

'MBBS in China cheaper'

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Hyderabad: Medical education in China was cost-effective and qualitative, claimed a leading Chinese University.

The representatives of Liaoning Medical University, in an interactive session on Friday, said an under-graduate medical degree, equivalent to that of MBBS in India, would cost Rs 1.80 lakh per annum. "This is very cheap when compared to a majority of private medical colleges in India. Moreover, the standards which we follow are no way inferior to any other university of medical education in India," Prof.

L V Gang, president of Liaoning University stated.

"Two batches of students from Andhra Pradesh have completed their degrees and were successfully screened by Medical Council of India. They also got placements in established hospitals and medical centres," Prof. Paul Liang, president of Department of International Exchange of the University, said. The University, located in east coast province of Lianing, is the first to offer medical study in English for foreign students. It was WHO-listed and approved by MCI. At present, there are 150 Indian students studying

there.

Rajaram of Medico Abroad, a Hyderabad-based educational consultancy, which is authorised to select the students for the University, said, "Seven affiliated teaching hospitals and 123 clinical training establishments, ultra modern laboratories, huge library are available for the students to undergo field training."

"All the departments are headed by PhD professors and national awardee laureates, and score high scientific index. So, Rs 90,000 per semester may not be that exorbitant for middle class AP families," he added.