

## **PolyU-affiliated HKCC and SPEED welcome new students for 2018/19**

On 1 September 2018, College of Professional and Continuing Education (CPCE), an affiliate of The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU), welcomed around 6,000 new full-time students joining its educational units, Hong Kong Community College (HKCC) and School of Professional Education and Executive Development (SPEED). These students are enrolled on the PolyU-HKCC award associate degree (AD) and higher diploma (HD) programmes, and the PolyU-SPEED award top-up honours degree programmes.

Officiating at the ceremony, Prof. Philip C.H. Chan, PolyU Deputy President and Provost cum CPCE Council Vice Chairman, remarked that PolyU established CPCE in 2002 to provide additional opportunities for learners to pursue qualifications from sub-degrees to undergraduate degrees in a flexible yet structured manner. “Our programmes are designed not only to enhance students’ professional knowledge, but also to nurture them as critical thinkers, effective communicators, innovative problem solvers and socially responsible global citizens.”

### ***New Programmes to Diversify Articulation Choices***

In the 2018/19 academic year, three PolyU-SPEED award programmes, namely the BA (Hons) in Convention and Event Management, the BEng (Hons) in Mechanical Engineering, and the BEng (Hons) in Electrical Engineering, are admitting their first cohort of students. In an effort to widen progression opportunities for aspiring learners, HKCC has introduced two new programmes, namely the Associate in Chinese Language and Culture and the Associate in English for Professional Communication.

As a leading self-financing tertiary education institution in Hong Kong, CPCE provides pathways with multiple entries and exits for learners at different stages of their studies or career. Over 12,000 full-time students are enrolled on over 35 PolyU-HKCC award sub-degree programmes and over 25 PolyU-SPEED award bachelor’s degree programmes. CPCE’s steady growth of student population, programme portfolio as well as graduates’ impressive articulation and employment figures over the years affirmed the positive role of the local self-financing sector in complementing the government-funded higher education sector.

### *Survey Results Affirm CPCE's Quality Education*

At the ceremony, Prof. Peter Yuen, Dean of CPCE, shared with the freshmen the encouraging employment and articulation figures of graduates. “HKCC Graduate Survey 2017 indicated that 2,191 graduates were admitted to undergraduate degree programmes, representing an articulation rate of 87.5%. Among them, 60.3% (1,322) – a record high – were admitted to UGC-funded undergraduate degree programmes, including 47.5% (1,041) admitted to Senior Year places, also a record high. As for SPEED, the employment rate of graduates is comparable with those of the eight UGC-funded universities. According to 2017 SPEED Graduate Employment Survey results, 92% of graduates were engaged in full-time employment or full-time further studies within six months after graduation.”

Prof. Yuen also presented the satisfactory results achieved by CPCE in the 2017 Student Barometer (SB) exercise, a global survey of student experience. “For the third consecutive year in the SB survey, CPCE’s results continued to compare favourably with global benchmarks. CPCE received a high overall student satisfaction rate of 89.1%, which was on par with the global benchmark and above the Asian benchmark. CPCE outperformed the global and Asian benchmarks for various teaching and facilities-related elements, including the quality of lectures, good teachers, learning support, campus buildings, learning spaces, Internet access, and learning technology. The SB survey results serve as a testament to the high quality education offered by CPCE.”

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