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# Recognised medical colleges get international recognition

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The Pakistan Medical and Dental Council (PMDC) has secured international acceptance for all local recognised medical colleges.

"Recognition of all Pakistan medical colleges accredited by us has been notified in the International Directory of Medical Schools of the World. We're happy at the development, which has proved quality of our accreditation standards," PMDC Registrar Dr. Nadeem Akbar told 'The News' on Monday.

PMDC President Professor Dr Sibitul Hasnain and Vice President Dr Asim Hussain also congratulated the PMDC team, teachers and students of medical colleges and other stakeholders over the international recognition of local medical colleges.

Professor Dr Sibitul Hasnain said that he is proud of the accreditation standards of the Council, which have been declared the best in the world. He praised the PMDC inspectors for being the 'backbone of the accreditation process.' He said that stringent accreditation standards developed by the

Council after 2007 are the only means to ensure that only those medical colleges function which are of international quality.

He said that the PMDC has effectively stopped the mushroom growth of medical colleges by imposing a moratorium on new medical colleges as every new medical college was coming up at the expense of an existing college by siphoning off its faculty of basic sciences which is already very scarce and so would have left the college deficient.

Dr Asim Hussain said that the international recognition shall in-

still a new confidence and vigor in the students of private and public medical colleges and inspire their management to ensure continued fulfilment of the standards laid down by the Council.

Minister of Ministry of National Regulations & Services Dr Firdous Ashiq Awan also welcomed the development and said she is herself a doctor and registered with the PMDC and she understands the importance of the PMDC accreditation and licensure.

She said that the inclusion of Pakistani schools in the international directory is landmark in

the history of medical education of the Country. She said it is a tribute to the high standards and credibility of PMDC, without which the Pakistani doctors are nothing. She said that the amendments to the PMDC Ordinance passed by both houses of the Parliament shall further strengthen and ensure the autonomy of the PMDC and allow it to function without any political interference or pressure. She termed PM&DC as a success story and congratulated the PMDC staff and its management for this wonderful gift for the country.

Sir, submit it for your information please.

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