

# Preface

Being a quality-led institution that serves the community has been the steadfast commitment of the Macao Polytechnic Institute since its establishment. It is also a management philosophy supported by the Macao Special Administrative Region government and the community.

Assuring and promoting the quality of teaching has been an emphasis in the Macao SAR Government's administrative policy since the handover to China. From 2013 onwards, the Institute has worked hard to facilitate effective enforcement of the administrative policy. Following our decade-long endeavours to assure and promote the quality of education through academic reviews, we successfully undertook an Institutional Review by the Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education, UK (QAA) – an international and authoritative academic review agency. MPI thus became the first higher education institution in Asia to successfully undertake Institutional Review by the QAA. Nearly 90% of our programmes have now passed reviews by authoritative academic review agencies from the UK, Portugal, Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong, Taiwan and other regions. This

constitutes a major step in ensuring that higher education in Macao maintains international standards. In 2015, the Asia Pacific Quality Network (APQN) awarded the APQN Quality Award to MPI in recognition of the outstanding performance of the Institute in assuring and improving the quality of education in the Asia-Pacific region. This is also the first award that the APQN has given to a tertiary education institution in the Hong Kong-Macao region.

To be a quality-led institution serving the community, MPI aims to nurture talents for the community more effectively. As a public, application-oriented institution of higher learning, MPI emphasises "Advancing With the Times", working to facilitate the implementation of the government policy in building an exchange platform for China and Lusophone countries, and the "Belt and Road" Strategy, by setting up programmes focused on Chinese-Portuguese cultures and economic and trade exchanges. These programmes are not only timely, but also much needed by the Macao community for social development. MPI arranged both local and overseas internships or

exchange opportunities to nurture the students' practical skills, broaden the students' international visions and horizons, and improve the quality of our graduates. At the same time, the Institute carried out a number of studies on hot social issues, actively participated in various social activities, and engaged in the research to develop a Chinese-Portuguese-English machine translation and the publishing of various Portuguese teaching materials, thus realising the goal to serve the community.

With the closing of the academic year 2015/2016 and the start of the new academic year 2016/2017, the staff and the students of the Macao Polytechnic Institute will continue to strive to make their contributions to build a quality-led institution serving the community.



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