



2006 ASIAN EXCELLENCE AWARDS



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**AZN TELEVISION ANNOUNCES ACTRESS KELLY HU AND
ACTOR/COMEDIAN BOBBY LEE AS HOSTS OF
THE “2006 ASIAN EXCELLENCE AWARDS FEATURING THE
RÉMY MARTIN® X.O HONORS”**

*Dr. David Ho, Quentin Tarantino and Ismail Merchant to Receive
Rémy Martin® X.O Honors*

**Special Tribute to Pat Morita Also Planned for the Asian Excellence Awards
Airing Sunday, January 29, 2006 at 8:00 p.m. EST/PST**

NEW YORK, December 12, 2005 -- AZN Television, the cable television channel for Asian America, today announced the hosts and honorees of the Rémy Martin® X.O Honors for the “2006 Asian Excellence Awards Featuring the Rémy Martin® X.O Honors,” along with a special tribute to the late Pat Morita. The show, which honors outstanding achievements of Asians and Asian Americans in entertainment, sports, music, fashion, and science, will be hosted by **Kelly Hu** (actress, “X-Men II,” “The Scorpion King”) and **Bobby Lee** (actor/comedian, “Harold & Kumar Go to White Castle”).

Rémy Martin, the principal sponsor of the show, will present three special honors during the program. The Rémy Martin® X.O Honors will be presented for Lifetime Achievement, Inspiration and Bridge. Earvin “Magic” Johnson will present the Inspiration Award to renowned AIDS researcher **Dr. David Ho** and the Building Bridges Award will be presented to writer/director **Quentin Tarantino**. The Lifetime Achievement honor will be posthumously awarded to filmmaker **Ismail Merchant**, with special tributes from actors who have participated in various Merchant/Ivory productions, including **Naomi Watts**, **Ralph Fiennes** and **Natasha Richardson**.

In addition, The Asian Excellence Awards will include a special tribute to the late Pat Morita, featuring comments from the prolific actor's co-stars, including Ralph Macchio, who starred with Morita in the successful "Karate Kid" movies.

The competitive award categories at the "Asian Excellence Awards" include: Outstanding TV Performance, Outstanding Film Performance, Outstanding Feature Filmmaker, Outstanding Live Performance, Outstanding Stylemaker, and Outstanding Newcomer. Viewers can vote for their favorite nominee for Outstanding Newcomer by visiting the www.azntv.com website.

Also participating in the show will be **Magic Johnson** (NBA Champion and Humanitarian), **Bai Ling** (actress "Lords of Dogtown"), **Jason Scott Lee** (actor "Dragon: The Bruce Lee Story"), **Lisa Ling** (host, "The View," "National Geographic Explorer"), **Michelle Krusiec** (actress "Saving Face"), **Lynn Chen** (actress "Saving Face"), **Dustin Nguyen** (actor "21 Jump Street"), **Alice Wu** (writer/director "Saving Face"), **Henry Cho** (actor "Say It Isn't So"), **Karl Yune** (actor "Memoirs of a Geisha"), **Carrie Ann Inaba** (choreographer "American Idol"), and **Josie Natori** (fashion designer).

The "2006 Asian Excellence Awards Featuring the Rémy Martin® X.O Honors" will be taped at the legendary Wiltern LG Theatre in Hollywood, California and will air on AZN Television on the first day of the Lunar New Year, January 29, 2006, 8:00 p.m. Welly Yang, Syd Vinnedge and Peilin Chou are Executive Producers of the show. Veteran awards show producer Greg Sills serves as the Supervising Producer for the show.

AZN Television

AZN Television is the network for Asian America. A wholly-owned company of Comcast Corporation, the channel's programming targets the fast-growing, young, affluent and English-speaking Asian American community. Genres include the most popular Asian films, dramas, documentaries and anime as well as a diverse slate of original programming. For more information, visit azntv.com

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