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GCU seminar

LAHORE: A seminar was held here at the Government College University on Tuesday on “Policy Options to address Structural Weaknesses in Pakistan’s Economy”.

Speaking on the occasion, eminent economist Dr Vaqar Ahmad pointed out the lack of coordination among institutional bodies in reforming the country’s economic system. He shed light on the Malaysian economic model of growth and underlined the need for bringing down the size of the government, saying that it would help in curtailing the non-essential expenditures from society.

Dr Vaqar, who is the Joint Executive Director of Sustainable Development Policy Institute, Islamabad, discussed the basis for competitiveness in the government institutions and need for the post eighteenth amendment institutional reforms.

A large number of faculty members and students attended the seminar organised by the university’s Mehboobul-Haq Economics Society. Later, Dr Vaqar held a detailed meeting with GCU Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Hassan Amir Shah and explored opportunities of research collaboration between GCU and Sustainable Development Policy Institute, Islamabad.

Healthcare: Pakistan Medical Association (PMA) has appreciated the efforts of Chief Justice of Pakistan to improve health delivery system to provide better facilities to the masses.

PMA (Centre) Secretary General Dr SM Qaisar Sajjad said PMA has been raising its voice for the last many years to address the issues of health delivery system and medical education on priority but the governments always pay least attention to the health. “It seems health never was the priority of our rulers.

We have always demanded an increase in health budget with proper allocation and utilisation according to the recommendations of WHO which is 6pc of the total GDP. No doubt Pakistani doctors are very skilled and capable but there is a lack of facilities at tertiary care hospital.

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PMA reiterates demand to increase health budget to 6pc of GDP

KARACHI: Pakistan Medical Association (PMA) has reiterated its demand to increase health budget to 6pc of GDP.

A PMA release here Tuesday said with reference to news published in print media regarding Chief Justice of Pakistan's criticism on medical facilities in the country.

Pakistan Medical Association (PMA) appreciates the efforts and concerns of Chief Justice of Pakistan to improve the health delivery system of Pakistan to provide better facilities to the

poor masses of the country.

PMA has been raising its voice for the last many years to address the issues of health delivery system and medical education on priority basis but the governments always pay least attention to the health. It seems that health never was the priority of our rulers. We have always demanded to increase the Health budget with proper allocation and utilization according to the recommendations of W.H.O., which is 6% of the total GDP.

No doubt that Pakistani Doctors are very skilled and capable but there is lack of facilities at tertiary care hospital; even diagnostic facilities are not up to the mark to pace with obligations of the modern medical sciences. PMA has been demanding that there should be ban on the foreign treatment of the government office holders. They should be bound to get themselves treated at Government run hospitals. In this way the public sector hospitals will definitely improve.—RT/Agency

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اعلیٰ سرکاری عہدیداروں کو ملک میں علاج کرانے کا پابند بنایا جائے، پی ایم اے کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) پاکستان میڈیکل ایسوسی ایشن (پی ایم اے) نے ملک میں بنیادی صحت کے فقدان پر چیف جسٹس آف پاکستان کے ریمارکس پر اظہار تشکر کرتے ہوئے کہا ہے کہ پی ایم اے ملک کے غریب عوام کو صحت کی سہولیات پہنچانے اور ہیلتھ ڈیلیوری سسٹم کی بہتری کے لئے چیف جسٹس کی کاوشوں کو قدر کی نگاہ سے دیکھتی ہے۔ پی ایم اے کے سیکریٹری جنرل ڈاکٹر قیصر سجاد نے کہا کہ پی ایم اے پچھلے کئی برس سے صحت اور طبی تعلیم کے مسائل کو ترجیحی بنیادوں پر حل کرنے کے لئے آواز بلند کر رہی ہے لیکن ہماری حکومتیں صحت پر توجہ نہیں دیتیں ایسا معلوم ہوتا ہے کہ صحت ہمارے حکمرانوں کے لئے کبھی ترجیح نہیں رہی۔ پی ایم اے نے مطالبہ کیا کہ اعلیٰ سرکاری عہدہ رکھنے والے افراد پر بیرون ملک علاج پر پابندی عائد کی جائے اور انہیں اس بات کا پابند بنایا جائے کہ وہ اپنا علاج سرکاری اسپتالوں سے کرائیں۔