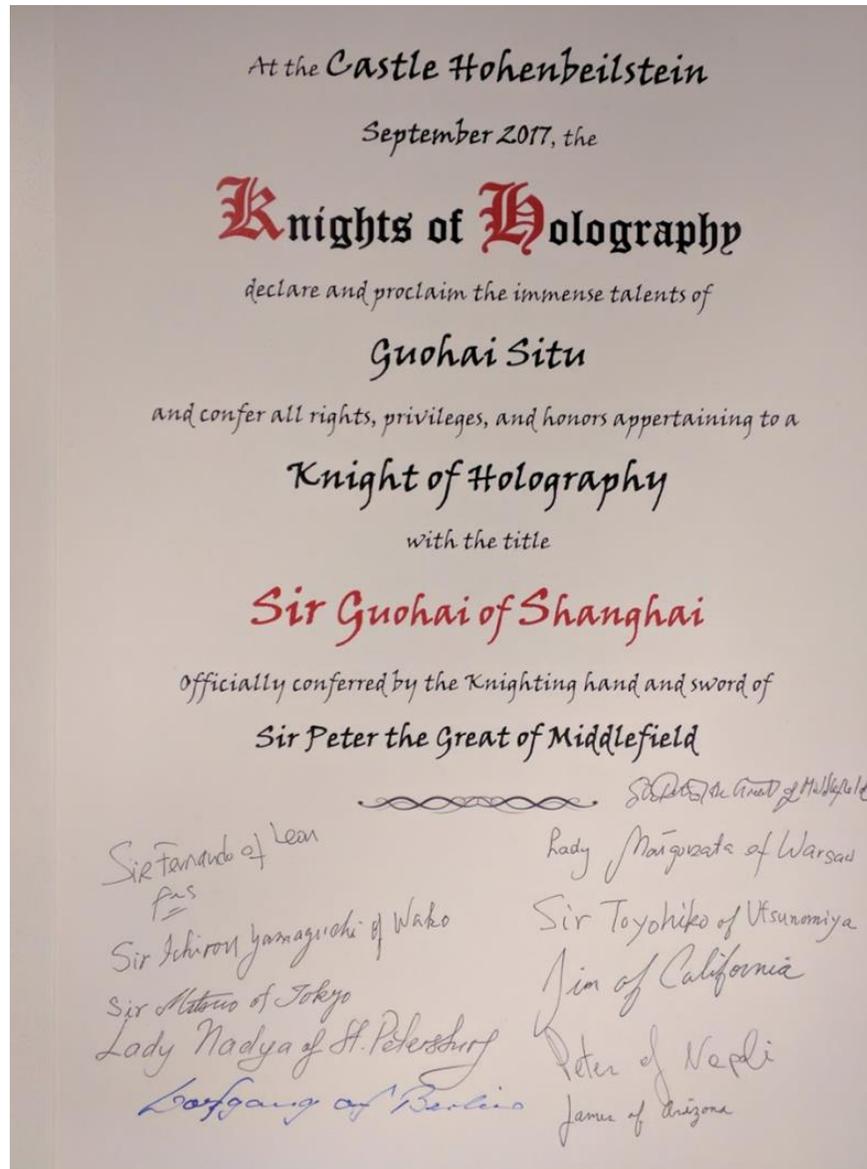


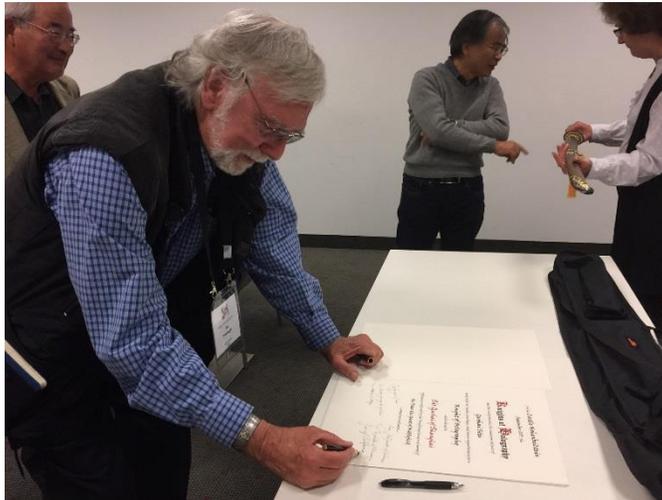
**Dr. Guohai Situ Named Sir Guohai of Shanghai, the 2017 Holoknight, Knighted by Sir Peter the Great of Middlefield and the International Order of Holoknights<sup>1</sup>**

Dr. Guohai Situ was selected as the new Holoknight of 2017 in a knighting service held in Castle Hohenbeilstein, in Wurttemberg, Germany, on August 25, 2017. The service took place at a banquet during Holomet, 2017, which was organized by the University of Stuttgart, Institute of Technical Optics, Chaired by Sir Wolfgang of Berlin.

Sir Peter the Great of Middlefield performed the knighting and presented Sir Guohai Situ of Shanghai with the customary sword, parchment, and title related to his hometown. Twelve Holoknights were present to witness the service.



**The parchment for Sir Guohai**



**Traditionally witnessing Holoknights meet in a pre service meeting for fellowship and to sign the parchment. Jim of California, shown here, signs Sir Guohai's parchment, while Mitsuo of Tokyo and Malgorzata of Warsaw inspect the sword.**



**Fernando of Lyon, Ichirou of Wako, Mitsuo of Tokyo, and Toyohiko of Utsunamiya examine the sword of Guohai of Shanghai.**



**Special drinks for the parchment signing service; a Trollinger wine, a fine Polish brandy, and a 12-year-old Scotch.**



**Sir Peter the Great of Middlefield, the 2016 Holoknight, reads the parchment, performs the knighting, and pronounces the new Holoknight, Sir Guohai of Shanghai, and welcomes him to the order.**



**Castle Hohenbeilstein**



**Four Holoknights overlooking the city of Hohenbeilstein from the castle.**

*The International Order of Holoknights is a brotherhood of the top researchers in the field of holography, selected not only for their world-wide reputation in holography but also for their reputation for international hospitality. The brotherhood was founded in 1988 and currently has 28 members representing 17 countries. Each year a new Holoknight is chosen by the newest Holoknight from a country different from his own, after consultation with other Holoknights. The new candidate is knighted in a special ceremony and, presented with a sword and membership parchment, and given a title related to his hometown. Although Holoknights have won many awards, they value the sword and parchment among the highest.*

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