



## Police college instructor keeps himself updated through continuing education

### Peter Au Chi-wai

Bachelor of Arts in Policing and Public Order

Peter Au Chi-wai was a PolyU SPEED graduate with a Bachelor of Arts in Policing and Public Order in 2011. As an instructor at the Hong Kong Police College, he believes that he has to keep himself updated through lifelong learning in order to nurture the new generation of police cadets.

#### Exchange of ideas at overseas conference

Peter explained why he selected the PolyU SPEED programme: “Offering many real case studies for class discussion from the outset, the lecturers then expounded the relevant academic theories of the cases to improve students’ learning effectiveness. They also taught students to look at issues with new ideas and perspectives. For example, the job of community policing has become more difficult than ever, both locally and globally. There are international studies showing that problem-solving and communication skills are the most effective ways to enhance community policing. Therefore, students of this programme are required to take the subject of Social Psychology to gain a better understanding of society and the world. This shows the comprehensiveness of the curriculum.”

Peter was thankful that the programme has changed his attitude towards teaching by enabling him to understand how to teach effectively as well as learn diligently. The theoretical knowledge that he has acquired from the programme is not only applicable at his workplace, but it also enables him to better understand the profession of policing. “I attended the Annual Police Academic Conference in Budapest, Hungary and had a fruitful exchange with the representatives from around the world. The knowledge of policing and public order that I acquired from the programme helped me understand more about the policing issues in their countries. It was indeed an eye-opening experience,” he said.

“What you have learnt should be useful one day. It is meaningless if we learn all day but do not know how to put it into practice.”

*Nobel Prize recipient Professor Charles Kuen Kao, “Father of Fibre Optics”*

#### Positive attitude towards lifelong learning

Peter believed the completion of the programme was a personal accomplishment. “The main duty of the Police Force is to ensure that our society is a safe and stable place to live in. To uphold the rule of law and to maintain law and order, the police also need to acquire new knowledge to keep themselves up-to-date. The programme has not only enhanced my academic qualification and confidence in teaching, but also cultivated a positive attitude towards lifelong learning. Currently, I am pursuing a master’s degree in education management.” Peter considered continuing education as the driving force for a balanced life. He hopes to set an example for his colleagues so that they will continue to enrich their knowledge and maintain the professionalism of the Police Force.



Peter (right) attended the Annual Police Academic Conference with PolyU SPEED’s Deputy Director, Dr W. K. Yung (centre) and the Programme Leader, Dr Sandy Chau in Budapest.