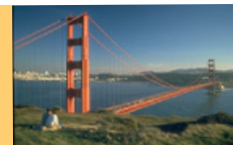




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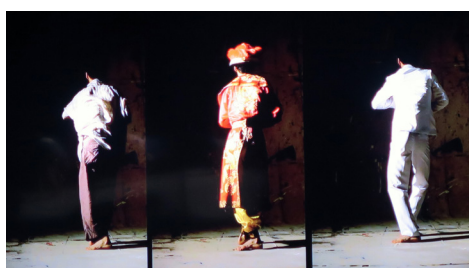
Annual Outing

Our association's annual outdoor gathering was a walk around Lake Elizabeth in Fremont in September. It was a clear and pleasant day for such activity. More than a dozen alumni and their families participated in the two plus miles leisure walk. They were greeted by many water fowls, dogs and cats. After the walk, they all gathered to enjoy a wonderful lunch of dumplings and dessert at the Din Ding Dumpling House nearby.



HK Secretary for Commerce

The Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development in Hong Kong, Mr. Edward Yau, paid a visit to the United States in mid-September. Our board members were invited to attend a dinner event in honor of him at Bentley Reserve in San Francisco. He gave the audience an updated view of the Hong Kong situation. Hong Kong was hit by two factors: 1) the Sino-U.S. trade dispute. 2) the local unrest and demonstrations. He felt that the unrest was similar to a typhoon attack. It would pass sooner or later. He was confident that Hong Kong would bounce back because of strong fundamentals.



Meeting Bay Area WeChat Group

There is a relatively newly formed HKU Alumni Bay Area WeChat Group. They have been meeting for lunch every three months at the Tai Pan Restaurant in Palo Alto. Their members are usually younger HKU alumni originally from China graduated in the early 2010s. Most of them work in the Silicon Valley area in companies like Google and Facebook. Their leader is Elena Chen. Larry Ng has been attending their gatherings trying to connect with them and encourage them to join us.





Winter Banquet

Our Winter Banquet was held in early December at Hong Kong Flower Lounge. Alumnus Prof. Kam-Biu Luk, winner of 2019 Future Science Prize, was the speaker. Honor guests were Ivanhoe Chang, Director of HKETO, Mrs. Yvonne Chang, and alumnus Michael Yau, Deputy Director of HKETO. After dinner, Prof. Luk gave a presentation of his successful academic life.



Cantonese Opera

Alumni Addy Tam, Christina Leung, Francis Nguyen, and Yuemei Chow attended Self-Help for the Elderly's 34th Annual Chinese Opera Benefit as the guests of Title Sponsor, the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in San Francisco. Held at the San Francisco War Memorial & Performing Arts Center on December 13, 2019, Hong Kong's Duen Fung Ming Chinese Opera Troupe performed a Cantonese Opera titled "Two Princes Vie Princess Phoenix". During the intermission, the audience was introduced to Cantonese Opera living legend and icon, 羅艷卿, who flew in from Hong Kong and graced us with her presence. Everyone greatly appreciated and enjoyed the evening of traditional Chinese cultural entertainment.



HK Schools Alumni X'mas Party

The annual Christmas Party of the Hong Kong Schools Alumni Association was held at Double Tree in Burlingame. Officers of the local Hong Kong university alumni associations were invited to attend by HKE-TO. Carey Lai and Larry Ng were there. It was an entertaining evening with live music, shows, floor dance and prize drawing.

