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CAM Honors History-making Innovators, Pioneers, Leaders

LOS ANGELES.—Innovators, pioneers, corporate and community leaders were recognized Thursday, Sept. 25 as the Chinese American Museum (CAM) raised the curtain on the 18th annual Historymakers Awards Gala and commemorated its 10th anniversary.

In line with the gala's theme, "CAM at 10: New Directions for the Next Decade," Nissan North America served as title sponsor for the event and announced the launch of *Project Future Star*, a contest designed to celebrate visionaries and innovators.

"We thank Nissan for joining with us as we expand our mission into the next decade," stated Dr. Gay Yuen, Friends of the Chinese American Museum (FCAM) president. Kin Hui, Chairman and CEO of the Singpoli Group, served as honorary dinner chair. The event took place at the Bonaventure Hotel in downtown Los Angeles.

Awards were presented to the following individuals and organizations:

Ming Hsieh (*Judge Ronald S. W. Lew Visionary Award*) is at the forefront of engineering medicine for cancer research and biometric identification. As the founder, Chairman, and Chief Executive Officer of 3M Cogent Inc., he has led the development of global identification systems. He has also served as the Chairman and CEO of Fulgent Therapeutics Inc., a cancer drug research and development company. Raised in Shenyang, northern China, he currently a trustee of the University of Southern California.

David Fon Lee (*Dr. Dan S. Louie, Jr., Lifetime Achievement Award*), best known as proprietor of the iconic General Lee's Man Jen Low Restaurant, led advocacy on behalf of Chinatown and U.S.-China relations as early as the 1970s. "Uncle David" is credited with the initial discussions that brought about ping pong diplomacy between the United States and China in the early 70's. Among many achievements, he played a key role in creating the Sister City affiliation between Los Angeles and Guangzhou.

Kenneth Chin-Ming Lo (*International Corporate Award*) - Global financial leader Kenneth C.M. Lo is the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Industrial Bank of Taiwan (IBT) and Chairman of EverTrust Bank, USA. He is also Chairman of IBT Holdings Corp. (USA); Director, IBT II Venture Capital Co. Ltd.; Director, Boston Life Science Corp. (USA); Director, Taiwan Cement Corp.; and Independent Director, Bank of East Asia Ltd., Hong Kong. He is Honorary Chairman of the Chinese National Association of Industry and Commerce; Managing Director, Bankers Association of the R.O.C.; Managing Director, Cross-Strait CEO Summit; Director, Cross-Strait Common Market Foundation; and Chairman, IBT Education Foundation. In addition, Mr. Lo serves on the Asian Executive Board of the Sloan School of Management at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He earned his M.A. in Finance at the University of Alabama and a B.A. in Economics from National Taiwan University. He also chairs the IBT

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Education Foundation and is a member of the National Palace Museum advisory committee and Taipei Fine Arts Museum advisory board.

Rose Hills Memorial Park & Mortuaries (*Corporate Leadership Award*), which marks its 100th anniversary this year, is North America's largest memorial park, encompassing 1,400 acres with two full-service mortuaries and five planning centers throughout Southern California. Most recently, Rose Hills teamed up with CAM to establish "A Place of Inclusion," a permanent memorial to educate visitors about the history of the Chinese Exclusion Act and its repeal.

Tung Wah Group of Hospitals, Hong Kong (*Humanitarian Award*) was established in 1870, and is the largest charitable organization in Hong Kong with the most diversified services comprising medical, education, and social welfare services. TWGHs, Hong Kong, consists of over 190 community service centers covering elderly, youth and family, rehabilitation and traditional services. In August, Tung Wah collaborated with CAM to bring a remarkable art exhibition to the United States. The exhibit, "Transpacific Ties: Bridging Hong Kong and Los Angeles through Art," featured the works of artists with disabilities from Hong Kong and Southern California.

Dr. James Bok Wong & Betty Yeow (*Leadership Award*) are dedicated and respected community leaders in Los Angeles and the nation. Among their many contributions was the establishment of a scholarship program for deserving college students of Chinese descent through the Chinese American Citizens Alliance Foundation. During World War II, Dr. Wong served in the American 14th Army Air Force, better known as the *Flying Tigers*.

Operated by the Friends of the Chinese American Museum (FCAM) as a part of El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument, CAM helps foster a deeper understanding and appreciation of America's diverse heritage by researching, preserving, and sharing the history, rich cultural legacy, and continuing contributions of Chinese Americans.

The museum is located at 425 N. Los Angeles St., just south of Olvera Street (cross street Arcadia, enter from west side off Sanchez Street), and is open Tuesday-Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily, closed Mondays.

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