



Newsletter ***March 2008***

Splash for Cash

Three of our members:

Miranda Mak,
Eddy Ma, and
Thomas Tse

will form a HKPUAA fund raising team to swim in a charity event organised by the Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children (“RIDBC”). As quoted from the website <http://www.splashforcash.com.au/2008/index.php>, “[the money raised in Splash for Cash goes] towards a new service, RIDBC's Teleschool. The RIDBC Teleschool connects children with sensory impairment living in regional areas to RIDBC's Sydney-based team of highly specialised staff using the latest communications technology, including state-of-the-art videoconferencing equipment”.

Note that sponsorship above \$2.00 is tax deductible (see website). If you and your friends want to sponsor such meaningful event for our community please visit https://www.splashforcash.com.au/2008/team_registrants.php or contact myself, or the swimmers.

Next Synergy Group Meeting

Date: Tuesday 25/03/2008
Time: 6:30pm – 8:30pm
Venue: Celestial Restaurant
Address: Bligh Street, Sydney
RSVP: Paulus Ng (M: 0431 788 943)
Speaker: Bosco Lau
Topic: Internet Crime/Frauds and Practical Guide to Safer Online Computing



The above picture was taken at the Synergy Group meeting in November 2007.

HKPUAA Melbourne Lunch

Our Melbourne representatives Helena Lau (0433 205 919) and Paula Lau (0412 132 098) have organised a lunch at 12:30 on Saturday 15 March 2008 at The Plume, 546 Doncaster Road, Doncaster 3108 for cost of \$20 per person. If you have friends in Melbourne who would like to network with other Poly U alumni members, please contact either Helena or Paula.

Chinese New Year Dinner

On 15 Feb 2008, we had a Chinese New Year Dinner at Eastwood.

We had a number of entertainments that night. Kit-Man has produced graphic presentations from pictures he captured *professionally* in various occasions such as Chinese New Year Celebration, and New Year firework.



Moreover, Bosco Lau had organised Chinese New Year quizzes and my wife Selina Chan had organised some interesting articles and lantern riddles to celebrate both the Chinese New Year and Chinese Lantern Festival. Our member Eddie Ma's daughter Ann has won an individual quiz:



There were also 2 exchange students Jam (left) and Sindy attended our dinner. They significantly helped everyone at their table to win the prizes for the Chinese New Year lantern

riddles game. What they hold in their hands are the table prizes that we celebrate the Valentine day as well which is one day before the day of the dinner.



Various prizes and gifts for the evening were donated by members George Ko, Selina Chan, Bosco Lau, Kit-Man Chan and Oriental Merchants. We have books of HK Economic and Trade Office (HKTDO) Sydney, and Shiseido gift packs from Selina Chan as the lucky draw prizes.

Exchange Students Statistics

In the first half of 2008, there are many exchange students from Hong Kong Polytechnic University going overseas:

Australia:	29
Canada:	18
Singapore:	2
United Kingdom:	51
USA:	32

Of the 29 exchange students coming to Australia, there are 6 in Sydney, 13 in Melbourne, 6 in Brisbane etc. Bosco will join a Melbourne event in mid March and meet some of the students.

As a majority, 12 of the 29 students study Building and Real Estate, 4 of them are in Sydney.

We recently had a lunch with 4 of the Sydney exchange students (names in italics below) at Strathfield on Saturday March 15, 2008.



Present: Tony, Imanuel, Bosco, *Ermine, Sindy, SL, Cherry, Ashley,* Daniel, Selina, and Miranda.

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