

## China nurtures young optometrists by providing clinical training

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### PolyU collaborates with Aier Eye Hospital Group to provide first-hand experience of global eye care and medical development



The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU) has joined hands with Aier Eye Hospital Group to provide six to eight weeks of clinical training in Aier's eye hospitals and clinics in mainland China and overseas cities for a maximum of 30 selected students with outstanding academic performance from PolyU's School of Optometry in five years. The two parties will also explore opportunities to conduct collaborative research on major eye health challenges.

The partnership brings together the complementary strengths of the School's world-leading research capability (with its research impact ranking first in Asia according to *Clinical and Experimental Optometry*), and Aier's vast network of over 900 hospitals and clinics in Asia, the US, Europe, and Southeast Asia, making it a leading global ophthalmology hospital group.

The School has been proactively collaborating with local ophthalmologists and counterparts around the world to provide students with hands-on experience, preparing them for their future careers in optometry. With the clinical training offered by Aier, the students will further benefit.

Clinical training cooperation between PolyU and Aier has been in place since 2017. Aier has also set up scholarships for optometry students from PolyU and offered them placement opportunities in its Hong Kong branches.