## 20160820 **Turtle to Kangaroo** Victor Nonong Medrano

Lately, I've been thinking that in the future, when the *Star Trek* franchise would be already 300 years old, maybe humans would have still barely scratched the surface of Mars! Is it intuitive that we humans could be turtles for such a long time? Outer space is risky to life and costs plenty of money! My economist friend David Ho hinted to me that the economics of outer space may be exorbitant! It's possible that there would



be, in history, a turning point when big organizations would have gathered the correct expertise, software, and hardware for space exploration to further accelerate, as humanity, from turtles, would become jumping kangaroos. Or, if you like, they would be hopping *grasshoppers!* Space has a *spiritual* component. I'm a Trekker. And *Star Trek* is beyond just Klingons. It's about futuristic life, space travel, faster-than-light travel, time travel, parallel universes, alternative histories (*uchronia*), and alien life. A jock could just get a geek shock from geek chic...