

## Press Release

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### **About 100 outstanding students awarded at PolyU SPEED Scholarship Presentation Ceremony 2017**

To recognise the outstanding performance of students in their academic pursuit and participation in co-curricular activities, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University-affiliated School of Professional Education and Executive Development (PolyU SPEED) held the Scholarship Presentation Ceremony on 21 November 2017 (Tuesday) at PolyU's Chiang Chen Studio Theatre.

In 2016/17, 178 outstanding SPEED students were presented with scholarships or awards in the following categories:

- Top Student Award for PolyU-SPEED Top-up Degree Programmes (Full-time & Part-time)
- PolyU SPEED Scholarship for Full-time Students
- PolyU SPEED Scholarship for Part-time Students
- PolyU SPEED Scholarship for PolyU Award Students
- PolyU SPEED Scholarship for Overseas Award Students
- PolyU SPEED Scholarship for Non-local Students
- PolyU SPEED Outstanding Sports Achievement Scholarship
- PolyU SPEED Outstanding Co-curricular Achievement Scholarship
- PolyU SPEED Scholarship for Postgraduate Studies

### **Promoting all-round development and cultivating students' diverse talents**

Dr Jack Lo, Director of PolyU SPEED, said that he took great pride in having 178 students receiving the scholarships or awards in recognition of their outstanding achievements in both academic studies and co-curricular activities in the 2016/17 academic year. The amount of scholarships is over HK\$1.8 million. With a strong emphasis on students' all-round development, the School also provided more than 510 quotas of scholarships and student support funds of a total of over HK\$4.5 million in 2016/17. Through joining the "PolyU-SPEED International Summer School Programmes", "PolyU-SPEED China Internship Programmes" or "Summer Experiential Tours", students visited USA, Canada, UK, Germany, Portugal, Dubai, Korea, Thailand, Japan, Singapore, Malaysia and Beijing, etc., for internship and cultural exchange. These programmes aim at widening students' horizons and enabling them to experience different cultures.

Moreover, the School has put in much effort to enhance students' competitiveness in the job market. Since 2015, the School has organised "Career Fair" and invited over 100 corporations or organisations to join the fair each year, which help final-year students in job search. In order to enrich students' work experience, the School also co-operates with different corporations and organisations to offer the Work-Integrated Education & Summer Placement Programmes.

### **"Failure Teaches Success" – Working hard to reach the dream**

At the end of the ceremony, Dr Lo encouraged students by sharing a quote from Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela, the former President of South Africa, "Do not judge me by my successes, judge me by how many times I fell down and got back up again". He remarked that "failure teaches success". The road to success is always full of difficulties. Student should be determined, keep working hard and reach their dream eventually.



Dr Jack Lo encouraged students to be positive when facing difficulties, and keep working hard and pursuing their dreams.



Dr Jack Lo ( Last row, 12th from left), Dr Artie Ng, Deputy Director (Last row, 11th from left ) and other academic staff of PolyU SPEED took a group photo with the awardees of the scholarships.

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## **About PolyU SPEED**

Established in 1999, PolyU SPEED is committed to providing lifelong education opportunities for people with different educational needs to acquire higher qualifications. PolyU SPEED offers, in full-time and part-time study modes, a diversity of quality top-up Bachelor's honours degree programmes leading to PolyU-SPEED awards, and through its collaboration with PolyU Faculties/ Departments, programmes leading to PolyU awards. It also collaborates with renowned overseas institutions, namely University of London International Programmes for offering the preparatory courses leading to its law degree and Northumbria University (UNN) for offering top-up degree programmes leading to the university's awards in Hong Kong. PolyU SPEED also provides a wide array of short courses to offer learning opportunities for individuals for enhancing personal competitiveness and career advancement.

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