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Aruban Government honors native son Dr. Ed Cheung...

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With wife and children, mother, sister and brother

Though residing in Baltimore with his family, close to Goddard Space Center for almost 2 decades, Ed has always kept his home island close to his heart, and been very aware that by his success, he could inspire island youth to continue their education and "reach for the stars." It was in his mind when he and his team had faced an emergency with the HST cooling system that threatened to end the telescope project in 2002, and they devised what he named ASCS/NCS Relay

Unit Breaker Assembly, or ARUBA box, which the world watched launched into space.

Since losing his father, Dr. Cheung reports he became particularly aware of his responsibility to encourage islanders to aspire to "be the best they can be," as it was his father's philosophy that an education is invaluable to success in life, "and the one thing they can never take away from you." It prompted Ed to punctuate his regular visits to the island to visit family with entertaining

and informative lectures about the space program, which he did for no charge; on each occasion the halls were overflowing with fascinated audiences.

In 2010, Dr. Cheung was the recipient of Order of the Netherlands Lion, the highest decoration that can be awarded to a civilian within the Dutch hierarchy. His entire family, wife Agnes, and children Stephanie and Christopher, were on island with him when Governor Fredis Refunjol performed the decoration ceremony, and he does lament they cannot be with him to share the momentous occasion of the opening of the Dr. Ed Cheung Center for Research and Development of Renewal Energy. Andris Piebalgs, since February 2010 European Commissioner for Development, will be present at the event, which is scheduled for tomorrow afternoon at 5 P.M.

Dr. Cheung's time on Aruba will also be spent as Co-Chairperson of the 2nd Annual Aruba Green Energy Conference, taking place at the Ren-



With Jan Poets(l.) and Roderick Lopez (r.) the day before launch

naissance Convention Center this coming Thursday, Friday and Saturday, where HRH Prince of Orange will be Keynote Speaker.

In his closing comments on being informed of the Europe House/TNO bearing his name, Dr. Cheung stated "Wherever I go and whatever I do, I feel the push of 100,000 people of Aruba."

by Rosalie Klein



With wife, agnes

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