

**San Diego Chinese American Science and Engineering Association
(SDCASEA)
Series of Seminars on Career Planning for Chinese Americans**

Time: 2-5PM, December 21, 2003

Place: Carmel Valley Library, 3919 Townsgate Drive, San Diego, CA 92130, Tel: 858 552-1668

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*This is the second workshop of the series. We focus on young people, including career beginners and students of the Universities and High Schools. The presentation and workshop discussions will be in English. While aiming at younger generation audience, people of all ages are welcome to participate in this workshop #2. The workshop is **free**.*

Abstract of the Series

Chinese Americans have lately been emerging in the United States as an ethnic group that excels in several fields. But in general, career planning is an important topic that does not seem to be adequately addressed in Chinese American families. Why is this so?

Chinese American parents have a value system that is unique and quite remarkable. Their commitment to their children's education and growth is top notch. The percentage of income spent on the children's education is rather high compared to other ethnic groups. What is the essence of their value system? Is there any room for further improvement?

Then there is the new generation of Chinese Americans. Either they are born in America, or they come to this country at a young age. Is their value system different from that of their parents? If so, how are they different? Being a Chinese American, how does he/she fit in the American society in terms of self-identity and self-esteem? Have they been appropriately counseled in planning their career? What help can we provide them with? How does this help stack rank against the piano and violin lessons they take every week?

Via the speech and the discussions during this workshop, we hope to draw some conclusions and summaries about the career planning for Chinese Americans. We also hope to provide parents with some guidance as to their essential focus when nurturing the growth of their children. Chinese Americans of all ages are encouraged to join this workshop series.

Biography

Dr. Michael J. Lo was born and raised in Taiwan. He has a Ph.D. degree from University of California, Santa Barbara. Dr. Lo has been working in the industry for 24 years. He has held many managerial positions in the high-tech industry. As a manager for most of his career, he has been involved with the human resources development for over 20 years. It has become his passion to help young Chinese Americans in planning his/her career. Dr. Lo's career grew mostly in Xerox Corporation, holding several Technical Management, Business Management and General Management positions. He was Vice President of Integrated Solutions Group with Cubic Transportation Systems. Currently, he is a Product Marketing Manager in the New Hewlett-Packard Company.