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Silver Anniversary Celebration



Prof. Tsui with HKETO directors

Our association was founded in September 1991. On September 3, we held our Silver Anniversary Celebration Banquet with 60+ people attending. We were honored by the presence of Prof. Lap-Chee Tsui, immediate past V.C. of HKU who made a special trip from Toronto to celebrate with us. We were also happy to see so many founding board members including Y.W. Kan, Ed Chan, Bill Wong, Ada Tom, Raymond Li and Larry Ng. Before dinner, Ed Chan gave a brief slide presentation of the history of HKUAAANC. Prof. Tsui told us the story about his journey to HKU from Hospital for Sick Children. He is currently President of Victor and William Fung Foundation and Founding President of Academy of Science of HK and Director of Zhejiang University's Qiushi Academy for Advanced Studies.



Pianist-composer Elena Chiu



A few of our alumni were lucky enough to be invited to attend the performance of the famous Hong Kong pianist-composer Elena Chiu at the HKETO (SF). Her father who is a HKU medical graduate was with her. To us, she is a prodigy and will have a bright future.

New HKETO (SF) Director



Subrina Chow left for Hong Kong soon after attending our association's 25th anniversary banquet. The new Director of Hong Kong Economic & Trade office (SF) is Ivanhoe Chang, former Principal Assistant Secretary at the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau in Hong Kong.

Meeting Secretary Nicholas Yang



Secretary for Innovation and Technology, Nicholas Yang, paid a brief visit to the Bay Area recently. Several of our alumni in the technology field including board members Kit Lau, Carey Lai, Peter Yu, Patrick Pau, Addy Tam, Christina Leung as well as alumni from other Hong Kong technology colleges and universities were invited to meet him at a dinner gathering. He told the audience about the newly formed Department of Innovation and Technology in Hong Kong which include setting up funding for startups such as Innovation and Technology Fund and CreateHK, match for Venture Capital funding, and recruiting famous research and development institutions from overseas to set up operations in Hong Kong. Infrastructure support for high tech and biotechnology comes mainly from the Hong Kong Science and Technology Park (HKSTP) which is also under Mr. Yang's direction. There are currently about 2000 start-ups in Hong Kong, half of which are with overseas founders. Three areas of focus are on science & technology on aging, smart city and automation. Medical science has also received attention. His department focuses on relatively short-term and practical projects which will create jobs and applicable technologies to the society. Longer term research which may result in breakthrough technologies comes from academia like the Academy of Science of Hong Kong.

Perfect Consonance



Oscar-winning filmmaker Ruby Yang who teaches documentary video production at Journalism & Media Studies Centre at HKU was in the Bay Area in October to promote the showing of her recently released documentary film "In Search of Perfect Consonance". It profiles the Asian Youth Orchestra from its establishment to its 25th anniversary. It has trained more than 2000 musicians from across Asia. Several alumni have gone to see the screening in Berkeley and San Francisco and had the opportunity to meet Ruby Yang.

Dr. Kan received FCMS Award



Our congratulations to Dr. Y. W. Kan for receiving the Federation of Chinese American and Chinese Canadian Medical Societies Distinguished Achievement Award in Research.