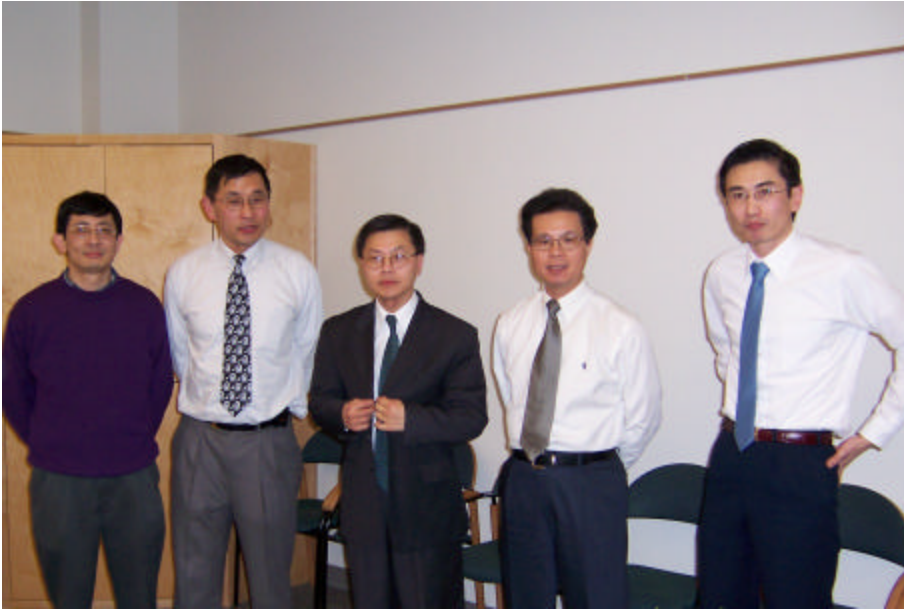


# A Splendid Evening with Dr. David Ho and Rochester Chinese Community

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If you missed AIDS researcher and Director, Aaron Diamond AIDS Research Center Dr. David Ho's recent visit to Rochester, not only did you not hear his story on "China Challenged by AIDS and SARS" you missed a special evening and the opportunity to connect with him during a most special difficult-to-be duplicated evening for the Chinese community.



Raymond  
Huang, Tom  
Pian, Dr. Ho,  
Kai Yee and  
Frank Xiao  
share moments

We all had an eye-opening, and sobering evening revolving around a major, emerging worldwide health crisis especially devastating to Mainland China. Dr. Ho, Time Magazine's "Man of the Year" in 1996 developed the antiretroviral series of treatments as a pioneer in AIDS research and treatment. Dr. Ho's lecture "China Challenged by SARS and AIDS" chronicled the major cost that AIDS has had and will increasingly inflict on China, especially the rural regions of Yunnan and Henan.

Of particular poignancy are the devastating effects of AIDS on extended families in rural China. Entire generations of parents have suffered and died, leaving grandparents without able-bodied adult children and need themselves to care for orphaned grandchildren. In Henan the major reason for funerals in rural areas is AIDS. Dr. Ho discussed the heartbreaking story of AIDS in that region, where poor residents who sold their blood plasma to buyers using shoddy and unsanitary practices (reusing contaminated

syringes) suffer disproportionately in the epidemic. The audience of 300 listened with rapt attention as this developing human disaster was described.

We all found Dr. Ho a modest, approachable, but absolutely dedicated in his life-long fight against AIDs. We are proud that Chinese School of Rochester (CSR), along with the University of Rochester Medical Center Infectious Disease Unit, Rochester Chinese Association, and Chinese Institute of Rochester came together to bring this unique event to the Rochester community.



David Ho  
and  
Raymond  
Huang

To capture some of the significant moments of this special evening, please enjoy these photographs and the observations of Cindy Zu, CSR student.