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The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Kerala University of Health Sciences Thrissur.

Respected Sir,

Greetings from Govt. T.D. Medical College, Alappuzha.

It is an immense pleasure to be invited for the 11th Foundation Day celebration of our University and to attend the oration by our great teacher Dr. B. Ekbal and also to be part of Best Teacher Award 2020 session.

In this occasion I would like to bring to your notice that one of our senior Medicine Professor Dr. Suma T.K, who procured the distinguished International Fellow Award from American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene (ASTMH) for her dedicated work on Lymphatic Filariasis for 3 decades. She is the first Malayalee to receive the prestigious award from ASTMH. It is an award for special recognition of eminent contribution in achieving the control and optimizing care of patients suffering from Lymphatic Filariasis and her work made us a WHO collaborating centre for Lymphatic Filariasis morbidity management and disability program for 4 years May 2019 to May 2023. Her unit places a central role in creating policies and develops and implements training for healthcare workers of various countries of South East Asia region (Bangladesh, Srilanka, Indonesia, Thailand) Eastern Mediterranean region (Egypt, Sudan, Somalia, Yemen). Healthcare workers had come to Alappuzha to get trained in these techniques. Countries from African region, Western Pacific region had also been trained. In Kerala Doctors, Nurses and other health care workers of 14 districts – THQ, CHCs also have been trained.

She had been the recipient of Best Doctor Award-2008. This is only one among the state recognition for her contribution. Hence I feel that it's my duty to share her accomplishment to your good office on this special occasion – Foundation day and Best Teacher Award celebration - to congratulate her recognition as an International fellow – she being a KUHS faculty, this achievement is giving us an extra leap and adding on a golden feather to the academic and research expedition we are on to a global level.

Thank you

Yours faithfully Sd/-Principal