

nity water fluoridation. He and his staff have increased the number of communities in Korea that are optimally fluoridating their water supplies from one in 1981 to 22 in 1998. Further, negotiations are in progress to fluoridate Seoul, a city of more than 12 million people. In communities where community water fluoridation is not feasible, he has introduced school-based fluoride mouthrinsing. Currently, over a million children rinse weekly in rural areas.

Through his political strategies, in collaboration with the Korean Dental Association and other agencies, an office of dental public health in Korea's Ministry of Health was established in 1997 for the first time. This new department will provide the opportunity to further increase options for improved oral health for all Koreans.



*Johng-bai Kim*

Fittingly, Professor Kim's fortune cookie that he received last night at the President's Banquet read: "Executive ability is prominent in your make up."

Dr. Kim received his DDS in 1962 from Seoul National University, and his PhD in preventive dentistry, also from Seoul National University. He is a member and officer of many prestigious Korean dental associations, he has published 11 textbooks related to oral health, and he is the author of 119 scientific articles spanning epidemiology, dental personnel supply, expanded functions, dental treatment needs, fluoridation, and many others.

Dr. Kim has demonstrated seminal leadership for public health dentistry in Korea. On behalf of AAPHD, it is my pleasure to present him with the association's 1998 International Special Merit Award for Outstanding Achievement in Community Dentistry.

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## Remarks on Receiving the 1998 International Special Merit Award for Outstanding Achievement in Community Dentistry

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### **Johng-bai Kim, DDS, PhD**

It is a great pleasure for me to receive this first International Special Merit Award today. I accept this award on behalf of all my disciples, because all of them have cooperatively done their utmost to help me promote the dental health of the Korean people. At the same time, I would like to express my special thanks to Dr. Alice Horowitz and Dr. Herschel Horowitz in the United States of America, Dr. Wong Hee-dong in the Republic of Singapore, Dr. Osamu Sakai in Japan,

Dr. Prathip Phantumvanit in Thailand, and Dr. Zhang Boxue in the People's Republic of China for their continuing support and help.

I have believed throughout my life that dentistry is an applied science that should be developed and applied for the people. Consequently, I have studied and taught dentistry under the premise that it should be developed and applied for the people. In particular, all my disciples and I have strived to overcome dental caries and peri-

odontal diseases in Korea. With my disciples, I will devote the rest of my life to dental research and dental education, not only for promoting the people's dental health, but also for prolonging people's tooth life in Korea and other countries.

I hope many of you will continue to support and help us in the future. I express my special gratitude to Dr. Alex White, president, and the other members of AAPHD.

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## 1998 Distinguished Service Award: Naham C. Cons, DDS, MPH

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### **Presented by Robert J. (Skip) Collins, DDS, MPH**

The Distinguished Service Award is AAPHD's highest award and is presented to an individual for excellent and distinguished service to public health dentistry. The previous recipi-

ents form a veritable dental public health "Hall of Fame."

The first awardee is Dr. Naham C. Cons, who is here today with Dr. Joanna Jenny, his spouse and profes-

sional collaborator; his son, Dr. Jonathan Cons, a dentist from Keeser Falls, ME; his daughter, Alexandra, a psychologist from Berkeley, CA; and Joanna's brother, Ted, and his wife,