



It has been a pleasure for me to serve as the Chairman of the MRCGP (Int.) Examination Board in Dubai.

It has been a rewarding experience to work closely with colleagues from the Primary Health Care section; the Director of Primary Health Care, Dr Adnan AbdulKarim Julfar; the Assistant Director General (Medical Affairs), Mr. Essa Kazim; and the Director General, His Excellency Mr. Quadi Saeed Al Murooshid

Coordinating the efforts of all these participants and marrying the aspirations of the Board, and the objectives of the Royal College of General Practitioners of the United Kingdom under whose aegis this development has taken place, has been intellectually stimulating, fruitful and tangibly effective.

All the preparations, regulations, and discussions have been concluded in a structured manner and achieved in the short time of about one year.

What pleases me most particularly is that the acquisition of this important examination in Dubai completes the achievements of the Department of Health & Medical Services (DOHMS) in pioneering and sponsoring in the UAE Specialty examinations conducted by well-known, established and respected international bodies like the Royal Colleges and the Arab Board. The MRCGP (Int) Examination can now be proudly included with the MRCP (Physicians), MRCP (Paediatrics), MRCS (Surgery), and the MRCOG (Obstetrics & Gynaecology). The main subspecialties in the practice of Medicine have been catered for, and I compliment the Director General and the Board of Governors of the DOHMS for their support in such important educational initiatives.

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