

President's Message 校長獻辭



The Hong Kong Polytechnic University is now one of the leading universities in Asia. Our status and reputation are hard earned, and every member of the PolyU family can be justly proud of our achievements. Over the last eight decades, the ambition, passion and energy of our dedicated and talented staff, alumni and students, with the unfailing support of our local, Chinese mainland and overseas partners, have helped us develop, advance and achieve excellence, by both local and international standards. PolyU has evolved to meet the needs of an environment characterised by change and complexity.

Keen to nurture our students to become successful professionals and socially responsible global citizens, we built in a Service-Learning component into the four-year undergraduate curriculum. Service-Learning connects professional education with societal needs and gives students the opportunity to use their knowledge to improve others' quality of life. In our research, we embrace an innovative, interdisciplinary and forward-thinking research culture, closely tied to the needs of our community and the wider world. Our dedicated efforts in the fields of space and aviation, fibre optic technology, urban sustainability, healthcare and food safety are just a few examples of this.

I am honoured to have been working with the PolyU community throughout many illustrious chapters of the University's development. We will continue to uphold the PolyU vision and mission and pave the way for new generations of students and scholars to meet the exciting challenges yet to come. This album offers a collection of memorable moments from the University's history – a splendid journey of a humble acorn growing deep roots and eventually blossoming into a towering oak. I hope you find it an interesting and enjoyable read.

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President

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香港理工大學作為亞洲頂尖大學之一，享有卓越地位和聲譽，大學同仁感到自豪。過去八十年，憑藉本校傑出優秀、充滿熱忱的教職員、校友及學生的遠見、熱誠與幹勁，以及在香港、中國內地和海外合作夥伴的鼎力支持下，理大不斷發展、進步，無論以本地或國際標準來衡量，均成就超卓。理大亦與時並進，竭力應對不斷變遷和愈趨複雜的環境需要。

我們致力培育學生成為成功的專業人士和懷抱社會責任感的世界公民，因此我們在四年制本科課程中加入了服務學習的元素。服務學習將專業教育連繫社會需要，為學生提供機會，活用所學，協助他人改善生活。理大的科研文化講求創新、跨學科及前瞻性，研究項目均與社會及世界息息相關，我們在航天及航空科技、光纖技術、城市可持續發展、醫療保健及食物安全等領域的努力鑽研便是其中幾個例子。

我非常榮幸能夠與理大同仁一起為大學寫下許多光輝的篇章。我們將繼續秉持理大的願景和使命，為新一代的學生和學者創造有利條件，以應付未來的挑戰。這本相冊記錄了大學發展歷程中眾多難忘片段，就正如「參天橡樹，始於橡實」的一趟精彩旅程，希望各位能樂在其中。

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