

**“PolyU SPEED Work-Integrated Education & Summer Placement Programmes
Gratitude Dinner 2016” concludes successfully
38 enterprises engage PolyU SPEED students to learn at workplace**

The Hong Kong Polytechnic University-affiliated School of Professional Education and Executive Development (PolyU SPEED) held its “PolyU SPEED Work-Integrated Education & Summer Placement Programmes (WIE & SP Programmes) Gratitude Dinner 2016” on 28 October 2016. The event was joined by over 200 guests, College of Professional and Continuing Education (CPCE) & PolyU SPEED students and staff.

A total of 38 enterprises had pledged their support for the “PolyU SPEED WIE & SP Programmes 2016” with a sponsorship amounting to around HK\$1.5 million. The sponsorship was used to offer scholarships and/or internship opportunities to about 180 PolyU SPEED students, benefiting more than 10% of the total student intake and spanning various disciplines of the School. Held mainly during each summer, the WIE & SP Programmes provided valuable opportunities for PolyU SPEED students to experience the real business operations, understand the job requirements, enhance their communication skills and competitiveness so that they can be well-equipped for the career market. With the guidance and support of the employers and PolyU SPEED lecturers, participating students could acquire valuable work experience. To express its sincere gratitude for the support of the employers and recognise students’ efforts, PolyU SPEED hosted a dinner to celebrate its fruitful collaboration with the employers.

Prof. Peter Yuen, Dean of CPCE, said in his welcome speech that many students take internship opportunities as one of the key considerations for institution selection. Prof. Yuen expressed his gratitude to the participating employers for providing the School and its students with valuable internship and/or scholarship opportunities. Dr Jack Lo, Director of PolyU SPEED, presented souvenirs and certificates of appreciation to the employer representatives during the dinner. Students who had accomplished the Programmes were presented with the scholarships by the employer representatives as a token of encouragement. The 38 enterprises which supported the PolyU SPEED WIE & SP Programmes or provided internship opportunities were listed below:

Adecco Personnel Limited	ADGS Advisory Limited	Airport Authority Hong Kong
Avery Dennison Hong Kong B.V.	BMI Innovation Limited	China Daily
759 STORE (Coils Electronic Company Limited)	Etymon Communications & Brand Management Consultants Limited	Guardforce Limited
Gullivers Travel Associates (Hong Kong) Limited	Guru Online (Holdings) Limited	HENG ASSET MANAGEMENT LIMITED
HK Child Integrative Development Centre	Hong Kong Economic Times / Career Times Online Limited	HO, LOK & PUI CPA LIMITED
Holiday Inn Golden Mile Hong Kong	Hong Kong Youths Unified Association	Hong Kong International Theme Parks Limited

Hospital Authority	Hotel ICON	Luxasia (H.K.) Limited
Marco Polo Hongkong Hotel	Medsim Healthcare Education Company	Midland Holdings Limited
Motiva Consulting Limited	Nippon Express (H.K.) Co., Ltd.	Olympian City (Sino Group)
Pacific Club Kowloon	Pacific Coffee Company Limited	Patrick Wong C.P.A. Limited
PwC	Redford Holdings Limited	SHINEWING (HK) CPA Limited
Song Saa Resorts	The Hong Kong Jockey Club	The Ritz-Carlton, Hong Kong
The Salvation Army	Urban Group	

Mr Anders Yung, Assistant Programme Director of PolyU SPEED, invited three participating employers and their student interns to do a sharing session. The students shared their fond memories and learnings while the employers stated that they were satisfied with the performance of the students during the internship. According to the employers, the students were outspoken and showed remarkable flexibility in coping with actual situations. To show their appreciation to the employers, the participating students sang a song “Both Hands” together. The dinner came to a close with Dr Lo offering his words of advice to students that they have to keep equipping themselves to improve their lifetime employability. Once again, he expressed his deepest gratitude to all the employers of the “PolyU SPEED WIE & SP Programmes” and hoped that more internship opportunities could be provided by the employers to help students lay a solid foundation for future career development.



Prof. Peter Yuen (3rd from left), Dean of CPCE, Prof. Warren Chiu (3rd from right), Associate Dean (Quality Assurance) of CPCE, Dr Simon Leung (left), Associate Dean (Development) of CPCE, Dr Jack Lo (2nd from left), Director of PolyU SPEED, Dr Artie Ng (2nd from right), Deputy Director of PolyU SPEED, and Mr Anders Yung (right), Assistant Programme Director of PolyU SPEED raised their glasses and made a toast to the guests.



Prof. Peter Yuen (1st row, 6th from left), Dean of CPCE, Prof. Warren Chiu (1st row, 5th from right), Associate Dean (Quality Assurance) of CPCE, Dr Simon Leung (1st row, 5th from left), Associate Dean (Development) of CPCE, Dr Jack Lo (1st row, 6th from right), Director of PolyU SPEED, Dr Artie Ng (1st row, 4th from right), Deputy Director of PolyU SPEED, Mr Anders Yung (last row, right), Assistant Programme Director of PolyU SPEED, took a group photo with the employer representatives.



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Dr Jack Lo, Director of PolyU SPEED, expressed his gratitude to the participating employer representatives.