

Preface

“Nurturing Youth, Creating Brilliance” is the theme of the *Macao Polytechnic Institute Annual Report 2017/2018*. Throughout the years, we at Macao Polytechnic Institute (MPI) have been nurturing students so that they can perform well in either local or international competitions. “Nurturing Youth” truly reflects MPI’s fundamental principle of a student-centred education, while “Creating Brilliance” expresses the belief among all teachers and students in the value of pursuing innovation and their determination to do so.

As a publicly-funded, multidisciplinary, and practise-focused tertiary academy receiving support from the Central Government and the Macao SAR Government, we at MPI cherish our long-held commitments to the love of the motherland and of Macao. We continue to adhere to our motto of “knowledge, expertise, and global vision”, as well as the management philosophy of “small but beautiful, small but refined, nurturing high-calibre graduates”. This aligns with China’s “Belt and Road Initiative”, particularly its grand vision of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, and the development of “One Centre, One Platform”. At MPI, we are dedicated to a student-centred approach, featuring notable strengths in our unique programmes

spanning such domains as Portuguese language, gaming, computer studies, and English language, and helping to train outstanding talented people for Macao and Mainland China. We have established an extensive and sustained cooperation network with the Greater China regions, Portuguese-speaking countries, and English-speaking countries. Our students in various disciplines have won numerous awards in regional and international competitions, thus enhancing the reputation and prestige of Macao. Gradually, MPI has emerged as an important base for nurturing those talented in Chinese and Portuguese, as well as in technological innovations.

For a long time, we at MPI have emphasised the quality assurance system of teaching and learning and have cooperated with the Macao SAR Government to promote institutional reviews. At the beginning of 2014, MPI passed the United Kingdom’s Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education (QAA) evaluation for institutions, with an acclaimed “Confidence” rating. We are the first institution of higher education in Macao and Asia to have passed such a review. At present, most of our programmes have passed academic reviews from the British Engineering and Technology Society,

CPA Australia, the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, the Academic Quality Agency for New Zealand Universities, Portugal's Agency for Evaluation and Accreditation of Higher Education, the Hong Kong Council for Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications, and the Higher Education Evaluation and Accreditation Council of Taiwan, among many other authoritative academic review/professional organisations. A multidisciplinary, hierarchical and comprehensive international recognition system has now been firmly established.

To support the development of Mainland China and Macao, we have continued to act as a platform for cooperation with Portuguese-speaking countries. The technological standards and research and development capabilities have continued to improve, and the science and technology sector has gradually reached a world-leading level. For example, the Chinese-Portuguese-English Machine Translation Laboratory is committed to promoting the core technologies of machine translation by establishing a world-leading database of the Sino-Portuguese corpus. It aspires to apply innovative technologies to solve language problems arising from cooperation between Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao in the Greater Bay Area, and in the world beyond.

Following the "Higher Education System" law which came into effect on 8 August 2018, MPI is moving to a new stage of development. As we look forward to the new academic year, we will be further highlighting the characteristics of our approach to education and will diligently prepare master's and doctorate programmes in various disciplines in order to provide an even higher level of training in Macao for talented people. At the meantime, we will also continue to strengthen communication and cooperation with Mainland China, especially in terms of working closely and having collaborative innovation with entities in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area. The aim will be eventually to contribute to the building of an "International Technology Innovation Centre" in the Greater Bay Area.



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