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AIAA Presents Service Citation to Hitachi Consulting A&D Sr. Mgr. Mike Louie

Awarded for Work on Apollo 11 Anniversary Event With Astronaut Buzz Aldrin

LOS ANGELES – Oct. 27, 2009 – The American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA), a premier professional society for aerospace engineers and scientists, has awarded [Hitachi Consulting Aerospace and Defense](#) senior manager Mike Louie a special service citation plaque for his contributions to the group's Apollo 11 Lunar Landing, 40th Anniversary Event at the California Science Center featuring special guest Apollo astronaut Buzz Aldrin.



Mike Louie (right) receives his AIAA citation from former astronaut Buzz Aldrin.

Louie, a long-time member of AIAA, received the award Oct. 22 for his work with Aldrin – Apollo 11 Astronaut and AIAA Fellow – on the event attended by more than 400 people at the [California Science Center](#) in Los Angeles. The event featured the Center's Sketch Foundation aerospace collection, including capsules from the Mercury, Gemini, and Apollo programs, as well as a fragment of a moon rock collected by Aldrin.

“It was amazing to work on such a historic event with a true hero like Buzz Aldrin,” Louie said. “To receive this citation for doing something so special and enjoyable is just icing on the cake. I truly appreciate the honor.”

Louie said the highlight of the event for him was a panel discussion with Aldrin; Hal Walker, lead designer of the Apollo 11 Laser Range Finding Experiment; Albion Bowers,

NASA Dryden; Associate Fellow John Stammreich, Boeing (ret.); Associate Fellow Michael Sander, NASA JPL; Major Gen Thomas Taverney, USAF (Ret), SAIC; and moderator Howard McCurdy, University of Washington.

Among the audience were 50 engineers who worked on Apollo systems. Discussion ranged from issues such as travelling to Mars, how to invigorate math and science education in secondary schools, and the potential interplay between future manned and unmanned missions. Afterward, Aldrin personally introduced the 3-D IMAX film which takes its name from his words uttered on the surface moon, *Magnificent Desolation*.

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