

**“PolyU SPEED Work-Integrated Education & Summer Placement Programmes
Gratitude Dinner 2017” concludes successfully
47 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 2017” on 20 October 2017. The event was joined by about 200 guests, students and staff of College of Professional and Continuing Education¹ (CPCE) and PolyU SPEED.

A total of 47 enterprises had pledged their support for the “PolyU SPEED WIE & SP Programmes 2017” with a sponsorship amounting to around HK\$1.7 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 summer, the WIE & SP Programmes provide valuable opportunities for PolyU SPEED students to experience real business operations, understand job requirements, enhance 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.

Dr Jack Lo, Director of PolyU SPEED, said in his welcome speech that he encouraged students not only to work hard on studies but also take internship opportunities to enhance their employability. To express his gratitude to the participating employers for providing students with valuable internship and/or scholarship opportunities, Dr Lo presented souvenirs and certificates of appreciation to the employer representatives during the dinner. Students who had accomplished the Programmes were also presented with scholarships by the employer representatives as a token of encouragement. The 47 enterprises which supported the PolyU SPEED WIE & SP Programmes or provided scholarships were listed below:

¹ College of Professional and Continuing Education (CPCE), founded in 2002 by The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU), focuses on the provision of high quality self-financed programmes at the post-secondary level. The programmes are offered through CPCE’s two education units, namely Hong Kong Community College (HKCC) and School of Professional Education and Executive Development (SPEED).

Airport Authority Hong Kong	Bank of China (Hong Kong) Limited	Beyond Media Global Limited
BMI Innovation Limited	Carat Media Services Hong Kong Limited	Career Times Online Limited
Cognizant	Datatrade Limited	DDB Worldwide Limited
Etymon Communications & Brand Management Consultants Limited	Havas Media Hong Kong	HENG ASSET MANAGEMENT LIMITED
Ho, Lok & Pui CPA Limited	Holiday Inn Golden Mile Hong Kong	Hong Kong Disneyland
Hong Kong Parkview	Hotel ICON	iDM
International Finance Centre Management Co., Ltd.	International Management Group (Overseas), LLC.	Jack Morton Worldwide
Kelly Services Hong Kong Limited	KGTS (Hong Kong) Limited	Marco Polo Hotels - Hong Kong
Medsim Healthcare Education Company	Midland Holdings Limited	Miramar Hotel & Investment Company Limited
Motiva Consulting Limited	Ocean Park Conservation Foundation, Hong Kong	Olympian City (Sino Group)
Pacific Club Kowloon	Panda Hotel	Phd
Provention Limited	Rainbow Lodge HK	Razorfish
Redford Holdings Limited	SHINEWING (HK) CPA Limited	Song Saa Resorts
The Hong Kong Jockey Club	The Nielsen Company (Hong Kong) Limited	The Ritz-Carlton, Hong Kong
The Salvation Army	The Samaritan Befrienders Hong Kong	UberEATS
World Vision Hong Kong	Young Professionals Alliance	

To show their appreciation to the employers, the participating students sang a song “Red Sun” together. The lyrics of this song encouraged youngsters to carry on in the face of adversity in their work. The dinner came to a close when Dr Lo offered 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, and appealed for their continuous support for the “PolyU SPEED WIE & SP Programmes” to help students lay a solid foundation for future career development.



(Right to left) Dr Macy Wong, Assistant Programme Director and Lecturer of PolyU SPEED, Dr Regan Lam, Programme Director and Senior Lecturer of PolyU SPEED, Dr Jack Lo, Director of PolyU SPEED, Dr Artie Ng, Deputy Director of PolyU SPEED, Dr Joseph So, Head of Student Affairs of CPCE proposed a toast to the guests.



Dr Jack Lo (1st row, 5th from left), Director of PolyU SPEED, Dr Artie Ng (1st row, 4th from left), Deputy Director of PolyU SPEED, Dr Joseph So (1st row, 3rd from right), Head of Student Affairs of CPCE, Dr Regan Lam (1st row, 4th from right), Programme Director and Senior Lecturer of PolyU SPEED, and Dr Macy Wong (1st row, 5th from right), Assistant Programme Director and Lecturer of PolyU SPEED, took a group photo with the employer representatives.



PolyU SPEED specially arranged a signature board and encouraged the participating company representatives to share photos through social media platforms.



PolyU SPEED student representatives showed their appreciation to the employers by singing the song “Red Sun”.



Dr Jack Lo, Director of PolyU SPEED, expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the participating employers.