

The Beethoven Team Received the CDABO Case Report of the Year Award – The First Chinese Speaking Team to be Presented with this Award

This year's AAO meeting in particular was personally a highlight, as together with my mentor, Dr. Roberts and Dr. Angle Lee (*who unfortunately was unable to attend*). We were the recipients of the CDABO's Case Report of the Year Award. This is the highest clinical award in our field and being the first Chinese speaking team to be presented with this award is indeed an incredible honor. Thanks to all my team for being a part of such an achievement!

I hope this can be a catalyst for the younger generation of Taiwanese Orthodontists and I sincerely hope that I will be able to attend a future AAO meeting and applaud the next Taiwanese recipient of this kind of award.

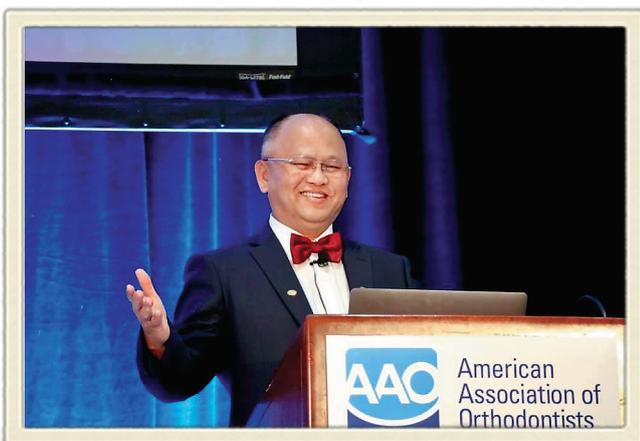
The following is the full manuscript of my acceptance speech:

Ladies and gentlemen, colleagues, and friends.

It's an exorbitant privilege to be here today and to receive this award.

Before I start, I have to remember to thank my wife. I can't forget that one again!

Four years ago, when Dr. Rolf Behrents had arranged for me to lecture to the St. Louis doctors, he suggested that I should publish my BS screw approach. I know that all of you well-educated people know that BS stands for buccal shelf! Well, when the Editor-in-Chief of such an illustrious journal suggests something like that, one really should follow that up. Little did I know that it would take us 3 years until we had actually finished it, and if we had known, we probably would never have even started writing this case report!



■ Fig. 1:
Dr. Chris Chang lecturing in the 2019 AAO meeting.



■ Fig. 2:
Full house for Dr. Chang's lecture at the 2019 AAO meeting.

Furthermore, never did we once expect that it would receive such an award. Our case reports are never written with any intention of receiving an award, but rather to share our experience within our profession, with friends and colleagues. We sincerely hope that everyone can learn from that experience, the good, the bad, and the ugly!

So, firstly, my sincerest thanks to Dr. Rolf Behrents for having set the ball in motion and encouraging me to publish. Also, many thanks to CDABO, for giving me this prestigious award; I will treasure it forever.

Secondly, I have never learned an English word that can express the amount of gratitude, appreciation and respect I have for Dr. Eugene Roberts, who has helped and guided me throughout my career. I can only hope that "Thank you Dr. Roberts" will suffice.

Thirdly, thanks to all of you. We are all each other's teachers as well as students, and I would not be standing here today if it were not for all of you, who have helped to pass on the baton of your experience to me, a member of the younger generation, and I hope that I can help relay the baton to the even younger generation!

Finally, a huge thanks to all my colleagues in the Beethoven Clinic in Taiwan. They do a really fantastic job of documenting all my case reports. Among these colleagues is one individual who has encouraged me to lecture around the world and she is also my on-site speech coach, Ms. Sandra Diver. We couldn't have done it without you. Thank you, Sandra.

And one more thing...just in case she wasn't listening the first time, thanks to my wife, again!

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Fig. 3: Drs. Eugene Roberts (right) and Chris Chang (center) receiving the AJODO Case Report of the Year Award from Dr. Rolf G. Behrents, AJODO Editor-in-Chief (left) at the 2019 AAO meeting.



Fig. 4: Dr. Chris Chang holding the Case Report of the Year Award certificate in front of the AAO logo at the 2019 meeting.