Our Growth is Splendid like a Magnificent Oak
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PolyU's 80th anniversary offers an ideal opportunity to reflect on our astonishing growth. Great things often have small beginnings. Just as the humble acorn yields a mighty oak tree, so we have grown from a modest technical institution admitting just 70 students into one of the top universities in Asia and worldwide, with 30,000 students and more than 390,000 alumni around the globe. We have also grown intellectually over these 80 years, receiving wide acclaim for our outstanding professional education, impactful research and far-reaching partnerships.
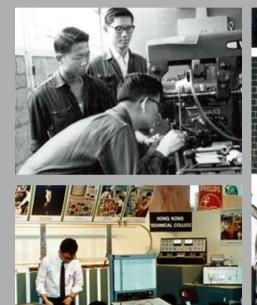
In 1937, our predecessor, the Government Trade School, offered just three courses: marine wireless operating, mechanical engineering and building construction. We have since greatly expanded the scale and scope of our educational provision. Today, enjoying full university status, PolyU's six faculties, two schools and 26 academic units offer more than 160 taught programmes. Our students and faculty are engaged in nearly 3,000 exciting research projects, and we collaborate with around 700 institutions overseas and in mainland China.

Over the last 80 years, PolyU has grown deep roots, formed a towering trunk and spread strong branches that have borne the seeds of generations of scholars, professionals and entrepreneurs capable of contributing to the world on different fronts.

理大建校八十周年慶典，是回顧大學驕人發展的良機。大作往往始於隱微，正如參天橡樹，始於橡實，理大從當年只有七十名學生的工業學院，發展至今成為亞洲以至世界頂尖大學之一，擁有三萬名學生和逾三十九萬名遍佈全球的校友。過去八十年，理大在學術領域也精進良多，憑藉傑出的專業教育、影響深遠的研究成果和網路龐大的協作關係廣受讚譽。

理大前身香港官立高級工業學院在 1937 年創立時，只開辦了三個課程：航海無線電操作、機械工程和建築工程，其後課程的規模與範疇均大幅擴展。時至今天，學院已正名為大學，轄下六個學院 (Faculty)、兩所學院 (School) 及二十六個教學單位，一共提供逾一百六十多項授課式課程。本校學生及教職員正進行近三千個研究項目，大學更與約七百所海外和內地院校建立夥伴協作關係。

理大八十載崢嶸歲月，根基穩固，枝繁葉茂，孕育一代又一代的學者、專才與創業家，讓他們在不同崗位貢獻世界。

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