

# OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD



## **Dr. Munson Arthur Kwok**

Dr. Munson Arthur Kwok received his Bachelor of Science, Master of Science and Ph.D. from Stanford University and has been an aerospace engineer, physicist, and systems engineer for over 40 years. He has had a busy professional life in research and space acquisition, working at the Aerospace Corporation. He is a member of professional organizations, such as the National AIAA Plasma dynamics and Lasers Technical Committee, American Society of Mechanical Engineers, American Physical Society, Directed Energy Professional Society. He has been president and chair of Chinese-American Engineers and Scientists Association of Southern California. Dr. Kwok has authored and coauthored over 65 publications, presentations, and reports. Among the many professional honors he has received included the Asian Pacific American of the Year (The Aerospace Corporation), Who's Who in Aviation Technology, and Who's Who in Technology Today, and recently, Contractor Employee of Quarter (1Q, 2010) from MDA Missile Defense Group.

Even with his professional commitments, Dr. Kwok is still very active in his community. While he was president of the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California, he helped establish the Chinese American Museum (then known as the Museum of Chinese American History). Today, he is Second Vice President, Development, of the Chinese American Museum. He served on Chinatown Community Advisory Committee of the Redevelopment Agency 1986-2003. From 2005 - 2009, he served as the National President of the Chinese American Citizens Alliance, a civil and immigrant rights organization, and remains on its National Board. He is currently on the KCET Community Advisory Board.

Dr. Kwok has been honored for many of his efforts to promote Chinese American history and his involvement in the Chinese American and other communities. He and his wife Sullen received the prestigious KCET "Local Hero" award for their work in preserving Chinese American culture and history and the Mathews award of City Historical Society, and the Peace and Justice Award of UCLA's Asian American Studies Center. He recently received the Golden Spike Award for community service from Chinese Historical Society of Southern California. In 2010, he received the State Assembly's Day of Inclusion award for his work to bring together the various ethnic communities.