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Award for V. C. Zhang

President and Vice-Chancellor Professor Xiang Zhang was recently awarded the prestigious A.C. Eringen Medal from the Society of Engineering Science. An Eringen Medal Symposium was held in his honor at the campus of the Carlos III University of Madrid in Spain. Olé!



Autumn hike and lunch

We held a hike and lunch event under a clear blue sky in early October. Twenty people including many HKU alumni and a few HKUST and PolyU alumni joined in the easy hike for about one hour at Coyote Point in San Mateo where we saw a nice view of the San Francisco city skyline. Fifteen more came in later to enjoy a delicious lunch at Hong Kong Flower Lounge in Millbrae.



Hong Kong Cinema

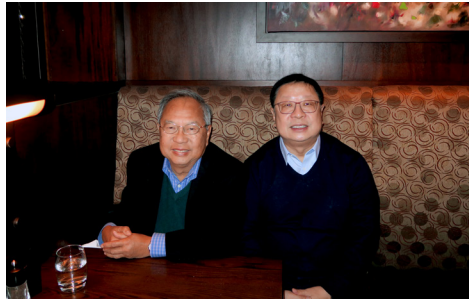
There was a Hong Kong Cinema event held in San Francisco in September. A few of our alumni were guests of the Hong Kong Economic & Trade Office (SF) to attend a reception and to see the movie "Tomorrow is Another Day" 黃金花 which received many awards including Best Actress 2017 in H K.





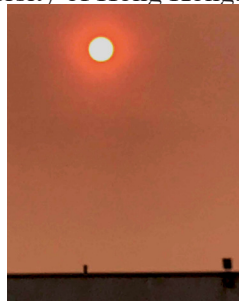
Honor for Alumnus Raymond Li

One of our organization's founders and the current treasurer, Dr. Raymond Li Ka Yan, was honored by the City of San Francisco recently. The City named September 10, 2018, Raymond's birthday, as "Dr. Raymond Li Day in San Francisco". A special award ceremony was held at San Francisco City Hall. A few of our alumni including our President, Kit Lau, was there to witness the event. Raymond was the first HKU medical graduate to establish a pediatric clinic in San Francisco Chinatown back in 1972. He is the best known Chinese pediatrician in San Francisco. He will be the grand marshal in the Chinese New Year Parade on February 23, 2019. He recently retired after serving the Chinese community for more than 46 years. Congratulations, Raymond!



Connecting with Ontario alumni

When Larry Ng was in Ontario, Canada, he had the opportunity to meet with the President of the HKUAA, Ontario Chapter, Wilson Chan, who is an accountant. They had a friendly discussion about establishing a tighter connection and holding an alumni reunion at Las Vegas. Due to V. C. Zhang's busy schedule, such event will most likely be held in 2020 with help from Friends of the University of Hong Kong.



California Wild Fire

We are suffering from the worst wild fire season on record. The air pollution is worse than that in Beijing. Everyone is praying for rain!



City of Glass 20th Anniversary

The movie "City of Glass" 玻璃之城 which was about the intimate relationship between two University of Hong Kong students featuring Leon Lai and Shu Qi was released twenty years ago. Bernadette Tsui, Director, DAAO, HKU, was a guest actress in the film. The love story between a Lady Ho Tung Hall and a Ricci Hall residents that lasted to close to twenty years but ended in a tragic car accident on the new year eve in London. Many of us who saw it still remember the theme songs: "Try to Remember" and 今生不再.



Dinner with HKSTP CTO

Alumnus George Tee (george.tee@hkstp.org) was in San Francisco area in mid-November. Alumni of HKU and HKUST had a casual dinner with him at Saigon Harbor Restaurant in Sunnyvale. He told the attendance that there are over 700 hi-tech companies in Hong Kong. The current HK situation is very favorable for startups and IT personnel in Asia.