

State Branch Reports

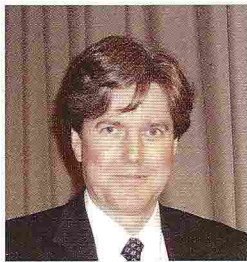
ASO New South Wales Branch

Dr Aziz Sahu-Khan and Dr Peter Woodward, with Peter's wife Sue, in association with the Trinh Foundation, have actively supported and participated in helping cleft-palate patients in Vietnam. Their efforts were brought to recognition at the NSW Meeting held in June 2009 when our Branch celebrated 50 years of Clinical Meetings. In support of the efforts of Aziz, Peter and Sue the NSW Branch donated \$10,000 to the Trinh Foundation to assist with the establishment of the first ever course in speech therapy in Vietnam aimed to help the cleft children's speech and social development. We were thrilled when Peter informed us that the inaugural speech therapy course recently commenced in Ho Chi Minh City. (see photo) I am certain that many of our members, unknown to us, perform significant charitable works and hope that our Society continues to contribute to worthwhile programmes in the future.

Our June Clinical Day was well supported by our membership and the Dental Industry with Invisalign the major sponsor. The speaker at our October Clinical Meeting was Professor Junji Sugawara speaking on the "Skeletal Anchorage System – The Past, Present and Future."

With the assistance of 3M-Unitek a prescription pad to assist with communication between orthodontists and surgeons in the positioning of mini-plates for anchorage was manufactured. The NSW Branch has passed the layout to the Federal ASO and it has been placed on the ASO website to allow all members to access it. It is a simple but worthwhile document and should be found under "Skeletal Anchorage Prescription".

I would like to thank all who have helped me during my term as President of the NSW Branch and wish all members well for the festive season and year ahead.



*Stephen Duncan
ASO NSW Branch President*



Dr Aziz Sahu-Khan second from the right back row and Australian Ambassador next to him