New deans boost internationalization

Internationalization is the buzz word on campus these days, and two recently-appointed deans—Professor (Chair) Wei Kwok-kee of the Faculty of Business and Professor (Chair) Wang Guiguo of the School of Law—emphasize this drive to broaden the scope and reach of the University from the local and regional to the global.

In keeping with this agenda, Professor Wei, who took up his post on 16 July, plans to spend his first six months as dean visiting the UK, Australia and Singapore in a bid to recruit distinguished scholars. He and his family are used to working and living in an international environment. Professor Wei studied in the UK and now works in Hong Kong; his wife travels frequently on business between Singapore, Shanghai and Hong Kong; their eldest daughter is studying in the US and their son plans to study in Hong Kong or the UK.

“I think young people should open up their minds and develop an international perspective,” Professor Wei says. “Such an outlook will help them in their personal growth, their studies and their careers. They should cherish opportunities to study and work abroad, making more local friends and learning new things.”

Professor Wei joined CityU from Singapore in 2002 and within only a few years he has made Hong Kong his home. He can speak fluent Cantonese and says he loves working at CityU and living in Hong Kong. Cantonese cuisine is his particular favourite, especially barbecued pork and roast goose.

Professor Wang Guiguo, who assumed the deanship of School of Law on 1 August, has a vast amount of international experience. He was born and educated on the mainland and got his advanced degrees in the US. He has worked in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People’s Republic of China and at the United Nations, and has worked in law firms and universities in the US and Canada.

In addition, he has the opportunity to learn at the International Court of Justice, Hague Academy of International Law, Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations and Legal Department of the World Bank. Hong Kong has been home since he joined CityU in 1991.

“At first, working in an international environment with mature scholars, trying to understand their way of thinking, was quite a challenge. I was over 20 and had a lot to learn,” Professor Wang admits. “But maintaining close contacts with such a diverse range of people broadened my views on life and work tremendously.”

Studying for his doctorate degree at Yale University was an unforgettable experience. He says, one that had a profound impact on his teaching philosophy. Yale provided financial support for Professor Wang and on one occasion, he recalls, the dean of the School of Law at Yale invited him to lunch and after pointing out that he was aware how well Professor Wang was doing in his studies, in particular in his thesis, the dean asked how much money he would need to cover his living costs in the next academic year.

“I had no idea how much, so I said I’d need only what was enough, but the dean continued to enquire,” Professor Wang says.

After this conversation, Professor Wang felt that the School of Law at Yale was very supportive and made him realize that teachers should treat their students as if they were family, demanding high standards and taking an interest in their lives beyond the classroom.

By Joanna Wong and Michelle Leung
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改善運動場館服務 由場務員開始
Quality sports service starts with sports attendants

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大家到綜合運動場館運動時，可有發覺館內的各種設施和設備處處整潔，運
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用切切實實的善用

場務員的工作，是指用於運動場館的設施和設備及安全服務，包括運動場館的設施和設備的
dress code exists.

Ms Tong recalls such an experience. "A number of students wearing jeans and
sandal came to the Sports Complex and when I reminded them to change to
something more appropriate, they were a bit upset. At such times, patience is
everything," she says.

Mrs Dorothy Davis, Associate Director of the Student Development
Services (Physical Education), says a survey, conducted by her section, suggests
students are very satisfied with the services provided at the Sports Complex, with a
rating as high as 98%.

"Such high ratings are due to the hard work of all our colleagues in
the Physical Education section, who put people first. They do their best to meet
and provide quality services," Mrs Davis says.

Mr Yu and Ms Tong, both winners of the best service staff awards, feel that
being thoughtful and kind are essential when providing good services. They will
continue to do their best to help users and make them feel at home.

By Ellen Chan
校友安全及環境事務的守護者

Graduation Show

Spotlight

Like a nameless hero, the Safety and Ambiance Section of the Facilities Management Office has all along worked silently behind the scene to safeguard the CityU campus.

It is certainly by no means an easy job. The job has to perform meticulous observations and identify all potential dangers on campus so that safety and contingency measures can be proactively introduced in advance. Then, in case of emergency, they need to take prompt actions with their extensive professional knowledge. By analyzing the case with all possible causes and conducting a scrupulous investigation, they will determine the cause and solve the problem.

"Accidents, as suggested by the word itself, are unexpected incidents," said Mr Tony Tung Chun-bung, Facilities Manager. "It is therefore always better to take preventive measures. With more careful prevention, the lesser chance of accidents will there be." Thus, the Section started to conduct safety review for all departments since last year. They not only check safety on site, but also discuss with department heads and offer advice on safety matters.

"It is wrong to think that safety measures are only required for departments which take care of highly risky matters like radiation, laser and chemical and radioactive waste," said Ms Shirley Ng Hiu-wei, Senior Technician of FMO. "Attention is also needed for offices doing paper works. For example, fire exits must be kept accessible and first-aid boxes should not contain any oral medicines like pain relieving tablets. Also, colleagues using computers should take appropriate sitting posture, and colleagues with long hair or neck ties should be careful in using shredders. These seem trivial, but should not be neglected by us."

Colleagues will seek help from the FMO to solve any complicated problems in the offices. Mr Edward Lee Sin-un, FMO Technician, said with a smile, "There were sometimes funny incidents during our investigation. We once received a report of an unidentified colour in an office, but we found out that it was only some smell remaining of a durian opened and eaten by an other colleague in the office."

In addition to campus safety, the Section will also introduce various measures of waste reduction, recycling and energy saving to minimize pollution and create an environmental friendly campus. Mr Tung said, "We installed a Desertless Urinal System in a male washroom of To Yuen Building this April. Using biodegradation technology to decompose urine, the system can clean the toilets without flushing water." If the result proves to be satisfactory, the FMO will consider installing more of such systems for male washrooms on the campus.

By Josie Wong

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Heads of academic departments and administrative units, as well as certain appropriate units, have been delegated by the University to approve such use to provide, provided that such use is for non-commercial purposes.

For special cases involving external organizations, especially commercial ones, the President has delegated the authority to the Task Group for Corporate Identity to grant the necessary approval. For further details, please contact Mr Patrick Kwong, secretary of the Task Group.

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