



Chow Yun Fat (above, in *Dragonball*) is the third best-paid Chinese-speaking actor, according to *Apple Daily*. Ge You (left) is the 14th highest-paid on the same list. PHOTOS: COLUMBIAN TV, TWENTIETH CENTURY FOX

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### JAY CHOU TO GO INTO TV

Pop star Jay Chou is venturing into television with a sci-fi idol drama, *Pandamen*. He announced in Beijing on Monday that he would direct and act in the drama about superheroes.

### SHAH RUKH GOES FOR OP

Bollywood star Shah Rukh Khan, 43, was admitted to hospital in Mumbai on Monday for an operation on his shoulder, a hospital spokesman said.

He was hurt while filming *Dulha Mil Gaya* (*I Found My Groom*) in December.

He is expected to be discharged by the end of the week, but could be out of action for more than a month.

### RAP IMPRESARIO 'SUGE' HURT

Police using Tasers broke up a fight early on Monday that sent rap impresario Marion "Suge" Knight to an Arizona hospital for treatment of face injuries.

They arrested two men after the fracas, which occurred at a private party at the W Scottsdale Hotel. One of the men arrested, who identified himself as the business manager of hip-hop star Akon, was seen punching Knight in the face.

### GRASSHOPPER'S SINGAPORE GIG

Grasshopper, a Hong Kong dance trio from the 1980s, will be holding a concert on May 9 at the Singapore Indoor Stadium. Tickets go on sale from Monday.

# China actors get higher pay

Hong Kong - As China's movie market grows, so have the pay cheques of its stars such as Ge You, says *Apple Daily*.

Ge, star of the new mainland hit, *If You Are The One*, has been ranked among the top 20 best-paid Chinese speaking actors by the paper, with his fee of 6 million yuan (\$1.3 million) for a movie. And he is not even a marquee name outside of China.

Five years ago, his pay cheque was less than 1 million yuan.

Here is *Apple Daily's* list of the best-paid actors, based on their asking fee per film or highest-drawn recent salary:

1. Jackie Chan - US\$15 million (\$23 million)
2. Jet Li - US\$10 million
3. Chow Yun Fat - US\$8 million
4. Gong Li - US\$5 million
5. Zhang Ziyi and Stephen Chow - US\$4 million
7. Tony Leung Chiu Wai - HK\$20 mil-

lion (\$3.9 million)

8. Maggie Cheung - US\$2 million
9. Donnie Yen - 13 million yuan
10. Jay Chou and Andy Lau - HK\$12 million
12. Michelle Yeoh - US\$1.5 million
13. Takeshi Kaneshiro - US\$1 million
14. Ge You - 6 million yuan
15. Sammi Cheng - HK\$5.5 million
16. Louis Koo, Daniel Wu, Aaron Kwok, Leon Lai and Nicholas Tse - HK\$4 million