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Welcome to Calicut – Kerala: God's own Country

At the outset let me introduce myself, I'm Prof. Haroon R. Mansoori – Principal and Superintendent of **Markaz Unani Medical College & Hospital, Kozhikode** (Calicut), Kerala. This college is affiliated to Kerala University of Health Sciences (KUHS), Thrissur, and is approved by the Central Council of Indian Medicine, New Delhi and Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India, New Delhi.

Markaz Unani Medical College and Hospital started in the year 2010 to provide professional health care education in Unani System of Medicine. The aims and objectives of medical college are to produce competent Unani graduates of profound knowledge having an in depth basis of Unani practice of medicine optimized with modem scientific knowledge. This will be achieved in accordance with Unani fundamentals with extensive practical training so as to become Unani Physicians, Surgeons and Research Workers fully competent to serve the health care sector of India. Hospital started simultaneously with 60 bedded in-patient facility and 7 out-patient Departments. The Hospital is a complete in-house treatment centre and a centre of excellence in learning and research in the field of Unani medicinal practices. Unani Medical College started functioning in the Academic Year 2015-16 with an intake capacity of 60 students after getting the approval from Ministry of AYUSH, Govt. of India and Central Council of Indian Medicine, New Delhi. It is acknowledged by the Department of Health and Family Welfare, Government of Kerala and affiliated with the Kerala University of Health Sciences (KUHS), Thrissur.

Jamia Markaz was established by Sheikh Aboobaker Ahmed in 1978, with a vision to create technically and professionally competent generation. Having started with 25 students, Jamia Markaz - today it has emerged as a leading knowledge-disseminating centre among the academic organizations in India, which cater to the needs of more than 100,000 students. So far 75,000 students have graduated from the Jamia Markaz and hold leading positions in various sectors of the societal development in India and abroad. The governing body of the Society includes a team of reputable scholars, professionals and active social workers who are experts in their respective fields. Leading from its headquarters in Kerala, it has regional educational centers and divisional offices all over India and abroad.

To meet higher education needs of the community, Jamia Markaz is setting up a knowledge hub known as **Markaz Knowledge City** with an aim to create leaders of the future, by imparting modern and holistic education, in an environment of excellence - where students and faculty from different parts of the world come together for the purpose of learning. Markaz Knowledge City is thus a natural progression in the activities of Markaz from that of charity, knowledge and healthcare provider to that of functioning as a guiding light in the development of knowledge based economy in harmony with a lifestyle defined by moral values. The site is situated at Kaithapoyil, a picturesque village 60 km away from the Calicut International Airport and 40 km from the Calicut railway station. The site is surrounded by mountains with lush green valleys. Knowledge City is projected as one of the most innovative townships in the history of the state of Kerala. It is designed as a complete lifestyle solution. The campus is a self sustained educational hub providing world class education from pre-school level to post graduate courses. Markaz Knowledge City intends to provide education in diverse fields like engineering, medicine, graduate courses, law and management. Apart from the Education zone, the entire project area of 120 acres is given provision for Economic Zone, and Residential zone. Estimated population to live in the city is 20,000 with adequate job opportunities.

In order to enhance the academic vision and take it to the next level of excellence, the fundamental facets of Unani system of Medicine have to be deeply embedded in the minds of the students. Thus, with a vision of achieving this mission, attempt is being made to organize an **International Conference** from **6th January 2017 (Friday) to 8th January 2017 (Sunday)** on **"Fundamentals of Unani System of Medicine"** at Markaz Knowledge City. This International Conference will be in collaboration with Kerala Unani Medical Association (KUMA).

Kerala Unani Medical Association (KUMA) stands for the association of young energetic doctors who have completed their graduation in Unani Medicine from various Unani Medical Colleges of India. The main Objective of the Association is to propagate, promote and develop Unani system of medicine in Kerala state.

This government registered body is engaged in organizing various CME programs, awareness classes, health melas and regular mehfil-e-tib programs across Kerala. It serves as one of the eminent connecting bridges between the Government and the AYUSH System in Kerala.

As it is evident that, this college is crossing important milestones and developing rapidly, but is also facing teething troubles of infancy. Concurrently we are relishing dreams of a meteoric rise of Unani System of Medicine. This is a huge dream, but as A.P.J.Abdul Kalam has said "Dreams are not what you see in sleep, but it is the thing which does not let you sleep!" and as Steve Jobs (Apple) has further clarified "Dreams don't work unless you do".

Henceforth, we are planning to work wholeheartedly to achieve and materialize our dreams! To accomplish this we propose to convene a conference emphasizing the fundamentals of Unani System of Medicine. These concepts will blend, build and ultimately lead to the bloom of this system.

Currently, the present scenario of spectrum of health and disease is elusive and defying solutions even with high technological inputs and heavy research investments, not attaining the desired results. Unani System of Medicine with a 5000 year old history still holds its ground and is one of the major alternative systems of medicine benefitting masses. It is now an integral part of the National Health Mission of Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India and is recognized by WHO as one of the alternative systems of medicine. We would like to put forth the applied aspects of fundamentals of this system before the young budding Unani Physicians. This conference will also provide a platform to them to motivate them to think "out of the box" for the management of different ailments.

We would like to organize a three day International conference on **"Fundamentals of Unani System of Medicine" (ICFUSM) from 6th January 2017 (Friday) to 8th January 2017 (Sunday) at Markaz Knowledge City, Kozhikode (Calicut), Kerala.** Hence it is our sincere request to make yourself available in spite of your busy schedule and keep your time slot available for the conference from 6th January 2017 to 8th January 2017.

With warm personal regards,

Yours Sincerely,

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