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Dear Prof.....

It was very timely that you sent us the well-worked out equipment list. We had three economists from the Office of the President visiting us in the morning to find out more about some of the comments in the Medical School Feasibility Study. They asked us to send them a further breakdown of the capital costs. Mr Haleem will be sending the same after the weekend based on the itemised lists you have made. Thank you and congratulations for the meticulous way in which you have worked out the equipment lists.

Attached to this document, I am sending you a presentation we made for the economists from the Office of the President. There is something in it which is very serendipitous that we discovered. In Singapore there is a Medical College setup jointly by the Imperial College, London, and Nanyang Technological University. They admit 54 students per year. We found that they are not using cadavers at all in anatomy teaching. Instead, they are using two plastinated human bodies, different organs, The Anatomage Table and histological slides. The use of these will cut us all the costs of building those large tanks we saw at Peradeniya and the associated costly infrastructure. I am sure you know about all these, but for us, it overcame the largest block in our path to establish the Medical School. The Anatomage Table is USD100,000 and plastinated whole body and parts range from USD300 to USD 50,000.

The University Council has given approval for another consultancy to modify an overseas curriculum to meet our local Medical Council requirements and our circumstances. We have a 280-page MBBS curriculum giving full details of the teaching programme for MBBS approved by the Medical Council of India. The details include, topics to be covered in each lesson, text books and specimen examination papers for each module.

We have been thinking that the consultancy can be taken by a number of staff in a participating medical school as expertise in different subjects are required. Writing modified modules for each subject will not require travel to the Maldives. Instead of them visiting Maldives, MMC can visit them and brief them about the requirements and provide a modified exemplar subject outline. I think only minor changes are required as the human body has not changed much in the past 30,000 years!

The Chancellor has written to the senior doctors, with a copy of your report, and requested them to note their name in a register for forming the Steering or Roadmap Committee in the Report. We have got 11 persons already on the list including CEOs of ADK and IGMH. The University

Council has also approved a sitting fee for the members of USD 30 per meeting.

By the way, the Chancellor has sent a Business Class ticket to Prof Athula Senaratne, inviting him to be the Chief Guest for a graduation we are holding on 26th March 2015. He will arrive on 25th March and depart on 27th. We also suggested him to sign an MOU of cooperation between MNU and Peradeniya during his visit for publicity. These MOUs are symbolic and we have such MOUs with many universities. On this matter, so far, we have not heard much from him. I will send you through him a bundle of printed copies of the Feasibility Report unless the Chancellor decides to have a media debate on Medical School.

When I inquired about your final payment, the Finance Section told me yesterday that the advice for remittance has been sent to the Maldives Monetary Authority which transacts overseas payments. It is a matter of embarrassing regret that this has not been settled earlier. I am sure Mr Haleem will look into this matter.

Once again, thank you for your detailed capital equipment lists. They are quite comprehensive.

Best wishes

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