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OPAA Master Class

The Outstanding PolyU Alumni Association (OPAA) has been organizing a series of signature events named “OPAA Master Class”, featuring forums and activity-based mentorship programmes, since the academic year 2013/2014. The main objective is to provide a platform for our outstanding PolyU alumni to share their invaluable expertise and advice with PolyU students and young graduates for their professional and personal developments. “OPAA Master Class” is organized for students and young graduates of various faculties and schools of PolyU every year.

This year’s Master Class is kicked off by the “OPAA Master Class – 3rd Speakers Forum” on 11 November 2015, during which prominent outstanding alumni share their success stories and life reflections with PolyU students and young graduates, with a view to providing inspirations and advice for their personal development and career planning.

During the “OPAA Master Class 2015/2016 – Mentorship Programme”, selected students will have the unique opportunities to connect with and learn from members of OPAA who are all prominent senior executives, through different types of “shadowing activities” and face-to-face meetings, to:

- ▶ Enhance career-related skills and improve their competencies and abilities such as management and interpersonal skills;
- ▶ Make valuable contacts with senior executives/ professionals to expand personal networks; and
- ▶ Seek constructive feedback and advice on their professional and personal developments.

OPAA Master Class – 3rd Speakers Forum Programme Rundown

Welcoming Address by **Prof. Royce YUEN Man-chun, JP**

Deputy President, Outstanding PolyU Alumni Association

Sharing by **Ir WONG Tit-shing**

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Sharing by **Ir Dr CHAN Fuk-cheung**

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Sharing by **Ir Dr Samson TAM Wai-ho, JP**

*Chairman, Group Sense Limited
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Panel Discussion

Facilitator: **Prof. Alan LAU Kin-tak**

*Alex Wong Siu Wah Gigi Wong Fook Chi Endowed Professor in Product Design Engineering
Associate Dean (Industrial Relations), Faculty of Engineering, PolyU*

Presentation of Certificates of Appreciation for Speakers and Facilitator

Presentation of OPAA Scholarships, Prizes and Certificates for Mentees of 2014/2015 Mentorship Programme

Sharing by OPAA Scholarship Recipients

Group Photo



Ir WONG Tit-shing

*Chairman, Jetta Company Limited
Director, Outstanding PolyU Alumni Association
Graduate of Production Engineering (1967)
Recipient of Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award 2009*

Discipline:

Production Engineering

Academic Qualifications:

Higher Diploma in Production Engineering

Professional Qualifications:

Chartered Engineer
Member of Institution of Engineering and Technology, UK
Member of The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers

Expertise Description and Major Career Achievements:

Ir Wong has served the toy industry for over 40 years. His company, one of the largest toy manufacturers in the world, was presented the Outstanding Award of Hong Kong Toy Industries in 2001. He was the first Asian President of the International Council of Toy Industries and is now Honorary President of the Hong Kong Toys Council and Toys Manufacturers' Association of Hong Kong. He was honoured with the Industrialist of the Year Award in 2011 and Outstanding Achievement Award of Professional Validation Council of Hong Kong Industries in 2014.

Motto

Be a good and faithful steward.

Targets

1. Produce the Rolls Royce of the class.
2. Leave a legacy.

Cases

1. In primary school, I failed Mandarin phonetics oral test. As a punishment, I had to stay after school to practise until I could pass the test. I noticed that the teacher was busily marking homework, and couldn't pay attention to my "improved" Mandarin phonetics. I told her I was ready for the second test. After listening to my "creative" phonetics as she was marking the homework, she let me go home. I was sure I failed miserably.
2. In junior high school, one of my hobbies was stamp-collecting. I saw in my classmate's album a stamp which was the same as the one I treasured a lot, but got a minor imperfection. I switched mine with his "perfect" one secretly under the desk and gave him back the stamp album. When I got back home and took a closer look, the "perfect" one, which I got from my classmate, was delaminated from the back, and that was even worse than my original stamp.
3. At an early development stage of my company, a major customer representing 60% of our total sales threatened to take away all business if we did not stop working on a product of another customer, because they would launch and market a similar one. I decided to keep our commitment and declined his request. The other customer was happy about my decision. The major customer eventually relented and showed appreciation to the values we upheld.

Advice

1. Select one's value system as foundation.
Discover and develop one's core competence.
Serve as a steward.
2. Place your fear in the right place.
Fear lost or losing your value? When there is an obvious and convenient short cut, check if it compromises your value. Select going for elbow grease or following the proper path.
3. Find out the job you enjoy doing so much that you look forward to doing it again, to a point that you will say "thank God it is Monday". When others love to let you do it, then it will be your core competence. Keep on improving it.
4. Be responsible more than to yourself. Accept that you have to answer to a higher authority that you fear to violate.

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Ir Dr CHAN Fuk-cheung

*Director, Outstanding PolyU Alumni Association
Former General Manager, CLP Engineering
Graduate of Electronic Engineering (1970) and English (2001)
Recipient of Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award 2013*

Disciplines:

Electrical, Control, Automation and Instrumentation, Electronics

Academic Qualifications:

Higher Diploma in Electronic Engineering
Bachelor of Science
Master of Arts in English for the Professions
Master of Law
Doctor of Philosophy

Professional Qualifications:

Fellow of The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers

Expertise Description and Major Career Achievements:

Ir Dr Chan has extensive experience in power systems, specializing in power systems protection, distribution automation, lighting applications and energy services. Throughout his career, he has been involved in various management activities, including business process re-engineering, quality systems management, contingency planning and procurement. He has published over 50 papers and won the HKIE Transactions Prizes in 2003 and 2007.

Ir Dr Chan's major career achievements were the establishment of a high reliability power protection system and the successful implementation of the world's largest distribution automation system in CLP.

Motto

A heart to serve with persistence and determination.

Targets

1. To become an expert in some specific engineering areas. Use professional knowledge to serve our community by carrying out volunteering work when opportunities come.
2. To give high quality performance in the jobs handled using an innovative approach. To contribute more in the engineering industry.

Cases

1. After graduation in 1972, I joined CLP and identified "Power System Protection" as my expertise area for further development. The day-to-day engineering work was quite different from what we had learned at the university. In four years, I acquired knowledge in Power System Protection and gave lectures too. It then triggered me to further study in power system protection in UK. It took me two years and nine months to complete my Ph.D. degree. My success was due to devotion.
2. Innovation is important in order to achieve outstanding performance in your job. In 1997, I took up the job to build the world's largest distribution automation system in CLP. I had a strong team working together to solve many technical problems. One of our innovative approaches in data handling and communication was to use a product that even the manufacturer did not think of such usage. During my work as General Manager in CLP Engineering, we bid projects successfully by using innovative work method to lower the cost.
3. Life-long learning is important. I took PolyU's English for Profession course to improve my English as well as communication skills. It enabled me to obtain the HKIE Transactions Prizes twice. When I was the President of HKIE, I managed to maintain effective communications with all HKIE members via my weekly messages.

Advice

1. Outperform

No matter what project or work assigned, you must carry out the work with outstanding performance. If you think of, by substituting other persons in your post and imagining how they would do, you could establish a path with no regrets and hence sleep well. Of course, thinking out of the box to gain extra value will further enhance your confidence.

2. Deep in Technical

During the earlier career, you have more time and hence you can go into more technical aspect in a specific area to build up your technical expertise. Ask questions and find out why such procedure or practice is adopted. Such experience will help you make the required management decision in the latter part of your career.

3. Life-long Learning

With rapid development in various technologies, life-long learning is essential. Try to get one additional degree in every ten years. It will give you not only the knowledge but also the momentum to strive for greater success. Always ask yourself what you have learnt in the last six months and what you plan to acquire in the coming six months.

4. Ethics and Long Lasting Happiness

Honesty and integrity are important values throughout your whole career. We should have a "comfortable" heart – a clean heart with no worries on everything we do. The most important matter is there is no hidden burden. We can drive our happiness to a new height by practising to become a person of virtues and upkeeping our ethics and integrity. It is the key aspect of long lasting happiness.

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Ir Dr Samson TAM Wai-ho, JP

*Chairman, Group Sense Limited
Chairman, Hong Kong Business Angel Network
Doctor of Philosophy (2005)
Recipient of Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award 2007*

Disciplines:

Electronics and ICT

Academic Qualifications:

Bachelor of Science
Doctor of Philosophy

Professional Qualifications:

Fellow of The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers

Expertise Description and Major Career Achievements:

Ir Dr Tam is a technology-oriented entrepreneur with over 20 years' experience in business management. He founded a startup and soon launched electronic dictionaries with the brand "Instant-Dict". The company was listed on the Main Board in 1993 with its major business in developing electronic educational products. In recent years, Ir Dr Tam actively participated in angel investment. He is keen on creating an eco-system to nurture startups.

Motto

I can't change the direction of the wind, but I can always adjust my sails to reach my destination.

Targets

1. To explore and accumulate knowledge, business know-how, connections that help build up a sizeable innovative and energetic company.
2. To be a successful angel investor, to bring up next generation of entrepreneurs, through sharing and transferring my knowledge, experience and connections to new startups.

Cases

1. Continuous Innovation

After my company had successfully launched the first English/Chinese electronic dictionary, we faced keen competition from our competitors. Through continuous innovation, we were able to make many first moves in product innovation – the first dictionary with “text-to-speech” technology, hand-writing recognition, true voice technology, and so on. The competition has driven us to grow even faster to become the world's leading manufacturer of electronic dictionaries.

2. Leverage Resources

To leverage R&D resources for product innovation, the company worked closely with different leading technology partners so as to apply their latest technology in our products. We joined the China 863 project and successfully applied its translation technology in launching the world's first English/Chinese dictionary with full sentence translation.

3. Embrace Change

Jump out of the box and leave your comfort zone to challenge yourself. Aiming to do something big for the society, I ran for the LegCo election and was elected as a representative of the IT industry. I tried to push the government to set up the Innovation & Technology Bureau to help the development of the IT industry.

Advice

1. Build up your Connections

Looking back at the early stage of creating my startup, personal network and connections were crucial in developing my business. They helped give me valuable advice and also guided me in the right track. This saved me a lot of time and money to learn from mistakes, so that I could focus on my business to achieve my targets in a fairly rapid way.

2. Leverage Resources and Capital

Most local companies are SMEs, which have limited resources and capital. Leveraging resources and capital through partnership and public listing can help these small companies grow and enjoy the economy of scale. Adopting the same practice, my family business has soon become a listed company.

3. Do Something Meaningful

In the latter half of my life, I decided to contribute to the society. I ran for the LegCo election and was elected as a Legislative Councillor, to serve the IT industry and the community as a whole. I am now an angel investor who can share and transfer my knowledge, know-how, experience, connections, to cultivate next generation of entrepreneurs, and help them set up their startups.

4. Utilize the Power of Internet

To develop new business models, to share available resources, to benefit from decentralization, to use big data to understand the market, to learn and build up your domain knowledge.

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Outstanding PolyU Alumni Association

Officially incorporated in July 2012, the Outstanding PolyU Alumni Association (OPAA) was established by the recipients of the “Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award”. The Association aims to provide a networking platform to cultivate and strengthen links amongst these outstanding alumni, as well as to combine their expertise and efforts to support the development of PolyU and to serve the Hong Kong community at large.



The design concept of the OPAA logo comes from 精英薈萃 四面八方, which means pooling of elites from all directions and all sectors. The logo is fundamentally inspired by the PolyU logo. The four alphabets, each titled on different angles, represent the elites of PolyU in different industries, and OPAA is where the elites gather.

(Designed by Mr Freeman LAU Siu-hong, BBS, 2001 Awardee)

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OPAA Scholarship Fund

As a gift to PolyU to mark the OPAA Inauguration, the OPAA Scholarship Fund for PolyU students has been launched since 2013/2014.

The OPAA Scholarship 2014/2015 goes to the following outstanding mentees of the 2014/2015 Mentorship Programme:

Name	Faculty	Programme	Scholarship
SHI Yu, Shirley	Faculty of Applied Science and Textiles	BSc (Hons) Investment Science	OPAA Scholarship
WU Wai-ho, Herbert	Faculty of Business	BBA (Hons) Marketing	OPAA Scholarship
WEI Lingyi, Ripple	Faculty of Applied Science and Textiles	BSc (Hons) Food Safety and Technology	OPAA – Suga International Holdings Limited Scholarship
LIANG Junlin, Max	Faculty of Business	BBA (Hons) Financial Services	OPAA – Suga International Holdings Limited Scholarship
LAU Cheuk-wai, Hugo	Faculty of Business	BBA (Hons) Accountancy	OPAA – Dr Humphrey Leung Scholarship
CHIU Phoebe	Faculty of Business	BBA (Hons) Management	OPAA – Dr Humphrey Leung Scholarship

OPAA Scholarship (2014/2015) Donors

Ir Dr Humphrey LEUNG Kwong-wai, JP

Suga International Holdings Limited

OPAA Scholarship (2015/2016) Donors

Dr Edith KWAN Ngan-hing, MH

Ir Dr Kenneth NG Kam-wing

Recap of OPAA Master Class 2014/2015 – Forum and Mentorship Programme

The “OPAA Master Class 2014/2015 – Forum” held on 27 November 2014 successfully attracted over 100 students, staff and alumni for the sharing from four outstanding PolyU alumni, including Prof. Royce YUEN Man-chun, JP; Mrs Yvonne LAW SHING Mo-han, JP; Dr Hubert CHAN Chung-ye, JP; and Prof. Samuel WONG King-on. Dr LU



Haitian, Associate Professor and Associate Head (Student Service/ Industry Relation) of School of Accounting and Finance of PolyU, served as the facilitator and led the panel discussion.



The Forum also saw the establishment of the “OPAA Mentees’ Circle”, which aims to provide a networking platform for all the student mentees who have participated in the mentorship programmes. It is hoped that the mentees could, through this Circle, stay connected with the outstanding alumni for their continued personal and professional development.

After the Forum, the first “Mentors-Mentees Gathering” was held for the “OPAA Master Class 2014/2015 – Mentorship Programme”. Thirty-two mentees had the opportunity to meet and chat with some of the mentors of the Programme.



OPAA Mentees' Circle

The "OPAA Mentees' Circle" was established in November 2014 to provide a networking platform for all the student mentees who have joined the "OPAA Master Class – Mentorship Programme" for their continued personal and professional development and further connection with members of the Association.



Members

ARUN Prasath	BSc (Hons) Applied Biology with Biotechnology
AU Kin-cheung	BBA (Hons) Management BEng (Hons) Industrial and System Engineering
AUNG Zeya	BEng (Hons) Electrical Engineering BBA (Hons) Marketing
BOONPERM Pimsupang	BBA (Hons) Marketing
CHAU Ching-ying, Crystal	BBA (Hons) Global Supply Chain Management
CHAU Hei-tung	BEng (Hons) Mechanical Engineering
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CHENG Shing-sau	BSc (Hons) Chemical Technology
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WU Wai-ho, Herbert	BBA (Hons) Marketing
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