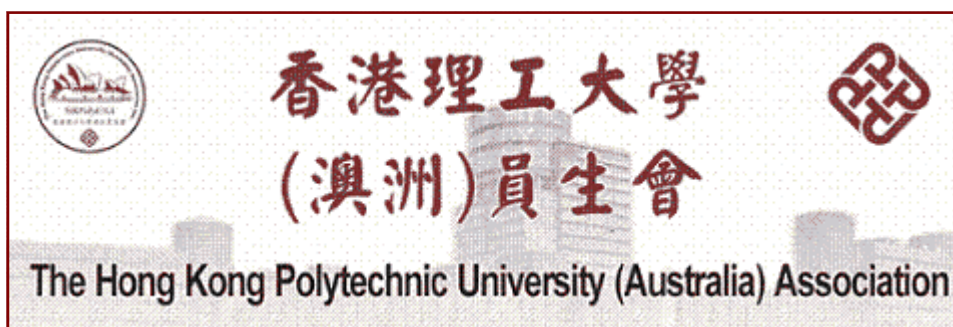


# WELCOME PROF TONG AS NEW PRESIDENT OF POLYU & WISH YOU HAPPY NEW YEAR OF THE OX !



**HKPUAA Newsletter**

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**Please join our Chinese New Year Dinner (details below)**

**Date: 22 February 2009 (Sunday) at 6:00 pm**

**Venue: Golden Jade Seafood  
Restaurant ("Fook Moon"),  
Rowe Street Eastwood**

**Cost: \$40 per person**

**Speaker: Rose Chen  
(陳曙儀中醫師)**

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## **Lunch with Professor Tong, new President of the Hong Kong Polytechnic University**

This picture above was taken on 5 January 2009 at Hong Kong Polytechnic, when the Australia Alumni members first met the new President of the Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Professor Timothy Tong.

The attendee were: (front row sitting left to right) Amy Soo, Selina Chan, Daniel Chau, Prof Timothy Tong, Ng Wing Hon (first year graduate 1937 entry), George Ko, Kit-Man Chan, Ho Chek Keong; (back row from left to right), Vivien (Prof Tong's secretary), Daisy Ng (AADO), Ada Leung (AADO), David Ha, Irene Lee, Gabriel Suen, Cora Sit (AADO).

Information about Professor Timothy Tong can be found at [www.polyu.edu.hk/cpa/polyu/hotnews/details\\_e.php?year=2009&news\\_id=1556](http://www.polyu.edu.hk/cpa/polyu/hotnews/details_e.php?year=2009&news_id=1556), and [www.polyu.edu.hk/ppoffice/president/president.html](http://www.polyu.edu.hk/ppoffice/president/president.html), and begins with the description: "The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU) begins a new era this year in welcoming Professor Timothy W. Tong as new President with effect from 1 January 2009. Prior to his current appointment, Prof. Tong was Dean of School of Engineering and Applied Science (SEAS) at The George Washington University in the United States."

Prof Tong will come to Sydney in August to attend our 2009 AGM and visit Melbourne. Wish everyone

## News about Professor Poon



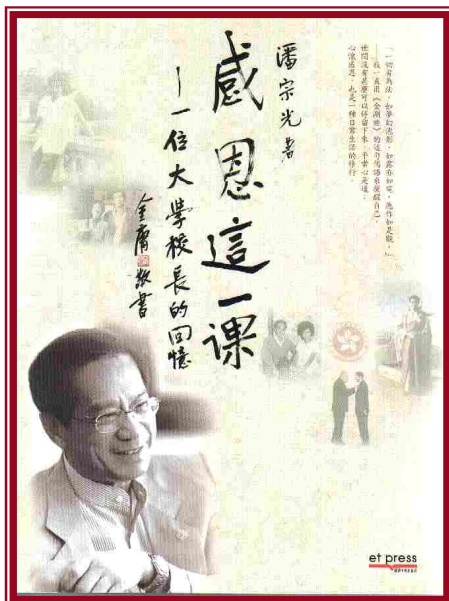
### Prof Poon's after retirement plan

Refer

[www.polyu.edu.hk/cpa/polyu/hotnews/details\\_e.php?year=2008&news\\_id=1546](http://www.polyu.edu.hk/cpa/polyu/hotnews/details_e.php?year=2008&news_id=1546), "Prof. Poon said he would devote more time after his retirement to volunteering work through the Virya Foundation's Mainland University Student Finance Scheme, a programme set up by his wife and him together with close friends in 2005, to offer financial assistance to mainland students in need of support to pursue further education on the Chinese mainland."

### Professor Poon's latest book

Picture below shows the front cover of Prof Poon's latest book. You may visit [www.etpress.com.hk/etpress/bookdetail.do?id=9789626785560](http://www.etpress.com.hk/etpress/bookdetail.do?id=9789626785560) to find out more information. Note that there are book overview, and 10 sample pages of the book available from the website. Moreover, you can make order from the website as well.



### Prof Poon was made President Emeritus

Left picture is from [http://www.polyu.edu.hk/cpa/polyu/hotnews/details\\_e.php?year=2008&news\\_id=1555](http://www.polyu.edu.hk/cpa/polyu/hotnews/details_e.php?year=2008&news_id=1555) with description beginning "The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU) dedicated a tree on campus to retiring President Prof. Poon Chung-kwong during his last day of service (31 December) as a memento of his 18 years of distinguished service to the Institution."

We heard that Prof Poon starts his retirement by having a cruise with Mrs Poon. We wish Prof Poon a happy retirement.

The page also mentioned that "The University Council has also agreed to confer the title of President Emeritus on Prof. Poon.", and we know Prof Poon would have an office at PolyU with same phone number and email address.

### My impressions of Prof Poon's latest book:

#### 感恩這一課——一位大學校長的回憶

This book was written by Professor Poon and published in December 2008. The book was in high demand, but I was lucky to be able to get a copy.

The book has 5 chapters talking about the early life development stages of Prof Poon; the stage when Prof Poon was in University of Hong Kong, and in politics as a member of the Legislative Council in Hong Kong; the stage as President of Hong Kong Polytechnic and Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU); self-improvement and becoming follower of Buddhism; and Virya Foundation.

The book is inspiring and highly worthwhile to read. It's not only about background and history of Prof Poon, but also history of PolyU, as well as Prof Poon's management philosophy. It highlights inventions and achievements of the PolyU. It also talks about Prof Poon's view of Buddhism, his life philosophy, and ethics. The last chapter talks about Prof Poon's establishment of the Virya Foundation in 2005, and his devotion after retirement to financially help poor students in China to study as well as personally promoting 'soft power' eg personal ethics etc, in contrast to "hard power" such as skills for living.

I feel all these reflect the book title and his appreciation of many people motivating, inspiring, encouraging and helping him in various life stages.

Daniel Chau

## PolyU alumni building a greener Hong Kong

See

[http://www.polyu.edu.hk/cpa/polyu/hotnews/details\\_e.php?year=2008&news\\_id=1534](http://www.polyu.edu.hk/cpa/polyu/hotnews/details_e.php?year=2008&news_id=1534), "More than 1,000 enthusiastic alumni of The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU) and their friends and family members planted more than 5,000 shrubs and saplings at the Shing Mun Valley Park, Tsuen Wan today (30 November) with a wish to build a greener Hong Kong."

Note that Kit-Man Chan & wife (2nd & 3rd from left in right picture), and Sarah Chow (5th from left) represented HKPUAA in the activity.



## Sponsoring gifts to Christmas party of Chinese Parent Association

Thank you to members and friends of HKPUAA who have donated gifts to the Christmas party of the Chinese Parent Association (CPA) This year we have collected over 100 gift items. The left picture shows the volume of gifts collected, and the middle picture below was taken when the gifts were handed to CPA (a son of a committee member of CPA and Selina Chan).



CPA website is  
[www.chineseparents.org](http://www.chineseparents.org)

As per CPA website: "The Chinese Parents' Association - Children with Disabilities Incorporated was established in 1988. It is a non-religious, non-political and non-profit making organization with the purpose to provide a focused range of services to as well as to promote a caring community for people with disabilities.

The Association is incorporated under the Associations Incorporated Act 1984 (Registered No: Y 04316-00) and has been endorsed as a deductible gift recipient by the Australian Taxation Office in July 2001."



**Note: CPA will have Chinese New Year Festival performance at the Belmore Park (opposite Central Station) on Saturday 24/1/09 at 1:15pm, and Sunday 25/1/09 at 3:00pm.**

## Member/Community News

### Sydney Chinese Lions

President Anthony Cheung of Sydney Chinese Lions, also a member of our alumni, invites people interested to participate their charity ball on Saturday March 7, 2009 (see <http://www.sydchineselions.org.au/CharityBalls.aspx> for details.

In December 2008, my wife and I had attended their Christmas party.

### <<商業移民之生意商機、移民資訊>> 講座

澳亞工商業總會與西太平洋銀行合辦一講座內容： 新州的投資機會和環境， 新州政府的贊助移民項目，申請及審批細節，商業移民的類別，條例要求及所需的證明文件和資料，為移民提供的銀行服務。

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Libby Wong (left picture, center sitting) has kindly organised a Christmas lunch at the Fish Market and invited a number of our committee members to come along including myself, Peter and Alfreda Shun, Bosco and Cecilia Lau. Libby mentioned that she will go to Hong Kong for holiday around the Chinese New Year, and will teach English at a couple of high schools as a volunteer during her holiday.

### Next Synergy Group Meeting

Date: Tuesday 27 January 2009 at 6:30pm  
Venue: Celestial Restaurant, 15 Blich Street Sydney.

Topic discussion leader: Daniel Chau  
Topic "Any good moves during the current financial crisis?"

RSVP: Paulus Ng, mobile 0433 929 338, or email [paulusng@hotmail.com](mailto:paulusng@hotmail.com) .

Picture on right was taken at end Nov 2008.



### Hong Kong Polytechnic Electrical 71 Hope School

I met a Hong Kong Poly 71 Electrical graduate SF Ho in my recent trip to Hong Kong (left 3 in the left picture standing in back row) who has already migrated back to HK from Sydney. He had gathered funds from several groups of friends to set up 4 (and possibly more) Hope schools in China to help children in poor areas of China. It's good to know that a Hope school is named with Hong Kong Polytechnic Electrical 71 .

Happy New Year ! Wish to see you in our Chinese New Year Dinner on 22 February 2009 (see page 1 left box). Send me news if you want to share with other alumni members. Thanks.