The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU) is a university with a proud and illustrious history. Formerly known as the Hong Kong Polytechnic, the Institution assumed full university status in 1994. The University prides itself on its quality application-oriented academic programmes and research, and close ties with business and industry. It is the largest publicly-funded tertiary institution in Hong Kong in terms of number of students, with 32,000 full-time and part-time students, and a vast pool of more than 310,000 graduates.

The University’s teaching units are grouped under six faculties and two schools, namely, the Faculty of Applied Science and Textiles, Faculty of Business, Faculty of Humanities, Faculty of Construction and Environment, Faculty of Engineering, Faculty of Health and Social Sciences, School of Design, and School of Hotel and Tourism Management.

Hong Kong has maintained its competitiveness thanks to our entrepreneurial ability to adapt and change. We were strong in manufacturing and are now competing globally with value adding services. Looking ahead, we need to excel in Innovation and Creativity. PolyU serves Hong Kong and constantly looks for ways to best serve the needs of this dynamic metropolis and the region we are situated in. We strive to educate young men and women ready to tackle life with passion and excitement. We are looking for ways to stimulate this enthusiasm and enhance their appetite for global learning for our graduates to enter this exciting yet challenging era.

Like Hong Kong, PolyU is peerless at learning from others and adapting to changing circumstances. And that is the reason why I am so excited about and have high hopes for this remarkable board, comprising top university leaders and captains of industry and business from around the globe. I am confident that members of this board will assist PolyU to map our strategies and way forward, and in particular to play a key role in our internationalisation, benefiting not just this community, but the world beyond our borders.

Ms Marjorie Yang, JP
Message from President
The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

Look on any globe, and Hong Kong seems tiny. It looks like one of the smallest places on the planet. We have no natural resources, no oil wells, no gold mines or rubber plantations.

And yet this factor, which could have been seen as a major obstacle to success, has been turned into our biggest advantage. Almost every major transaction Hong Kong has ever done has involved parties outside our borders. It had to: with a tiny domestic market, we had no choice. This was true a century ago. It is true today.

PolyU is stepping up its efforts to become a truly international education centre, a global hub of advanced learning, a world-class research bridge between east and west, and most importantly, an application-oriented university with its unique role and mission: Where Innovation meets Application.

I have very high expectations for this International Advisory Board, the first of its kind in Hong Kong, inaugurated in PolyU in November 2010. On it, we have an international cast of extraordinary people, both academics and business leaders. And they will be working with a university which has a truly global mission, committed and dedicated faculty implementing globalised, well rounded and multi-disciplinary curriculum and a student body from local to a wider range of countries every year.

Everything is in place. Now it is time to step it up. With this wonderful board, the members of which come from most continents, we are confident that PolyU's rate of internationalisation will accelerate.

Professor Timothy W. Tong, Ph.D.

Message from Vice President (International and Executive Education)
The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

At PolyU we have never thought of our students as receptacles to be crammed with facts. No: we want them to be fireworks, so they can light up the sky. But how far should that light shine?

The answer is simple: across as many borders as possible. Hong Kong is a relatively small place; but it has long been a meeting place of diametrically different influences; and so it is natural that our university becomes a place infused with the best of east and west. So we are thrilled to see that there is real energy in the drive to further increase the rate of internationalisation at PolyU.

It is our wish that our multi-lingual, globally-aware students will be a gift to both Hong Kong and the wider world.

Professor Judy Tsui
In the globalised world we live in today, educational institutions are no longer simply a place to gain academic knowledge in a linear manner. Instead, they should be enriching intercultural environments to help students reach their full potential, nurturing their mental, as well as their social development. At PolyU, we are aware of our need to expose our students to the international dimensions of how this world functions, and to prepare our students for the new global era - a world where businesses, cultures and challenges transcend borders, and a global awareness is not simply encouraged, but essential for success.

In many ways, we have already made a head-start. Our academic excellence, industry networks and strategic location in Asia make us a welcoming study destination for international students and academics. Over the last decade, we have welcomed many from abroad, broadened our networks and developed international collaborations in research, programmes and events. Hence, internationalisation at PolyU is not a new friend, but an old ally. It is a way forward to sharpen the competitive edge we already have in existence, and an opportunity to charge ahead to becoming a leading university that excels in professional education, applied research and partnership for the betterment of Hong Kong, the nation and the world.

Our plan for the way forward can be broadly described under three objectives:

Enhance PolyU’s brand image globally by broadening our networks and developing partnerships with institutions and industries. This includes:
• Establishing an International Advisory Board;
• Organising activities such as International Week, International Summer Programme, International Student Ambassadors Scheme, academic conferences and high profile competitions such as the PolyU Innovation & Entrepreneurship Global Student Challenge;
• Encouraging participation in professional associations, university delegation visits locally and abroad;
• Fostering mutually beneficial collaborations in education, research and student exchanges; and
• Nourishing our existing relationships with Consular Offices and international education and cultural organisations.

Create a global environment conducive to the development of increasingly diverse student and faculty communities. This includes:
• Nurturing an inclusive and multi-cultural campus ambience, and developing activities that facilitate integration of students from different backgrounds, cultures and countries;
• Providing campus cultural programmes like the Host Family Scheme, a harmonious hostel environment and a strong support network from student unions and associations;
• Reinforcing a global perspective in our curricular and thus better equip our students to be global citizens through increasing opportunities for international exchange and internships;
• Offering a wide variety of international experience within the programme of study with a view of promoting cross-cultural understanding;
• Reinforcing English as a medium of communication on campus; and
• Continuing to nurture a high quality research environment and ensuring adequate Chinese and international dimensions are included in our programmes.

Empower the university community by cultivating an understanding in the benefits of internationalisation. This includes:
• Articulating a clear vision and commitment to internationalisation;
• Nurturing a sense of pride in our internationalisation endeavours;
• Engaging a core team of academic staff to be spokespersons at our activities; and
• Developing a community of practice for sharing good practices.

At PolyU, we are committed to embracing internationalisation on all levels - from the strategic branding of the university to the practical issues of providing more accommodation for international students on campus. It is, however, not a road without its share of strategic, financial and implementation challenges. The journey of internationalisation is, and will continue to be, a process in the making.

We are honoured to invite you to join us in this exciting and meaningful process - an important endeavour not only beneficial at an institutional level, but also fundamental to Hong Kong’s economic, academic and socio-cultural wellbeing as a city.
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* Professor Gang Pei joined PolyU International Advisory Board as a member in 2011.
Dr David C. Chang

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Dr David C. Chang is the Chancellor for Global Programmes & President Emeritus at the Polytechnic Institute of New York University in Brooklyn, New York. He received his MS and Ph.D. from Harvard and BS from National Cheng-Kung University. Dr Chang was elected as Fellow (1985) and Life Fellow (2006) of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), and received an IEEE Third Millennium Medal in 2000. He was named an honorary professor and/or advisor at a number of major universities in the Greater China Region.

Dr Chang was named to NYC Mayor Michael Bloomberg’s Transition Team in 2001, and has served as the Chair for New York City’s public school system during 2009 and 2010. He is also a board member of Time Warner and American XTAL Technologies. Dr Chang was elected as a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and serves on the Editorial Advisory Board of the Korean Observer and the Board of the American Council on International Education. As a member of the Committee of 100, Dr Chang has served as a Vice Chair, co-chairing its International Committee since 2009.

Dr Christopher Cheng, GBS, OBE, JP

Chairman, Wing Tai Properties Limited, Hong Kong

Dr Christopher Cheng is the Chairman of Wing Tai Properties Limited and the Director of DBS Holdings Limited. In the public services, he also serves as a member of the Hong Kong Government Exchange Fund Advisory Committee, Judicial Officers Recommendation Commission and a steward of the Hong Kong Jockey Club.

Dr Cheng is also a member of the Council of The University of Hong Kong, President’s Council on International Activities of the Yale University, Board of Overseers at Columbia Business School, and an honorary member of the Court of The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology. He holds a BBA from the University of Notre Dame, an MBA from Columbia University and was conferred the degree of Doctor of Social Sciences honoris causa by The University of Hong Kong. He was appointed Justice of Peace in 1985, awarded an OBE in 1992 and a Gold Bauhinia Star in 2004.
Mr Siwei Cheng

Former Vice Chairman, National People's Congress of China and Chairman, International Financial Forum (Beijing), P. R. China

Mr Siwei Cheng is a renowned economist, President of the China Soft-Science Research Society, President of Research Center on Fictitious Economy and Data Science, Chinese Academy of Sciences and Chairman of International Financial Forum (Beijing).

Mr Cheng received an MBA degree from UCLA and previously served as Vice Minister of Chemical Industry and as the Director of the Department of Management Sciences of the National Natural Science Foundation of China. He has published numerous academic books and over one hundred articles in prestigious academic journals, and he has got 2008 Globlist of the Year Award from Canadian International Council and 1992 Second Class National Award of Science and Technology Progress of China.

Dr Jang-Moo Lee

President Emeritus, Seoul National University, Korea

Dr Jang-Moo Lee served as the 24th President of Seoul National University (SNU) from 2006 - 2010. During his presidency, he successfully initiated and persuaded Korean Government and SNU members the first incorporation of SNU among major national universities. Dr Lee was the Chairman of the Korean Council for University Education from 2007 - 2008, and has been serving as the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Climate Change Center of Korea since 2010. He was also a member of the International Advisory Council of the King Abdullah University of Science and Technology from 2008 - 2010.

Dr Lee received his BS degree from SNU and his Ph.D. in Engineering Mechanics from Iowa State University. He has received prestigious awards from the National Academy of Sciences of Korea and the Korean Society of Mechanical Engineers. He is also a fellow of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, International Academy of Production Engineering, and Korean Academy of Science and Technology. In 2009, he was conferred an honorary doctoral degree by the Babes-Bolyai University of Cluj-Napoca in Romania.
Mrs Margaret Leung, SBS, JP
Chairman of the Board of Governors, Hang Seng Management College, Hong Kong

Mrs Margaret Leung was the Vice-Chairman and Chief Executive of Hang Seng Bank Limited and the Chairman of Hang Seng Bank (China) Limited, prior to her retirement on 11 May 2012. She is currently the Chairman of the Board of Governors of Hang Seng Management College and the Chairman of the Board and Supervisor of Hang Seng School of Commerce.

Mrs Leung graduated from The University of Hong Kong in 1975. She joined Bank of America in 1975, HSBC in 1978 and Hang Seng Bank in 2009.

Mrs Leung is involved with a number of government and industry committees, universities and non-profit organisations in Hong Kong and mainland China.

Dr Simon Leung
CEO, Harrow International Management Services, Hong Kong

Dr Simon Leung joined Harrow International Management Services (HIMS) in October 2012 as CEO. In this role, he is in charge of the strategic growth of the Harrow International School Group outside UK including the existing schools in Bangkok, Beijing and Hong Kong. Dr Leung’s responsibilities include the development of new Harrow International Schools, and educational services in the Asian region under the name of AIS Educational Services, in providing specialised educational training programmes for teachers and students. Prior to HIMS, Dr Leung held senior management positions in companies like Microsoft and Motorola.

Dr Leung is a veteran in both the IT and telecommunications industries and has more than 20 years of industrial experience in multinational companies in the Asia Pacific region. He holds a BSc and an honorary doctorate from University of Western Ontario, Canada and a DBA and DMgt from The Hong Kong Polytechnic University. He also received a Dato’ship from the State of Penang in Malaysia.
Professor Robert A. Mundell

Nobel Laureate in Economics and University Professor, Columbia University, USA

Professor Robert Mundell has the title of University Professor at Columbia University in New York. He received his BA from the University of British Columbia, and did graduate work at the University of Washington and the London School of Economics and Political Science before receiving his Ph.D. in Economics from MIT. He has been an advisor to many international agencies and organisations including the Government of Canada, the United Nations, the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank, the European Commission, the Federal Reserve Board, the US Treasury and numerous governments, institutions and companies globally.

Professor Mundell has written extensively on economic theory, international economics, and the history of money. He is known as the “father of Euro” and is the leading figure in many theoretical innovations. He is an Honorary Professor at more than fifty universities in China and the recipient of dozens of honorary doctoral degrees from universities around the world. He was the winner of the Nobel Memorial Prize in Economics in 1999 for the creation of the standard international economic model and the theory of optimum currency areas. He was appointed a Companion of the Order of Canada in 2001, made a Knight Grand Cross of the Royal Order of Merit (Duke of Parma) in 2005 and is a Doctor of Business Administration honoris causa at PolyU.

Professor Gang Pei

President, Tongji University, P. R. China

Professor Gang Pei is the 25th President of the Tongji University since 2007. Prior to this, he was the President of Shanghai Institute for Biological Sciences, Chinese Academy of Sciences. Professor Pei received his BS and MS from Shenyang Pharmaceutical University, and a Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina. He then undertook his post-doctoral training at Duke University.

Professor Pei is a leading scientist in the research of molecular cell biology and signal transduction, focusing on G-protein Coupling Receptor signaling and the related disease mechanisms and drug discovery. A lot of his research findings were published in top scientific journals and his recognitions include the National Natural Science Award, Science and Technology Progress Award of Shanghai, Tan Kah Kee Life Science Award and Tan Jiazhen Life Science Achievement Award.

He was elected to the Chinese Academy of Sciences in 1999 and the Third World Academy of Sciences in 2001. He is a member of Scientific Advisory Board for the National Basic Research (973 Project) and the chief scientist of the National Key Scientific Research Program “Developmental Biology and Reproduction”. 
Dr G. P. “Bud” Peterson

President, Georgia Institute of Technology, USA

Dr G. P. “Bud” Peterson is the 11th President of the Georgia Institute of Technology. Prior to joining Georgia Tech in 2009, he was Chancellor of the University of Colorado at Boulder. He was previously the Provost at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in New York. He served on the faculty and in leadership positions at Texas A&M University for 19 years and has worked for NASA and the National Science Foundation (NSF).

Throughout his career, Dr Peterson has played an active role in helping to establish education and research agendas, serving on numerous industry, government, and academic task forces and committees in the US. A distinguished scientist, he is a member of the National Science Board, which oversees NSF and advises the President and Congress on national policy related to science and engineering research and education.

He earned two bachelor’s degrees and a master’s degree from Kansas State University and a Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering from Texas A&M University.

Professor Guaning Su

President Emeritus, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

Professor Guaning Su is President Emeritus of Nanyang Technological University (NTU). He served from 2003 - 2010 as President of the University, building it up as a research-intensive university with a global reputation. During 2009 - 2011, Professor Su chaired the Global Alliance of Technological Universities – a network of seven institutions focused on using technology to improve society.

A Singapore President’s Scholar and Colombo Plan Scholar, Professor Su completed his Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering and MS in Statistics at Stanford University. Before joining NTU in 2003, he spent three decades in defence research. Professor Su serves on many boards, including the International Advisory Boards of King Abdulaziz University and The Hong Kong Polytechnic University. In 2005, he received the decoration of Chevalier of the Legion of Honour from the President of the French Republic. In 2011, he received the Meritorious Service Medal from the President of Singapore and the Friendship Award from the State Council of the People’s Republic of China.
Ms Vivienne Tam

Chief Designer and CEO, Vivienne Tam, New York, USA

Vivienne Tam is a world renowned fashion designer. She was born in China and brought up in Hong Kong. After graduating from The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, she moved to New York and became a successful entrepreneur. Her unique concept of "East meets West" is highly regarded by the global fashion industry. Several of her collections have been placed in permanent collections of well-known museums including the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Vivienne Tam explores the creativity and energy that comes from mixing people and cultures. Her passion for the arts and an entrepreneurial spirit has enabled her to create exquisite wearable fashions while inviting consumers to experience the inspiration behind each collection. Her signature boutiques are found in the US, Japan, Hong Kong and Singapore.

Vivienne Tam has also been invited by various prominent corporations to engage in cross-industries cooperation. Fashion meets Technology - her creation of the first designer laptop computer under the invitation of the computer giant HP is most well-known.

Professor Nigel Thrift

Vice-Chancellor and President, University of Warwick, UK

Professor Nigel Thrift is the Vice-Chancellor and President of the University of Warwick. He joined Warwick from the University of Oxford where he was Head of the Division of Life and Environmental Sciences and Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Research. He was educated at Aberystwyth and later earned his Ph.D. and DSc from Bristol.

Professor Thrift is an international research figure in the field of geography and continues to maintain an active research career. He was made a Fellow of the British Academy in 2003 and has received a number of distinguished academic awards including the Royal Geographical Society Victoria Medal, Distinguished Scholarship Honors from the Association of American Geographers and the Royal Scottish Geographical Society Gold Medal. He received an Honorary LLD from the University of Bristol and became a member of the Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission in 2010.
Professor Timothy W. Tong

President, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hong Kong

Professor Timothy W. Tong is the President of The Hong Kong Polytechnic University. Prior to this, he was the Dean of the School of Engineering and Applied Science at The George Washington University in the US. He received his BS degree in Mechanical Engineering from Oregon State University, and his MS and Ph.D. in the same discipline from the University of California in Berkeley. Professor Tong is a highly accomplished academic in the field of heat transfer specialises in thermal and energy systems. He has published over eighty technical articles and edited seven conference proceedings.

Professor Tong has been actively involved in the work of many academic and professional organisations including the National Science Foundation, the Center for Energy Systems Research at the Arizona State University, the Board of Trustees of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation, the School of Engineering Advisory Committee and Mechanical Engineering Advisory Committee of The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology. He is also a Fellow of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, and was inducted into the Hong Kong Academy of Distinguished Engineers and the Engineering Hall of Fame by Oregon State University in 2001 and 2010 respectively.

Dirk Jan van den Berg

President, Delft University of Technology, The Netherlands

Dirk Jan van den Berg is the President of Delft University of Technology since 2008. He served as President of the IDEA League during 2008 and 2009, and upon request continues as Vice President of European Affairs of IDEA League. He graduated cum laude in Econometrics from the University of Groningen, The Netherlands, and went on to pursue his postgraduate studies at the Ecole Nationale d’Administration in Paris.

Dirk Jan van den Berg is a member of various international advisory and governmental boards related to higher education and research. He has an extensive background in international affairs and management, and previously served as the Secretary General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as the Dutch permanent representative to the United Nations in New York and the Dutch ambassador to China.
Emeritus Professor Mark S. Wainwright AM

Honorary Visiting Professor, University of New South Wales, Australia

Emeritus Professor Mark S. Wainwright is an Honorary Visiting Professor at the University of New South Wales (UNSW) following his retirement from the position of Vice-Chancellor and President of UNSW in 2006. He was previously the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and International), and prior to that was Dean of the Faculty of Engineering. He holds a Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering from McMaster University, and a DSc for research from the University of South Australia.

Professor Wainwright currently holds a number of board appointments in research and tertiary education sectors. In 2004, he was made a member of the Order of Australia (AM) for his service to chemical engineering as a researcher and academic, and to tertiary education. In 2007, he was awarded an honorary doctorate of science by the UNSW.

Professor Jianhua Wang

Chair of The University Council, Xi’an Jiaotong University, P. R. China

Professor Jianhua Wang has served as the Chair of The University Council of the Xi’an Jiaotong University since 2003. He is the Vice Chair of the China Electrotechnical Society and the Chair of the Chinese Special Committee of Intelligence Electrical Equipment and System. He is also the Director of the State Key Laboratory for Electrical Insulation and Power Equipment.

Professor Wang obtained his bachelor’s, master’s and Ph.D. degrees from Xi’an Jiaotong University. He has published more than 50 academic papers and won numerous science and technology awards at both regional and national levels.

He was conferred an honorary degree of Laws by the University of Liverpool in 2009 and a honorary professorship of the Polytechnic of Torino, Italy.
Dr Jianzhou Wang was the former Chairman of China Mobile. He joined the Group in 2004 as Chairman and CEO, and retired in March 2011. Prior to joining China Mobile, Dr Wang held a number of public offices, including the Director-General of the Department of General Planning of the Ministry of Information Industry, and the President and Chairman of China Unicom.

With the world’s largest mobile network and mobile subscriber base, the Group has won popular recognition and acclaim both at home and abroad. Dr Wang’s insight and vision have led China Mobile to become a leader in communications technologies.

Dr Wang holds a master’s degree in Engineering from Zhejiang University, and a DBA from The Hong Kong Polytechnic University. In 2007, he was named by Business Week as one of the world’s “Best Leaders of 2006”. He also received the 2010 ITU World Telecommunication and Information Society Award.

Professor Mark S. Wrighton is the Chancellor and a Professor of Chemistry at Washington University since 1995. Prior to this, he served as Provost and Ciba Geigy Professor of Chemistry at MIT. He earned his BS from Florida State University, and a Ph.D. from the California Institute of Technology. His research interests include photochemistry, energy conversion, and interfacial chemistry. He is the author or co-author of more than 300 articles published in international journals, and he holds 14 patents.

Professor Wrighton is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the American Philosophical Society, and a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He is a past recipient of the MacArthur Prize Fellowship, Pure Chemistry Award, the Inorganic Chemistry Award and the E.O. Lawrence Award. He has received honorary doctorates from Florida State University and Fudan University, and was named St. Louis Citizen of the Year in 2008.
Professor Henry T. Yang

Chancellor, University of California, Santa Barbara, USA

Professor Henry T. Yang is the Chancellor of the University of California, Santa Barbara. He was formerly the Neil A. Armstrong Distinguished Professor of Aeronautics and Astronautics at Purdue University, where he also served as the Dean of Engineering for ten years. He is a member of the US National Academy of Engineering and Academia Sinica; a Foreign Member of the Chinese Academy of Engineering; and a Fellow of AIAA, ASEE, and ASME. He currently chairs the Association of Pacific Rim Universities and the international Thirty Meter Telescope project, and is a past chair of the Association of American Universities.

Professor Yang has received a number of recognitions for his research, teaching and public services, including the Benjamin Garver Lamme gold medal from the American Society of Engineering Education and seven honorary doctorates, including one from The Hong Kong Polytechnic University in 2011. He holds a BS degree in Civil Engineering from National Taiwan University, a MEng from West Virginia University and a Ph.D. from Cornell University.

Professor Wei Yang

President, Zhejiang University, P. R. China

Professor Wei Yang is the President of Zhejiang University in P. R. China. He holds advisory positions in a number of education boards including the Association of Pacific Rim Universities, Worldwide University Network, Association of Chinese University Presidents, Union of Research Universities in China and the Asia-Pacific Chair of Global University Network of Innovation. He graduated from Northwestern Polytechnical University before receiving his MS degree from Tsinghua University and Ph.D. in Engineering from Brown University.

Professor Yang has made important contributions in the fields of fracture mechanics, meso and nano mechanics. He is a member of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, Third World Academy of Sciences, and authored and co-authored 11 books and 204 technical papers in international journals. His distinguished education and academic career earned him many awards, including the National Excellent Teacher Award, Science and Technology Progress Award by HLHL Foundation, National Award for Mechanics by Zhou Peiyuan Foundation and several National Natural Science awards in China.
Professor Qifeng Zhou
President, Peking University and Academician, Chinese Academy of Sciences, P. R. China

Professor Qifeng Zhou is the President of Peking University. His prior appointments include the Chair of the Department of Polymer Science and Engineering, the Executive Vice Dean of the Graduate School of Peking University, the Director of Graduate Students Affairs Office of the Ministry of Education, the Director of the Office of the Academic Degrees Committee of the State Council and the President of Jilin University.

In addition to his contribution to the development of higher education in China, Professor Zhou is also a committed scientist and dedicated academic specializing in polymer science and engineering. He holds a MSc from Peking University and a PhD from the University of Massachusetts Amherst. He has published over 200 academic articles and received many awards for excellence in teaching and research in China.

Preparedness of our all-round citizens with global perspectives

More than 1,100 students integrated exchange experience into their study plans and increased their international exposure in more than 220+ institutions in 25 countires/regions.

240+ PolyU students engaged with the society through service learning in Cambodia, the Chinese mainland and Indonesia.

Our global networks extended to 44+ countries/regions with 530 institutional partners.

A major global initiative to embrace internationalisation, innovation & entrepreneurship

PolyU Innovation & Entrepreneurship Global Student Challenge (IGSC) is a unique business plan competition organised by PolyU for secondary and university students worldwide. Launched in 2009, IGSC has proved to be an invaluable opportunity for young people to combine their innovative ideas with business flair, and a nurturing environment for entrepreneurs. To ensure IGSC participants are warmly welcomed and gain positive experience of Hong Kong and PolyU, PolyU students are carefully selected and trained to serve as ‘Guides’ for the participants and ‘Ambassadors’ of PolyU.

The following teams have submitted their business proposals and won respective awards in 2011.

- Second prize: UNAVERA 108
  - University of Nantes, France
  - University of Catania, Italy
  - University of the South Pacific, Fiji

- Second prize: SMART CITY
  - City University of Hong Kong
  - Tsing Hua University
  - University of Science and Technology, China

- Best of the Best Commercial Award: Manufacture Startup
  - University of Science and Technology, China

- Best of the Best Commercial Award: Value of Science
  - The City University of Hong Kong
  - University of Science and Technology, China

- Best of the Best Commercial Award: Auntie’s Kitchen
  - Hong Kong Polytechnic University

IGSC 2011 is scheduled on 20-26 June, 2011, with online registration confirmation before 1 January 2011. For further information, please visit: pgc.polyu.edu.hk/igsc2011

Dr. Margaret Choi Lee Wai Lai

President, Peking University

Over 1,100 participants from 510 countries have taken part in IGSC 2010 and 2011.
Appreciate cultural diversity and embrace the international mix at PoliU

PoliU International Week (I-week) is a month of events and activities that celebrates the multicultural diversity of our people and campus life. Participants have the opportunity to explore, experience and contribute to the world’s mosaic of cultures we feature in PoliU. The annual PoliU I-week is proudly planned and presented to PoliU students, staff and faculty members, as well as supporting organizations including community offices, chambers of commerce, and educational and cultural institutions.

The Insti-guá I-week (2011) has brought together the whole PoliU community via the theme “Respecting and Celebrating Global Diversity”. The programmes were wide and experimental, ranging from engaging workshops and inspiring seminars to enriching dances, plays and music performances, and entertaining international films from 12 countries.

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In 2010, one of the highlights was the inaugural “Ethnic Gala” on the topic of “Global Citizens - Taking the Footsteps of PoliU’s International Students, coordinated by Presidents of Students’ Union, ANABC, International Student Association (ISA) and Chinese Malaysian Student Association (CMSA). The student members took on the role of getting together for the first time in sharing what it is to be a global citizen, reflecting what the University has done to facilitate the development and advancement of international students on campus and discussing what could be done to improve interaction and integration of the international students. The inaugural Ethnic Gala attracted students and interested parties from many internal and external stakeholders, and generated constructive ideas and sharing from participants.

The I-week is scheduled on 4-8 March 2010. For further information, please visit www.polyu.edu.hk/iweek

Our latest initiatives

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