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Τo,

Administrator/CMO/Medical Director/Director/Medical superintendent/ Co-ordinator/Manager/Principal,

Paramedical Institutes under IMA

Subject: <u>Collaboration between Indian Medical Association (IMA), New Delhi and</u> <u>Baba Farid University of Health Sciences, Punjab for Joint Paramedical Courses</u>

Sir/Madam,

We are pleased to express the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Indian Medical Association (IMA), New Delhi and Baba Farid University of health Sciences, Punjab. This collaboration aims to establish a joint program for offering paramedical courses, providing exceptional educational opportunities for aspiring healthcare professionals.

The MoU between IMA and Baba Farid University signifies a significant step towards nurturing highly qualified paramedical personnel. This program will equip students with the knowledge, skills, and experience necessary to excel in the healthcare field. The demand for skilled paramedical professionals is on the rise in India's healthcare sector. This joint program will position graduates for promising careers in various healthcare settings, including:

- Hospitals and Clinics
- Diagnostic Centers
- Rehabilitation Centers
- Nursing Homes
- Research Institutes
- Public Health Departments, Government Services
- Jobs and higher studies abroad

This program will position graduates to capitalize on these flourishing job opportunities.

We are confident that this collaboration will be mutually beneficial for both institutions and, most importantly, for the future of paramedical education in India, will create a premier paramedical education program, empowering students to excel in their chosen healthcare careers.

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Additionally, the diploma will be jointly awarded by BFUHS and IMA. Since BFUHS is one of only 12 Government Health Universities, it will enhance the value of our diploma. Recipients of this diploma will be eligible for government jobs and recognition abroad for jobs and higher studies.

To facilitate this, participating institutes affiliated with IMA will need to further seek affiliation with BFUHS, for which they will be required to pay affiliation charges and there will be a joint inspection, and the curriculum will be updated by IMA and BFUHS.

The program will offer online and offline courses with some credit transfers from BFUHS. There will also be a provision for a semester where students can physically attend BFUHS, with boarding and lodging facilities available. The program will offer the flexibility of multiple entries and exits, allowing students to upgrade their skills and knowledge at any time during their lifetime by taking physical courses at BFUHS. Once the institute is affiliated with BFUHS, the institute can charge higher fees of Rs. 50,000 instead of Rs. 30,000 for such courses.

To further discuss this affiliation and the benefits accruing to the students as well as the participating institutes, we shall have a physical meeting at the IMA HQs where IMA and university representatives shall be available to clear the doubts if any and start the process of affiliation. The dates shall be informed very soon.

Best regards,

Dr. Munish Prabhakar Honorary Joint Secretary, IMA