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**KAUAI DISTRICT HEALTH OFFICER HONORED BY AMERICAN  
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HONOLULU – Kauai District Health Officer Dileep G. Bal, M.D., M.S., M.P.H. has received the 2007 AMA Foundation Award for Health Education. The award recognizes physicians who have led, developed or implemented professional and public health education activities. The award was presented to Dr. Bal during the opening session of the AMA's semi-annual policy-making meeting in Honolulu on November 10.

While Dr. Bal was honored with the award primarily for past achievements in California and national chronic disease prevention and control efforts, currently he is employed with the Hawaii State Department of Health. At present, Dr. Bal is the District Health Officer for the island of Kauai and is also a Special Advisor to the Director of Health on cancer, chronic disease, tobacco and nutrition. He is also a Clinical Professor at the Cancer Center of the University of Hawaii.

Dr. Bal has long been involved in calling attention to the dangers of smoking and making strides to curb its use among Americans. He played an instrumental role in establishing one of the largest tobacco use prevention and cessation programs in the world, a program that has been widely acclaimed for its innovation and effectiveness. For more than two decades, Dr. Bal served as chief of the Cancer Control Branch within the California Department of Health Services and has been responsible for implementing California's tobacco control efforts since 1988.

During his time in California, Dr. Bal was also a clinical professor at the University of California at Davis School of Medicine, where he was active in the teaching and research programs. He has also served as principal investigator on major cancer prevention and control projects for the National Cancer Institute and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Dr. Bal is a frequent speaker both nationally and internationally on public health, medical and social issues, and was recently the commencement speaker at Brown University School of Medicine.

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