

Prof. Ding-Shinn Chen received the 2011 “Distinguished Clinician Educator/Mentor Award” from the American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases

At its annual meeting in San Francisco, American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases (AASLD) presented Prof. Ding-Shinn Chen of National Taiwan University Hospital (NTUH) with the 2011 “Distinguished Clinician Educator/Mentor Award”, in recognition of Prof. Chen’s distinguished contributions to teaching and training clinicians in the field of hepatology for three decades. Prof. Chen is the first recipient from Taiwan of this prestigious award.

Established in 1950, AASLD is one of the major leading organizations in global hepatology research. This award serves not only as an acknowledgement of Prof. Chen’s outstanding achievements in academics, education and research but also as the international recognition for hepatology research in Taiwan.

Prof. Chen has been teaching at the National Taiwan University College of Medicine since 1975. AASLD highly praised Prof. Chen’s efforts in encouraging young doctors to emphasize both clinical care and laboratory research. Over the years, Prof. Chen has trained more than 90 gastroenterologists and hepatologists, many of whom have become outstanding physician scientists that hold key positions in major teaching hospitals in Taiwan.

Prof. Chen specializes in hepatology. The research team that he leads not only discovered the linkage between hepatitis B and liver cancer, but also identified the mother-to-child vertical transmission as the main mode of hepatitis B infection. These findings prompted the “war on hepatitis”, a ten-year national preventive and treatment program, making Taiwan the first country in the world to immunize all newborns with the hepatitis B vaccine. In 1991, the research team also developed a new treatment for hepatitis C, combining interferon and ribavirin. This innovative treatment for hepatitis C has now been widely applied throughout the world. Prof. Chen was honored in May 2010 by the Nikkei Group in Japan with the “Nikkei Asia Prize” for his great achievements in the research of the hepatitis B vaccine and the reduction of the incidence of pediatric liver cancer.



Above : Prof. Ding-Shinn Chen

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