

"Dr. Akio Kanai presented Doctor of Humane Letters

honorary degree by Pennsylvania College of Optometry in 2008."

Dr. Akio Kanai was honored with the highest degree awarded by the Pennsylvania College of Optometry in recognition of his many years of demonstrated commitment to the eye and vision care needs of underserved societies around the world which includes his 20 plus years of providing vision services to thousands of refugees and internally displaced persons.

Dr. Kanai, the recent recipient of the UNHCR's 2006 Nansen Refugee Award, was conferred the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters by Dr. Thomas L. Lewis, President of Pennsylvania College of Optometry during the College's commencement ceremonies on Thursday, May 22nd, 2008 at Kimmel Center in downtown Philadelphia. Dr. Kanai expressed his sincere appreciation for the support and attendance of Dr. George Woo and wife at the ceremony.



Dr. Thomas L. Lewis (left) & Dr. Akio Kanai (middle)



Pennsylvania College of Optometry commencement



Prof. George Woo & Dr. Akio Kanai