My No. PGIM/EX/16/MD/CM/II (23) Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, 160, Prof Nandadasa Kodagoda Mawatha, Colombo 7. 31st July 2023

To: DDG-PHS,

Directors/Epidemiological Unit/MCH/Special Campaigns,

Director/NHSL, Colombo,

Directors/MSs of Teaching/General Hospitals,

Provincial Directors of Health Services,

Deans of Faculties of Medicine/Medical Sciences,

Universities of Peradeniya/Colombo/Jaffna/Ruhuna/Kelaniya/Sri

Jayewardenepura/Eastern/Rajarata/Sabaragamuwa/Wayamba/ KDU,

## MD (COMMUNITY MEDICINE/COMMUNITY DENTISTRY) PART II (BY THESIS) EXAMINATIONS – NOVEMBER 2023 (2009 PROSPECTUS)

- 1. The above examinations will commence on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at the PGIM.
- 2. Applications are invited by me from medical officers/dental surgeons who have satisfactorily completed the MD (Community Medicine/Community Dentistry) Part II training programme of 1 year and 9 months by 15<sup>th</sup> August 2023
- 3. Candidates are required to submit Professionalism & Ethics in Medical Practice Strand Certificate issued by the PGIM along with the application.
- 4. You are required to give notice of your intention to enter the examination through your supervisor/s on or before 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2023. The final title of your thesis and the name/s of your supervisor/s should also be indicated for consideration by the Board of Study. You should submit the letter of intention to <a href="https://forms.gle/r3r9h31qP72Yx17NA">https://forms.gle/r3r9h31qP72Yx17NA</a>
- 5. Please note that candidates are required to submit the MD thesis on or before 3.00 p.m. by 19<sup>th</sup> September 2023 with the completed application. No extension of time will be allowed under any circumstances. The thesis has to be submitted in triplicate in loose bound form and a soft copy (The submission link will be informed once you submit the letter of intention)
- 6. Please note that candidates are allowed only 6 attempts at the MD examination which must be completed within a period of 7 years from the date of first examination. However, after failing the fifth attempt the candidate should undergo a minimum period of one year's further training before permitted the sixth attempt.

- 7. Please note that the minimum period allowed for submission of the thesis shall be two (02) years from the date of registration for the MD part I training programme. The maximum period allowed for successful completion of the MD examination will be seven (7) years from the date of registration for the MD Part 1 training programme.
- 8. The allocation of Post MD training units will be done as described in "General Regulation and Guidelines 2023 and according to the approved procedure by the PGIM based on merit. The allocated training units shall not be changed for personal reasons.
- 9. Candidates who are eligible to sit the MD examination are required to be present for the first scheduled examination after completion of the training programme. If a candidate does not apply or does not sit the first scheduled examination or subsequent scheduled examinations for reasons not acceptable to the Board of Study, the examinations will be counted as attempts.
- 10. For candidates who entered the MSc in Community Medicine/ Dentistry training programme after 2010, the minimum duration of Post MD training required to be eligible for Board Certification shall be one year local and one year overseas.
- 11. Post MD trainees should commence post-MD overseas training within two (02) years after the expected date of completing local post-MD training. Any delay will be added to the date of effectiveBoard Certification.
- 12. Post -MD trainees who delay commencing overseas post- MD training by more than four (04) years after the expected date of completing local post-MD training will have their trainee status terminated.
- 13. Following the completion of prescribed requirement for Board Certification including overseas training, the prospective trainee should apply for Board Certification with the relevant documents within one (1) calendar month of satisfactory completion of such requirements. If this is not followed, the date of Board Certification will be delayed.
- 14. The prescribed fees for the examination, shall be as follows:-

• Registration fee - Rs. 12,500.00 (Non refundable)

• Application Fee - Rs. 6,500.00 (Non refundable)

• Examination fees - Rs. 1 14,000.00

• Assessment fee - Rs. 58,000.00 (Non refundable)

(Candidates from non-state sector will be charged 50% more of the above listed fees)

Only online payments through the PGIM Online portal will be accepted.

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- 15. Candidates who are submitting notice of intention to enter the examination should pay the Registration and Examination fees and produce the receipt with the "Notice of your intention" to enter the examination on or before 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2023.
- 16. If the PGIM does not receive the payment slip before the said date it will be assumed that you will not be sitting the forthcoming examination that will be scheduled from 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023.
- 17. The **Assessment fee of Rs. 58,000.00** and **Application fee of Rs. 6,500.00** should be paid and receipt submitted along with the Application form on or before **01**<sup>st</sup> **Sepetember 2023**.
- 18. The application form can be downloaded from the website <a href="www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk">www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk</a>.
- 19. All examination applications and other documents are collected through a Google Form on or before **01**<sup>st</sup> **September**. The link will be sent only to the candidates who have submitted their letter of intention on time. Allapplicants should have to use the email account created by the PGIM. The exam application with all the relevant documents must be attached as a single PDF document since this portal does not allow uploading multiple documents. **Please note that incomplete, handwritten, late submissions and applications sent via email will not be accepted.**
- 20. Please refer to the new regulations laid down by Ministry of Health regarding release of Medical Officers/ Dental Surgeons of Department of Health. website <a href="http://www.health.gov.lk/en/">http://www.health.gov.lk/en/</a>
- 21. Each year only the scheduled Examination in the approved examination calendar will be held.

  No repeat or additional examinations will be held.
- 22. The results will be valid and official after confirmation by the Senate of the University.
- 23. 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(e.g. .perceived biases, discriminatory behavior, 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 concernsregarding 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.
- 24. Candidates are requested to visit the PGIM website (www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk) for further updates.
- 25. Please bring the contents of this Circular Letter to the notice of all medical officers/dental surgeons concerned in your department/division/faculty.

Dr. Himani Molligoda Acting Director/PGIM.

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