

# CONVOCATION OF KHYBER COLLEGE OF DENTISTRY

*(Read by Principal Ghulam Rasool on Friday, 28 April 2017)*

Honourable Chancellor

Mr Vice Chancellor Khyber Medical University, Prof Dr Hafizullah

Faculty members

Distinguished guests

and my dear students

Assalam-u-Alaikum

It is a great pleasure for me to join this celebration and I extend my warm congratulations to the Graduates of Dentistry.

Khyber College of Dentistry was established on 19 August, 1964 as Department of Dentistry of Khyber Medical College by Prof Ahmad Iqbal in two rooms and 14 students. Now this Institute is training undergraduates and postgraduates and has so far produced 1900 dental graduates, who are serving not only in the province, but also in other parts of the country, in Military Dental Centers and abroad. The graduates of Khyber are known for their excellent skills all over the world. Apart from undergraduate training, this institute is recognized for 4 postgraduate programs. Presently 120 postgraduate students are being trained here. This year we are going to start PhD in two subjects. Khyber College of Dentistry is proud to be a mother institute and there are nine Dental Colleges in the province which are being run by the graduates/postgraduates of this college.

Apart from teaching and training, this institute has well equipped dental hospital, having all the micro specialties and is the referral point for patients for the whole province, FATA and Afghanistan for outdoor and indoor patients.

We have established a Research & Development Department. The College is publishing a biannual journal "JKCD" recognized by PMDC. In a short span of life the journal has earned a national repute and is a good source for young dedicated researchers. We have a Medical Education Department, arranging regular workshops for faculty development.

The College has a literary society, and is publishing annual college magazine "Qindeel". We have a social welfare society which works for the welfare of the students, staff and patients. Sport and hiking team of the colleges arranges regular activities for physical well being and creating an environment of healthy competition amongst the students.

Sir,

There are certain genuine needs of the faculty, if addressed in time will improve the over all functions.

Faculty should have exchange program with standard international universities. This will need finances. Honourable former Governor Sardar Mehtab Abbasi had announced 1.5 million rupees for faculty development, which has not been released so far. It would be appreciated if you would grant us two millions rupees in addition to that for faculty development.

There is no accommodation facility for faculty and para medics working in KCD. Kindly allot us suitable land for construction of staff accommodation.

In 2007 all the reserved quota seats including faculty wards seats were abolished in the public sector institutions by the government, later most of quota seats were restored but restoration of the teacher's children seats is still awaited.

Our social welfare society is actively involved in the welfare of staff, students and patients. But without financial support all the efforts cannot be materialized. Please announce some grants for the society.

As I close, I commend the dedicated faculty, including those from KMC, who are involved in teaching of BDS students, for their role in preparing the best dental professionals.

I thank you all.

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## **COMMUNITY DENTAL HEALTH SERVICES**

Khyber College of Dentistry has prepared a comprehensive plan to improve the existing Dental Health Services in the province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Refresher courses for the Senior Dental Surgeons serving in the province have been started from the 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2017. Four batches of 20 each will be trained. Each batch will have 15 days training period. Oral health awareness programmes have been started. First free dental camp will be held at Akora Khattak (Nowshera).