



Press Invitation
傳媒邀請

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Local / Education / Health News Editors

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Forum on “Resilience: From Disaster Management to Disaster Risk Reduction
— 10 Years After Wenchuan Earthquake”**

In the past ten years after the devastated 5.12 Wenchuan earthquake in Sichuan, experts from The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU) have been working on a series of interdisciplinary projects to help enhance the resilience of the affected communities. The projects, in collaboration with international and local parties, cover a wide spectrum ranging from building and environment re-construction, physical and mental rehabilitation, post-disaster community rebuilding, training of healthcare and disaster management professionals, to promoting disaster risk reduction. Many of these endeavours, with education, research and service elements integrated, have developed into models that benefit various communities in the Chinese Mainland and overseas countries.

What are the way forward for the earthquake-affected communities? What are the achievements of these endeavours over the past decade that can be further enhanced, or facilitate further collaborations for the benefit of mankind?

PolyU is to host the forum “Resilience: From Disaster Management to Disaster Risk Reduction — 10 Years after Wenchuan Earthquake”, with an exhibition on PolyU’s related endeavours. At the forum, principal and teachers of the Yingxiu Primary School – one of the schools suffering from devastated casualties in the Wenchuan earthquake – will share their experiences. *[Please see attached Programme Rundown for details of the speakers and presentations]*

You and your representatives are cordially invited to cover the event.

Date : **7 May 2018 (Monday)**
Time : **2:00 – 6:00 p.m.** *[Media Registration starts at 1:45 p.m.]*
Venue : **Senate Room, 16/F, Li Ka Shing Tower (M Core), PolyU Campus**
Officiating : **• Mr John LEE Ka-chiu, Secretary for Security, HKSAR**
Guests : **• Professor Timothy W. TONG, President, PolyU**
Keynote : **Dr Animesh KUMAR, Deputy Chief, United Nations Office for Disaster**
Speaker : **Risk Reduction (UNISDR) for Asia and Pacific Region**
Language : **English**

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Yours sincerely,

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2018 Forum
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Programme Rundown

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Venue : Senate Room, Room 1603, 16/F, Li Ka Shing Tower, PolyU

2:00 pm	Event Starts
2:10 pm	Video on PolyU’s work in past 10 years after Wenchuan earthquake
2:20 pm	Welcome Address by Prof. Timothy W. TONG, Ph.D., JP <i>President, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University</i>
2:25 pm	Speech by Mr John LEE Ka-chiu, SBS, PDSM, PMSM, JP <i>Secretary for Security, Security Bureau, Government of the Hong Kong SAR</i>
2:30 pm	Group Photo
2:35 pm	<u>Keynote Speech</u> “Disaster Risk Reduction: Making Development Sustainable” by Dr Animesh KUMAR <i>Deputy Chief, United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR) for Asia and Pacific Region</i>
2:50 pm	<u>PolyU’s work in Disaster Management and Disaster Risk Reduction</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Recent Research at Faculty of Construction and Environment that makes Our Living Environment Safer” by Prof. DING Xiao-li <i>Professor and Associate Dean, Faculty of Construction and Environment, PolyU</i> • “Post-Disaster Rehabilitation: Model Building and Education” by Prof. Cecilia LI <i>Professor, Department of Rehabilitation Sciences, PolyU</i> • “Capacity Building and Initiatives of Disaster Nursing Programme: Present and Future” by Dr LI Si Jian <i>Programme Leader of MSc Disaster Nursing (IDMR), School of Nursing, PolyU</i> • “From Wenchuan to Yaan Earthquake: PolyU’s 10-year Post-disaster Community Rebuilding in China” by Dr KU Hok Bun <i>Associate Professor, Department of Applied and Social Sciences, PolyU</i> • “Prosthetics and Orthotics Support after 512 Sichuan Earthquake” by Dr M S WONG <i>Associate Professor and Associate Head, Department of Biomedical Engineering, PolyU</i>
4:05 pm	Coffee break



4:20 pm	<p><u>Panel Discussion with Collaborators / Partners</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Sharing by PolyU's collaborators / partners in supporting disaster-affected communities➤ Discussion on the way forward <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Dr Timothy SIM <i>Associate Professor, Department of Applied Social Sciences, PolyU</i>● Mrs Martha KESWICK <i>Chairman, Executive Committee, The Keswick Foundation</i>● Ms Betty LAU <i>Head, International & Relief Service, International & Relief Service Department, Hong Kong Red Cross</i>● Mr LI Wangsheng <i>President, ZeShan Foundation</i>● Dr LUO Lun <i>Director, Department of Rehabilitation Medicine, Chengdu Second People's Hospital, Chengdu, Sichuan</i>
5:00 pm	<p>Launch of Online Book: “Bouncing Back Together (in English)” by Dr Timothy SIM <i>Associate Professor, Department of Applied Social Sciences, PolyU</i> and Representatives from Yingxiu Primary School, Wenchuan County</p>
5:05 pm	<p><u>Sharing from Beneficiaries' Perspectives</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Representatives from Yingxiu Primary School, Wenchuan County● Video on the Recovery Journey of Patients
5:50 pm	<p>Concluding Remarks by Dr Angelina YUEN, <i>Senior Advisor to the President, PolyU</i></p>
6:00 pm	<p>Performance of Guozhuang Mass Dance End of Event</p>