



# THE PEARL TO GOLD QUARTERLY

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## Spring Banquet



The HKUAA Northern California Spring Banquet was held on the fifth day of the Year of the Pig at the Hong Kong Flower Lounge in Millbrae. It was well supported by alumni and their families. We also welcomed the presence of many of our mentees and HKU exchange students at UC Berkeley and UC Davis. The guest speaker was Prof. Stanley Kwong who is the Professor of International Business, School of Management at the University of San Francisco. He is an expert on international business strategy, China U.S. Trade relationship and Chinese Investment in USA.. He gave the audience a very interesting talk on "U.S. China Rivalry is more than a Trade War". Many questions were asked after the presentation.



## Chinese New Year Parade



*Alum Raymond Li as Hon. Marshal*



The annual Chinese New Year Parade in San Francisco was held on February 23, 2019. It was a very special event for our association's treasurer, Dr. Raymond Ka Yan Li, who was the Honorary Marshal this year. He has devoted forty-six years serving the San Francisco Asian community as a pediatrician as well as a community leader. Congratulations, Raymond!



## HKETO Spring Reception

Slightly deviated from the usual past, the Spring Reception of the Hong Kong Economic & Trade Office (San Francisco) was held on Chinese New Year Eve. It was held at the Bently Reserve which is the location of the old San Francisco Mint on Battery Street. It was very well attended in spite of the date. The food and drinks were plentiful and delightful. In addition to the traditional lion dance, a young and energetic group from Hong Kong called BoonFaySau a Cappella entertained the guests with their songs and dance.



*BoonFaySau a cappella*



## DAAO Personnel Change



We have just received news that the Director of Development of DAAO, HKU, Ms. Kitty Wong, will go into semi-retirement in April this year. She also has served as Secretary of Friends of HKU since its inception in 1999. We all wish her a wonderful new journey.

### Dinner with Prof. Lap-Chee Tsui

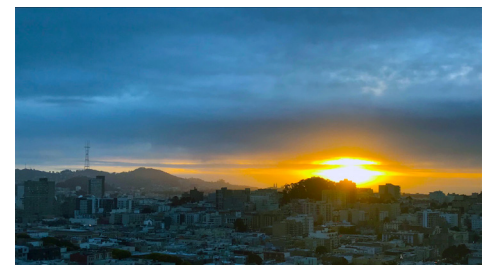


Former Vice Chancellor of HKU, Professor Lap-Chee Tsui, was in San Francisco for a brief visit in January. He was one of the speakers in a special luncheon called "Leadership Luncheon: New strategy for current challenges in biotech development" organized by HKETO San Francisco and AAMA Silicon Valley.

### Apartment with a view

In December, many of our alumni association board members were invited to attend an afternoon tea and coffee reception at the apartment of the Director of Hong Kong Economic & Trade Office (San Francisco). Our hosts, Director Ivanhoe Chang and Mrs. Yvonne Chang welcomed us to their apartment located at the

top of Russian Hill. From their balcony windows, we could see beautiful sunset as well famous landmarks of San Francisco like Golden Gate Bridge, City Center, Twin Peaks. The afternoon tea with sushi and cakes were very delicious. It was definitely an enjoyable gathering.



### Final Farewell



We all mourn the recent passing of our alumnus, Dr. Hin-Nang Wong. He was a medical graduate in 1967. His smile will be missed. RIP, Hin-Nang!