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Professor Ho receives Rich Lockheed Chair

Professor Chih Ming Ho of the Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering Department has been named as the first recipient of the Ben Rich Lockheed Martin Endowed Chair of Advanced Aerospace Technologies.

The late Ben R. Rich, a UCLA School of Engineering alumnus who is known as the "Father of Stealth," was recognized as one of the best aircraft engineers in the world and led development of the heralded F-117 stealth fighter. Ho, a member of the National Academy of Engineering, is an expert in turbulence control and has pioneered development of innovative micro actuators for drag reduction and improved control of aircraft.

To honor Rich, the Ben Rich Lockheed

Martin Chair of Advanced Aerospace Technologies was established in the UCLA School of Engineering and Applied Science with a \$500,000 endowment from the Lockheed Leadership Fund and the School.

Rich joined Lockheed in 1950, where he participated in aerodynamic, thermodynamic, propulsion and design efforts for production of F-104, U-2 and SR-71 aircraft. In the 1980s, he led a team of Lockheed "Skunk Works" engineers that was awarded the Collier Trophy in 1989 for production and deployment of the F-117A Stealth Fighter. Now known as the Lockheed Martin Skunk Works, the division was founded during World War II by Lockheed's Clarence "Kelly" Johnson and has produced many legendary aircrafts. Johnson's lifelong protege and successor was Ben Rich, who died in 1995 of cancer at age 69.

Lockheed Martin Skunk Works President Jack Gordon said, "This chair is a special tribute to the memory of Ben Rich, who dedicated his own career ... to developing the people and technologies that have helped keep America."

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