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To : Director/NHSL, Colombo,
Directors/MSS of Teaching/General Hospitals,
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SELECTION EXAMINATION FOR MSc (COMMUNITY MEDICINE) - 2018

1. The above examination is scheduled to commence on **20 September, 2018**.
2. Applications are invited by me from medical officers in the state and non-state sectors possessing the following requirements to sit the Selection Examination for admission to the full-time course leading to the degree of MSc in Community Medicine.
 - (a) A medical degree registered with the Sri Lanka Medical Council;
 - (b) Satisfactory completion of internship acceptable to the Sri Lanka Medical Council;
 - (c) Satisfactory completion of one year of post internship in medical clinical practice or teaching in a University/ Public Sector Institution/ Non-state Sector in Sri Lanka acceptable to the PGIM as at the date of closure of applications, ie. **15th August 2018**.

Note:- The criteria prescribed in paragraph (c) must have been satisfied by the applicants as at the date of closure of applications, provided that where a short-fall has occurred due to any reasons including sick, maternity or other leave, the doctor concerned should complete such shortfall in order to become eligible to apply for the Selection Examination.

3. The applicants to be eligible for enrolment to the training programme should pass the Selection Examination. The current format of the selection examination for the perusal of applicants is described in the prospectus 2017 and relevant examination documents which are available at the PGIM.
4. The selection examination for Community Medicine will consist of one written paper with five structured essay type questions of three (3) hours duration.
5. The candidates who pass the selection examination by obtaining an overall mark of 50% or more only shall be considered for enrolment to the course.
6. Only a maximum of **46 candidates** from the **Ministry of Health (MOH)** who pass the Selection Examination will be enrolled in the training programme. Placements will be made purely in the order of merit. The details are available at the Examination Branch office of the PGIM and on the PGIM website under "General Regulations and Guidelines 2018". The **46 MOH candidate's marks will be taken as a cut-off line and the candidates in sections 8, 9, 10 and 11 will have to obtain a mark similar to this or above to be offered a place in the training programme.**
7. The final number of available training placements will be determined based on the total number of candidates above the cut-off line.

