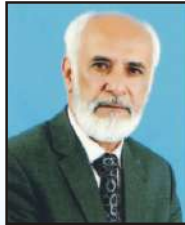




## VISIT OF GARRISON COMMANDER MAJ GEN INAM HAIDER MALIK HI (M)

### MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL QIMS



The situation with COVID-19 is evolving quickly and changes daily. In this situation QIMS continue to progress planning for all possible contingencies and as such we are consistently reviewing government information and expert advice. It is the aim of the college to focus on keeping our students, faculty and staff calm, reassured and informed. Our priorities are for the health and safety as well as the continuity of learning for our students. The college continues to implement a safe distant learning via **Google Classroom** with which response of students are highly encouraging and also work environment for limited staff through social distancing and the availability and implementation of hygiene practices.

Garrison Commander Maj Gen Inam Haider Malik HI (M) visited QIMS on 21 February 2020. Principal Prof Dr Arbab Abdul Wadood and Commandant / Vice Principal Brigadier Akbar Hussain received the guest in front of admin block.

After faculty meet with Head of Departments, Garrison Commander proceeded to plant sapling in front of QIMS Admission Cell followed by group photo. Garrison Commander was briefed in detail upon the ongoing projects, academic activities and functioning of college by Vice Principal / Commandant QIMS Brigadier Akbar Hussain at QIMS conference room.

Later on, Garrison Commander had a walk round of the college area conducted by the Commandant. He visited central library, basic, pre-clinical and other departments and appreciated overall excellent standard of QIMS. He had interaction with the 3<sup>rd</sup> year students and listened to them. He also interacted with the newly inducted 9<sup>th</sup> batch MBBS session 2020 students and enlightened them with the purpose and mission of becoming a doctor. He was seen off thereafter by the Principal and Commandant QIMS at the end of college visit.





## OATH TAKING CEREMONY OF QIMS MBBS 9<sup>TH</sup> BATCH

Induction of 9<sup>th</sup> batch MBBS 2020 session in QIMS started on 15 November 2019. Oath taking ceremony of newly inducted QIMS 9<sup>th</sup> Batch MBBS students was held at QIMS Multipurpose Hall on 20 December 2019. Before Oath taking ceremony the students / parents paid visit to different departments of the college conducted by Director Admin & Security and Students Affairs section. They took keen interest in various facilities being offered to the students during their stay at QIMS. Students and their parents were briefed by Director Admin and Security Lt Col @ Aziz ur Rehman about college and academic activities through PowerPoint presentation. Vice Principal / Commandant Brigadier Akbar Hussain administered oath to newly inducted students. Later on, the ceremony concluded at group photo with Vice Principal and students followed by light refreshment.



## STATE BANK OF PAKISTAN FINANCIAL LITREACY SESSION AT QIMS

The National Financial Literacy Program (NFLP), a five-year project with a target of one million beneficiaries, was rolled out by State Bank of Pakistan through the 16 SBP field offices across 77 districts of the country in 2017 in collaboration with commercial/ microfinance banks and partner institutions. In this regard, Representatives of SBP arranged a session on *FINANCIAL LITREACY* awareness session at QIMS on 6 February 2020. Students from different professional year participated in the session. Students were briefed about working of SBP and Financial Literacy through multimedia presentation and lectures. Students were offered loan with low interest rate. At the end SBP representative distributed free ufone SIM cards among the students and sponsored free account opening in various banks.





## CERTIFICATE IN HEALTH PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION (CHPE) 2<sup>ND</sup> SESSION BY NUMS

CHPE aims at introducing the basic and applied concepts of medical education to the health sciences teachers and enhancing their skills to perform the basic functions of a teacher in health sciences institutes.

CHPE 2020 (spring) face to face contact session 2<sup>nd</sup> group was conducted by NUMS from 2nd Feb to 8th Feb 2020 at QIMS seminar hall. The lead facilitator of the workshop was Dr. Faiza Kiran from NUMS. CHPE was attended by a group of 25 - 30 faculty members in two sessions. More than 20 participants comprising Head of Departments and Senior Faculty took part in the workshop. CPE - Curriculum Planning & Evaluation, EBTL - Evidence-based Teaching and Learning, AFL - Assessment for Learning, hands on activities, group tasks, role plays, and interactive discussions were used to help enforce the principles of assessment and quality of tests in teachers. The contact session concluded on 8<sup>th</sup> Feb 2020 with certificates to the management staff. Certificates to the participants are awarded by NUMS.



## ART THERAPY SESSION ARRANGED BY LEISURE CLUB QIMS



Painting Club Quetta Institute of Medical Sciences (QIMS) arranged an Art Therapy session on 5 February 2020 at Multipurpose Hall QIMS for QIMS employees both Admin & Faculty members.

The purpose of the activity was aimed to express their creative side, reduce stress and get in touch with their feelings. Ms. Yasmin Jogezae briefed the participants about the conduct of the session.

Faculty and Admin staff of different departments actively participated in the event. Prof Dr. Arbab Abdul Wadood, Principal QIMS graced the occasion as chief guest. Principal QIMS while addressing the participants said that Art therapy is best way to reduce stress. Moreover, it can help on the path to sobriety, build self-esteem, improve problem-solving skills, and heal past traumas.

In the end, Principal QIMS appreciated the efforts of the Art Therapy organizing committee and stressed upon the management to organize such activities on regular basis.



## QIMS 24<sup>TH</sup> ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING IN THE WAKE OF COVID-19 PANDEMIC

24<sup>th</sup> Academic Council meeting was held on 28 Feb 2020 at 1200 hrs at QIMS Conference Room. Principal QIMS Prof Dr Arbab Abdul Wadood chaired the meeting. HoD's from basic, pre-clinical and clinical departments attended the meeting.

It was unanimously approved in Academic Council QIMS meeting that college shall remain closed w.e.f 2 Mar 2020 to 15 Mar 2020, as a precautionary measure to protect the students from the spread of corona virus in light of Government of Balochistan directive. Moreover, Faculty and Administrative staff will remain present throughout the duration as per regular college timings. Awareness sessions along with PPE's will also be delivered to administrative staff.



## QIMS 25<sup>TH</sup> ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING IN THE WAKE OF COVID-19 PANDEMIC



25<sup>th</sup> Academic Council meeting was held on 13 March 2020 at 1100 hrs at QIMS Conference Room. Principal QIMS Prof Dr Arbab Abdul Wadood chaired the meeting. HoD's from basic, pre-clinical and clinical departments attended the meeting. It was approved that in light of notification, Government of Balochistan has declared public holiday across the province of Balochistan except the essential and exempted services mentioned by Home and Tribal Affairs Department GoB notification. Following decisions were approved by college authorities.

- College will remain closed from 24 March to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2020, However, minimum strength shall be employed for functioning / working of college.
- Minimum staff shall be working in shifts/rotation both hourly and in term of days.
- HoD's shall ensure submission of online lecture / presentation for distant learning as per HEC / NUMS directives. Lectures will be uploaded on QIMS website, Facebook page and Google Classroom.

Moreover, Biometric attendance during the closure period remain suspended and facial recognition attendance be activated by IT department.

## ONLINE MBBS CLASSES FOR STUDENTS IN THE WAKE OF COVID-19 PANDEMIC

*With the ongoing spread of the corona virus, use of technology and online learning platforms have become increasingly essential.*

As per notification of Higher Education Commission (HEC), in response to the novel corona virus, many schools, colleges and universities have shifted to virtual online studies. Quetta Institute of Medical Sciences (QIMS) and other affiliated medical colleges with National University of Medical Sciences (NUMS) have been notified by NUMS for shifting to online virtual study programme. In this regards, QIMS has started online lectures for current batches via **Google Classroom**. Faculty members in this regard record and upload lectures on daily basis.

Students are provided with the required number of class hours but without face-to-face contact with teachers. Carefully implemented, online learning can make medical education more accessible, affordable, interactive and student-centered.

