

Medical universities in China attract students from India

Medical education in China is not only affordable but it also exposes students to facilities that they would rarely see in India, finds R. RAVIKANTH REDDY

Interest in Chinese medical education is growing in India given the world-class facilities offered and affordability. The growing acceptance among aspirants from across the world also indicates that China is emerging as the destination for cost-effective yet best medical education, said Liang Zhongbao, Dean and Director, Department of International Exchange, Liaoning Medical University, Jinzhou.

Prof. Zhongbao, who is in India to guide Indian students admitted in the Liaoning Medical University (LMU) this year, said that thousands of international students pass out every year and go back to their countries for successful practice. About 500 international students passed out from LMU in January this year and the intake is growing with the alumni spreading the word. As of now about 400 students from 28 countries are pursuing medical courses.

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In fact, all international hostels are air-conditioned with separate rooms. Food tastes of international students are kept in mind.

On English medium teaching, he says professors from European countries have been recruited. LMU attaches great importance to the interaction between its foreign students and organises activities in the field of arts, sports and other fields on a regular basis to

offer exposure to different cultures.

With regard to facilities, he said in China the hospitals are huge and the Government doesn't compromise on the facilities.

So students are immensely benefitted learning in world class atmospheres along with professors from across the world. Among the 3,880 faculty members in LMU there are 680 associate

professors and 358 professors and chief doctors.

Lo Gang, President, LMU says that the numbers reflect the quality. It has 17 secondary level teaching units, 56 teaching laboratories, 3 main affiliated hospitals, 4700 ward beds and 169 bases for teaching and practice. The campus found in 1946 covers 1,140,000 square meters and lies in the north of Jinzhou city. As of now about 15,000 students

are admitted in 28 Bachelor programmes and 59 Master programmes.

V.R. Ram, Managing Director of Medico Abroad that conducted the interaction with students said the LMU successfully passed the Undergraduate Teaching Evaluation held by the Ministry of Education in 2007 and is one of the 50 higher education institutions authorized by the Ministry of Education to offer

Clinical Medicine (MBBS) in English medium to international students. It is also recognised by WHO, ECFMG and USMLE.

Mr. Ram says Chinese medical education is not only affordable but students get exposure to facilities that they would rarely see in India.

Some students who passed out from LMU and practicing in India also shared their experiences.