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POLYU-OPTOMETRY – ENGAGING REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL OPTOMETRY EDUCATION

That PolyU-Optometry is where it is today owes much to the international outlook of Hong Kong and the generosity of overseas Optometry academics who have shared their experience, knowledge and wisdom with us over the past 30 years.

In turn, we now share our experience with others in our region through exchange and attachment programmes for students, researchers, clinicians and academics.



Student Exchange Programmes

The flagship international programme of any training institution is the student exchange programme. Outgoing students benefit from overseas experience and exposure whilst local students and staff benefit from interacting with incoming overseas students. Our exchange programme is primarily directed at supervised clinical attachments for periods ranging from several weeks to several months. Over 350 of our students have been placed in university clinics and hospitals in Australia, Canada, New Zealand, UK and Mainland since 2000. In turn, our Optometry Clinic has received 59 overseas students and 53 Mainland students.

Research Attachment Programme

To foster deeper research collaboration, we instituted a programme for overseas research students and researchers to conduct research of mutual interest in our laboratories for agreed periods. Programmes of this nature are win-win and often lead to long-term research collaboration. Our researchers gain new insights from the visiting researchers and the experience and skills gained by visiting researchers in our laboratories often enable them to conduct complementary lines of research upon their return to their own institutions. Over the past five years, 6 researchers from universities in Mainland China, Australia, New Zealand, Malaysia, UK and USA have participated in this programme. We also send our researchers to overseas laboratories from time to time to learn new techniques and gain exposure to new ideas.

Visiting Academics Programme

As one of the more established Optometry programmes in the world, we are able to share our experience with countries in our region intending to establish Optometry programme. Whereas many countries are able to put up the infrastructure for Optometry education, the weakest link is invariably the lack of qualified Optometry educators. Having tried out different ways to assist countries initiate Optometry education, our experience suggests that the most cost effective way is the “train the trainer” concept. Since October 2005, 13 academics from Mainland China and the Philippines have participated in this programme. We are also currently in discussions with universities in Vietnam and Korea. We also proactively invite high calibre academics from all over the world to the School on a visiting basis to challenge our colleagues and students with new ideas and new approaches.

Through these programmes, we aim to promote Optometry education and keep the School engaged at a regional and international level.

Prof. Maurice Yap

Chair Professor
School of Optometry

WHAT'S HAPPENING OUT THERE?



1st Primary Eye Care Conference

The 1st Primary Eye Care Conference, jointly hosted by the Hong Kong Association of Private Practice Optometrists and the School of Optometry, was held on 18 September 2008 at the Chiang Chen Studio Theatre, PolyU. The conference was officially opened by Ms. Sandra Lee, Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Health) of the Hong Kong SAR

Government. Five prominent keynote speakers were invited to present their latest research and clinical findings on the topics related to glaucoma assessment and treatment. Dr. Do Chi-wai from PolyU spoke on aqueous humour formation, followed by Dr. Murray Fingeret from the State University of New York on clinical insights into treating glaucoma. In the afternoon session, Prof. Felipe Medeiros from the University of California at San Diego discussed the role of imaging technologies, Prof. So Kwok-fai from The University of Hong Kong summarized his work on

the regeneration of optic nerve and Dr. Vincent Ng from PolyU discussed the contemporary role of optometrists in glaucoma care. In addition to a one-day conference, participants had the option of attending a workshop focusing on the use of HVF/OCT/HRT equipment and interpretation of the results for diagnosis. Over 220 optometrists attended this conference.



WHAT'S HAPPENING OUT THERE?

The 6th Hong Kong Optometric Conference

More than 400 participants gathered at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre on 7 November 2008 to attend the 6th Hong Kong Optometric Conference. The conference was organized by The Hong Kong Optometric Association, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University and Hong Kong Trade Development Council. The opening ceremony was officiated by Mr. Raymond Yip, Assistant Executive Director of Hong Kong Trade Development Council, Mr. Hui Leung-wah, President of the Hong Kong Optical Manufacturers Association, Prof. Maurice Yap, Chair Professor of School of Optometry, PolyU and Mr. Lee Shiu-bun, Honorary President of the Hong Kong Optometric Association. Under the theme of contact lens wear, the renowned speakers including Prof. Leo Carney (Australia), Dr. Stan Isaacs (Singapore), Dr. Trusit Dave (UK), Dr. Yang Xiao (China) and Prof. Fiona Stapleton (Australia) and Mr. Davie Chen (Hong Kong) shared their expertise and knowledge. The topics covered included the compliance of wearers, advancements in RGP lens fitting, symptoms of drop outs, contact lens market in China, safety of refractive correction with contact lenses and laser and orthokeratology.



WHAT'S HAPPENING OUT THERE?

The 14th Congregation (Faculty of Health and Social Sciences)

The 14th Congregation (Faculty of Health and Social Sciences) (FHSS) was held on 6-7 November 2008 at the Jockey Club Auditorium on campus. This is the first formal Congregation organized by FHSS for the conferment of academic awards to graduates of the Faculty. The first session of the Congregation, when the optometry graduates were presented, was officiated by lawmaker, the Hon Cyd Ho Sau-lan. This year, there were 1 doctoral and 37 bachelor degree graduates in Optometry. Dr. Dennis Tse was one of the three doctoral graduates awarded for the Faculty Distinguished Thesis Award. Congratulations!



Graduate List

Chan Chi-hang	Chow Sai-ho	Leung Ka-man
Chan Ka-yin	Chu Nga-lam	Leung Tsz-wing
Chan Manki	Chung Ho-ying	Li Ka-ki
Cheng Chui-lai	Fong Ying-ying	Ling Chi-wai
Cheng King-wah, Angela **	Fung Tak-leung	Ng Chun-man
Cheng Man-chung	Ho Kam-chun	Shek Man-kit
Cheng Pak-kin	Hung Pui-kam	Tsui Kai-pong
Cheng Pok	Kan Ka-hung	Wong King-ho
Cheung Chun-kit	Lam Hiu-yan *	Wu Kong-mei
Cheung Chun-yip	Lam Shuk-kwan	Yip Kwun-sum
Chiu Cheuk-hang	Lau Lai-ming	Yu Ka-ka
Choi Kam-chu	Law Yuk-man	
Chow Lai-yim	Lee Chung-hei	

* First Class Honours # Dean's Honours List

WHAT'S HAPPENING OUT THERE?

Eye Care Service for the Wong Tai Sin Community



The School of Optometry and renowned charity Sik Sik Yuen will join hands to provide affordable primary eye care service for the Wong Tai Sin community. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed by Prof. George Woo, Dean of Faculty of Health and Social Sciences, PolyU and Mr. Wong Kam-choi, Director and Chairman of Medical Services Committee, Sik Sik Yuen on 23 September 2008. Following the signing of this MoU, a new Optometry Centre will be established in early 2009 to provide eye care for the public, in particular, for children, the elderly and the low income group in the district.

Renewal of Memorandum of Understanding



◀ Zhongshan Ophthalmic Center, Sun Yat-sen University

Department of Optometry and Vision Sciences, Cardiff University ▶



Donation from Ms. Fong Yim-fun

Ms. Fong Yim-fun, a famous Cantonese opera artist and philanthropist, has generously donated \$100,000 to support optometric services provided to the elderly and schoolchildren, as well as public education in primary eye care.



The 1st Asia Optometry Educators Meeting

The 1st Asia Optometry Educators Meeting organized by Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) and the Hong Kong Polytechnic University was inaugurated on 8 August 2008 at UKM in Kuala Lumpur. The aim of that meeting was to provide a forum for educators of degree-level Optometry programmes in Asia to exchange views and share best practices so as to improve the standard of Optometry education further in the region. The theme was "Competencies and standards in Optometry education". Ten universities from five countries were represented.



WHAT'S HAPPENING OUT THERE?

World Sight Day 2008

World Sight Day is an international day of awareness to focus attention on the global issue of avoidable blindness and visual impairment. The School conducted a survey on the eye care service for the elderly in Hong Kong and their common eye problems in July 2008. Over 380 respondents were interviewed and screened. The findings were announced at a press conference held on 8 October 2008. 43 per cent of respondents did not have eye check-ups before and 78 per cent failed the vision test. 18 per cent of respondents were at low vision level. However, most of them were not aware that spectacles could help improve

their eyesight and quality of life. At the press conference, the profession of associations (The Hong Kong Society of Professional Optometrists, The Hong Kong Optometric Association and The Hong Kong Association of Private Practice Optometrists) and the School reiterated the importance of primary eye care to the public and urge the government to put more resources to support elderly eye care.

**Optometry Service for the National Olympic Athletes**

Prof. George Woo, on behalf of the Faculty of Health and Social Sciences, received a special award from the General Administration of Sport of China and the Chinese Olympic Committee at the 2008 Beijing Olympics Honouring Ceremony held at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing on 6 October 2008.

**Talk to Future Teachers**

Prof. George Woo, Prof. Maurice Yap and Prof. Carly Lam delivered a series of talks themed "Learning to see: seeing to learn" at the Hong Kong Institute of Education on 13 October 2008. Their topics covered what is a comprehensive eye examination, vision from birth to adulthood and vision and learning difficulties. The talks aimed at "training the trainers" to have a deeper understanding of the importance of healthy vision and eyesight in connection with children's learning.

**Clinic Retreat**

The annual clinic retreat was held on 28 November 2008 on campus. The School invited three speakers from PolyVision Eyecare to share and discuss their experiences with the clinic staff. They included Ms. Lily Fu, Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Jack Wong, Centre Manager of Mongkok and Shatin, and Mr. Fuji Tsin, Dispensing Supervisor in Wanchai Centre. This annual event gave a good opportunity to inspire the clinic team for enhancing the services and efficiency of the clinic.



OUR PEOPLE

Prof. George Woo Appointment to Deanship

Prof. George Woo re-assumed Deanship of the Faculty of Health and Social Sciences on 1 August 2008, overseeing the five departments or schools, where School of Optometry is one of them. Prof. Woo has also been appointed member of the Hospital Authority Board with effect from 1 December 2008.



Appointment of Associate Head

Dr. Andrew Lam has been appointed Associate Head of the School of Optometry in September 2008. He graduated from the Hong Kong Polytechnic in Optometry in 1988 and later obtained his Masters and PhD degrees from the Department of Optometry, University of Bradford. He is also the Programme Leader of the Optometry programme. He is a recipient of the Department's Teaching Excellence Award in 2002 and 2008.



New Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Optometry

The Hon Cyd Ho Sau-lan has been appointed the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Optometry. Ms. Ho has had a longstanding interest in the development of Optometry in Hong Kong.

Honorary and Adjunct Appointments of the School

Honorary Professor:



Prof. Zhao Kan-xing
(new appointment)
(Tianjin Medical University)

Honorary Advisor:



Mr. Hilton Cheong-Leen
(re-appointment)
(President of the Hong Kong Civic Association)

Adjunct Professor:



Prof. Dai Hong
(new appointment)
(Beijing Hospital)



Prof. Li Xiao-rong
(new appointment)
(Tianjin Medical University)



Prof. Victor Woo
(re-appointment)
(Private Ophthalmologist)



Prof. Gordon Sanderson
(re-appointment)
(University of Otago)



Prof. Greg Wu
(re-appointment)
(Private Optometrist)

Adjunct Associate Professor:



Ms. Rufina Chan
(new appointment)
(Private Optometrist)



Ms. Tina Kwan
(re-appointment)
(Private Optometrist)



Dr. Helen Eng
(re-appointment)
(Private Optometrist)



Mr. Kenneth Lam
(re-appointment)
(Private Optometrist)

OUR PEOPLE

New Assistant Professor

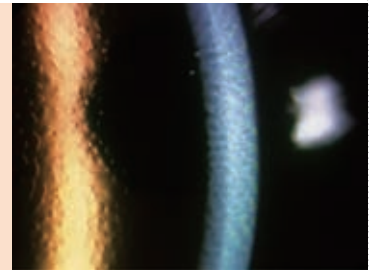


Dr. Allen Cheong has joined the School as Assistant Professor in September 2008. Dr. Cheong received her Bachelor's degree in Optometry with First Class honours from The Hong Kong Polytechnic University. She continued her graduate training in the area of low vision at the School of Optometry in Queensland University of Technology under the supervision of Prof Jan Lovie-Kitchin. Upon receiving her PhD, she conducted her postdoctoral work with Dr. Duane Geruschat at the Wilmer Eye Institute, Johns Hopkins University in the area of mobility performance in low vision patients. After a year of postdoctoral training, she joined the Department of Psychology at the University of Minnesota with Prof. Gordon Legge as a research associate continuing her research work in low vision reading and mobility.

Her research interests are the psychophysical, behavioural, and clinical aspects of ageing and low vision research with specialization in two activities – reading and mobility. Dr. Cheong is a Fellow of the American Academy of Optometry.

BCLA Photograph Competition – 2008 Winning Entry

This photo was submitted by Miss Lee Tsui-tsui showing dimple veiling (40x) observed in a child after the first overnight orthokeratology lens wear. The condition was caused by improper lens insertion. Lens wear (with the same lens) was resumed after the condition subsided and the condition did not recur.



Fellows of the American Academy of Optometry

Mr. Patrick Chu, Miss Victoria Law, Mr. Forrest Ng and Mr. Benny Tam were admitted as Fellows of the American Academy of Optometry in October 2008. Congratulations!

Fellow of the British Contact Lens Association

Dr. Pauline Cho received her BCLA Fellowship on 31 May 2008.



Graduation of Three Optometry Residents

Miss Mavis Fung, Miss Mabel Leung and Miss Rita Sum completed their 2-year residency programme and received the certificates on 12 September 2008. Mavis and Rita specialized in the area of diabetic eye care and Mabel in paediatric and vision training.

Academic Visitors to the School of Optometry

Prof. Peter Swann

Visiting Professor

Date: 27 August – 22 December 2008



Prof. Jamboor K. Vishwanatha

Dean, Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences and Professor, Molecular Biology and Immunology, University of North Texas Health Science Center, USA

Date: 22 September 2008

Prof. Ian Morgan

Senior Fellow, Vision Sciences Group, Research School of Biological Science, The Australian National University, Australia

Date: 10 October 2008

Dr. Kathryn Rose

Senior Lecturer, Discipline of Orthoptics, School of Applied Vision Sciences, The University of Sydney, Australia

Date: 10 October 2008



Prof. Leo G. Carney

Acting Executive Dean, Faculty of Health, Queensland University of Technology, Australia

Date: 3-7 November 2008

Prof. Fiona Stapleton

Professor and Head of School of Optometry and Vision Science, University of New South Wales, Australia

Date: 8 November 2008



Dr. Desmond Cheng

Private Practice Optometrist, Canada

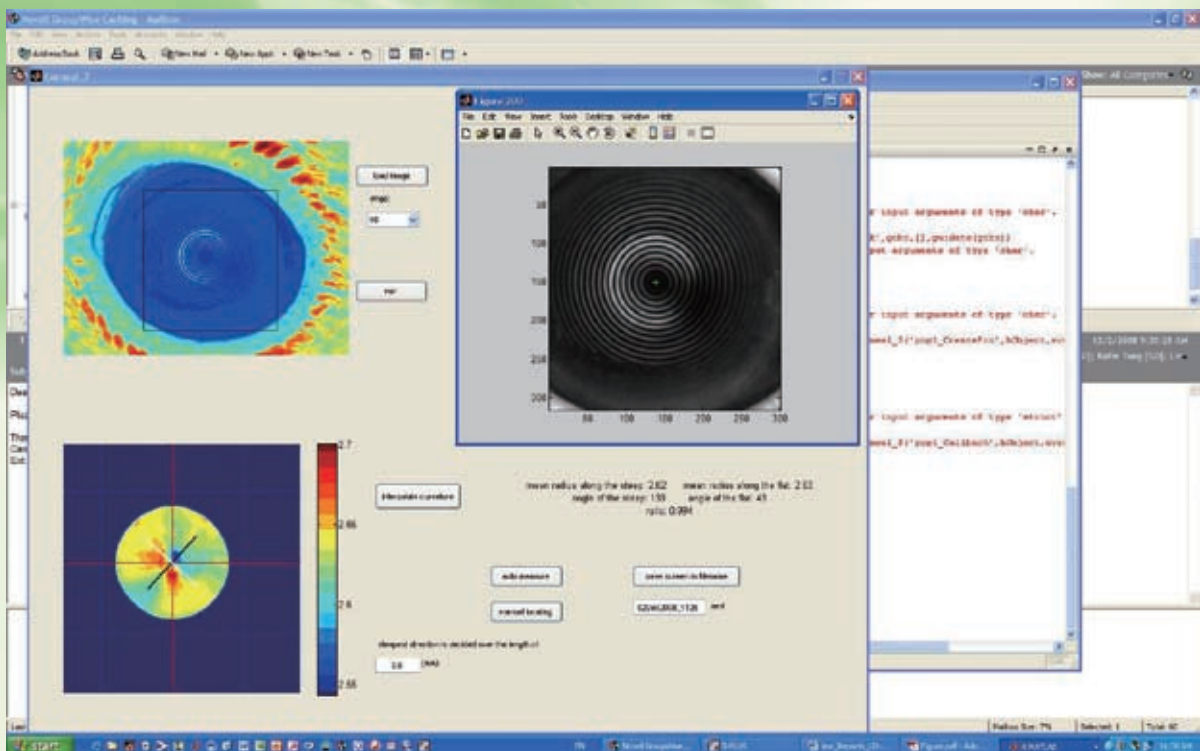
Date: 17-21 November 2008

OUR RESEARCH

Astigmatism Research

By Dr. Kee Chea-su, Assistant Professor

Astigmatism is a very common visual defect but its etiology is poorly understood. Using the chick eye as a model and under controlled visual environment, we study the contributions of eye shape and individual ocular components to the genesis of astigmatism. Our previous work and preliminary data indicate that, regardless of the different forms of the visual-error signals, vision-dependent eye growth is associated with ocular astigmatism. This result is important because it suggests that ocular astigmatism is a secondary product of vision-dependent eye growth, perhaps due to some consistent anisotropy in ocular physiology or anatomy during abnormal eye growth. Our main goal is to determine structural changes in eye shape and regional molecular changes in scleral/corneal tissues during the genesis of astigmatism. We hope to develop novel, effective treatment regimen for astigmatism.



Conference Presentations

Presenter	Conference	Title of Presentation
Dr. Pauline Cho	BCLA 32nd Clinical Conference and Exhibition (UK), 28 May – 1 Jun 2008	Is rubbing necessary for effective cleaning of soft contact lenses?
Dr. Larry Ng	111th Annual AOA Congress & 38th Annual AOSA Conference: Optometry's Meeting (USA), 25 – 29 Jun 2008	Delayed treatment of orbital meningioma in a pregnant Chinese woman: A case report
Mr. Jimmy Tse	American Optometric Association (USA), 25 – 29 Jun 2008	Bi-toric keratoconic rigid contact lenses fitting in an advance keratoconus patient: A case report
Prof. George Woo	The 9th International Conference on Low Vision, Vision 2008 (Canada), 7 – 11 Jul 2008	Current status of low vision care in China
Ms. Eman Kwong	The 9th International Conference on Low Vision, Vision 2008 (Canada), 7 – 11 Jul 2008	A multidisciplinary approach towards low vision care: A case report
Ms. Victoria Law	The 9th International Conference on Low Vision, Vision 2008 (Canada), 7 – 11 Jul 2008	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Low vision rehabilitation services for the visually impaired in Hong Kong 2. Thyroid disease induced diplopia: A case report
Dr. Pauline Cho	The 12th International Myopia Conference (Australia), 8 – 11 Jul 2008	Seven years longitudinal study on myopic children wearing orthokeratology lenses
Miss Carol Wong	The 12th International Myopia Conference (Australia), 8 – 11 Jul 2008	A longitudinal case study of a severe myope with acquired esotropia
Dr. Wu Yi	The 12th International Myopia Conference (Australia), 8 – 11 Jul 2008	Retina protein expressions during emmetropization of albino guinea pig
Dr. Henry Chan	International Society for Clinical Electrophysiology of Vision (USA), 9 – 15 Jul 2008	Changes of retinal adaptation in myopic eye
Miss Jenny Lung	International Society for Clinical Electrophysiology of Vision (USA), 9 – 15 Jul 2008	Characteristics of global flash multifocal electroretinogram (mfERG) under different combinations of global and focal flash luminance
Mr. Patrick Ho	International Society for Clinical Electrophysiology of Vision (USA), 9 – 15 Jul 2008	Changes of retinal adaptation in myopic eye
Dr. Pauline Cho	The 1st Asia Orthokeratology Contact Lens Conference (Korea), 19 – 20 Jul 2008	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Myopic control with orthokeratology 2. Orthokeratology for astigmats 3. Non-compliance in orthokeratology
Prof. George Woo	2nd Asean Optometric Conference, (Malaysia), 9 – 10 Aug 2008	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Optometry: The primary eye care profession 2. Thyroid disease induced diplopia: A low vision case report
Prof. Maurice Yap	2nd Asean Optometric Conference, (Malaysia), 9 – 10 Aug 2008	A community-based diabetic retinopathy screening model
Prof. Carly Lam	2nd Asean Optometric Conference, (Malaysia), 9 – 10 Aug 2008	Binocular vision update
Prof. Peter Swann	2nd Asean Optometric Conference, (Malaysia), 9 – 10 Aug 2008	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ocular emergencies 2. Some important neurological problems 3. Some interesting cases

OUR RESEARCH

Conference Presentations

Presenter	Conference	Title of Presentation
Dr. Do Chi-wai	The First Primary Eye Care Conference (Hong Kong), 18 Sep 2008	Aqueous humour formation
Dr. Vincent Ng	The First Primary Eye Care Conference (Hong Kong), 18 Sep 2008	Contemporary role of optometrists in glaucoma care
Prof. Carly Lam	XVIII International Congress of Eye Research (China), 24 – 29 Sep 2008	Myopia-prevalence and risk factors among Hong Kong Chinese children
Dr. Thomas Lam	XVIII International Congress of Eye Research (China), 24 – 29 Sep 2008	Profiling protein signals in animal research
Prof. George Woo	American Academy of Optometry Meeting 2008 (USA), 22 – 25 Oct 2008	Low vision rehabilitation: A continuum of care
Dr. Andrew Lam	American Academy of Optometry Meeting 2008 (USA), 22 – 25 Oct 2008	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prism adaptation during distance heterophoria measurement with the Howell card 2. Association between exophthalmometry and axial length in normal Chinese adults
Dr. Larry Ng	American Academy of Optometry Meeting 2008 (USA), 22 – 25 Oct 2008	Corneal-scleral contact lens fitting for an atypical Noonan syndrome patient: A case report
Miss Victoria Law	American Academy of Optometry Meeting 2008 (USA), 22 – 25 Oct 2008	A 12 year old girl suffered from Eales Disease Monocularly: A case report
Mr. Patrick Chu	American Academy of Optometry Meeting 2008 (USA), 22 – 25 Oct 2008	Longitudinal study of global flash mfERG in unilateral glaucoma
Mr. Forrest Ng	American Academy of Optometry Meeting 2008 (USA), 22 – 25 Oct 2008	Double stimulation mfERG paradigm bypasses medium opacity
Mr. Davie Chen	American Academy of Optometry Meeting 2008 (USA), 22 – 25 Oct 2008	Posterior corneal shape and corneal biomechanics changes with orthokeratology lens wear and their recovery
Miss Mavis Fung	American Academy of Optometry Meeting 2008 (USA), 22 – 25 Oct 2008	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Use of eye care services in Hong Kong type 2 diabetes: Comparison of ocular disorders in diabetes with and without retinal examination in the past 2. Correctable visual impairment among people with diabetes in Hong Kong
Miss Rita Sum	American Academy of Optometry Meeting 2008 (USA), 22 – 25 Oct 2008	Total body fat content and retinopathy in Chinese diabetic patients
Miss Cecilia Tong	American Academy of Optometry Meeting 2008 (USA), 22 – 25 Oct 2008	Change of depth perception performance in the professional athletes with refractive correction: Case reports
Mr. Jimmy Tse	American Academy of Optometry Meeting 2008 (USA), 22 – 25 Oct 2008	Abnormal ERG and EOG responses in patients with pigment epithelial detachment: Case series
Dr. Camus Choy	Corneal Conference in Xiamen (China), 24 – 26 Oct 2008	Cytotoxicity of contact lens care solutions
Mr. Davie Chen	The 6th Hong Kong Optometric Conference (Hong Kong), 7 Nov 2008	Current interests in orthokeratology
Dr. Pauline Cho	Nordic Contact Lens Conference (Denmark), 15 – 16 Nov 2008	Myopic control with orthokeratology; non-compliance

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Upcoming Conferences / Seminars

	Date & Venue	Details
Conferences	23-24 April 2009 Hong Kong Disneyland Hotel	The 6th Asia Cornea & Contact Lens Conference Website: http://www.accl.org Paper submission deadline: 20 February 2009
	5 November 2009 Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre	The 7th Hong Kong Optometric Conference
	5-7 November 2009 Hong Kong	The 17th Asia Pacific Optometric Congress
Seminars	19 January 2009 1:00pm - 2:00pm AG710, PolyU	What amblyopia can tell us about visual development by Prof. Robert F. Hess
	20 January 2009 7:00pm - 8:00pm MI603, PolyU	New ideas lead to different therapeutic approaches to amblyopia by Prof. Robert F. Hess

Students Corner

Optometry Student Award Ceremony

To recognize students' achievements, the School organized a Optometry Student Award Ceremony on 13 June 2008.



Best Student of Each Year Award:

Best Year One Student Award: Miss Zhu Shan

Best Year Two Student Award: Mr. Siong Kar-ho

Best Year Three Student Award: Mr. Ma Ming-leung

Best Year Four Student Award: Miss Cheng King-wah, Angela



Best Clinical Performance Award:

Miss Lam Hiu-yan

CooperVision Best Student Poster Award:

Miss Cheng King-wah, Angela,
Miss Leung Ka-man, Carmen,
Mr. Chung Ho-ying, Marcus and
Mr. Chan Ka-yin, Marit



Best Community Project Award:

Mr. Chau Chi-wai, David,
Miss Cheung Wai-ha, Vicki,
Mr. Pang Yu-pan, Bun,
Mr. Tai Shuk-yin, Kim,
Miss Wong On-ying, Fiona and
Miss Yu Wing-yan, Lydia



Community Service Award:

Miss Hon Ying



Student Exchange Programmes

Last summer, 32 senior students joined exchange programmes held in leading hospitals and Optometry schools in China, Canada and Australia. The exchange programmes not only offer students wider clinical experience, but also broaden their horizons and build up their global outlook through interacting with people of different ethnicity, nationality and culture. All students would agree that the most fruitful gift from the programme was the invaluable friendship they gained.

Host institutions of the exchange student programmes (outbound):



Australia

Queensland University of Technology

Canada

University of Waterloo

University of Montreal

China

Beijing Hospital

Sir Run Run Shaw Hospital of College of Medicine, Zhejiang University

The First Affiliated Hospital of College of Medicine, Zhejiang University

The Second Affiliated Hospital of College of Medicine, Zhejiang University

Tianjin Eye Hospital, Clinical College of Ophthalmology, Tianjin Medical University

Xinhua Hospital, Shanghai Second Medical University



▲ Queensland University of Technology



▲ University of Montreal

Tianjin Eye Hospital, Clinical College of Ophthalmology, Tianjin Medical University



▲ Xinhua Hospital, Shanghai Second Medical University



Beijing Hospital



▲ University of Waterloo



▲ The First Affiliated Hospital of College of Medicine, Zhejiang University

STUDENTS CORNER

Apart from outbound student exchange programme, the School currently runs programmes for overseas exchange students and visiting scholars. They are rostered to our Optometry Clinic on campus or the community clinics in Lai King and Wong Tai Sin to see the patients. This year, students from Konyang University, Korea also promoted the importance of eye care to primary school students at a Korean International School in Hong Kong.

Home institutions of the exchange students (inbound) and visiting scholars:



▲ Konyang University



▲ Kuala Lumpur General Hospital

Cebu Doctors' University
 Konyang University
 Kuala Lumpur General Hospital
 Queensland University of Technology
 Sun Yat-sen University
 Tianjin Medical University
 Tianjin Professional College
 Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia
 University of Waterloo
 Vietnam National Institute of Ophthalmology



◀ Tianjin Medical University



◀ Vietnam National Institute of Ophthalmology



◀ Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia

Optometry Alumni

Annual Optometry Golf Day 2008

By Dr. Henry Chan, Associate Professor

We held our annual Optometry Golf Day 2008 at the Kau Sai Chau Golf Course on 5 November 2008. It was a cloudy day but the competition was very exciting with 13 of us having a net score under 80. All 20 participants, including optometrists and friends, enjoyed the companionship and friendly competition.



The winners were:

Optometry Champion:	Mr. Ray Hung
Optometry 1st Runner:	Dr. Henry Chan
Optometry 2nd Runner:	Mr. Stephen Lee
Optometry Best Gross Score:	Mr. Stephen Lee
Optometry Longest Drive:	Mr. Colman Chan
Optometry Nearest Pin:	Mr. Tony Wong



Guest Champion:	Dr. Hsieh Sze-en
Guest 1st Runner:	Mr. Stephen Chan
Guest 2nd Runner:	Dr. Jun Liang
Guest Best Gross Score:	Dr. Chau Tai-nin
Guest Longest Drive:	Mr. Burji Shroff
Guest Nearest Pin:	Mr. Stephen Chan



School Souvenirs

An exclusive range of the School souvenirs are available for purchase now at the Optometry Clinic, PolyU. If you are our OAA (Optometry Alumni Association) member, you can enjoy a 20% discount. For more details, please visit the website: <http://www.polyu.edu.hk/so/souvenir>



Jacket (Light blue/Silver grey)

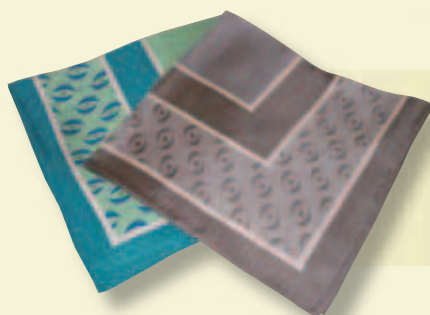
Selling Price: HK\$180

OAA member: HK\$150

Tie (Blue/Silver grey)

Selling Price: HK\$100

OAA member: HK\$80



Scarf (Green/Silver grey)

Selling Price: HK\$100

OAA member: HK\$80

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