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Dear Mr Ghani,

It was my pleasure to have taken part in a program organized by you recently, to honor the 59 medical graduates from foreign universities trained by LIMRA , who have successfully cleared the Screening Test conducted by Medical Council of India.

Your service to the students, who want to pursue medical course in the Philippines, through LIMRA Overseas Educational Consultants for the past 15 years, is a highly commendable one and many students have achieved their ambitious goals.

I congratulate you and your team on the great success in fulfilling the dreams of many and in adding to the population of doctors which is a dire need of our society.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

C.M.K.Reddy.

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Dear Mr Mohammed Ghani,

I felt very happy when I attended the 15th anniversary celebration of Limra Overseas Educational Consultants. My happiness knew no bounds when I distributed the certificates to the young doctors who cleared the MCI FMG examination at their first attempt after attending the MCI coaching classes at Limra. A chat with the doctors revealed the fact that the faculty, the curriculum, the study materials you provided, teaching all 19 subjects in the UG Medical Course, the tests and discussions you had for the students are all nonpareil in this field and made possible only by LIMRA.

It is really a Herculean task to get admission for our boys in the Medical Universities at the Philippines and to take care of them till they finish their studies. But you go a step ahead, by providing the best coaching classes for the MCI FMG examination which give them the official status to practise in India.

I congratulate you and your staff at Limra for their excellent execution of the twin function and thank you for the courtesy you have extended to me.

I wish you and Limra more and more successful years of service in the Medical education field.

With regards

Prof Dr J.Rajkumar.



Prof.Dr J. RAJKUMAR

Chief Laparoscopic Surgeon,
Former President,
Association for Surgeons in India.

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Dear Shri Mohammed Ghani,

Thank you for inviting me to the 15th Anniversary celebration of Limra and MCI Achievers Award function. It is really a great and kind gesture that you invite the MCI FMG Exam achievers with their parents to congratulate and appreciate their efforts.

I am sure it is the well knit-curriculum that the Limra faculty devised with a focus on the MCI examination that continuously makes the candidates win the examination at their first attempt with high scores. I appreciate and congratulate the faculty.

By starting and running the MCI coaching classes for the past four years at Chennai, you are doing a yeoman service to the medical fraternity and a long felt need is served by this.

I wish the function a great success

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**Padmasri
Dr. G. Bakthavatsalam**
Chairman, KG Hospitals, Coimbatore

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Mohammed Ghani
Director, Limra Overseas Education,
Chennai

Dear Friends,

I am overwhelmed with an unalloyed joy for the intense participation of learned Professors, Doctor students with their parents and my friends at the 'MCI Achievers Award' & '15th Anniversary of Limra' function, on 26th January 2018.

Fourteen years back, Limra was conceived to render all possible help to create doctors to our society and I can proudly say that its goals are achieved to a great extent. I thank everyone who has contributed to our efforts.

Four years back, we planned well and invited the well-learned faculty from Delhi and other cities to Chennai to conduct the MCI FMG training classes for our young doctors. And the outcome is the successful journey of our trained doctors getting All India ranks in the MCI FMG examination.

I must thank Dr. C.M.K. Reddy for the continuous help and encouragement he renders to us in conducting these classes. I thank Prof Dr. J. Rajkumar and other leading doctors who are very critical of our efforts in order to make the classes better. I thank Dr Vikas Kumar who has gracefully accepted to spare his faculty and to be a partner in our attempts.

I thank one and all who made this function a great success.

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Dear Mr. Ghani,

It is indeed a great pleasure in attending the 15th year anniversary celebration of Limra Overseas Education as one of the guests.

On a conversation with the successful candidates of the FMG Examination, I come to know that the Limra faculty have taught all the nineteen subjects in depth, which is almost an impossibility in a span of five and a half month period. Moreover the young doctors also happily recalled the continuous model tests and examinations which allayed their fear towards the MCI FMG examination.

I congratulate not only the 59 students who got through with high scores but also the faculty who trained them.

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Dr. P. Guhanandan
Director, Indian Public Health
Association.

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Limra Overseas Educational has been giving guidance and renders all needed help for those who desire to join Medical Courses in Philippines, for the past 15 years. For our readers sake, we met Mr Mohammed Ghani, Director of Limra and elicited information regarding MBBS in Philippines and about the MCI Screening Test. He took almost two hours to give detailed answers and here we give them in a condensed form.



MCI SCREENING TEST

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1. What is FMG Screening Test? (Foreign Medical Graduates Examination) Is it mandatory for the Foreign Educated Doctors?

Medical Council of India Screening Test, also known as Foreign Medical Graduates Examination (FMGE), is a licensure examination conducted by the National Board of Examinations (NBE) in India. Clearing this Screening Test for FMG is mandatory for students who hold an under graduate as well as post graduate medical degree from a foreign university in order to practise in India.

Why should a doctor write another qualifying examination in India, while the course itself has been recognized by the Medical Council of India?

A good question. The doctors who study abroad have been educated and trained through various and varying situations. If they need to practise in India, they must have a knowledge of the environment in India, its people, diseases and the Health Plans that our Government offers. The MCI FMG Examination tests all these factors along with the subject taught in the medical course.

It is reported that the questions in the FMG Examination have a very high level of difficulty. Is it true?

A section of doctors raised this issue. The Central Public

Health Ministry constituted a committee of eminent professors who are not members of MCI and requested for a report on this issue. The committee took 11 question papers that were used between 2013 and 2015 and submitted a report stating that 53% of the questions had low difficulty and 42% with moderate difficulty. So there was no question with great difficulty.

Does it mean that the questions are not at all difficult?

'Difficult' and 'Not difficult' depend on our attitude. A concept which was difficult when taught may become easy when we get trained. It is like a student journalist trainee turning a seasoned journalist after the field work.

How does Limra prepare itself to provide MCI coaching classes?

There are 19 subjects in the medical course. They are Obstetrics and Gynecology, Surgery, Medicine, Community Medicine, Anatomy, Physiology, ENT, Bio Chemistry, Pharmacology, Micro Biology, Ophthalmology, Anaesthesia, Orthopaedics, Radiology, Dermatology, Pathology, Forensic Medicine, Preventive and Social Medicine and Psychiatry. Limra engages well experienced professors in these subjects to teach.

For this, Limra has entered into an MoU with the Academy for Foreign Medical Graduates (AFMG) at Delhi. Professors from this academy visit Chennai to conduct the coaching classes. Besides these classes, arrangements are made to give clinical exposure at Multi Specialty Hospitals for these trainee doctors. This makes their learning for the examination deep and intense.

Dr Aman Sethiya, Professor of Pathology is a gold medallist and is an expert in making his lectures very interesting for the trainees.

Dr. Arnika, Professor of Anatomy has more than 25 years of experience in this field. Dr. Mukh Mohith, Professor of Social and Preventive Medicine is noted for his narration of varied and varying things and making them relevant to the subject at the end. The trainees can easily score 25 out of 30 marks in this section. There are also other professors who are loved and admired by the trainees for their effective teaching. I must make a mention of them here.

Dr. Tharun, and Dr Aman Sethiya, (Pathology), Dr. Saravjeet and Dr Mayur (ENT), Dr. Amit and Dr Arnika (Anatomy) Dr. Aditya, and Dr.Priyansh (Bio-Chemistry), Dr. Ashish and Dr. Gupta (Pharmacology), Dr. Madhu, and Dr. Mukh Mohith (PSM), Dr. Soumen (Physiology), Dr. Ratnesh, Dr. Mohit, and Dr.Rajesh Gubba (Medicine), Dr. Vij and Dr. Mithilesh (Obstetrics & Gynecology), Dr.Rajarathna, (Ophthalmology), Dr.Desai (Surgery), and Dr.Murali (Orthopedics), Dr. Malcom Pinto (Dermatology), Dr. Mithilesh (Radiology), Dr. Sandeep Govil (Psychiatry), Dr.A.K. Sethiya (Anesthesia) and Dr. Soundarya (Forensic Medicine).

Three years back, MCI FMG training classes were conducted only at Delhi. When Limra started conducting them at Chennai, all doctors felt that their long felt need was materialised by Limra. Our model examinations were considered the best.

During 2016, 40% of the questions in the the FMG examinations were from our model examinations. Last year, in 2017, 59 candidates got through the

examination and all of them at their first attempt. Three doctors got All India Ranks.

What is the duration of these training classes?

Classes are conducted for 400 hours and the model examinations and discussions take 200 hours. These 600 hours are met within a span of Five and a half month period. Now we conduct short term classes for those who come on vacation to India during their studies

What is the minimum marks that one should score to get a pass?

The exam is conducted for a maximum of 300 marks. It is enough if one gets 150 marks. The examination is conducted in two sessions of 150 marks and 2.5 hours each. It is conducted in computer systems at centres in Coimbatore and Chennai. The exam fee is Rs.5,500 and application has to be submitted online only. Additional information can be had from www.natboard.edu.in

The pass percentage of this examination is always very low. What could be the reason behind this?

Yes, it is true. I will cite the reasons here.

1. Most of the doctors do not take up this MCI FMG examination immediately after completing the course abroad. They join in private hospitals as Assistants to regular doctors. Moreover, one can take this examination any number of times. This makes them take the examination without serious preparation. One can notice that those who take up this examination immediately after the completion of the course get through the examination.

2. 60% of the doctors who fail in this examination scores 10 marks less for a pass. It is because they did not have proper coaching for this examination. Hence I sincerely advise the students to take up the examination only after getting training at the coaching classes. Those who get at least 4 months training in a coaching class centre easily gets through at the first attempt and with better score.



How do you prepare the doctor students for the MCI FMG Examination?

The target Limra always has is 100% pass. We have experienced professors from AIIMS New Delhi who give 400 hours of lecture and 200 hours of tests and examinations. Most of the professors are medical textbook writers and they prepare and provide customized materials to read for the MCI FMG examinations. These help their preparation to secure high marks. During 2016 examination, 70% of our students got through while the All India pass percentage was just 12%. Our methodical steps in the training classes fetch this fruitful result.

1. At first each and every student's speciality is found out. One may be knowledgeable in OG; the other may be in Ortho and one more may be in Surgery. Small groups are formed with students who are well versed in different subjects. Everyday they discuss a minimum of 10 MCQ Questions. They are guided to discuss and help each other paving way for the students to know all subjects thoroughly. At the end, each and every student's latest learning is assessed and if needed guidance is provided in the subjects where one is not equipped well to meet the examination.

2. Besides this, the weekly and monthly model examinations prepare the student for the final examination. After every model examination, a review takes place with the student by the subject professor in which the student is advised to refer to some more books for further reading and enhancement of the learning. These raise the pass percentage of our trainee doctors.

What is your advice for the doctors who appear for the MCI FMG examination?

At first, they must get rid of the fear of the examination. Pathology, Physiology and Anatomy are the basic subjects and if one is thorough in these subjects, they can score better marks. Subjects like Surgery and Medicine meet new dimensions every day. Trainees should not confuse with these new techniques; it is enough if they are thorough with the basics.

Subjects like Surgery, Medicine, OG and Community Medicine have questions that could fetch more than 30 marks. So one should concentrate more on these subjects. At the next level we have subjects that have 17 marks each. They are Physiology, ENT and Bio Chemistry. Concentration on these subjects will add to the final score. Since there are no negative marks, trainees can relax and answer the questions in the examination and can get through in their first attempt itself.

Can you list out the special features of Limra in conducting the MCI FMG coaching classes?

At first, it is Limra that has started giving this coaching for the first time in Chennai. Earlier the trainees have to go to Delhi.

Review after each model examination with the subject professor and the follow up advice is a system that is practised only in the universities. Limra is very keen in following this method which has yielded very good results.

Most of our faculty members are experienced medical textbook writers. They prepare customized materials for this FMG examination focusing on the Questions that could find a place in the examination. These books allow the trainees to concentrate on the examination in the best perspective.

A notable feature of Limra's system is teaching all the 19 subjects of the MBBS course. This is contrary to other coaching centres where only 10 subjects are taught.

The group learning practice which I have already explained is another special feature of Limra's coaching.

Limra arranges to provide clinical experience to the trainees when they do not have classes at the Chennai Multi Specialty Hospitals. This makes their learning getting reinforced and makes them face the examination with ease and confidence. Limra has organised a well equipped library with all the needed books for the examination.

The class rooms and the reading halls are equipped with air conditioners. Limra also takes care of the personal needs of the trainees. We arrange calm and safe room facilities for outstation candidates.



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TAMPA - LIMRA 2017 awards are given to those who have contributed fruitful years of excellent service to the people.

Chennai: On 27th July 2017, Limra Overseas Education joined with the Tamilnadu Medical Practitioners Association, on its 28th anniversary celebrations in which awards were distributed to the senior medical practitioners who continue to render excellent service to the people. The President of the TAMPA, Prof C.M.K.Reddy presided over the function. Dr. V.V. Bashi, Prof Hemantraj, Dr. M.K. Srinivasan, Mr. Mohammed Ghani, Director, Limra, Prof. G. Bakthavatsalam, Prof. J.S. Rajkumar, Dr. Ravisankar, Dr. M. Kovalan, popular cine actor Mr Delhi Ganesh, Dr. Girinath, Prof. Tajamul Hussain, His Highness Prince of Arcot Nawab Muhammed Abdul Ali, Dr.R.V.S. Surendran, Dr. Sitaram Naidu and Prof Meera Mustafa Hussain participated in the award function and congratulated the awardees.

Limra Overseas Educational Consultants is mainly responsible for materialising the goal of my parents in making me a doctor.

I am glad to register here that Limra is mainly responsible in making me a full fledged doctor. My senior class mates told me a lot about the MCI Exam training classes of Limra. When I joined the training classes, I found it more than what they talked about. I got through the MCI examination in my first attempt itself. I am grateful to Limra. Even after the completion of the course at Philippines, Limra continues to have concern over its students and render all possible help. Limra could have left us after admitting us at Philippines. But it took continuous care on our career. I will never forget the help of Limra in this.

Dr Pavithra Rajendran (175 /300)



I joined the MCI Exam training classes at Limra with a confused mind about the examination. But the way the experienced senior professors of medicine conducted the classes gave a clear vision and the goals that we have to reach. Their motivational classes made me think that I was baseless in my prejudiced approach.

I dare say that no other training centre gives such an effective MCI exam preparatory classes. I thank Limra.

Dr. Mano Chandrika (165/300)



While I was doing my Fourth year of my degree course in medicine at Philippines, I heard about the well-knit structure of the Limra MCI training classes. I joined the classes for a month while I was in Chennai on a vacation. Later, after completing the course, I joined the regular course. For the MCI Examination, I read only the books offered at the course. To our surprise, 70% of the questions in the examination were from those books. And they confirmed my success in the examination. I will sincerely recommend Limra MCI FMG training classes to my juniors at Philippines.

Dr Muhammed Ramiz Raja (181/300)



When I informed my friends that all 19 subjects in medicine course are being taught in the Limra MCI FMG Examination training classes, they refused to believe and joined the FMG training academies at Delhi. Since those academies did not teach all the 19 subjects, they miserably met with failure. Now they have joined Limra 2018 MCI training classes. I wish, they secure high marks in the ensuing examination, like me.

It is Limra that gives the final magic touch to the lives of the doctors who study abroad, through the MCI FMG training classes and it is the one and only of its kind.

Dr. Nanthitha Reshmi Nanda (173/300)



Among all features of the Limra MCI FMG Examination Coaching Classes, I can say it is the "personal and individual care" that matters much. When we didn't turn up for the class, the executives would contact to find out the reason in order to help

us. Their personal interest exhibited in the Group Discussion, Test & Discussion, Revision Test and Motivational Classes which helped us in getting All India Ranks.

I will always carry the love and affection of Mr Ghani Sir and his executives besides the excellent training we had.

Dr Abirami (172/300)



The MCI Training classes conducted by senior most and experienced Professors were very easy and interesting to attend. I never got tired even if the classes continued for 10 hours a day. It was surprising to note that other class mates also felt the same. We found it more interesting when the executives of Limra showered love and affection on us. I will always remember this in my life.

Dr Mahesh (169/300)



Mr. Ghani Sir used to meet the students from Tamilnadu whenever he visited Davao, Philippines. In one of the meetings, I came to know about the MCI training classes that Limra conducted at Chennai. Hence I expressed my desire to Mr Ghani, Sir to join the course. He admitted me in the MCI training course when I returned to India. I secured 217/300 which got me the top rank also. I worked hard and I have had the blessings of my parents. But besides all these, Limra's systematic handling of the subjects, training through various model examinations, review meetings and many more steps in the training course helped me get a high score and a top rank at All India level.

Dr Sowmiya Ramesh (217/300)



I did not get through the MCI FMG Screen Test in one mark in my first attempt. In a very desperate mood, I had the opportunity to meet Mr. Ghani. He encouraged me and took personal care on me, when I joined the MCI Training course at LIMRA. At the second attempt, I secured 194/300 marks and also the third rank among the South Indian examinees. I will never forget the important part played by LIMRA in making me a successful doctor.

Dr Santhanam Buvanesh (194/300)



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Dr Joshua (167/300)

When our family decided to send me to a medical college, we met Mr Mohammed Ghani, Director of LIMRA. He cleared all our doubts about medical education at Davao, Philippines. They helped us in getting admission, bank loan, visa extension, food arrangement and what not. I successfully completed the course and returned to India.

Mr Ghani, again, invited me to the MCI coaching classes at LIMRA. We were taught all 19 subjects. What an excellent coaching, well planned model tests, reviews of answer papers, personal advice to improve and all these ending up in getting a high class score. I remain thankful to Limra and its team members for the excellent coaching classes they gave me.



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