



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