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Message from the Director and Deputy Director PGIM, to all our trainees

We are writing this to all our trainees, especially those who are at the forefront of the battle against COVID-19, both here and overseas. These are difficult times, and there may be worse to come.

The coronavirus epidemic has become the biggest challenge to the medical profession in recent memory. For those of you who are in the frontline, your duty is to do your work despite the risks this entails, for you and your families, while we ask the rest of society to stay safe in their homes. In times such as these there will be shortcomings, mistakes will be made, and working conditions will be far from ideal. The pressure you will be under cannot be measured, but you must never forget what it means to be a good doctor - caring for patients being the first concern. Up to now you have performed admirably - and, as you can see from the press and social media, society salutes you for the services you are rendering.

PGIM trainees have always been and are held in high esteem in the countries they work in for their skills, dedication, integrity, and adaptability to difficult situations. You all will, we are sure, contribute significantly towards fighting this pandemic, both here and overseas, making the PGIM and Sri Lanka proud.

As clinicians ourselves, we are fully aware of the burden you are shouldering and, as administrators we assure you that the PGIM will take into account the extreme circumstances in which you are currently working.

We thank you for all that you are doing. May you be blessed.

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