

# Department of Ophthalmology NEWS

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## Distinguished Teaching Award

**H**earty and well deserved congratulations to Dr Shuan Dai who is the recipient of a Distinguished Clinical Teacher Award for 2016 at the University of Auckland.

Considering that Shuan is an Honorary Clinical Teacher in a full time SMO clinical post at ADHB he has made substantial and unstinting contributions to teaching across the faculty and professions. He has an admirable dedication to providing top-quality, interactive, teaching that few can equal. Indeed, he has been an absolute stalwart in providing teaching in aspects of paediatric ophthalmology to medical students, optometrists and nurses at a personal time-cost, which often sees him teaching and coaching in his own free time.

Shuan also regularly supervises post-doctoral students and currently is supervising one MD candidate and one PhD postgraduate student in Ophthalmology.

A typical example of the highly positive feedback that Shuan regularly receives from his many students is: "Dr Shuan Dai is an exceptional clinical teacher, his passion for ophthalmology is contagious. He encourages whilst correcting to help develop the clinical and patient interaction skills required. Dr Dai clearly enjoys passing his extensive knowledge along to others, he has a knack for translating complex medical information into easily understood concepts, and in fact his patients often comment at the clarity with which he explains their conditions to them. Clinics with Dr Dai are always an enjoyable experience."

We as a department are absolutely delighted that of our many, tireless, honorary clinical teachers in ophthalmology, Shuan has been awarded this major accolade by the University of Auckland as a Distinguished Clinical Teacher.

Shuan says " I am deeply honoured to be the recipient of the distinguished teacher award for 2016. I enjoy the interaction with students and younger doctors coming through the Ophthalmology Department for their assignments and feel proud of being able to share my experiences with them. I would also like to thank Professor Charles McGhee and the University Department team for kindly nominating me to this prestigious award."

