

NEWS OF THE FIELD

Congratulations to 2007 CLTA

Awards Winners:

**Vivian Ling, Jiajia Wang, Chunsheng Yang,
Yongfang Zhang, and Chunxia Wang**

At the CLTA 2007 annual conference in San Antonio, TX, Professor **Vivian Ling** was selected as the winner of the 2007 **CLTA Walton Award** for her outstanding lifetime achievement in Chinese teaching. The Awards Committee recognizes Ling as a gifted and extraordinarily dedicated teacher, scholar, and program administrator in the field of Chinese teaching. Ling started her Chinese teaching career in early 1970s. Her teaching skills are recognized as a model to the profession. Ling has been an important mentor of new generations of Chinese teachers in a good few Chinese programs in U. S. and study-abroad programs in Mainland China and Taiwan. Additionally, Ling is the author or co-author of more than a dozen Chinese textbooks, two dictionaries and thirty some articles. She also served as Editor of the JCLTA for four years and maintained its high standards in scholarship.



Vivian Ling receives the CLTA Walton Award from Jennifer Liu, President of CLTA

The 2007 **Walton Presentation Prize** has two co-recipients: **Jiajia Wang** of University of Pennsylvania

and **Chunsheng Yang** of Ohio State University. Jiajia Wang won the prize with her presentation on how to “enhancing current CFL teacher preparation process through beginning teachers’ perspectives.” Chunsheng Yang’s winning presentation is on “attitudes and motivations of Chinese heritage learners and non-heritage learners.” The two winners will each receive a certificate and \$300 at the 2008 CLTA conference in Orlando, FL. Additionally, they will also receive an invitation to submit their papers to be considered for publication in the *Journal of the Chinese Language Teachers Association*.



Yifang Zhang (winner of 2006) receives the Walton Presentation Prize from Chengzhi Chu, Chair of the CLTA Awards Committee

Both the CLTA Walton Award and Walton Presentation Prize were founded by friends and colleagues in 1998 and funded in 2005 by a perpetual endowment from the Cheng & Tsui Company in honor of Ronald Walton's lifetime dedication to Chinese language education and cross-cultural understanding.

The 2007 **Cheng & Tsui Professional Development Award** was shared by **Yongfang Zhang**, a Ph.D. student in Chinese of Ohio State University, and **Chunxia Wang**, a fresh Ph.D. of University of California at Santa Barbara and junior Chinese lecturer of University