

Preface

The Year 2019 marks the 70th Anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China, the 20th Anniversary of Macao's return to the motherland, and also witnesses the commencement of the development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area. Meanwhile, the Macao Polytechnic Institute (MPI) has embraced new changes occurring in 2019: the revised version of the *Macao Polytechnic Institute Charter* has officially come into force, programmes for master's and doctoral degrees have been launched, and a series of educational achievements and scientific research results have been accomplished. It is a crucial and historical moment for MPI, entering a new era with brand-new development; also a new milestone for educating a growing number of high-caliber professionals!

The 70-year glorious course of the People's Republic of China has also witnessed the common progress and development of Macao and the motherland as well as Macao's economic boom. Especially over the past two decades since the establishment of the Macao Special Administrative Region (SAR), the successful practice of "One Country, Two Systems" has brought about tremendous changes in Macao's economy, culture and the well-being of the whole society. Macao has a harmonious society with prosperous economy, thriving cultural undertakings and remarkable achievements. As a publicly-funded, multi-disciplinary and practice-oriented tertiary academy,

growing with the motherland and Macao, receiving gracious support from the Central Government and the Macao SAR Government, MPI has rapidly developed into an internationally-recognised higher education institution.

Since its establishment, MPI has been upholding the commitments to the love of the motherland and Macao, following the philosophy of "taking root in Macao, being backed by the motherland; facing the world and striving for excellence", and adhering to its motto of "Knowledge, Expertise, and Global Vision". With its pedagogical approach of student-centred and quality-based education, MPI has kept developing its teaching levels and promoting the intensive development of the institution. Over the past 20 years, MPI has enjoyed a leap-forward development in the number and levels of programmes offered by its curriculum. In addition, our teaching quality has been widely recognised by nationally and internationally prominent institutions and leading authorities. MPI passed the institutional review by the Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education (QAA) with an acclaimed "full confidence" rating in 2014; won APQN Quality Awards issued by the Asia-Pacific Quality Network (APQN) respectively in 2015 and 2017; also won the "National Teaching Achievement Award in 2018" awarded by the Ministry

of Education of the PRC every four years, and became the first and the sole higher education institution in Macao to win such a state-level award. To date, MPI has successfully completed academic reviews for most of its programmes, ensuring that the teaching management and its programmes are up to international standards, and nurturing elite and interdisciplinary professionals for Macao and our country.

In recent years, in response to the strategy of Macao's integration into the "Belt and Road Initiative" and the development of the Greater Bay Area, MPI, centring around the construction of "One Centre, One Platform, One Base", has kept increasing its input into scientific research, enhancing its scientific innovation, and achieving satisfactory results in fields such as Chinese-Portuguese translation and interpreting, IT, gaming & tourism, cultural & creative industries and Chinese-Western culture, etc. Moreover, to further highlight its features in scientific research, MPI strives to build an all-round and comprehensive scientific and technological platform. With its objectives of research on applied technology and practical application in the engineering industry and its methods of interdisciplinary coordination,

inter-field interaction and cross-regional cooperation, MPI has prompted itself to continuously advance to a higher level, and further facilitated the development of the Greater Bay Area as a big data centre and an international innovation centre of science and technology.

Over the past two decades since the establishment of the Macao SAR, MPI has helped a great number of outstanding students in Macao to achieve their ambitions, enabling them to give full play to their strengths in Macao, China and even all over the world. Looking into the future, MPI will always continue to enhance its teaching and nurture more exceptionally talented people for the Macao SAR Government, for the Greater Bay Area and for China. I cherish the hope that more and more MPI graduates will seize their opportunities in this new era, to pursue their dreams in the Greater Bay Area, with their careers even taking off on a global stage.



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