Welcome statement from the Associate Dean for the 4-year English Medical Curriculum

Dear Students,

I am honored to be responsible for developing the first 4-year English Medical Curriculum in China at the highly progressive Shantou University Medical College (SUMC), Shantou, Guangdong Province, China. Therefore, I welcome you to this elite program.

With support from SUMC and the philanthropic support from the Li Ka Shing Foundation, we have built an innovative 4-year English medical program with highly qualified faculty in combination with world-class facilities. The major strengths of our program are based on an integrated medical curriculum, problem-based learning protocols, extensive laboratory activities, community outreach activities, medical research opportunities and an educational environment that is conducive to life-long learning. Another feature is that you will take the USMLE steps 1 and 2 examinations for qualifications to practice medicine in the US and Canada. You will also have the opportunity to select a combination of clinical rotations and electives with our partner medical schools in Canada, Hong Kong, USA, as well as in China.

In building the curriculum, we focus our effort on two major objectives. The first is to attract outstanding students, like you, to attend our medical school as their top choice. The second is to produce clinicians with outstanding medical and international expertise. Therefore, I trust that, by completing our program, you will have an enormously rewarding experience, i.e. gaining a world class medical education while immersing in the rich Chinese culture.

I encourage you to review the Student Handbook which describes the high quality of SUMC, e.g. our world class facilities, the student-oriented educational model, the international medical curriculum etc. You will learn about the tuition fee and other cost, scholarships, and support for your visa application.

Once again, I welcome you to the 4-year English medical curriculum at the SUMC. In addition, I look forward to providing you with overall guidance and assistance with academic and non-academic issues while you enroll in our curriculum.

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