

AMERICAN DESIGN RETURNS TO CHINA'S HISTORIC BUND

AM Partners, Inc., of Hawaii recently became the first American architectural firm in more than half a century to design and construct a building in Shanghai's historic Bund District.

The 200-foot tall Golden Finance Center sits on the West Bank of the Huang Po River, the traditional foreign commerce center of China. From the mid-1800s until 1949, the Bund and Hong Kong were the two great financial districts of China.

The \$15 million project's foundation was laid by another firm that was unable to continue, said AM Partners President Charles Lau, AIA.

"The Golden Development Corporation (then owners) was anxious about its investment and willing to take a chance on an American firm. They gave us the job and we proceeded to do a complete redesign in Art Deco style to complement the architecture along the Bund. We

enlarged the parking below ground, changed the exterior facade and made the interior a throwback to the 1800s," Lau said. "It's a unique blend of the past and the present."

AM Partners, founded in 1986 in Honolulu, opened offices in Hong Kong and Shanghai in the mid-1990s. In addition to Golden Finance Center, the firm's projects in China have included a \$54 million, 400-unit residential development in Zhuhai City; a \$90 million, 34-floor office tower in Guangzhou; and Windsor Park, an upscale residential development in Shanghai with rental prices up to \$13,000 a month.



Golden Finance Tower, Shanghai, Peoples Republic of China



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Mr. Chan, a Hong Kong native, attended Wah Yan College, Kowloon, and received his doctor of jurisprudence from the University of Wisconsin. During the administrations of Presidents Reagan and Bush, he served as trade advisor to the U.S. Trade Representative and the Secretary of the U.S. Commerce Department. He founded the Washington, D.C.-based Business Software Alliance and currently serves as L.A. Chapter co-chair of the Southern California Software Council.

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CALENDAR

SAT. 8/28 9:00am-8:00pm

HKASC ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC

Knott's Berry Farm, 8039 Beach Blvd., Buena Park

WED. 9/15 6:30-8:30pm

TENTH ANNUAL MEMBERS' MEETING & JOINT MIXER

Co-organized with the Industry Manufacturers Council,
Industry Hills Sheraton, One Industry Hills Parkway, City of Industry

FRI. 9/17 5:00-8:30pm

3rd ANNUAL CHINESE MOON FESTIVAL MIXER

Organized by S. C. Edison, HKASC is a corporate sponsor
Free to HKASC members. Advance reservation necessary.

Edison Customer Technology Application Center
6090 North Irwindale Ave., Irwindale

SUN. 9/19 7:30pm

FAREWELL TO THE 20th CENTURY

Hollywood Bowl Orchestra. Fireworks.
Jointly presented by HKASC and Hong Kong Schools Alumni Federation
HOLLYWOOD BOWL

2000 "Year of the Dragon"

SAT. 2/12 6:30-11:30pm

EIGHTH CHINESE NEW YEAR GALA CELEBRATION DINNER
Hotel Inter-Continental, Downtown LA, 251 South Olive St.

Gabrieli, Consul General of Los Angeles, and his wife (center) are Ernie So, HKASC Vice President (1st from left), and Director of the Hong Kong Government Council in L.A., at the June 1999 meeting of the British American and Chinese Chambers of Commerce at the Sheraton.



are (l to r) Michael Doland, Italian American Chamber of Commerce, Ernie So, HKASC Vice President, and Maria de Mari, executive director of the Italian American Chamber of Commerce.

