

Engineering Dean to Receive Prestigious Kraus Award

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Kai Fong Lee

Kai-Fong Lee, dean of the School of Engineering, has been chosen to receive the prestigious John Kraus Antenna Award.

The award, which is presented annually by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers' Antennas and Propagation Society, recognizes an individual or team that has made exceptional contributions to the field of antennas through innovation. Lee was selected for his invention of the wideband U-slot patch antenna and for expanding the U-slot technique to small size, dual/triple band and circular polarization applications.

Lee will receive the award in June during the 2009 IEEE International Symposium on Antennas and Propagation and the USNC/URSI National Radio Science Meeting in Charleston, S.C. The IEEE is the world's leading professional association for the advancement of technology.

"The John Kraus Award recognizes exceptional contributions to the antenna field through innovation," Lee said. "I regard this recognition as the crowning achievement of my research on antennas and is a dream come true."

A short paper outlining his expertise will be included in the symposium program, and he will be permitted to speak before the delegates for about 15 minutes.

"We are very proud of Dean Lee and his nationally recognized research accomplishments in the field of antenna technology," said UM Provost Morris Stocks. "This award confirms Dean Lee's brilliant research record and is a reflection of how his colleagues perceive his innovative approach to an important area of research."

"Dean Lee's continued dedication to his own research agenda is reflected in the research productivity of the faculty of the School of Engineering."