



Media Advisory

Friday, May 22, 2009

MLAs help celebrate “IMG Day” at the Legislature Event shows movement in province’s recognition of foreign-trained doctors

When & Where: Tuesday, May 26, 2009
12:00pm – 1:00pm (Open House Luncheon)
Legislature Building, Room 512
10800 - 97 Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta

What:

- In celebration of “IMG Day”, the Alberta International Medical Graduates Association (AIMGA) is pleased to be hosting an event for our membership at the Legislature Building, followed by an open house luncheon and attendance in the Public Gallery for the afternoon session.
- “IMG Day” is intended to celebrate the successes of International Medical Graduates over the past year, and bring attention to the issues IMGs face.
- **Over 20 MLAs are confirmed to attend the luncheon**, including the event co-hosts Dr. Raj Sherman, MLA for Edmonton-Meadowlark, and Ms. Teresa Woo-Paw, MLA for Calgary-Mackay. Also attending:
 - The Honourable Ron Liepert, Minister of Health and Wellness
 - The Honourable George Groeneveld, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development
- **Over 40 IMGs are expected** to attend the event, representing all areas of the province.
- This event is an important step toward strengthening the voice of IMGs in Alberta, and is an encouraging show of support from the provincial government.
- AIMGA consists of doctors trained or educated in countries other than Canada. It also includes individuals and organizations interested in the challenges facing International Medical Graduates in Alberta.
- AIMGA represents over 600 IMG members, with up to 10 new members joining every month.

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Alberta International Medical Graduates Association (AIMGA)

AIMGA is committed to the responsible, informed, and equitable integration of international graduate physicians into the Canadian Healthcare System. The Association aims for the recognition of skills and experience gained outside Canada, without compromising current Canadian medical ideals or standards.