

## FEATURE

# Seattle Museum of Flight Celebrates Wong Tsoo

## Seattle's Museum of Flight Celebrated the Lunar New Year with Programs About First Boeing Engineer - Wong Tsoo

The Museum welcomed the Lunar New Year - Year of the Monkey - on February 5th with nonstop family activities, Seattle Chinese Chorus, and expert lectures about legendary Chinese engineer with participation by Seattle's Wing Luke Museum.

There were special programs honoring The Boeing Company's first engineer, Mr. Wong Tsoo.

Wong was Boeing's first engineer. He was born in Beijing, China in 1893, and hired in 1916 as a recent MIT graduate to design a new military training plane, soon to be known as the Model C.

The plane was the young company's first financial success.

Wong later returned to China and became a major influence on aviation in that country. He died in Taiwan in 1965.

Distinguished speakers at the Museum event looked at Wong's life and legacy in the U.S. and China. Speakers included Washington state Lt. Governor Brad Owen, and the Director General of Taipei Economic and Cultural Office Seattle, Andy Chin.

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*Founded in 1965, the independent, non-profit Museum of Flight is one of the largest air and space museums in the world, serving more than 560,000 visitors annually. The Museum's collection includes more than 160 historically significant airplanes and spacecraft, from the first fighter plane (1914) to today's 787 Dreamliner. Attractions also include the original Boeing Company factory, and the world's only full-scale NASA Space Shuttle Trainer. The Museum of Flight is accredited by the American Association of*



*Wong Tsoo, Boeing's first engineer.*

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