

In Celebration of the

35th

Anniversary of
PolyU-Optometry



CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES



I would like to extend my warmest congratulations to the School of Optometry on the happy occasion of its 35th anniversary.

As the sole provider of tertiary education in optometry in Hong Kong over the past three decades, the School has made a significant contribution to the promotion and delivery of high quality vision care to the community. With its unique expertise and experience in undertaking research-based teaching in the field, the School is now ready to develop beyond Hong Kong.

With the concerted efforts of its staff, students and alumni, I am confident that the School of Optometry will be able to build on its fine legacy and move towards its vision of becoming a leading optometry school in the world.



Timothy W. Tong, Ph.D.

President

The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

November 2014

MESSAGES TO OUR GRADUATES FROM THE HEADS



Prof. George Woo (Period of Headship: 1987-1990, 1997-1998)

The fact that there are 153 million people around the world who are visually impaired because of uncorrected refractive errors means that there will always be work for Optometrists. Let us also not forget that ageing populations around the world, especially in developed countries, will bring about increases in diseases such as diabetes and hypertension. Optometry can therefore act as a passport opening up a world of opportunities for each one of you. I wish you success in your professional endeavours.



Prof. Michel Millodot (Period of Headship: 1990-1995)

I wish to offer my sincere congratulations to all graduates of the School of Optometry. You are indeed fortunate to have studied at this remarkable School and it has been such a pleasure for me to follow its relentless evolution and remarkable achievements over the years. You have been taught by some of the most accomplished and dedicated optometric scientists in the world. I wish you great success in your career, and, for the staff of the School, continuation of its success.

MESSAGES TO OUR GRADUATES FROM THE HEADS



Prof. Marion Edwards (Period of Headship: 1995-1997)

It is my great pleasure to congratulate everyone associated with the School of Optometry on the milestone you have recently passed — 35 years since the commencement of Optometry education in Hong Kong.

Whenever I visit, I am tremendously impressed by the world-class clinical facilities and the outreach community programmes now in place. These are surely a model for Southeast Asia. I am always particularly pleased to see so many graduates owning and managing their own Optometry practices, and so many holding master's or doctoral degrees from either PolyU or an overseas Optometry school. My warm regards to you all.

Successive Heads of Department have stamped their own mark on Optometry education over the years. I am proud to have been a Head of Department, and to have been associated with the development of both academic and professional Optometry in Hong Kong over a large number of years.

My congratulations to Prof. To Chi-ho and his colleagues and my very best wishes for the next 35 years!



Prof. Maurice Yap (Period of Headship: 1998-2007)

Thirty-five years ago, formal Optometry education commenced in Hong Kong. From the humble beginnings of a day-release certificate training course, Optometry education has evolved into a 5-year bachelor's-level programme together with a full suite of postgraduate programmes right up to doctoral level. The School of Optometry at PolyU is now well known internationally for the quality of its programmes, its engagement with the community, and the discoveries it has made through its research activities. However, what makes any institution important and respected is always what becomes of its graduates and, in particular, what its graduates do to better their community. I hope our graduates will always remember to do what is best for their patients and their community and, in so doing, win respect and support for their alma mater that educated and nurtured them.



Prof. Carly Lam (Period of Headship: 2007-2013)

Studying is like mountain climbing: each peak is each graduation, from kindergarten to your Optometry degree.

We hope to have prepared our graduates well to negotiate the peaks that are strewn along their career paths. We hope that their learning along the way will be lifelong and aspirational.

Along the paths, we need to keep helping one another as we did during our studies. Only together can we continue to advance our profession, so that Optometry continues to gain stature in Hong Kong, so that the Hong Kong Optometry profession continues to gain stature in the world.

Congratulations to everyone who has been linked with the 35 years' journey of the School thus far!



Prof. To Chi-ho (Period of Headship: 2013-present)

I am an alumnus and the current Head of the School, so I can write from a unique perspective!

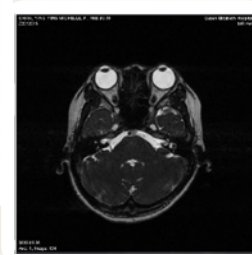
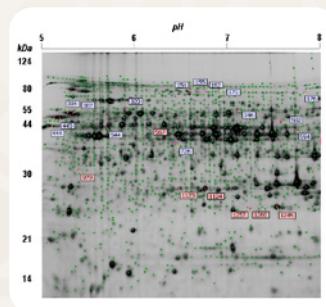
Optometric education is only offered in Hong Kong by PolyU and over the years Optometry has grown into a highly respected profession. It has an excellent professional standing in the health care community as well as in Hong Kong society at large. This is the result of concerted and persistent efforts by fellow graduates and colleagues who have been providing the best eye care service to their patients diligently day in, day out. I applaud your contribution to our profession.

As for the School, we are not complacent about our achievements. Our ultimate goal is to become one of the best Optometry schools in the world. We work hard to provide a platform for colleagues and students to prosper and realize their full potential. I am convinced that our School will be successful if each and every one of us prospers in his or her own right. I also believe that our success will make our graduates proud, because the School is made proud by the successes of our graduates. Let's make all of us very proud!

WHAT IS OUR SCHOOL DOING?

• The Centre for Myopia Research

With the aim of curbing the epidemic of myopia, The Centre for Myopia Research has been conducting multi-disciplinary research on myopia since its establishment in 1997. Over the years, breakthroughs on understanding the mechanisms of myopia development and controlling myopic progression have been achieved through basic science and clinical studies. We anticipate that our research will continue to cast new light on the mechanisms and control of myopia by optical or pharmacological means, which may ultimately reduce the prevalence and severity of myopia in our region.



• Healthy Lifelong Vision (Ageing Eyes)

Age-related ocular diseases are a real health concern because of increasingly ageing populations. Glaucoma, cataract, diabetic retinopathy, dry eye disorders and retinal degeneration are potentially sight-threatening conditions generally associated with age. We conduct investigations to reveal the pathology behind these ocular diseases. The goal of our ageing eye research is to develop early diagnosis strategies for these eye diseases in order to facilitate effective treatment and prevent further vision loss.

• The Optometry Curriculum

Jan 2009

Opening of The Sik Sik Yuen – The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU) Optometry Centre, a new satellite clinic for clinical placement

2009/10 cohort

Average number of patients seen upon graduation exceeded 1,000

2010/11 cohort

Rotation to Department of Ophthalmology at Queen Mary Hospital started, 3 days of rotation: including out-patient clinic, cataract pre-operative and post-operative clinic, paediatric ophthalmology clinic (around 40 to 50 patients seen)

2012/13 cohort

Rotation to Department of Ophthalmology at United Christian Hospital started, 1 session (over 20 patients seen)

2012/13

4-year BSc(Hons) in Optometry programme extended to 5 years because of Hong Kong's new 3+3+4 academic structure

Summer 2013

Establishment of ophthalmic specialty clinic in Sik Sik Yuen–PolyU Optometry Centre. The new facility enables students to be supervised by an ophthalmologist to learn about the dispensing of ophthalmic therapeutic agents for medication treatment of eye diseases, as well as minor surgeries such as incision and curettage of chalazion and nasolacrimal probing.



• The Optometry Clinic

Jan 2009

Opening of The Sik Sik Yuen – The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU) Optometry Centre

Jan 2012

Begin accepting Health Care Vouchers from the elderly for eye examinations owing to the government's inclusion of Part 1 Optometrists in its Elderly Health Care Voucher Pilot Scheme



• **Community Services (GUR)**

In January 2014, we introduced a new subject “Learning through Providing Eye Care and Vision Health to the Community” that is open to all PolyU students, with an annual intake quota of 360 students. The launch of this General University Requirements (GUR) service-learning subject aims to raise students’ awareness of health care issues and nurture their sense of social responsibility and engagement. These qualities are important to have as responsible citizens. Through the provision of community vision screenings and eye care activities, we facilitate students from different disciplines to apply what they have learned in the classroom and to work towards a common goal of blindness prevention in the community. Over the past 10 months, the students on the course have served more than 8,000 needy people in Hong Kong, the Chinese Mainland and overseas, including children, the elderly, low-income families and ethnic minorities.



STAFF WHO HAVE SERVED THE SCHOOL FOR OVER 15 YEARS



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MILESTONES OF THE SCHOOL



1978



Two-year Part-time Certificate in Optometry

1984



Two-year Part-time Higher Certificate in Optometry
Three-year Full-time Professional Diploma in Optometry

1985



Establishment of the Optometry Clinic at GH029

1987



Hong Kong Polytechnic
Department of Diagnostic Sciences

Department of Diagnostic Sciences formed comprising the Optometry and the Radiography sections



First batch of Professional Diploma students graduated

1989



Optometry Clinic moved to AG048



2014



Optometry research clinic established

2013



First cohort of MSc in Optometry students graduated

2012



Doctor of Health Science (Optometry) programme started

4-year BSc(Hons) in Optometry programme extended to 5 years



1990

1992

1994

2001



Hong Kong Polytechnic
Department of Radiography and Optometry

Department of Diagnostic
Sciences re-titled Department of
Optometry and Radiography



PolyU-Optometry service
established at Our Lady of
Maryknoll Hospital in
Wong Tai Sin



Four-year BSc (Hons) in
Optometry started



First batch of BSc (Hons) in
Optometry students graduated



2011

2009

2007

2006

2005



Master of Science in
Optometry
programme started



PolyU Optometry Clinic modernized



Opening of The Sik Sik Yuen
– The Hong Kong
Polytechnic University
(PolyU) Optometry Centre



眼科視光學院
SCHOOL OF OPTOMETRY

School of Optometry was formed



Community Optometry service
established in Lai King

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