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Kit Lau's Departure for Heaven

During this difficult time under the CO-VID-19 pandemic, our organization has suffered the great loss of two of our important board members. Kit Lau was our immediate past president. She passed away on May 28 after a tough battle with lung cancer. Kit graduated B.Sc. (Hon.) and M.Phil. in Physics at the University of Hong Kong. She received a Ph.D. in Physics from Brown University, and was a Postdoctoral Researcher at UCSF where she developed a lattice model of protein folding. She was the Principal at TBS Analytics before she left us for a better world. Here are a few photos of Kit taken in March 2010 to April 2019. We all miss your smile, Kit!

















Raymond's Meeting with Angels

2020 has not been a good years for us. Besides the COVID-19 pandemic, we have to suffer further from the loss of Kit Lau in May and Raymond Li in June. Raymond was one of our founding board members. He was our treasurer until last year. He lost a brave and long fight against lung cancer. Raymond graduated at the University of Hong Kong Faculty of Medicine in 1967. He did his post-graduate medical training in pediatrics and neonatology in Florida and California. He started his private practice in San Francisco in 1972 and was the best known pediatrician in San Francisco Chinatown. He was very active in the San Francisco Chinese community also. His devoted service was recognized by the City of San Francisco. Here are a few photos of Raymond's life and actvities. The first one was taken at our organization's inaugural dinner in 1991. The last one was taken at Raymond' birthday dinner in 2019. Friends of the University of Hong Kong will name the 2021 scholarships in memory of Kit Lau and Raymond Li. Please help by donating to the fund at https://usfriends.hku.hk/.support.htm.















Alumna Ann Hui Honored

Alumna and famous film director Ann Hu has just received the Lifetime Achievement Award at Venice Internal Film Festival 2020. Her recent award winning films included "Our Time Will Come" and "The Simple Life".



San Francisco Film Festival

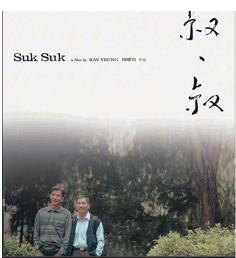
Due to the COVIS-19 pandemic, the San Francisco Film Festival was held online instead of in person. Four award winning films from Hong Kong were shown during the event. Many of our alumni were offered tickets by HKETO to view those on the internet. The four films included 1) "Still Human" which won Best Director, Best Actor and Best Supporting Actress awards; 2) "Suk Suk" which won Best Film and Best Actor awards; 3) "Lion Rock" which got many nominations, and 4) "Mad World" which won Best Director and Best Actor awards in Asian film festivals.















Farewell! Director Chang!

We have just got words that the Director of the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office (SF), Ivanhoe Chang, will leave the area and return to Hong Kong in late August. We would like to wish him and Yvonne all the best!

