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# Announcement

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## **Vernon Kam, Professor Emeritus of the Department of Accounting and Finance, Passed Away April 9, 2015**

Vernon Kam, Professor Emeritus of the Department of Accounting and Finance, passed away April 9, 2015. He began his career at CSU, Hayward (East Bay) in 1969 and retired in 2000.

The following has been provided by his family:

Dr. Kam was born and raised in Hawaii and graduated from the University of Hawaii. He received his MBA and PhD from the University of California, Berkeley with an emphasis in Accounting, Finance and Economic Theory. Dr. Kam was a Professor of Accounting at the University of Chicago from 1965-1969, before returning home as a Professor of Accounting at California State University, East Bay – Hayward. He was at CSUEB campus for many years, finally retiring as the Department of Accounting and Finance Chair in 2000. He authored the book, Accounting Theory, and taught in a very straightforward and practical manner.

Dr. Kam served in the US Army as a 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant from 1955-1957 and was stationed in Korea. He was a long time member of San Lorenzo Japanese Christian Church, serving in many leadership positions and regularly teaching from the pulpit. He was known for his practical teaching and for his humorous PowerPoint presentations and jokes. Vernon enjoyed traveling and seeing operas and Broadway shows with his wife Alice, as well as gardening and cooking.

The memorial service will be held on Sunday May 3rd at 2:30pm at the San Lorenzo Japanese Christian Church, 615 Lewelling Blvd., San Leandro.

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