

The 10th OAPS Certificate Awarding Ceremony

Welcoming Remarks by Professor Horace IP, Vice President (Student Affairs)

Professor Ip, here we welcome Professor Ip [Wing-heun] from Taiwan coming here to CityU.

So it's a pleasure indeed to be here to share all the joyful moment with all our CityU scholars, receiving their OAPS award. Through the OAPS, I think we are very proud to be able to share the excellent works, the high quality work of our students, not only within Hong Kong, but also beyond Hong Kong.

So, this is the tenth anniversary of the OAPS. I think we started it in 2005 by the CityU Library. I'm glad CityU start such an important platform and I can see it is doing pretty well after ten years. Through these ten years, I think a lot of our students have been recognized and this year, I've been able to see that we have 71 best papers by students coming from 15 different academic departments. You see after ten years, this OAPS programme is still growing from strength to strength. Thanks to the increasing support from various academic departments, schools and colleges. OAPS continue to be an excellent platform really to promote excellence of our student works as well as knowledge transfer.

I'm also very pleased to see that the OAPS project has been gaining momentum not only locally not also in terms of internationalization because they are building up, as you've seen from the slides here, we are building up more and more different overseas partnership. I can see now we have partnership from Taiwan, Singapore, Japan, Asia Pacific Rim and the USA. The important thing of being internationalized is because your good works will be read by scholars, not only in Hong Kong but all over the world. They will use your discoveries and your works would be used by scholars all over the world and your works will be cited by scholars all over the world. As Chris [Wagner] already mentioned, we, CityU, pride ourselves as what we call the Discovery-enriched Curriculum and that is giving every students the opportunity to do some original discoveries.

In that sense, the OAPS is a very important platform for us to continue to encourage our students to aim high, to aim for excellence in their works as well as it's a platform for recognizing our students, but I think most of all, we cannot have this kind of success without the support from all our partners, all our departments and our international partners. So thank you once again for your support and I hope you will have an enjoyable evening. Thank you.