



Dr Khoo Chong Yew

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He is a remarkable healer, a dedicated teacher, a contact lens pioneer, an approachable mentor and an advocate of avoidable blindness. He has attained these attributes in his lifetime of achievements as an eye doctor.

Dr Khoo is the inaugural Chairman of the Optometrists and Opticians Board. He is a Visiting Consultant to the Singapore National Eye Centre (SNEC) and National University Hospital. He chairs the Institutional Review Board of the Singapore Eye Research Institute and the Parkway Independent Ethics Committee. Dr Khoo has served on various hospital Medical Advisory Boards, including chairing the Medical Advisory Board of Mount Elizabeth Hospital. At the National University of Singapore, he was a clinical teacher and an examiner for the FRCSE and MMed Examination for Ophthalmology.

Dr Khoo is highly sought-after for his pre-eminence in the medical fields. He has held many positions including President of the Singapore Medical Association, Chairman of the National Medical Ethics Committee and Chairman of the National Committee on Ophthalmology. He was a member of the Singapore Medical Council and Founder-member of the SNEC Medical Board. Dr Khoo was Chairman of the International Contact Lens Council of Ophthalmology, and now chairs the Asia-Pacific Contact Lens Association of Ophthalmologists.

Dr Khoo is well-known nationally and internationally for his interest in the medical aspects of contact lens. Dr Khoo was principal investigator of two large studies on the effects of rigid gas-permeable contact lenses on the cornea and axial length of myopic children. He has a special interest in the aetiology of contact lens complications. Dr Khoo was invited to deliver a Keynote Lecture at the 50th Anniversary Celebration of the Japan Contact Lens Society in Tokyo in 2007. At the World Congress of Ophthalmology in Hong Kong in 2008, he delivered the prestigious Oliver Dabeszies Lecture.

Dr Khoo is passionate about avoidable blindness initiatives both locally and internationally. He has carried out multiple community eye screening projects, including the "National Eye Campaign" in 1984 when over 12,000 citizens were screened at 75 community centres. From 1986 to 2000, he held eye clinics at the Day Care Centres of the Home Nursing Foundation. Dr Khoo chairs the Singapore Visioncare Programme, run by the Singapore Women's Association, which conducts eye screening of senior citizens every month at a community centre. He has led four medical missions to Cambodia to introduce lens implant surgery to the local ophthalmologists.

For his stellar services to the nation, Dr Khoo has been awarded two National Day Honours: the PBM (Public Service Medal) in 1996, and the BBM (Public Service Star) in 2006. Dr Khoo was a council member of the Asia-Pacific Academy of Ophthalmology (APAO), and for his contribution to ophthalmology in Asia, he was awarded the APAO Distinguished Service Award in 1987.

For his outstanding services to SNEC, Dr Khoo was accorded the SNEC Gold Medal Award in 1997. In 2002, he received the Distinguished Service Award from the International Contact Lens Council of Ophthalmology.

*The Award Selection Committee congratulates Dr Khoo Chong Yew
as the worthy recipient of the*

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