

# John Tu

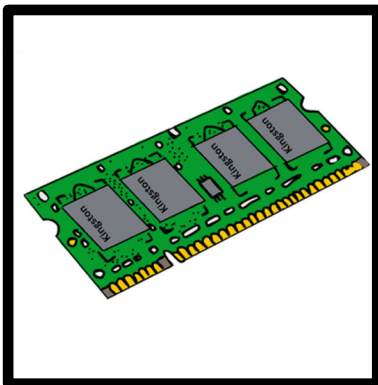
(b. August 12, 1941)

**Businessman,  
Philanthropist**

**Chinese American**

**Place of Birth:** Shanghai,  
China

**Invention:** Memory  
Module



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John grew up in a poor family during the Chinese Civil War. Dissatisfied with Taiwan's education system, he moved to West Germany and earned a degree in engineering. He then moved to California. Together with David Sun, John invented a memory module in a garage. The memory module is an important component of a computer that stores data temporarily. In 1987, the two men founded Kingston Technology. They received the Business People of the Year in 2020 from *Orange County Business Journal*. John has a band called JT and California Dreamin' that plays for charity. He is its drummer.