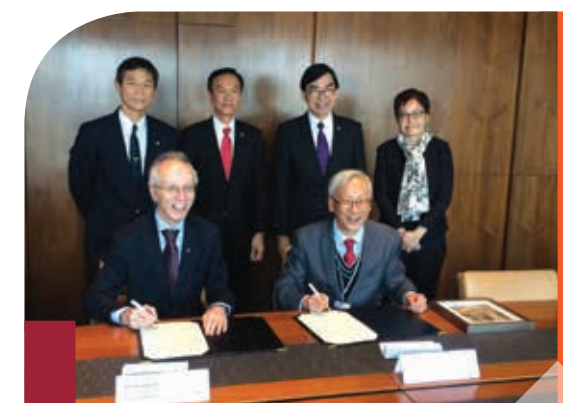
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Visit from the President and Vice-Chancellor of Simon Fraser University, Canada

PolyU was delighted to welcome a high-level delegation visit from Simon Fraser University (SFU) led by their President and Vice-Chancellor, Professor Andrew Petter, on 30 October 2017. The delegates met with Professor Timothy W. Tong, former PolyU President, Dr Angelina Yuen, former PolyU Vice President (Student and Global Affairs) and representatives of the Faculty of Business and Faculty of Health and Social Sciences. This courtesy visit allowed senior administrators at SFU and PolyU to get to know each other and explore potential areas of collaboration, particularly around university social responsibility.



Signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Jagiellonian University in Poland

We are excited to report that in December 2017, PolyU signed an institutional MoU with Poland's Jagiellonian University during a delegation visit from the university. This marked the start of what we are confident will be a longstanding and mutually beneficial partnership. Jagiellonian University is the oldest university in Poland. It was founded in Kraków in 1364, and placed among the best universities in the nation in numerous rankings.

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Delegation visit from California State University and San Francisco State University

On 17 January 2018, Dr Timothy P. White, California State University Chancellor, led a high-level delegation of representatives of California State University (CSU), San Francisco State University and San Diego State University to visit PolyU. The Dean of School of Hotel and Tourism Management (SHTM), an exchange partner of CSU, gave the delegates a tour of the SHTM's pioneering teaching and research hotel, Hotel ICON. After the tour, the delegates met with former PolyU President Timothy W. Tong and representatives of PolyU senior management.



Kazakhstan government officials visited PolyU

Mr Kuatphan Ualiev, Executive Secretary of the Ministry of Culture and Sports of the Republic of Kazakhstan, visited PolyU in March 2018. Mr Ualiev was accompanied by Mr Tolegen Ismailov, the newly appointed Consul General of Kazakhstan in Hong Kong, and Mr Zhaken Taimagambetov, Deputy Director for Research at the National Museum of the Republic of Kazakhstan. The delegates met with Professor Esmond Mok, Dean of Students, and representatives of the Office of Counselling and Wellness and IAO to learn more about the support and development programmes available to PolyU students, especially cultural and sports activities.

The delegation was also received by the University Librarian, Ms Shirley Wong, at the Pao Yue-kong Library for a book donation ceremony. PolyU is currently the only institution in Hong Kong to hold books donated directly by Kazakhstan's Ministry of Culture and Sports.

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A visit from the Austria Government

The Governor of Burgenland in Austria, Mr Hans Niessl, together with the President of its State Parliament, Mr Christian Illedits, led a high-level government delegation visit to PolyU in June 2018. Accompanied by the Deputy Consul General of Austria in Hong Kong and Macao, Mr Michael Kratzer, the delegates met with Ir Professor Alex Wai, PolyU Vice President for Research Development, and representatives of the Department of Building Services Engineering, the Innovation and Technology Development Office and IAO. During their meeting, all parties exchanged insights regarding their research priorities and the latest achievements. They also explored possibilities for research cooperation, between PolyU and Research Burgenland GmbH - a research subsidiary of the University of Applied Sciences, Burgenland, especially in the areas of sustainability and green technology.

NOV 2018



Signed Strategic Co-operation Agreement with Waterloo University, Canada

PolyU and Canada's University of Waterloo reached an agreement on 5 November 2018 to foster closer collaboration in education, research and entrepreneurship. Signed by the presidents of the two universities, the agreement will lead to closer ties between the faculties and more exchange opportunities for students. Professor Timothy W. Tong, former PolyU President, said that the accord would take the already strong relationship between the two universities to a higher level. The President and Vice Chancellor of the University of Waterloo, President Feridun Hamdullahpur, said that the agreement would benefit both institutions and their students.

Scouring the World for Opportunities

These illustrious delegates were not the only visitors to PolyU this year. We also welcomed delegations and government officials from various countries and just to name a few, these included Belgium, Egypt, France, Iceland, India, Iran, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Malaysia, Nepal, Pakistan, Senegal, Singapore, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Tanzania, The Netherlands, Turkey, U.A.E. and the U.K.. IAO managed PolyU outgoing delegation to traverse the globe in search of new collaboration opportunities. Our senior management team visited leading institutions and ministries of education in Australia, Brazil, Brunei, Canada, Czech Republic, Finland, Germany, Israel, Kazakhstan, Russia, South Korea, Switzerland and Thailand.

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Former PolyU President visited Universities in Kazakhstan

In July 2017, seeking to strengthen PolyU's important ties with universities and schools in Kazakhstan, Professor Timothy W. Tong, former PolyU President, visited Al-Farabi Kazakh National University in Almaty, Nazarbayev University and the Nazarbayev Intellectual Schools in Astana (Nur-Sultan). During his flying visit to Almaty, Professor Tong seized the opportunity to meet with a group of Kazakh students from PolyU. While at Nazarbayev University, PolyU concluded a MoU, which was signed by the universities' two Presidents.



Our visit to the AMTD Corporate Centre in Davos, Switzerland

One of PolyU's missions is to support and enhance Hong Kong's role as a global leader in innovation and technology. To this end, PolyU delegates visited the AMTD Corporate Centre in Davos, Switzerland and signed a Strategic Collaboration Agreement to establish an AMTD FinTech Centre in our Faculty of Business. Excitingly, this agreement will help to leverage resources and support from academia and industry to advance financial technology research and applications.

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PolyU Executive Vice President South Korea's visit

Dr Miranda Lou, Executive Vice President (EVP), was invited to speak at the QS-APPLE 2018 held in Seoul. IAO took the opportunity to arrange a visit to Korea Advanced Institute of Science & Technology (KAIST) and Korea University (KU) for EVP, during which she introduced PolyU's strategy for knowledge transfer & entrepreneurship in the Greater Bay Area, especially the newly established Greater Bay Area International Institute for Innovation (GBA I³) and its exciting plan ahead to their senior management, and discuss collaboration opportunities. The PolyU delegation also had a guided tour of the Institute of Startup KAIST & its K-School and KUBS Startup Station.

International Advisory Board



9th International Advisory Board Meeting

The International Advisory Board (IAB) of The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, administered by IAO from 2018, aims to help drive internationalization at PolyU to new heights, making it a truly international education centre, a global hub of advanced learning and a world-class research bridge between East and West.

The 9th International Advisory Board Meeting has been successfully held from 13 to 14 November 2018. Our theme for this meeting "Leveraging Opportunities Arising from the Greater Bay Area" highlighted the unique opportunities in research and development that PolyU senior management team envisions. Through meetings, IAB members have exchanged ideas and information and provided strategic advice in supporting PolyU to sharpen our development plan in the Greater Bay Area.



EVENTS & CONFERENCES

Communication, discussion, and face-to-face meetings are the lifeblood of education and learning. Throughout the year, IAO has arranged a variety of on campus events for students who are eager to learn more about PolyU's exchange and study abroad opportunities, we also participated a variety of conferences and seminars to meet and connect with current and potential partner institutions and to bring the vast opportunities PolyU has to offer to a world stage.



EVENTS AND CONFERENCES

Events



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The Presidents' Forum

The President's Forum in December 2017 was one of the highlights of PolyU's 80th anniversary celebrations. IAO arranged for more than 100 leaders from 34 higher education institutions in 20 countries and regions worldwide to come together to discuss the "Transformative Power of Universities for Our Future". The leaders shared their experiences and ideas about how universities will look in the future, and suggested ways of transforming society through innovative education and research methods and knowledge transfer.



Counsellors Days 2018

Forty-seven high-school principals and higher-education counsellors from 24 countries and regions attended the PolyU Counsellors Days on 21 to 23 March 2018. This three-day annual programme was specially designed to give principals and counsellors first-hand experience of professional tertiary education at PolyU and the opportunities available to successful applicants.

In collaboration with six faculties and two schools, the IAO arranged 11 talks introducing PolyU's undergraduate programmes and its many other unique offerings. In addition, seven tours and a mini-fair were organized to provide an overview of PolyU's campus, halls of residence and facilities such as the 3D printing lab and the STHM's world-renowned student training hotel and restaurant. The visitors also learned from academic staff about the latest developments in PolyU's academic programmes and their alignment with employers' needs.

Other highlights included a sharing session with a number of international students, who described their experiences of living and studying at PolyU. The IAO's student recruitment team and colleagues from the Academic Secretariat shed some light on the application and admissions processes for the 2019 intake.



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Global Engineering Education Exchange (Global E3) Annual Meeting

The GE3 consortium aims to promote student exchange between 73 of the most prestigious engineering schools in the world. PolyU has been a member of the consortium since 2010, and was proud to host its annual meeting on campus, with the support from the Faculty of Construction and Environment and Faculty of Engineering, from 5 to 7 April 2018. This three-day programme allowed member institutions to network with their counterparts, build on partnerships, collaborate and discuss trends in international engineering education.



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Go Global Bazaar

In September, IAO also organized a two-day Go Global Bazaar to allow PolyU students to explore various possibilities for studying overseas and planning ahead, ranging from international student exchanges to a winter study programme, summer school and Summer@OxBridge study programme, along with an array of funding opportunities. More than 400 students and other guests attended, and were excited to learn more about the opportunities available to boost their learning and career options – and spice up their lives at the same time! At the Bazaar, inbound exchange students and returned exchange students shared some of their favourite memories, tips and secrets from their time abroad.



Conferences

IAO staff members continued to attend university networking summits and international education conferences to showcase our programmes and achievements. These events also allowed IAO to meet with current and potential partner institutions to explore and develop new international learning opportunities for students and staff.

The conferences we attended in the past year included:

- Asia-Pacific Association for International Education (APAIE)
- Association of International Educators (NAFSA)
- European Association for International Education (EAIE)
- International Association for College Admission Counseling (IACAC) Annual Conference
- International Baccalaureate (IB) Global Conference



SCHOLARSHIPS & FUNDING SUPPORTS

At PolyU, we believe that the best investment we can make is to invest in our students' education. But getting started can be challenging not only about making the right choice of your study, but also the financial support that you need to get started. That is why we do our best to help out with a wide range of scholarships and funding support schemes to help our students reach their goals and get a head start on their university study journey.



SCHOLARSHIPS AND FUNDING SUPPORTS

Entry Scholarships

Entry Scholarships are designed for outstanding international students enrolling in undergraduate degree programmes at PolyU. The entry scholarships for a full-time Bachelor's degree programme can be as high as HK\$190,000 per year, starting from 2019 intake. The scholarships are renewed annually upon attaining certain academic requirements.



Devanshee Mishra
BEng (Hons) in Electronic and Information Engineering

"It's truly an honour for me to be one of the Entry Scholarships Recipients for Intake 2018/19. The warm welcome I've received at PolyU from students and staff alike, along with support from the International Affairs Office, has made me feel completely at home here. I'm excited to experience the opportunities offered by PolyU and in particular, the work-integration education which I'm sure it allows me to experience different work cultures and build a strong professional network while studying."

Undergraduate Summer Research Abroad Sponsorship

The Undergraduate Summer Research Abroad Sponsorship is a signature learning scheme supported by the PolyU International Exchange and Partnership Fund. It is designed to provide financial support for students who wish to embark on guided summer research programmes at a wide range of top universities overseas.

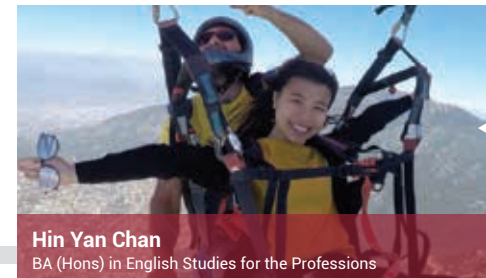


Kharis Daniel Setiasabda
BEng (Hons) in Biomedical Engineering

"I flew from Hong Kong to Singapore during the summer of 2018 to participate in a 10-week research programme at the NanoBioanalytics Laboratory of the National University of Singapore (NUS). I was involved in one of the key research areas in the field – sensor arrays for biomicrodevices. Inspired by innovative NanoBioanalytics technology, I was proud to be one of the research buddies on the "lab-in-a-tip" project. I very much treasured this unique experience and appreciated the Undergraduate Summer Research Abroad Sponsorship offered by PolyU."

Financial Assistance to Student Exchange Programmes

Aiming to encourage our students to participate in exchange programmes, PolyU offers financial assistance to students who enrolled in student exchange programmes. The financial assistance is ranging from HK\$8,000 to HK\$19,000 which is open for application to all local and non-local students. There is an additional financial assistance valued at HK\$15,000 or more jointly offered by PolyU and HKSAR Education Bureau. The additional financial assistance is open to local students who demonstrated financial hardship through evidence of Student Finance Office, HKSAR.

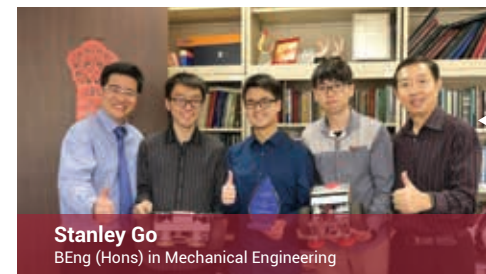


Hin Yan Chan
BA (Hons) in English Studies for the Professions

"It was always my dream to study in Denmark! I must say participating exchange at the University of Southern Denmark is the best decision I've ever made during my study at PolyU. Being an exchange student is far beyond travel and adventure. It also challenged me by living in a new country, discovering a new culture, and building new network of brilliant likeminded individuals. It is definitely one of the best memories in my life."

International Competition & Conference Participation Scheme

The International Competition & Conference Participation Scheme is designed to encourage and support full-time PolyU undergraduate students currently enrolled in Undergraduate Grants Committee funded programmes who want to participate in international competitions or attend international conferences. The scheme offers subsidies of up to two thirds of the cost of flights, accommodation and participation fees. PolyU students can also apply for bursaries to cover the remaining one third of the costs.



Stanley Go
BEng (Hons) in Mechanical Engineering

"This year, I formed a team with two other Year 4 students from PolyU's Department of Mechanical Engineering to compete in an international student design competition in the U.S., followed by a congress and an exposition. After many heats, our three innovative "Robot Football" devices won the first runner-up award! A special thanks to PolyU in supporting our participation."

Network Initiative

This initiative supports PolyU students' and faculty's participation in organisation of activities relating to major networks of importance to strategic partnership and brand building at PolyU. Such activities may be organized by PolyU departments for the networks, and PolyU students/faculty may participate in activities organized by the networks.

Partly sponsored by the IAO's network initiative scheme, the Professional Workshop on Ultra High Voltage Transmission and Smart Grid 2018 was one of the university-industry collaborations designed to advance professional standards financially supported by the office. The participating units included Xi'an Jiaotong University, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, State Grid of China Technology College and The Hongkong Electric Company Limited. Thirty senior professionals from the power and energy sector were invited to participate in a 2-week field trip visiting Beijing, Jinan, Xi'an and Hong Kong.



The Professional Workshop on Ultra High Voltage Transmission and Smart Grid 2018

UNIVERSITY SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY NETWORK

The University Social Responsibility Network (USRN) was established in 2015 by PolyU on the belief that universities have an obligation to work together to find solutions to address the economic, social and environmental challenges facing the world today, making the world more just, inclusive, peaceful and sustainable. The USRN brings together a group of universities from across the world committed to USR to exchange ideas, resources and practices and to collaborate on impactful projects in an endeavor to promote and elevate the global movement of USR in higher education. The USRN currently has 16 renowned member universities worldwide.



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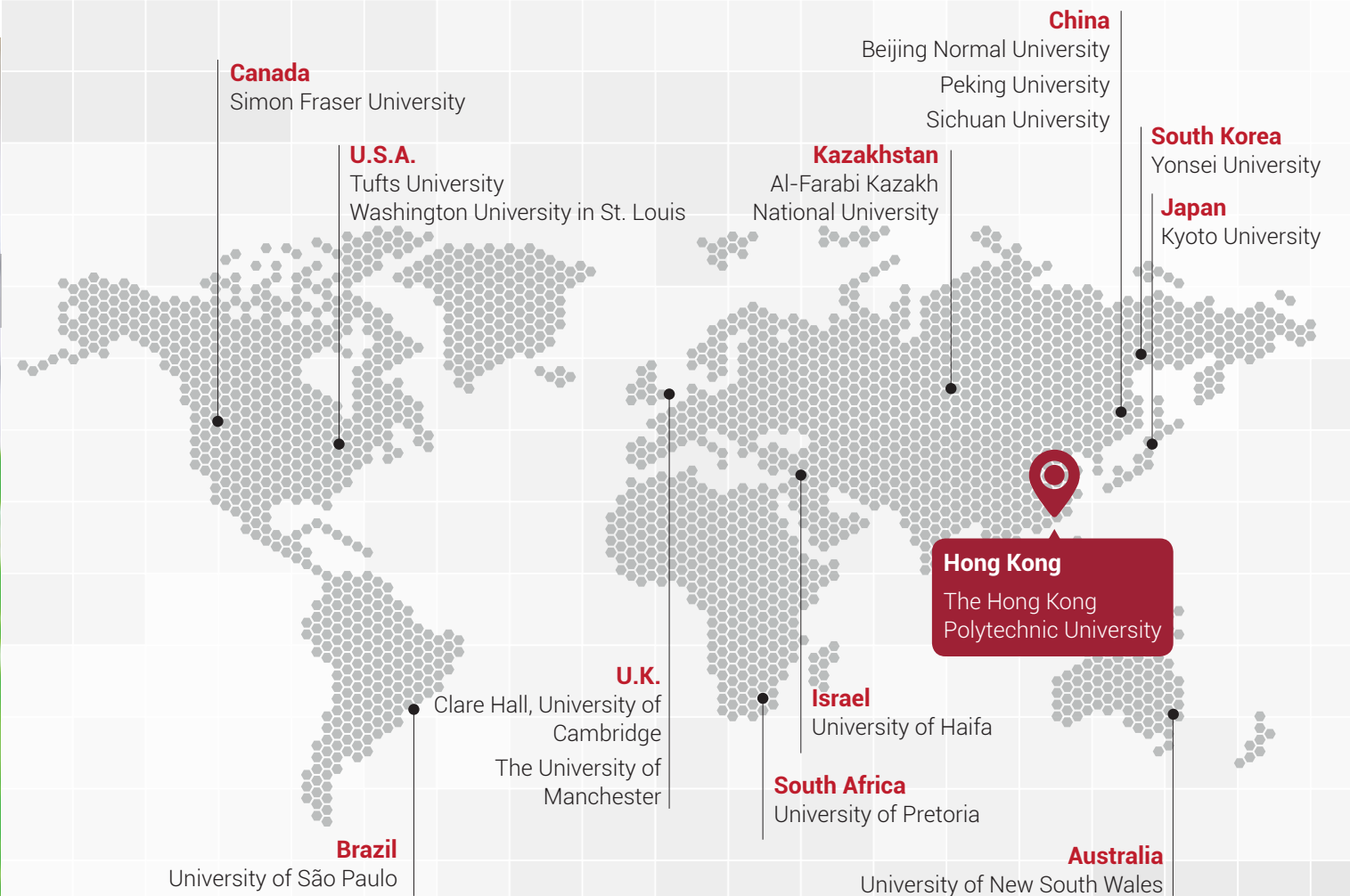
PolyU is proud to have joined hands with 15 other esteemed institutions around the world as a founding member of the USRN. Since 2015, this unique network has brought thought leaders together to exchange ideas, resources and practices to steer global discussion and the development of social responsibility in higher education.

The **MISSION** of the USRN is threefold. First, it seeks to provide a platform for the exchange of ideas, resources, policies, practices, problems and solutions to foster social responsibility among member institutions. Second, it aims to develop collaborative social responsibility projects varying in scope and scale. Last but not least, it contributes to the global discussion and development of universities' social responsibility through networking and partnerships both within the USRN and with other networks and alliances.

The **VISION**

“
A better, fairer, healthier, greener and more enriching world resulting from the learning, research and social responsibility activities of universities.
”

Member Universities



An Exciting Change in 2018

We are very excited to announce that in 2018, the IAO took up the responsibility for providing secretarial services to the USRN. Throughout the year, the Network organized numerous events and activities to promote social engagement.

**APR
2018**

In April, a Staff Development Programme was organized by the University of São Paulo. This brought together 12 representatives from seven USRN institutions to discuss the development of the Network and cultural approaches to pursuing university social responsibility.



**MAY-
JUL
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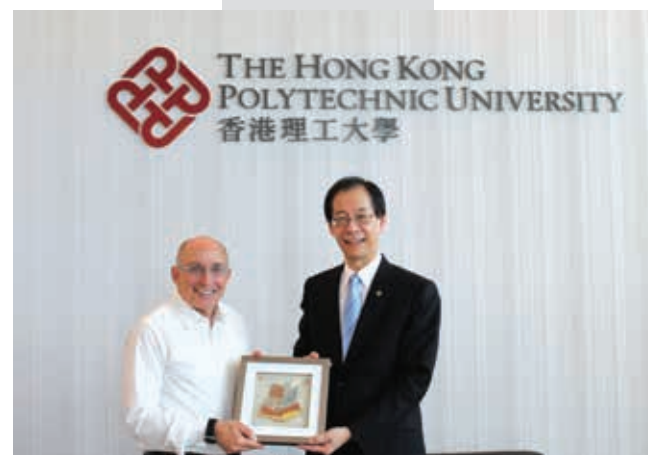


Over the summer, PolyU's Global Service-Learning Scheme continued to support outstanding students from USRN institutions through PolyU's offshore learning projects. A highlight was a service-learning project in Cambodia called "Living Environments for Low Income Communities", which was conducted jointly by students from Sichuan University and the University of Haifa in Israel.



President of the University of Haifa Visits PolyU to Talk about USRN

In June 2018, PolyU welcomed delegates from the University of Haifa, Israel for the very first time. This prestigious institution ranks among Israel's best universities in diverse areas, from Welfare and Health Sciences to Education and Management. Professor Ron Robin, President of the University of Haifa, and other delegates met with Professor Timothy W. Tong, former PolyU President; Professor Alex Wai, Vice President (Research Development); Professor Geoffrey Shen, Interim Vice President (Student Affairs); and Professor Daniel Shek, Associate Vice President (Undergraduate Programme). Insights were also provided by academics from PolyU's Faculty of Health and Social Sciences, Department of Applied Biology and Chemical Technology and Department of Biomedical Engineering. The visit brought together these two founding members of the USRN to discuss the latest developments in the Network, along with possibilities for cooperation in the areas of innovation and health sciences.



**JUN
2018**



The Signature Event of the Year — USR Month

OCT
2018

USR Month Launching Ceremony

USR Month was kicked off in style on the PolyU campus with a launching ceremony and exhibition showcasing USR student engagement projects, including projects by Global Youth Leadership and the Service-Learning Institute, Project Uganda (the USR network's first student-led project), Good Seed projects and a Vision of Love Mobile Eye Care project. This was followed by a series of fair-trade coffee workshops designed to raise awareness of the importance of USR via smell.



On-campus Blood Donation

In the same month, to bring the idea of USR to life, a PolyU Blood Donation Challenge was organized with support from the Hong Kong Red Cross Blood Transfusion Service. Just one blood donation can help three or more patients. This challenge inspired everyone in the community to behave responsibly and help those in need.



OCT
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A Taste of PolyU

More than 50 children from Primary 4 to Secondary 3, recruited by Christian Action via centres in Mong Kok, Choi Hung and Sau Mau Ping, arrived on campus to get "A Taste of PolyU". The event was designed to give them an enjoyable day out and inspire them to take an interest in higher education.

Accompanied by students, recent graduates and staff, the children were taken on a campus tour, which even covered laboratories in the Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering and the Department of Land Surveying and Geo-Informatics. Professor Esmond Mok, Dean of Students, welcomed the participants to PolyU, and selected students and alumni were invited to tell the children all about their experiences on campus.

The event concluded with a dinner and games involving around 120 people, including the children, some of their family members, staff and approximately 15 student helpers. They all enjoyed a game of bingo, and the student volunteers capped off the fun with some face painting for the younger kids. All in all, it was a fun and eye-opening visit for all of the participants.



DEC
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USR Summit in Israel





































































PolyU was proud to jointly organized 2018 USR Summit, which was held at the University of Haifa and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem from 2 to 4 December 2018. Delegates, faculty members and students from the USRN's 16 member universities around the world were warmly welcomed by Professor Gustavo Mesch, Rector of the University of Haifa.

Dr Angelina Yuen, Chair of PolyU's USRN Executive Committee, expressed her excitement at seeing the USRN – which only a few years ago had been merely a dream – grow into a worldwide network and community committed to encouraging universities to be more socially responsible.

2018 was an exciting year for the USRN, bringing its renowned member universities around the world together through various projects. As a founding USRN member, PolyU looks forward to working even harder into the future to raise awareness of the importance of social responsibility in universities across the world.



Partner Institutions

Argentina		Belgium		Chile		Finland
National University of Quilmes		Ecole de Recherche Graphique 		Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Valparaiso		Aalto University 
Australia		KU Leuven 		Colombia		HAAGA-Helia University of Applied Sciences 
Charles Sturt University-Riverina		Université libre de Bruxelles 		Universidad de los Andes 		Hanken School of Economics 
Curtin University 		University of Liege 		Croatia		Helsinki Metropolia University of Applied Sciences 
Deakin University		Brazil		Zagreb School of Economics and Management 		JAMK University of Applied Sciences 
Griffith University 		University of São Paulo 		Cyprus		Lahti University of Applied Sciences 
James Cook University		Brunei		Cyprus University of Technology		South-Eastern Finland University of Applied Sciences 
La Trobe University 		Universiti Brunei Darussalam 		Czech Republic		Tampere University of Technology 
Macquarie University		Cambodia		Czech Technical University in Prague 		University of Oulu 
Monash University		Royal University of Phnom Penh 		Masaryk University 		France
Queensland University of Technology 		Canada		Palacky University Olomouc		Audencia Nantes School of Management 
Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology 		HEC Montréal 		The University of Economics, Prague 		Burgundy School of Business 
Southern Cross University 		McGill University 				Ecole Internationale 3A 
Swinburne University of Technology 		McMaster University				École Nationale Supérieure des Arts et Industries Textiles 
The University of Melbourne 		Queen's University at Kingston				Ecole Supérieure Internationale de Savignac 
The University of Queensland 		Ryerson University 				ESSCA School of Management 
The University of Western Australia 		Simon Fraser University 				ICN Business School 
University of New South Wales 		Université de Montréal				Institut National des Sciences Appliquées de Lyon 
University of South Australia 		University of Alberta 				Institut Polytechnique des Sciences Avancées 
University of Sydney		University of British Columbia				KEDGE Business School 
University of Technology Sydney 		University of Calgary 				La Rochelle Business School 
University of Western Sydney		University of Guelph 				NEOMA Business School 
University of Wollongong 		University of Manitoba 				SKEMA Business School 
Austria		University of New Brunswick 				The University of Angers 
Management Center Innsbruck 		University of Toronto 				Toulouse Business School 
MODUL University Vienna 		University of Waterloo 		Estonia		Université Côte d'Azur
Salzburg University of Applied Sciences 				Estonian Business School		Université Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne
University of Applied Sciences Krems 						University of Paris Dauphine 
Vienna University of Economics and Business 						University of Technology of Troyes 

Partner Institutions

Germany

- Anhalt University of Applied Sciences
- Baden-Wuerttemberg Cooperative State University Mannheim
- Berlin – Weissensee Art Academy
- Deggendorf Institute of Technology
- EBS Business School
- Frankfurt School of Finance & Management
- Freie Universität Berlin
- Hochschule für Technik Stuttgart University of Applied Sciences
- Hochschule Konstanz University of Applied Sciences
- Hochschule Wismar
- International University of Applied Sciences Bad Honnef, Bonn
- Jade University of Applied Sciences
- Karlsruhe Institute of Technology
- Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München
- Munich University of Applied Sciences
- Niederrhein University of Applied Sciences
- Osnabrueck University of Applied Sciences
- Reutlingen University
- Technical University of Munich
- The University of Applied Sciences Cologne
- University of Applied Sciences Jena
- University of Mannheim
- University of Stuttgart
- WHU-Otto Beisheim School of Management
- Worms University of Applied Science

India

- National Institute of Design
- Pearl Academy of Fashion

Iraq

- University of Technology, Baghdad

Ireland

- Dublin Institute of Technology

Israel

- Bezalel Academy of Arts and Design Jerusalem
- The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Italy

- Free University of Bozen-Bolzano
- The MIP Politecnico di Milano
- University of Bologna
- University of Messina
- University of Modena and Reggio Emilia

Japan

- Beppu University
- Gunma Prefectural College of Health Sciences
- Kansai Gaidai University
- Kawasaki University of Medical Welfare
- Kochi University of Technology
- Kyoto Institute of Technology
- Kyoto University
- Nara Women’s University
- Okayama Prefectural University
- Osaka Gakuin University
- Rikkyo University
- Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University
- Saitama Prefectural University
- Shinshu University
- The University of Tokyo
- Toyo University
- University of Hyogo
- University of Tsukuba
- Waseda University

Kazakhstan

- Al-farabi Kazakh National University
- Almaty Management University
- Nazarbayev University

Latvia

- The Art Academy of Latvia

Luxembourg

- Luxembourg School of Business

Mexico

- Universidad Anáhuac, México Norte

New Zealand

- Auckland University of Technology
- Otago Polytechnic

Norway

- BI Norwegian Business School
- NHH Norwegian School of Economics
- Norwegian University of Science and Technology
- University of Stavanger
- Western Norway University of Applied Sciences

Pakistan

- National University of Sciences and Technology

Philippines

- Xavier University

Poland

- Jagiellonian University in Kraków
- Kozminski University
- University of Warsaw

Portugal

- The Catholic University of Portugal

Russia

- Peter the Great St. Petersburg Polytechnic University

South Korea

- Ajou University
- Chung-Ang University
- Ewha Womans University
- Hankuk University of Foreign Studies
- Hanyang University
- INHA University
- Korea Advanced Institute of Science & Technology
- Korea Aerospace University
- Korea University
- Kyung Hee University
- Pohang University of Science & Technology
- Sejong University
- Seoul National University
- Soongsil University
- Sungkyunkwan University
- Ulsan National Institute of Science and Technology
- Woosong University
- Yonsei University

Singapore

- Nanyang Technological University
- National University of Singapore
- Singapore Management University

Slovenia

- University of Ljubljana

Partner Institutions

Spain

- IE University
- Ramon Llull University
- University of Barcelona
- University of Jaen
- University of Navarra
- University of the Balearic Islands

Sweden

- Jönköping University
- Karolinska Institutet
- Konstfack University of Arts, Crafts and Design
- KTH Royal Institute of Technology
- Linköping University
- Lund University
- Mälardalen University
- Malmö University
- University of Borås
- University of Gothenburg
- Uppsala University

Switzerland

- Ecole hôtelière de Lausanne
- Haute Ecole de la Sante La Source
- Haute Ecole de Sante Vaud
- Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts
- University of Applied Sciences of Eastern Switzerland, HTW Chur
- University of Zurich
- Zurich University of Applied Sciences
- Zurich University of the Arts

Thailand

- Asian Institute of Technology
- Chiang Mai University
- Chulalongkorn University
- Dusit Thani College
- Mahidol University
- Rajamangala University of Technology Phra Nakhon

- Ramkhamhaeng University
- Siam University
- Srinakharinwirot University
- Thammasat University

The Netherlands

- Breda University of Applied Sciences
- Delft University of Technology
- Design Academy Eindhoven
- Erasmus University, Rotterdam School of Management
- Hanze University Groningen
- Hogeschool van Amsterdam, Amsterdam Fashion Institute
- Maastricht University
- University of Groningen
- University of Twente
- Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam
- Zuyd University

Turkey

- Sabanci University

United Kingdom

- Aston University
- Bournemouth University
- Cardiff University
- Chartered Management Institute
- Coventry University
- De Montfort University
- Durham University
- Glasgow Caledonian University
- Glasgow School of Art
- Imperial College London
- Kingston University
- Leeds Arts University
- Loughborough University
- Manchester Metropolitan University
- Newcastle University
- Nottingham Trent University

- Oxford Brookes University
- Portsmouth Polytechnic
- The Royal Veterinary College
- The University of Birmingham
- The University of Leeds
- The University of Manchester
- The University of Nottingham
- University of Brighton
- University of Cambridge
- University of Exeter
- University of Huddersfield
- University of Southampton
- University of Strathclyde
- University of Surrey
- University of the Arts London
- University of the West of England, Bristol
- University of Westminster
- University of Worcester

United States of America

- Alverno College
- Boston University
- Brown University
- California State University, Los Angeles
- Case Western Reserve University
- Central Connecticut State University
- City University of New York
- Cornell University
- Drexel University
- Fashion Institute of Technology
- Georgia Institute of Technology
- Georgia State University
- Indiana University
- John Hopkins University
- Kansas State University
- Keiser University
- Kent State University
- Louisiana State University

- Marist College
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- Michigan State University
- North Carolina State University
- Purdue University
- Rosewell Park Cancer Institute of United States
- Salisbury University
- San Francisco State University
- Temple University
- The Catholic University of America
- The New School
- The University of California, Berkeley
- The University of California, Los Angeles
- The University of California, San Francisco
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- University of San Francisco
- University of South Carolina
- University of Southern California
- Washington University in St. Louis
- Yale University

Vietnam

- Hoa Sen University

Global Networks

Networks co-founded by PolyU



International Strategic Technology Alliance (ISTA)

Initiated by PolyU in 1995, renowned universities with proven records in technology transfer were invited to form an "International Strategic Technology Alliance".

The alliance now has 26 institutional members from the Chinese mainland, the U.K. and the U.S. and they are committed to promoting applied research and consultancy services on an international scale that benefit both the institutions and the society at large. Joint research centres and laboratories have been formed among the ISTA member universities to strengthen the research capabilities on specific technological areas.



University Social Responsibility Network (USRN)

Initiated by PolyU with a view to advancing and promoting university social responsibility in the global arena has been officially inaugurated in 2015.

The Network, with 12 renowned universities across the globe as the founding members, will focus on collaboration on student programmes, research, student and faculty exchange, etc. In the initial stage, service-learning and sustainable campus are among the focal areas for collaboration.



University Alliance of the Silk Road (UASR)

Inaugurated in 2015, UASR comprises about 100 leading universities from 18 countries or regions on "One Belt, One Road".

It aims to create an educational cooperation platform, supporting and steering exchanges and collaborations in education, science and technology, and cultural exchanges between member universities.

Networks PolyU has Joined as a Member



Association of Sino-Russian Technical Universities (ASRTU)

ASRTU is a non-governmental organization composed by elite engineering universities from China and Russia on a voluntary basis (28 Chinese and 32 Russian universities in total).



Eurasia-Pacific Uninet (EPU)

Founded in 2000, it is the largest sovereign university network of its kind within Europe. EPU is strongly supported by the Austrian Federal Ministry for Science and Research and the Austrian Agency for International Cooperation in Education and Research.

Its objective is to promote multilateral scientific partnerships between Austrian universities, universities of applied sciences, other research institutions and member institutions in East Asia, Central Asia, South Asia and the Pacific region. It supports interdisciplinary scientific exchange between its member institutions through scholarships for Post Docs and Ph.D. students coming to Austria, projects and summer schools.



European Association for International Education (EAIE)

Founded in 1989 as the European leadership centre for expertise, networking and resources in the internationalisation of higher education, serving individuals actively involved in the internationalisation of their institutions through a combination of training, conferences and knowledge acquisition and sharing.

It has a total of over 2,500 individual members from over 80 countries. Every year, PolyU will participate in the annual EAIE conference to meet with existing partners to deepen the collaborations and potential institutions to explore opportunities.



Global Education: Exchanges for Engineers and Entrepreneurs (Ge4)

Ge4 is an international independent non-profit network of universities established in 1996 for the purpose of connecting global industry and academic institutions. We have been offering competent service and rich experience to higher education institutions and industry by implementing academic mobility of engineers and managers worldwide ever since. The main focus of our activities is student exchanges at all levels, from BSc to PhD, as well as researcher and staff exchanges.

Since our foundation, over 1,300 students have taken part in the Ge4 network exchange programs worldwide. We are trying to make a contribution to a mutual understanding between diverse cultures and to stimulate educational and personal development of young academics in an open and friendly environment. We are strongly convinced that global education and academic exchanges, as its integral part, are an important way to create a safer world, cultural diversity and sustainable economy.



Institute of International Education: Global Engineering Education Exchange (IIE: Global E3)

Global E3 is an exchange programme for engineering students: a student can study abroad while continuing to pay tuition at home. Over 70 universities worldwide comprise the Global E3 consortium. This consortium is administered by the Institute of International Education (IIE) in New York, under the guidance of the member-elected Executive Committee. Global E3 exchanges about 250-300 students a year.

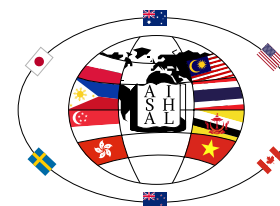
IIE implements many of the world's most prestigious scholarship programs including the Global E3 which was established by a group of leading universities around the world in 1995. Global E3 is a pioneering consortium that enables undergraduate engineering students to take part in exchanges among 70 participating universities in 20 countries.



National Association of Foreign Student Advisers (NAFSA)

Founded in 1948 as NAFSA, the association's scope soon expanded and it is now the world's largest non-profit association dedicated to international education and exchange. It has 10,000 members from more than 3,500 institutions in over 150 countries.

NAFSA aims to advance international education and access to education worldwide by managing scholarships, training, exchange and leadership programmes, conducting research and facilitating policy dialogue on global higher education. Every year, PolyU will participate in the annual NAFSA conference to meet with existing partners to deepen the collaborations and potential institutions to explore opportunities.



Association of Southeast Asian Institutions of Higher Learning (ASAIHL)

Founded in 1956 as a non-governmental organisation in Bangkok, Thailand, of the heads of eight state universities in Southeast Asia. It has more than 170 member institutions in 15 Asian countries, Australia, Belgium, Canada, France, New Zealand, Sweden and the U.S.

ASAIHL aims to assist member institutions to achieve international distinction in teaching, research and public service. Every year, PolyU will encourage academics to participate in the annual ASAIHL Conference.



The Talloires
Network

The Talloires Network (TN)

Inaugurated in 2005, TN is an international association of institutions committed to strengthening the civic roles and social responsibilities of higher education. The Network works together to implement the recommendations of the Talloires Declaration and build a global movement of engaged universities.

The Network is guided by an elected Steering Committee of 15 members. 10 are current or former heads of higher education institutions, 3 are heads of national or regional higher education networks for university civic engagement, and 2 are student representatives. Since its founding conference, the Network has grown to over 360 members in 77 countries with a combined enrollment of over 6 million students.

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