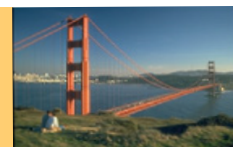




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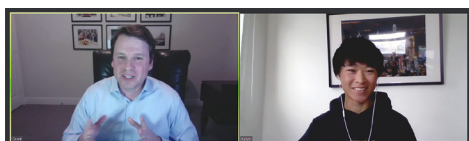
The Spring Reception of the Hong Kong Economic & Trade Office San Francisco was held on Zoom. It was hosted by the Commissioner, Eddie Mak and Director, Jacko Tsang. During the event, Chef Ho Lee Fook and Jowett Yu showed the audience how to make Chinese New Year dishes including dumplings and spring rolls. Mixologist, Victoria Chow gave instructions to mix modern cocktails. Chinese Music Ensembles played several Chinese New Year songs.

Spring Gathering via Zoom

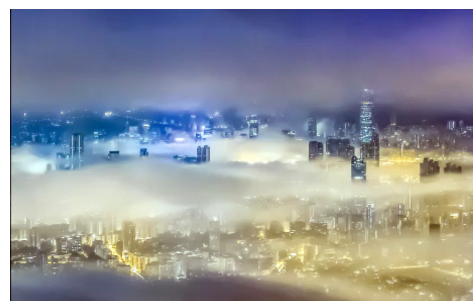
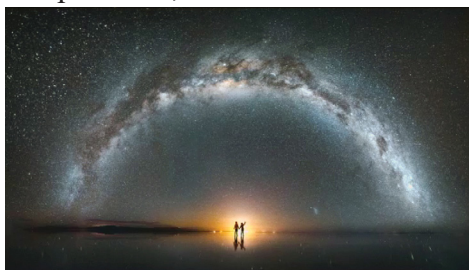


Our association's spring gathering was held on Zoom in early March. The guest speaker was HKETO San Francisco Director Jacko Tsang. She gave an informative presentation of the changes in Hong Kong economy in 2020 and 2021 as well as the COVID-19 status in Hong Kong. She also talked about the Great Bay Area Opportunities, new "dual circulation" strategy, Bell & Road initiative and the Association of Southeast Asia Nations (ASEAN) market.

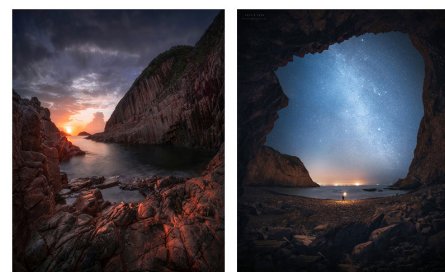
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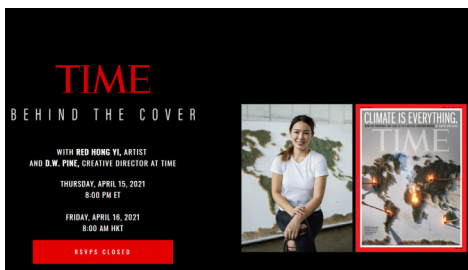
In March, we were invited to join in a presentation by HKETO called "Nature-through the lens of Award-winning HK Landscape Photographer Kelvin Yuen". As seen in the samples here, his work is incredible!



Hong Kong Geo Park



TIME Magazine Cover



Red Hong Yi is a 35 years old Malaysian born artist. She is known to use everyday objects and materials to create her art work. She paints without paintbrush. Her latest work was featured on the TIME Magazine cover. She used 50000 match sticks to represent how the climate crisis connect us all. We were invited to view an interview of her by the creative director of TIME, D. W. Pine.

Fireside Chat with Adam Au



Our zoom program on June 26 was a great success with support from HK. It featured our fellow alumnus Adam Au, on a Fireside Chat with our Social Convenor, Yuemei Chow.

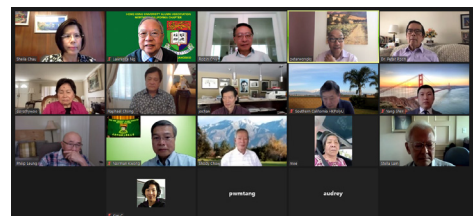
Mr. Au, a 1979 Engineering graduate, started his career working for Hewlett-Packard in Hong Kong. Subsequently, he very successfully founded/co-founded, then sold three Information Technology companies in the US. In fact, his last company, Centrifry, was acquired for well in excess of \$500M!

Today, Adam is an Angel Investor and a member of the Sand Hill Angels.

During the fun-filled Chat, Mr. Au was open, engaging, inspiring, and informative. He credited his success to his involvement with the HKU Student Union. He claimed that the experience as the Vice President helped him to learn how to speak before a large group of people and communicate effectively with a large group of co-workers. All these are important “soft skills” that most people usually do not learn from HKU. He regarded himself as a “coach” to his employees rather than as CEO. At most large companies, the employees are “managed” rather than “coached” by their bosses. He

admitted that to become an entrepreneur was a life changing event for the entire family. The long stretches of 80-90 hour work weeks without vacation, raising operating capital, the difficult decisions a boss had to make during tough times, were all very challenging. However, looking back, he may do it again as he found the actual journey even more rewarding than the gold at the end of the rainbow!

HKUAA Southern Calif. AGM



The AGM of the HKUAA Southern California was held on Zoom on May 1, 2021. Larry Ng was invited to join in. It opened with HKU 100 year celebration theme song “Brighten me with Virtues”. The keynote speaker was alumnus Peter Wong, an international business executive who talked on “Sapientia et Virtus vis-a-vis In Vino Vertus”. Alumnus Peter Poon presented the mentor-mentee program highlights. Their current officers are: Dorothy Woo, President, John Chan, Secretary, and Allen Yip, Treasurer.