

## [New York community celebrates Hong Kong movies with megastar Louis Koo \(with photos\)](#)

The Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in New York (HKETONY) hosted a special reception in honour of Louis Koo last night (July 19, New York time) to celebrate his remarkable achievements in the creative industry in Hong Kong and Asia.

Koo was in New York to receive the Extraordinary Star Asia Award for Exceptional Contribution to Asian Cinema presented by the New York Asian Film Festival (NYAFF). He brought to Film at Lincoln Center the North American premieres of his two new productions: "Vital Signs" and "The White Storm 3: Heaven or Hell". Some 150 guests from the state and city governments, diplomatic circles, business sector, think tanks and cultural organisations joined Koo and his team, including Director Cheuk Wan-chi of "Vital Signs", for a jovial evening.

In her welcoming remarks, the Director of the HKETONY, Ms Candy Nip, praised Koo for being a versatile actor, a passionate producer, an advocate for artistes, and a generous philanthropist. "Louis fully lives up to the dynamism and energy of the arts and cultural scene of Hong Kong," Ms Nip said.

"We would also like to thank the Festival for its zealous partnership with our office in showcasing Hong Kong movies and film talents in the Big Apple over the past 14 years," she added.

In addition to the two productions of Koo, seven other Hong Kong films were featured at the Hong Kong Panorama sponsored by the HKETONY during the NYAFF, including the world premiere of "Back Home". Please visit [here](#) for more details.



