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Kick-off of Kwai Tsing Signature Project Scheme

Anything exciting happening at our off-campus Integrative Community Health Centre (ICHC)? Yes, the Kwai Tsing Signature Project! The Chief Executive of Hong Kong announced in his 2013 Policy Address that HK\$100 million would be earmarked for each district to initiate projects under the Signature Project Scheme, with the projects to address local needs or highlight the characteristics of their districts and to have a visible and lasting impact on the community. ICHC, which is located in Lai King, is proud to be a partner in the Kwai Tsing Signature Project!

The School of Optometry (SO) is collaborating with Kwai Tsing District Office and Kwai Tsing Safe Community and Healthy City Association to provide 9,000 subsidized comprehensive eye examinations to Kwai Tsing District's elderly residents. Under the Scheme, all eligible Kwai Tsing residents aged 60 years or above can apply for an eye examination at ICHC, with lot drawing of applications to be done by the District Office. Over the 3 years of the eye care project, our School will provide the eye examinations at our student clinic in ICHC and prescribe spectacles for eligible patients, with the eye examinations and spectacles service subsidized by the Kwai Tsing District Council.

The kick-off ceremony for the project was held on 20 January this year at Lai King Community Hall. At the ceremony, the School was represented by our Head, Prof. To Chi-ho, and colleagues Dr. Andrew Lam, Mr. Peter Pang, Mr. Horace Wong and Ms. Rita Sum. Prof. To received the certificate of collaboration on behalf of the School, and Ms. Sum carried out a slit lamp examination on Dr. Ko Wing-man, Secretary for Food and Health of the Hong Kong Government, who sportingly volunteered as the demonstration's 'patient'. After the ceremony, Mr. Wong, Senior Resident Optometrist, delivered an eye talk to more than 100 attending elders.

In the project's first month, SO conducted 248 eye examinations and prescribed 109 pairs of spectacles, while 10% of the patients were also referred to ophthalmologists for further intervention. The Kwai Tsing Signature Project Scheme also includes subsidized ophthalmologist consultations, which can facilitate treatment of detected ocular diseases. The majority of the elderly patients we saw did not have a regular or comprehensive eye examination, so this project should definitely raise their awareness about ocular health. Just how impactful the project is already can be seen in our nearly 50% rate of the patients' having to be prescribed subsidized glasses to correct their vision.

However, ocular health assessment is just one of the components of the Kwai Tsing Signature Project. The multidisciplinary project also includes dental service by Yan Chai Hospital, flu vaccination, health promotion programmes, an outreaching service to residents with chronic diseases, and so on. Through these collaborations with different medical and health professionals, community health care in Kwai Tsing will be further enhanced!





Ms. Rita Sum, Senior Optometrist, demonstrates a slit lamp examination on Dr. Ko Wing-man, Hong Kong's Secretary for Food and Health.

Kick-off ceremony featuring (from the left): Mr. Chow Yick-hay, BBS, JP, Chairman, Kwai Tsing Safe Community and Healthy City Association; Mr. Fong Ping, BBS, JP, Chairman, Kwai Tsing District Council; Dr. Ko Wing-man, BBS, JP, Secretary for Food and Health, Hong Kong SAR; Mr. Alan Lo, JP, District Officer, Kwai Tsing; Mr. Law King-shing, MH, Vice-Chairman, Kwai Tsing District Council; and Prof. To Chi-ho, Head, School of Optometry, PolyU

WHAT'S HAPPENING OUT THERE?

World Sight Day 2014 Themed "Vision Rehabilitation: A Concerted Effort"



Every second Thursday of October each year is designated by the World Health Organization as "World Sight Day", which aims, through attention and concerted action around the world, to promote the importance of vision protection and eliminating preventable blindness. It is hoped that by the year 2020 all avoidable blindness could be eliminated.

To arouse awareness about public health and understanding of available services for the visually

impaired in Hong Kong, 5 professional organizations jointly put on the 2014 World Sight Day on 9 October 2014 in the city. Besides our School, they were the Hong Kong Society for the Blind, Ebenezer School and Home for the Visually Impaired, Hong Kong Guide Dogs Association and the University of Hong Kong's Department of Mechanical Engineering. The 2014 World Sight Day let the public gain a deeper understanding of low vision and visual rehabilitation. Prof. Sophia Chan, JP, Hong Kong's Under Secretary for Food and Health, also showed her support for the event. A conference featuring a number of speakers from different sectors was on the theme of collaboration. In addition, there were exhibitions and showcases of various services and aids for the visually impaired. Attendees from the general public and the visually impaired commented that the conference was very informative and greatly deepened their understanding of visual rehabilitation.

12th Hong Kong Optometric Conference

The 12th Hong Kong Optometric Conference was successfully staged from 6 to 7 November 2014 at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre. The conference was jointly organized by our School, the Hong Kong Trade Development Council, and the Hong Kong Optometric Association (HKOA), with the theme "Development of Optometry for the Future". At the opening ceremony, Prof. To Chi-ho, Head of the School, and Mr. Alex Yim, President of HKOA, delivered welcoming remarks, while Prof.



John Leong Chi-yan, SBS, JP, Chairman of the Hospital Authority, gave the opening remarks.

Over the 2 days of the conference, attendees were treated to talks by 6 distinguished speakers from Singapore, the UK, the USA and Hong Kong who shared their invaluable research insights. The speakers were Dr. June Crown (UK); Prof. David Wong (Hong Kong); Dr. Gislin Dagnelie (USA); Dr. Ivan Leung (Singapore); Dr. Jeremy



Guggenheim, Associate Professor; and Mr. Simon Yeung, Adjunct Associate Professor. Their topics were wide-ranging and included primary care issues, sight-threatening diabetic retinopathy, bionic vision, fundus autofluorescence imaging, myopia genetics, and clinical negligence. Dr. Fan Chi-shing, Director of HKOA, and Dr. Allen Cheong, Assistant Professor, served as moderators for the talks.

Another Social Capital Builder Award for Integrative Community Health Centre

The Social Capital Builders (SCB) Award, which is supported by the Community Investment and Inclusion Fund of Hong Kong's Labour and Welfare Bureau, is bestowed on organizations and projects it commends for fostering the development of a harmonious society through mutual trust and help. This year, 151 enterprises were granted the Social Capital Builder Logo to recognize their status as pioneers in building social capital, of which our School's Integrative Community Health Centre (ICHC) in Lai King was one such recipient. Mr. Chow Yick-hay, a Kwai Tsing District Councillor, had nominated ICHC for the award.

The award's presentation ceremony took place on 9 December 2014 at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre. Prof. To Chi-ho, Head of the School, proudly accepted the award on behalf of ICHC.

For over 10 years, ICHC has been providing comprehensive eye examinations, diabetic retinopathy screening, and health talks to the local community in collaboration with Kwai Tsing Safe Community and Healthy City Association and Kwai Tsing District Office. In these next 3 years, ICHC is expected to provide comprehensive eye care service to some 9,000 elderly residents of the district. The Centre aims to give timely detection of sight-threatening conditions and also offers spectacle dispensing to those in need. Through these services at ICHC, the School can advocate the importance of regular eye examinations to the general public.



Prof. George Woo Wins Distinguished Asian/Pacific American Alumni Award from Indiana University Alumni Association

Prof. George Woo, Emeritus Professor and Visiting Chair Professor of Optometry at our School, is to be bestowed with Indiana University Alumni Association's Distinguished Asian/Pacific American Alumni Award 2014. The annual award recognizes Indiana University alumni "who impact their local communities and the greater Asian/Pacific American community ... [and] exhibit excellence and achievement in their careers and inspire future [Indiana University] alumni". Prof. Woo, who earned his MS in 1968 and PhD in 1970 at Indiana's School of Optometry, will be presented with the award during Indiana's School of Optometry Borish Symposium on 29 March 2015.



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SCHOOL

PolyU Education Info Day 2014

The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU) organized its Education Info Day 2014 on campus on 11 October 2014 to provide potential students and their parents with up-to-date information about its wide spectrum of sub-degree and undergraduate programmes. Our School held information seminars and guided tours for visitors so they could have a more thorough understanding of the School's undergraduate programme and the Optometry field and profession. During the seminars, potential



students and parents alike showed eagerness to learn about the structure of SO's programme and career-related opportunities. In the guided tours, visitors had the opportunity to observe the daily operation of SO's Optometry Clinic and learn about the use of different equipment. Also, an exhibition booth was created to serve as an interactive platform enabling potential students and parents to meet and talk with academic staff and current students of the School. Many visitors who came to the booth showed great interest in

learning more about Optometry, and our staff and students showed equal keenness in giving them detailed explanations to their queries and handing out informative leaflets. The teamwork and hard work of our staff and current students on Info Day will hopefully make potential students realize that Optometry is not just a worthy degree to pursue but also a profession that contributes to society.



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Head Prof. To Chi-ho with our student helpers.

Exhibition booth on campus.

20th PolyU Congregation

The conferment sessions of the 20th PolyU Congregation for the Faculty of Health and Social Sciences were held at the on-campus Jockey Club Auditorium from 28-29 October 2014. The School's graduands were presented in the first session on 28 October. This year, 33 undergraduates, 1 MSc candidate and 3 PhD candidates in Optometry were

Assistant Professor Dr. Thomas Lam at an information semina



saluted in the Congregation. Among the graduands, 5 were named on the Dean's Honours List. They were Miss Chow Nan-huai, Ryannie, Miss Chu Ka-hei, Miss Lam Haw-tung, Miss Lui Wing-shan and Miss Li Zhechuang. Congratulations to all of them and we wish them and their fellow new graduates success in the future!

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SCHOOL?



School's 35th Anniversary Dinner

The School organized a grand dinner for its 35th anniversary at PolyU's Hotel ICON in the evening of 6 November 2014. For the special occasion, many highly esteemed guests joined in the celebrations,

with Prof. Sophia Chan, JP, Hong Kong's Under Secretary for Food and Health, gracing the joyous event as the guest of honour.

The evening started with a welcome address by Prof. Maurice Yap, Dean of PolyU's Faculty of Health and Social Sciences and Chair Professor of Optometry, followed by an address by Prof. Chan and a speech by Prof. To Chi-ho, Head of the School. All of the School's academic staff were invited to come onto the stage to make a toast. The evening was filled with memorable moments and performances, including choir singing by The Greeners' Sound, cello and piano chamber music by Da Capo Cello Ensemble, a guzheng performance, and



School Wins "My Favorite Booth" Award at "PolyU Serves" Showcase

The School participated in the "PolyU Serves" Showcase between 21 and 23 November 2014 on campus. The School received many positive comments from visitors about its booth and was very honoured to win the "My Favorite Booth" Award after the showcase.

The "PolyU Serves" showcase's main purpose was to provide a platform for current students and other visitors to learn more about service learning, a mandatory component of the 4-year undergraduate curriculum at the University. Highlights of various service-learning projects were grouped under 4 main themes: "Education and Technology", "Environment Improvement and Sustainable Development", "Social Integration", and "Health and Wellness", which the School's booth came under. Some PolyU non-SO students who had enrolled on the service-learning course of the School and



our students helped with the activities held at the booth, with the main one being 18 guided tours around the booth for

different types of visitors. The target groups for the tours were donors, overseas visitors, partners, the general public, and PolyU staff, students and alumni. The guided tours were a success for the School and the community as a whole.



A young visitor about to undergo vision screening.



Helpers at SO's booth explain vision screening to visitors.

PolyU Staff Games Day 2014

The 5th PolyU Staff Games Day was held on 7 December 2014 at the Joint Sports Centre in Kowloon Tong. Some 100 participants from different departments and units joined in to pit their abilities against one another in athletics events and fun games. Associate Professor Dr. Do Chi-wai was taking part in the Games for the fourth year for the Faculty of Health and Social Sciences team and he continued to haul in the medals, with a gold in the 100 metres, a silver in the long jump and a bronze in the discus throw in the Men's Master 1 competition.

School Retreat 2015

The School held its annual School Retreat on 6 January 2015 at the Auberge Discovery Bay Hong Kong. This year, a total of 69 staff members and 5 Advisory Committee members participated in the daylong off-campus



event. The School T-shirt was redesigned for the gathering, and all attendees were encouraged to wear the fluorescent yellow tee to underline their collectiveness as a team during the retreat.

In the morning sharing session, Prof. To Chi-ho, Head of the School, gave the Head's report, Associate Professor Dr. Kee Chea-su gave a report on the Optometry Research Clinic, Associate Professor Dr. Do Chi-wai gave a report on service learning, and Associate Consultant Optometrist Mr. Peter Pang reported on clinical services and development. The staff members were then split into their respective work teams for discussion sessions. The academic programme team and Advisory Committee members were given the task of exploring future teaching and research directions. Other teams discussed topics related to the Optometry Clinic, such as the feasibility of charging professional fees and the development of specialty optometric services. In the afternoon, Prof. Maurice Yap, Chair Professor of Optometry, conducted a sharing session with the academic programme team, Advisory Committee, the Optometrists and Residents team, the Dispensing team, and the Ophthalmic Assistants team.

PolyU Long Service Award 2014

PolyU's Long Service Award Presentation Ceremony 2014 was held on 30 January 2015 at the Jockey Club Auditorium on campus for 318 staff members who have reached various milestones in their career at PolyU. Among them were 3 colleagues from the School: Emeritus Professor Prof. George Woo, Henry G. Leung Professor in Elderly Vision Health and Head of the School, Prof. To Chi-ho, and Instructor Mr. Roger Chiu. PolyU President Prof. Timothy W. Tong presented certificates and souvenirs to each of the long-serving awardees and

expressed his gratitude for their dedication to PolyU. Other colleagues of the School also attended the ceremony to witness and celebrate the awardees' special moment together. Congratulations to our award recipients!



Mr. Roger Chiu receives his award from Prof. Timothy W. Tong.



Prof. To Chi-ho with his certificate and souvenir.



PolyU President Prof. Timothy W. Tong (left) with Prof. George Woo.



Visit to Aston University, UK

In March 2015, Prof. Pauline Cho and one of her PhD students, Mr. Wan Kin, visited the School of Life and Health Sciences of Aston University, UK, where they met with his Aston co-supervisors Prof. James Wolffsohn and Dr. Janis Orr, Lecturer.

Mr. Wan Kin (left) with Prof. James Wolffsohn (2nd left), Dr. Janis Orr (middle) and Prof. Pauline Cho (right).

Visitors to the School

Ebenezer School and Home for the Visually Impaired, Hong Kong Society for the Blind, University of Hong Kong's Department of Ophthalmology

15 May 2014

The School's Prof. George Woo, Emeritus Professor and Visiting Chair Professor of Optometry (middle), and Dr. Allen Cheong, Assistant Professor (left of Prof. Woo), led a guided tour for Mr. Leo Barretto, Ms. Fanny Lam, Mr. Remy Wong and Mr. C.C. Lai of the Ebenezer School and Home for the Visually Impaired, Ms. Maureen Tam and



Mr. Joseph Cho of the Hong Kong Society for the Blind, and Prof. David Wong of the University of Hong Kong's Department of Ophthalmology.



Hospital Authority

16 May 2014

Dr. Albert C.Y. Lo, Cluster Chief Executive of Kowloon Central Cluster; Dr. Hobby Cheung, Service Director (Primary & Community Health Care) and Hospital Chief Executive of Kowloon Hospital and Hong Kong Eye Hospital; Dr. Lam Nai-man, Deputy Hospital Chief Executive of Hong Kong Eye Hospital; Ms. Eva Liu, Cluster General Manager (Nursing) of

Kowloon Central Cluster; and Ms. Susanna Ko, Cluster General Manager (Admin. Services) of Kowloon Central Cluster, were given a guided tour by the School's Prof. George Woo, Emeritus Professor and Visiting Chair Professor of Optometry, Mr. Peter Pang, Associate Consultant Optometrist (3rd left), and Prof. To Chi-ho, Henry G. Leong Professor in Elderly Vision Health and Head of the School (4th left).

Hong Kong Institute of Education

19 May 2014

Some students and teachers from the Hong Kong Institute of Education visited the School. Dr. Allen Cheong, Assistant Professor, and Mr. Peter Pang, Associate Consultant Optometrist (centre), acted as guides for them on a tour of the School's facilities.



Hong Kong Civic Association

25 Jun 2014

Guests from Hong Kong Civic Association, Mr. So Chung Ping, Ms. Ma Ho Yee, Mr. Kong Cheuk Man, Peter, Mr. Lee Lau Shek, Mr. Chan Kar Chung, Joseph, Mr. Paul Mak, Mr. Ng Man Kuen, Mr. Cheng Kwan Suen, Mr. Gee, Leslie Kan, Ms. Au Wai Ming, Mr. Chiu Tak Wai, Mr. Stanley Kwan visited the School. SO's Prof. George Woo, Emeritus Professor and Visiting Chair Professor of Optometry (5th left), Prof. To Chi-ho, Henry G. Leong Professor in Elderly Vision Health and Head of the School (6th left), Dr. Do Chi-wai, Associate Professor (1st right), Dr. Allen Cheong, Assistant Professor, and Mr. Peter Pang, Associate Consultant

Optometrist (3rd left), introduced the School's Optometry Clinic to them.



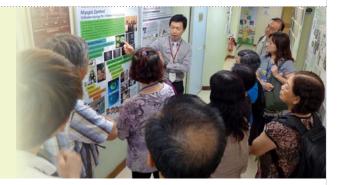
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OUR PEOPLE

Institute of Active Ageing, PolyU

26 Jun 2014

Mr. Peter Pang, Associate Consultant Optometrist (centre), and Ms. Liture Lee, Senior Resident Optometrist, were the guides for a tour of the School for older adults on the Mini-U Programme of PolyU's Institute of Active Ageing.



Faculty of Optometry, Ramkhamhaeng University

10 Jul 2014

Guests from Thailand's Ramkhamhaeng University visited the School. Associate Professors Dr. Andrew Lam and Dr. Kee Chea-su (1st right) led a guided tour of the School for the Ramkhamhaeng delegation of Dean, Dr. Danai Tonkerdmongkol, Associate Dean Dr. Prapinpan Srisawan, other academic staff, and



administrators and students. The delegates included academics Dr. Thitika Kohmarn, Dr. Patarakorn Tawonkasiwattanakun and Dr. Noppadol Srisurattanamethakul, and administrators Mrs. Thanyarat Tatiyaworanan, Miss Suwaphat Pramanachote, Miss Monrudee Chuawangkum, Mrs. Suphalak Baimak, Miss Lamai Duangchai, Miss Oranuch Rattanagosikit, Miss Jamjamrat Seewarom, Mr. Kathavut Thiangmit, Miss Surangkana Pinyoowong, Mr. Kritsada Nakhanakhup, Mr. Boonsong Keardsa-ard and Mr. Sompit Sangium.

Dongguan Guangming Ophthalmic Hospital

6 Aug 2014

A delegation from Dongguan Guangming Ophthalmic Hospital paid a visit to the School. Taking them on a guided tour of the School were Prof. George Woo, Emeritus Professor and Visiting Chair Professor of Optometry (3rd right), and Mr. Peter Pang, Associate Consultant Optometrist (3rd left).



Marymount Secondary School

5 Sep 2014

Students from Marymount Secondary School visited SO. Dr. Thomas Lam, Assistant Professor, showed them around SO's facilities.

Zhongshan Ophthalmic Center, Sun Yat-sen University



Zhongshan Ophthalmic Center, Sun Yat-sen University.

12 Sep 2014

Dr. Kee Chea-su, Associate Professor, and Mr. Peter Pang, Associate Consultant Optometrist, introduced the School's Optometry Research Clinic to students from

Luxottica Retail Hong Kong Ltd.

22 Sep 2014

Mr. Peter Pang, Associate Consultant Optometrist, showed Ms. Natalie Young, Professional Service Manager and Optometrists from Luxottica Retail Hong Kong Ltd., around the School on her visit here.

Faculty of Optometry, Rangsit University

26 Sep 2014

Academic staff from Rangsit University, Thailand, paid a visit to the School. They were Dr. Watanee Jenchitr, Senior Ophthalmologist and Associate Dean of Academic Affairs; Dr. Prasert Padungkiatsakul, Senior Optometrist; Dr. Pornpatcharin Wongsaisri,



Optometrist; Dr. Thareerat Ruktrakulvidthaya, Optometrist and Associate Dean of Student Affairs; and junior Optometrists Dr. Metee Charadarunchai, Dr. Patchapicha Yokkumpol, Dr. Porntip Akotme, Dr. Nutdawan Odklan, Dr. Trinnawat Tongchit, Dr. Pattaraporn Nusawi and Dr. Nattanan Sakulsiritiwakorn.

They were shown around the School by Prof. To Chi-ho, Henry G. Leong Professor in Elderly Vision Health and Head of the School (8th right), Dr. Henry Chan, Associate Professor (1st left), Dr. Kee Chea-su, Associate Professor (2nd left), Dr. Patrick Ting, Clinical Associate (2nd right), and Mr. Peter Pang, Associate Consultant Optometrist (1st right).

First Hospital of Tsinghua University

29 Sep 2014

Dr. Zou Yanhong of the First Hospital of Tsinghua Univertsity was given a guided tour of the School by Dr. Allen Cheong, Assistant Professor.

Dr. Tim Lam

27 Oct - 7 Nov 2014

Dr. Tim Lam, Senior Director of Pharmacology and Toxicology at Oligasis, California, USA, visited SO as a Visiting Lecturer.

Optometrists Board

31 Oct 2014

Dr. Homer Tso, Chairman of Optometrists Board, visited the School.



(From left to right) Dr. Andrew Lam, Associate Professor; Mr. Peter Pang, Associate Consultant Optometrist; Prof. George Woo, Emeritus Professor and Visiting Chair Professor of Optometry; Prof. To Chi-ho, Henry G. Leong Professor in Elderly Vision Health and Head; Dr. Homer Tso, SBS, JP, Chairman of Optometrists Board; Prof. Maurice Yap, Dean, Faculty of Health and Social Sciences, K.B. Woo Family Professor in Optometry, and Chair Professor of Optometry; Prof. Carly Lam, Professor; Dr. Do Chi-wai, Associate Professor

College of Optometry, Cebu Doctors' University

7 Nov 2014

Guests from the College of Optometry, Cebu Doctors' University, the Philippines, visited the School. They were Dr. Prudence Joy H. Cinco, Dean, Dr. Ritchie A. Suba-an, Clinical Program Coordinator, Dr. Jill de las Penas, Optometrist, and Ms. Ellen de las Penas, an Optometry student.

Prof. Peter Swann

7 Nov – 4 Dec 2014; 10 Jan – 30 Jan 2015

Prof. Peter Swann, Adjunct Professor of the School of Optometry and Vision Science, Queensland University of Technology, Australia, visited SO as a Visiting Professor.

Dr. Jacky Kwong

17 Nov – 28 Nov 2014

Dr. Jacky Kwong, Associate Researcher at Jules Stein Eye Institute, David Geffen School of Medicine, University of California, Los Angeles, was based at SO as a Visiting Lecturer.

University of Pikeville

21 Nov 2014

Dr. James Hurley, President of the University of Pikeville, Kentucky, USA, was shown around the School by SO's Prof. George Woo, Emeritus Professor and Visiting Chair Professor of Optometry, and Prof. To Chi-ho, Henry G. Leong Professor in Elderly Vision Health and Head of the School.

PolyU Council

1 Dec 2014

Mr. Alex Lui Chun-wan, PolyU Council Member, visited the School and was given a guided tour by SO's Prof. George Woo, Emeritus Professor and Visiting Chair Professor of Optometry, Prof. Carly Lam, Professor, Prof. To Chi-ho, Henry G. Leong Professor in Elderly Vision Health and Head of the School, and Mr. Peter Pang, Associate Consultant Optometrist.

Prof. Samuel Wu

1 Dec - 5 Dec 2014

Prof. Samuel Wu, Camille and Raymond Hankamer Chair in Ophthalmology and Professor in the Departments of Ophthalmology, Molecular Physiology and Biophysics, and Neuroscience at Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, USA, visited the School as a Visiting Professor.

Quanzhou Special Education School and China Disabled Persons' Federation

15 Dec 2014

Prof. George Woo, Emeritus Professor and Visiting Chair Professor of Optometry at SO, and Dr. Allen Cheong, Assistant Professor, showed visitors from Quanzhou Special Education School and China Disabled Persons' Federation, around SO.

New Territories Heung Yee Kuk Yuen Long District Secondary School

15 Dec 2014

Dr. Andrew Lam, Associate Professor, gave a talk on SO's undergraduate Optometry programme to 40 students from New Territories Heung Yee Kuk Yuen Long District Secondary School.

Pui Ching Middle School

14 Jan 2015

30 Form 6 students from Pui Ching Middle School attended a talk on SO's undergraduate Optometry programme given by Dr. Andrew Lam, Associate Professor (centre), and Dr. Allen Cheong, Assistant Professor.



Department of Special Education and Counselling, Hong Kong Institute of Education



23 teachers joined the Department of Special Education and Counselling, Hong Kong Institute of Education, attended a talk and clinic visit at the School, which were organized by Dr. Allen Cheong, Assistant Professor, and Mr. Peter Pang, Associate Consultant Optometrist (1st right).

Kwok Tak Seng Catholic Secondary School

28 Jan 2015

40 students from Kwok Tak Seng Catholic Secondary School joined a pre-clinical laboratory visit at SO led by Ms. Jasmine Ip, Senior Resident Optometrist, and Mr. Jason Lau, Resident Optometrist (2nd left).





St. Louis School

30 Jan 2015

30 students from St. Louis School attended a talk on SO's undergraduate Optometry programme and a pre-clinical laboratory visit led by Dr. Andrew Lam, Associate Professor (1st right), and Dr. Thomas Lam, Assistant Professor.

Pope Paul VI College

6 Mar 2015

30 Form 5 students from Pope Paul VI College came to SO for a talk on our undergraduate Optometry programme and took part in a pre-clinical laboratory visit organized by Dr. Kee Chea-su, Associate Professor, and Dr. Thomas Lam, Assistant Professor.

Adjunct Appointments of the S	Adjunct Appointments of the School				
Adjunct Professors (Re-appointments) Prof. Victor Woo I Private Ophthalmologist Dr. Li Kai Wang, Kenneth I Chief of Service at the Department of Ophthalmology of the United Christian Hospital		Adjunct Associate Professors (New Appointments) Mr. Cheng Wai Chak I President of HKAPPO Dr. Li Siu Hung, Patrick I Consultant, Department of Ophthalmology, Tseung Kwan O Hospital			
Ms. Rufina Chan I Private Optometrist Dr. Chun		nct Assistant Professor (New Appointment) nung Chung Yee, Derek I Associate Consultant, tment of Ophthalmology, Tseung Kwan O tal			
Dr. So Fei, SophiaDr. Tang Wai Tat, Wilson(New Appointments)Part time Associate Consultants, Department of Ophthalmology, United Christian HospitalDr. Tang Wai Ho, Emily Dr. Mak Shiu Ting, Theresa Dr. Tang Hoi Yau, HeatherDr. Mak Shiu Ting, Theresa Dr. Leung Tsz Wang, Alex Associate Consultants, Department of Ophthalmology, United Christian HospitalDr. Mak Shiu Ting, Theresa Dr. Leung Tsz Wang, Alex Ophthalmology, United Ophthalmology, UnitedDr. Chu Sui Chun, Victor Dr. Yeung Lok Man, Tiffang Dr. Chan Yee Yan, Yvonne Ophthalmology Residents, I		Dr. Tang Chik Hei, Geoffrey Dr. Wong Suhan, Emily Dr. Chu Sui Chun, Victor Dr. Yeung Lok Man, Tiffany Dr. Chan Yee Yan, Yvonne Ophthalmology Residents, Department of Ophthalmology, United Christian Hospital Dr. Tong Man Kit, Justin Dr. Liu Chi Han, Candice			
Donations to the School	Memorandu	ım of Understanding			
In May 2014 and January 2015, Mr. Tong Chan-ho donated HK\$600 and HK\$800, respectively, for supporting student development at the School.	The School has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Tung Wah Group of Hospitals for collaboration in eye research, vision screening service and eye care education from 8 October 2014 to 7 October 2019.				
In November 2014, Asia Medicare (Hong Kong) Ltd. donated HK\$31,500 for supporting student development at the School.	The School has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Hong Kong Trade Development Council for the organization of The 12th Hong Kong Optometric Conference on 6 and 7 November 2014.				
In December 2014, Esquel-Y.L. Yang Education Foundation Ltd. donated HK\$17,910 to support the general development of the School.	The School has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Ramkhamhaeng University, Thailand, for collaboration in education and research from 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2019.				

Optometry Residency Programme

Ms. Coco Wong and Ms. Jasmine Ip completed 1-year Optometry Residency Programme in May 2014 and Feb 2015 respectively, while Mr. Terry Ng and Ms. Angel Wong completed 2-year Senior Optometry Residency Programme in July 2014.

RGC General Research Fund

Dr. Kee Chea-su, Associate Professor, was awarded HK\$931,280 for his GRF project "Experimentally induced astigmatism: its effect on myopia development, and its neurobiological basis".

RGC Early Career Scheme

Dr. Thomas Lam, Assistant Professor, was awarded HK\$685,651 from the RGC Early Career Scheme for his project "Comprehensive proteomic profiling and quantitation of normal and lens-induced myopic chick vitreous using the next generation gel-free mass spectrometry".

Conference Presentations

Presenter	Conference	Title of Presentation
Dr. Andrew Lam	The 5th AEARU Advanced Materials Workshop (Hong Kong) 4 June 2014	In vivo measurement of corneal thinning during air puff indentation
Prof. George Woo	廣東省醫院協會 眼健康管理專業委 員會 成立大會暨國際學術交流會 (China) 5 June 2014	基礎眼保健
Dr. Larry Ng	Contact Lens Association of Ophthalmologists (CLAO) International Symposium and Congress (Canada) 12-14 June 2014	The effects of different filling solutions on the performance of scleral lens wear
Dr. Larry Ng	Contact Lens Association of Ophthalmologists (CLAO) International Symposium and Congress (Canada) 12-14 June 2014	Corneal sensitivity changes after over night orthokeratology in Chinese young adults with moderate myopia
Dr. Larry Ng	Contact Lens Association of Ophthalmologists (CLAO) International Symposium and Congress (Canada) 12-14 June 2014	Post-penetrating keratoplasty scleral lens fitting for extreme regular astigmatism: A Case Report
Prof. To Chi-ho	天津眼科國際論壇暨天津市眼科醫院 建院九十週年學術交流會 (China) 21 June 2014	The effect of baicalein on aqueous humor dynamics
Prof. Carly Lam	The Bicentenary Ophthalmoloy Scientific Conference 2014 (UK) 24-27 June 2014	Visual effects after prolonged reading using conventional and electronic books in myopic children

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OUR RESEARCH

Presenter	Conference	Title of Presentation
Dr. Jeremy Guggenheim	Oxford Ophthalmology Congress (UK) 6-9 July 2014.	A rare variant near the APLP2 gene regulates refractive development via interaction with visual experience
Prof. To Chi-ho	Aston Research Centre for Healthy Ageing (ARCHA) 2014 Symposium (UK) 15-18 July 2014	Myopia - A growing ocular health concern
Prof. Pauline Cho	2014 Harbin International Cataract Conference and The Second Heilongjiang Ophthalmology Doctoral Forum and Annual Meeting of Ophthalmology Department of Heilongjiang provincial Medical Association (China) 8-10 August 2014	Myopic control using Orthokeratology
Prof. Carly Lam	7th International Congress of Behaviour Optometry (UK) 11-14 September 2014	Do combined visual efficiency and Perceptual-Motor functions training improve writing speed in children with handwriting difficulties?
Prof. To Chi-ho	The 19th Congress of Chinese Ophthalmological Society (China) 17-21 September 2014	The expression of retinal Apolipoprotein A1 in optical defocus eyes in chicks
Dr. Thomas Lam	The 10th International Symposium of Ophthalmology (Hong Kong) 26-28 September 2014	Target free- omics discovery in eye research
Dr. Thomas Lam	13th Annual World Congress of the Human Proteome Organization (Spain) 5-8 October 2014	Quantitative human tears proteome in short-term decorative contact lens wear
Dr. Thomas Lam	13th Annual World Congress of the Human Proteome Organization (Spain) 5-8 October 2014	Qualitative and Quantitative Phosphoproteomics Analysis of chick retina of TiO2-Enriched strategy
Prof. Pauline Cho	International Society of Ocular Toxiocology Conference (Japan) 9-12 October 2014	Beauty contact lenses
Ms. Bibianna Yu	American Academy of Optometry Annual Meeting 2014 (USA) 12-15 November 2014	Investigation of the impact of visual and perceptual skills on Chinese reading performance in Hong Kong
Ms. Rita Sum and Ms. Jasmine Ip	American Academy of Optometry Annual Meeting 2014 (USA) 12-15 November 2014	Prevalence and incidence of diabetic retinopathy in different age groups - a community-based screening program in Hong Kong

Presenter	Conference	Title of Presentation
Ms. Mabel Leung	American Academy of Optometry Annual Meeting 2014 (USA) 12-15 November 2014	Correlation between writing speed and visual-motor functions in Chinese children with handwriting difficulties
Ms. Liture Lee	American Academy of Optometry Annual Meeting 2014 (USA) 12-15 November 2014	Variations of macular pigment optical density with axial length and foveal choroidal thickness in young Hong Kong Chinese
Mr. Horace Wong	American Academy of Optometry Annual Meeting 2014 (USA) 12-15 November 2014	Detection of early macular functional changes using slow double-stimulation mfERG paradigm
Dr. Vincent Ng	American Academy of Optometry Annual Meeting 2014 (USA) 12-15 November 2014	Variations of choroidal thickness and axial length in myopic children after orthokeratology
Prof. George Woo	Chinese Summit of Myopia Control, Sanya 13-14 December 2014	眼視光學教育在香港和部分亞洲國家的發展
Prof. Carly Lam	Chinese Summit of Myopia Control, Sanya 13-14 December 2014	Myopia Prevention Strategies
Prof. Pauline Cho	4th Asia Orthokeratology and Specialty Lens Conference (AOSLC) (Taiwan) 13-14 December 2014	Myopic control with Orthokeratology
Dr. Wing Tang	4th Asia Orthokeratology and Specialty Lens Conference (AOSLC) (Taiwan) 13-14 December 2014	Defocus Incorporated Soft Contact (DISC) lens slows myopia progression in schoolchildren
Mr. Peter Pang	第三屆眼視光教育論壇暨2014屆眼 視光中心發展論壇 (China) 19-21 December 2014	香港理大眼科視光診所的建設與發展狀況
Prof. George Woo	第三屆眼視光教育論壇暨2014屆眼 視光中心發展論壇 (China) 19-21 December 2014	PolyVision: a primary eye care facility in Hong Kong
Prof. To Chi-ho	第三屆眼視光教育論壇暨2014屆眼 視光中心發展論壇 (China) 19-21 December 2014	The development of education programme at PolyU
Dr. Do Chi-wai	Association for Ocular Pharmacology and Therapeutics (AOPT) 2015 (USA) 26 February - 1 March 2015	Effects of topical baicalein on intraocular pressure in rodents
Prof. To Chi-ho	The Hong Kong International Optometry Conference (Hong Kong) 3 March 2015	Advances in myopia research

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Upcoming Conferences / Seminars / Workshops

	Details	Date & Venue
Conferences	13th Hong Kong Optometric Conference	5-6 November 2015 Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, Hong Kong

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STUDENTS CORNER

Student Award Ceremony 2013-14

The School's annual Student Award Ceremony was held on 26 August 2014 to recognize our students' achievements over the previous academic year. Prof. To Chi-ho, Head of the School, thanked all of the donors for generously supporting the scholarships and awards. During the ceremony, 3 SO students who had spent time in exchange programmes at Canada's University of Waterloo and Australia's Queensland University of Technology shared their experiences with fellow schoolmates.



Award / Scholarship	Awardee
Alcon Excellence Award	Ms. Chan Cheuk-yin
Essilor Ophthalmic Optics and Dispensing Scholarship	Mr. Wong Hak-lam
FreshKon Award	Ms. Chu Ka-hei Mr. Wan Kin
Greg Wu Best Business Plan Award for Practice Management	Ms. To Ka-mei
School of Optometry Scholarship for the Best Year 2 Student in BSc(Hons) in Optometry	Ms. Kiu Ling-yau
Hong Kong Optical Manufacturers Association Scholarship for the Best Year 2 Student in BSc(Hons) in Optometry	Mr. Lau Chun-hong
Hong Kong Optical Manufacturers Association Scholarship for the Best Year 3 Student in BSc(Hons) in Optometry	Ms. Wang Zhaoran
Hoya Excellence in Ophthalmic Optics and Dispensing Scholarship	Mr. Wan Kin Ms. Li Long-ting
The Hong Kong Society of Professional Optometrists Academic Excellence Award for the Best Year 4 Student in BSc(Hons) in Optometry	Ms. Chow Nan-huai, Ryannie
The Hong Kong Society of Professional Optometrists Best Student Clinician Award	Ms. Li Long-ting
The Hong Kong Society of Professional Optometrists Prize for the Best Year 1 Student in BSc(Hons) in Optometry	Ms. Lee Ka-wing
The Hong Kong Association of Private Practice Optometrists Best Community Project Award	Mr. Cheung Ho-yeung Mr. Chong Tsz-pong Mr. Ko Man-chung Mr. Lam Chun-wang Mr. Lee Chun-wing Mr. Lo Tsz-hin
The Hong Kong Association of Private Practice Optometrists Community Service Award	Ms. Cheung Hoi-nga
Johnson & Johnson Vision Care Scholarship for Overseas Student Exchange Programme	Ms. Wang Zhaoran Ms. Tseng, Grace-Amy
Skyview Optical Travelling Scholarship for Overseas Student Exchange Programme	Ms. Lai Wing-sum

Optometry Student Wins Dr. Ng Tat-lun Memorial Scholarship 2014

Our student Miss. Venus Kiu was one of 16 students, 2 from each Faculty and independent School, who were awarded a Dr. Ng Tat-lun Memorial Scholarship 2014 at its presentation ceremony on 12 November 2014 for their outstanding academic achievements. The Dr. Ng Tat-lun Memorial Scholarship was set up in 2013 by PolyU as a tribute to the University's late Deputy Council Chairman and Distinguished Alumnus, Dr. Ng Tat-lun for his tremendous contributions to the development of the University as well as his passion for lifelong learning.

Prof. To Chi-ho congratulates our student Miss. Venus Kiu on her winning a Dr. Ng Tat-lun Memorial Scholarship 2014.



PolyU Outstanding Student Awards 2014

Year 4 student Mr. Tang Kwong-yau has been selected as the School's Outstanding Student for 2014. At PolyU's Outstanding Student Awards Presentation Ceremony on 12 February 2015 at the on-campus Chiang Chen Studio Theatre, Mr. Tang received a certificate and a cash prize from PolyU's President, Prof. Timothy W. Tong. Congratulations to Mr. Tang for his great achievement!

OPTOMETRY ALUMNI

Hong Kong Optometry Golf Day 2014

Hosted by the Optometry Alumni Association, the 11th Hong Kong Optometry Golf Day teed off at the East Course of Kau Sai Chau Public Golf Course in Sai Kung on 12 November 2014. Very pleasant weather made it a wonderful day of golfing for the 28 participants.

THE FINAL RESULTS WERE:

Optometry Champion: Mr. Gordon Mak 1st runner-up (Optometry): Mr. Joe Ng 2nd runner-up (Optometry): Mr. Ken Lam Best Gross Score (Optometry): Mr. Stephen Lee

Guest Champion: Mr. Chris Chan 1st runner-up (Guest): Dr. Jun Liang 2nd runner-up (Guest): Dr. Wilson Lee Best Gross Score (Guest): Mr. Alan Wong



Nearest-to-pin: Dr. S.C. Yuen, Mr. Andy Lau, Mr. Tony Wong, Mr. Chris Chan, Mr. Stephen Lee