



Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health, UK in association with AMRI Hospitals hosts Diploma Examination in Child Health for the first time in India

Kolkata, 5th November, 2014 – **AMRI Hospitals Ltd** today announced its association with Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health, United Kingdom (RCPCH) for undertaking Diploma Examination in Child Health (DCH) for the first time in India. The two-day examination was held on 4th & 5th November 2014 in AMRI Hospitals, Mukundapur. The examination, conducted for the first time outside UK, witnessed the participation of 32 Indian doctors aspiring to acquire this coveted qualification from across India. The examination also serves a dual purpose of evaluating the infrastructure that India has to offer for conducting such top grade tests.

Speaking on the occasion, **Mr. Rupak Barua, CEO AMRI Hospitals Ltd** said, “AMRI Hospitals, Mukundapur feels privileged to be associated with this esteemed venture and host the first ever DCH examination outside UK. Until now this Diploma was only available for doctors who could travel to UK and take the clinical examination there. Our association with RCPCH, UK has enabled many aspiring doctors to appear for the examination in India itself without the need to travel outside. This examination sets the benchmark for International Paediatric Education amongst doctors. Our hope and endeavour would be to hold this examination regularly in India which would help Indian practitioners to gain worldwide recognition in paediatric care. “

Dr. Anna Mathew, Chair, DCH, Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health, UK said, “We were looking for a partner in India for conducting the examination first time outside UK. AMRI Hospitals, Mukundapur with its focus on women and child care and being the only hospital in Eastern India to have fully trained and certified paediatric sub- specialists, providing international standard in paediatric care, came out as the first choice. We are pleased with the turnout of examinees and the way AMRI’s clinical and administrative resources have helped make this examination a great success. We hope to nurture an enduring relationship with AMRI in the years to come.”

Highlighting the features of the examination **Dr. Arvind Shah, Principal Regional Examiner for South East Asia, RCPCH**, said “The examination was a 2 day programme divided into two modules; theory and clinical examination. Considering the high standard of the qualification, 32 select Indian doctors from various parts of country were handpicked to take part in this examination. Senior Examiners from U.K. and India, as appointed by the RCPCH, UK will evaluate and take final decision on awarding of DCH to the examinees. We are grateful to the AMRI Hospitals, Mukundapur for extending excellent facilities to conduct of examination”.

The Paediatric team is led by **Dr Santosh Agrawal, Head of the Department of Paediatrics at AMRI Hospitals** , and a senior examiner of the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health, UK. He has been instrumental in bringing this examination to India. He is supported by a team of Paediatric consultants from both AMRI and other hospitals, most of whom are also trained in UK and closely associated with the college.



About AMRI Hospitals

AMRI Hospitals, a multi-speciality healthcare facility in Eastern India with specialization in Oncology, Neuro Sciences, Cardiac Sciences, Orthopaedics, Emergency & Trauma care, Gynecology & Childcare is the largest player in private sector with its existing strength of around 1000 beds. With its state-of-the-art equipment and modern facilities, AMRI is ensuring that people from Eastern India are provided affordable high quality medical care in the region, so that patients need not travel to other parts of the country for medical treatment. Capacity expansion is also underway at AMRI for additional beds in Bhubaneswar, Kolkata and other parts of West Bengal. A 400 bed state-of-the-art multi-speciality hospital has recently been made operational in Bhubaneswar. AMRI Hospitals is committed to serve the people of Eastern India and is adding another 600-700 beds in the next 3-4 years.

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