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To: Deputy Director General/NHSL, Colombo, Directors/MSS of Teaching/General Hospitals, Provincial Regional Directors of Health Services,

Deans of Faculties of Medicine/Allied Health Sciences/Medical Sciences/Dental Sciences

> Universities of Peradeniya/Colombo/Jaffna/Ruhuna/Kelaniya, Sri Jayewardenepura/Rajarata/Eastern/Sabaragamuwa/ Wayamba/KDU/Uva Wellassa.

<u>SELECTION EXAMINATION FOR POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN</u> <u>MEDICAL PHYSIOLOGY – APRIL 2025 (PROSPECTUS 2022)</u>

- 1. The above examination is scheduled to commence on **29**th **April 2025**.
- 2. Applications are invited by me from officers in the state and non-state sectors possessing the following requirements to sit the Selection Examination for Postgraduate Diploma in Medical Physiology.
- 3. Prospective applicants must satisfy the following requirements:
 - (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 /private sector institution in Sri Lanka acceptable to the PGIM as at the date of closure of applications, ie. 18th April 2025.

OR

(d) A dental /veterinary degree with three years work experience in the health sector or in arecognized university following graduation.

OR

(e) Allied health science graduates with at least three years of work experience in the health sector or in a recognized university following graduation.

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

4. 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.

- 5. The selection examination shall consist of 30 Multiple-Choice Questions Paper of 90minutes duration. The content areas from which the questions are based on is described in the prospectus 2022.
- 6. The candidates who pass the selection examination by obtaining 50% or more for the MCQ paper only shall be considered for enrolment to the course.
- 7. Up to a maximum 30th 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 on the PGIM website under "General Regulations and Guidelines 2025". The 30th MOH candidate's marks will be taken as a cut-off line and the candidates in sections 9,10 11 and 12 will have to obtain a mark similar to this or above to be offered a place in the training programme.
- 8. The final number of available training placements will be determined based on the total number of candidates above the cut-off line.
- 9. All candidates attached to **Other Government Ministries** who pass the Selection Examination and are **above the cut-offline** will be enrolled in the training programme in the order of the merit.
- 10. All candidates attached to the **State Universities** who pass the Selection Examination and are **above the cut-offline** will be enrolled in the training programme in the order of merit.
- 11. **All Non-State Sector** candidates who pass the Selection Examination and **above the cut- off line** will be enrolled in the training programme. They will be placed below the order of merit for candidates from the MOH, Other Government Ministries, State Universities and Armed Forces (including Police) based on the merit within the non-state sector category
- 12. All candidates from the **Armed Forces** (**including Police**) who pass the Selection Examination and **are above the cut- offline** will be enrolled in the training programme in the order of merit
- 13. The above numbers shall not be changed nor shall requests for such changes be entertained..
- 14. Each year only the scheduled Selection Examination in the approved examination calendar will be held. **No repeat or additional examinations will be held**.
- 15. The allocation of training units will be done as described in "General Regulation and Guidelines 2025" which is available on the PGIM web site: https://pgim.cmb.ac.lk/ The allocated training unit/s shall not be changed for personal reasons. The number of available subspecialty training vacancies offered for post MD training, if any, will be determined based on the vacancy list provided by the MOH prior to the allocation...
- 16. When a candidate is selected, he/she should register in the same year. If this is not done another eligible candidate will be selected. And the candidate, who refused, will not be permitted to register in the programme in a subsequent year with the same results unless a valid medical certificate from a consultant acceptable to the PGIM is submitted.

17. The prescribed fees for the examination for candidates in the state sector are asfollows:

a. Application fee
b. Registration fee
c. Examination fees
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c. Rs. 7,000.00 (non refundable)
c. Rs. 34,500.00 (non refundable)

Note that the only payments made through the PGIM online portal will be accepted

(Private candidates will be charged 50% more on each fee of the PGIM)

- 18. The application form can be downloaded from http://pgim.cmb.ac.lk.
- 19. All examination applications and other documents will be collected through a Google form https://forms.gle/4HdSwCAEnyPMfyJ69 or before 18th April 2025. All applicants should have a Gmail account to access the Google form. The exam application with all relevant documents must be attached as a single pdf document since this portal does not allow uploading of multiple documents. Please note that incomplete, handwritten, late submission and applications sent via email will not be accepted
- 20. The selected candidates should report to the training unit allocated to him/her within one month on receipt of the letter of selection to the training programme and allocation to the training unit.
- 21. Please refer to the new regulations laid down regarding the release of Medical Officers of Department of Health web site www.health.gov.lk
- 22. The candidates will be issued an "Examination Feedback Form" with the admission documents. Feedback in Part II should be limited to concerns, if any, regarding the conduct of the examination (eg. perceived biases, discriminatory behaviour, harassment, intimidation) and NOT regarding the format or content of the examination. The form should be sent back to Director/PGIM under confidential cover within 48 hours after conclusion of the examination. No concerns regarding the examination will be entertained after 48 hours of conclusion of the examination or following the release of results nor will these be investigated by the PGIM.
- 23. The results will be valid and official only after they are approved by the **Senate of the University** of Colombo.
- 24. The orientation programme on 'PGIM library resources and services' is mandatory for all postgraduate trainees who enter PGIM training programmes. Please refer library.pgim.cmb.ac.lk/ for more information.
- 25. A trainee following a PG Certificate or PD Diploma or MSc or MD programme shall not be permitted to sit another selection examination for a PG Certificate or PG Diploma or MSc or MD. If the trainee leaves the course before completion of aprogramme/course of study, he/she shall not be permitted to sit for another selection examination for a minimum period of two years from the date of leaving the programme/course of study. This rule shall not apply for online and part time courses.

- 26. Candidates are requested to visit the PGIM website (www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk) forfurther updates.
- 27. Please bring the contents of the Circular Letter to the notice of all medical officers concerned in your department/division/faculty.

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For Director