

62 Long Serving Staff Honoured at CPCE

On 17 January 2014, CPCE held its first Long Service Award Presentation Ceremony to honour 62 staff members who have served in CPCE, including the educational units SPEED and HKCC, for 10 years or more. At the ceremony, Prof. Peter Yuen, Dean of CPCE, said, "This 10-year period is significant as it also marks the first 10 years of CPCE since its establishment in 2003. Thanks to the loyalty, dedicated service and commitment of the staff members, CPCE had evolved from two small units to become one of the largest and most preferred self-financing tertiary education institutions in Hong Kong."

Below are the thoughts of some of the awardees:

Dr Simon Leung, Associate Dean (Development) of CPCE and Director of HKCC

"Twenty-six years have passed quickly since I joined the Hong Kong Polytechnic (now The Hong Kong Polytechnic University) in 1988. For the first 15 years, I worked for the then Department of Accountancy. Over the past 11 years, I worked for HKCC. My work at HKCC is not without difficulties and challenges. In fact, they are so plentiful that I have to tackle them every single day. However, the utmost support of my colleagues has made my life at HKCC much easier and more fulfilling — they are actually the heroes behind the scenes!"

Dr Jack Lo, Director of SPEED

"I joined SPEED in January 2000. Colleagues told me that the old name of our Unit was Centre for Professional and Continuing Education, or PACE in short. 'Pace' means a single step in walking whereas 'speed' signifies rapidity. We hit the right name and are definitely on the fast track. At the time when I assumed duty at SPEED, I was the only full-time academic staff and oversaw a wide spectrum of short courses. Now SPEED has marched into a new era of offering top-up Bachelor's honours degree programmes. I would like to share my favourite motto from J.F. Kennedy, the former US President, 'Full use of one's powers in the lines of excellence'. I have tried to live up to this with varying degrees of success. I sincerely hope that my comrades in CPCE will do the same."

Dr Mike Kan, Programme Director and Senior Lecturer of SPEED

"Joined in 2000 soon after SPEED's establishment, I am stepping into the 14th year of working at SPEED. I am very happy to see SPEED's metamorphosis all along the way, ever changing and challenging. In fact, working here has pretty much become a part of my life and colleagues seem like family members. My main responsibility is to take charge of overseas programme collaborations and this has triggered my desire to further advance myself. I am much grateful for the great support of SPEED throughout my 8-year pursuit of the doctoral degree."

Mr Jackie Siu, Manager, Information Technology Unit (ITU)

"In 1993 when I worked as a Student Helper in PACE (now SPEED), dot matrix printers, DOS system, floppy diskettes and mono-colour monitors were my work companions. I have never expected that an ordinary summer job would have prepared me for a career of over 20 years, during which I had not only pursued further study but also practised what I had learnt. In my future days in ITU, I am dedicated to leaping over the various challenges ahead in the exciting and fast-evolving IT sector."

Ms Karen Chow, Senior Administrative Officer of HKCC

"I have joined HKCC for 10 years. In the early days, I was mainly responsible for answering enquiries over the phone or service counters. You may consider these tasks as simple and monotonous. However, I feel thankful for having such frontline working experience as it effectively polished my customer service skills and adaptability. Having frequent contacts with students, I always have to stay young at heart so as to better understand their needs."



62位長期服務員工獲表揚

2014年1月17日，CPCE舉行首屆長期服務獎頒獎典禮，向62名服務CPCE(包括轄下教學單位SPEED及HKCC)逾十載的教職員頒發獎項。院長阮博文教授說：「這十年也代表CPCE成立了十週年，對我們有重大意義。全賴同事的忠誠服務和貢獻，CPCE才能由最初兩個小部門，發展成為全港學生人數最多及最受歡迎的自資高等教育院校之一。」

以下是其中幾位得獎同事的分享：

梁德榮博士

專業及持續教育學院副院長(發展)及香港專上學院院長

「我在1988年加入香港理工學院(現香港理工大學)工作，距今已經26年。首15年我在前會計學系任教，其後加入HKCC至今。在HKCC工作的11年間，我每天都遇上不同的挑戰和困難。幸好得到一班同事的竭力支持，HKCC在各方面都得以順利發展，他們是學院成功背後的無名英雄！」

羅文強博士

專業進修學院院長

「我在2000年1月加入SPEED，從同事口中得悉SPEED的前身是Centre for Professional and Continuing Education，簡稱PACE。“Pace”可解作步伐，而“speed”則有速度的意思，新的學院名稱見證了SPEED其後的快速發展。在入職初期，我是SPEED唯一的全職教員，負責監管各類短期課程。現在SPEED已經踏進新階段，開辦榮譽學士學位銜接課程。我很欣賞美國前總統約翰甘乃迪的名言“Full use of one's powers in the lines of excellence”，意思大致是『發揮所長，追求卓越』，我願與CPCE同事共勉之。」

簡慶基博士

專業進修學院課程總監兼高級講師

「轉眼間我已經在SPEED工作了14年，回想在2000年入職時，SPEED才剛剛成立。我很高興多年來見證著SPEED的蛻變，期間充滿挑戰。我跟SPEED一起成長，同事猶如家人般親切。我在SPEED負責統籌與海外大學合辦的課程，工作激起了我持續進修的決心。在我修讀博士學位的8年間，學院給予我很大支持，在此深表感謝。」

蕭坤榮先生

資訊科技經理

「1993年我在SPEED的前身PACE當學生助理，針式打印機、DOS作業系統、軟碟、單色屏幕等，是當年主要的電腦器材。我沒有想過一份普通的暑期工，竟助我奠下其後20年的工作路向。我在學院工作期間，一方面進修，一方面在工作中發揮所學。在資訊科技處的未來日子，我將悉力以赴，迎接資訊科技界種種快速的轉變及挑戰。」

周晶蓮女士

香港專上學院高級行政主任

「在HKCC工作了十年，入職初期主要負責接聽電話熱線及在詢問處當值。這類看似簡單的工作，卻為我累積了寶貴的前線工作經驗，磨練了我的待人處事技巧和應變能力。因為我常常要跟同學接觸，所以我時刻保持心境年輕，才可了解他們的需要。」

