

CMC's first batch of 100 MBBS students graduate

CMC's first batch of a hundred MBBS students graduated on the 13th of November, 2017.

The graduation ceremony for the medical undergraduates began with the traditional jasmine chain procession, carried by the final year medical students, who were followed by the graduates and faculty.



The invocation song was led by the choir, followed by a prayer by the Head of Chaplaincy, Rev. Ananthi Mary. The Director, Dr. J.V. Peter, welcomed the gathering and introduced the Chief Guest, Prof. P. J. Kurien, Hon'ble Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha.

Prof. Kurien congratulated the graduates and pointed out that they were fortunate to receive their education from a premier institution, premier not only in India but across the world, which enabled them to serve with competence, humility, care and compassion. He emphasised that though the country has made significant strides in

the health sector, the outreach and service for the urban and rural poor have been inadequate. He challenged the graduates to have a deep commitment to serve society and contribute to nation building.



The graduates were presented to the Principal, Dr. Anna B. Pulimood by the Registrar, Dr. Renu Tharion. The prize winners were presented to the Chief Guest by Dr. Solomon Sathishkumar, Vice Principal (UG). Dr. Pulimood, in her charge to the graduates, congratulated them and challenged them to do what was right regardless of the cost. She reminded them of their responsibility to God, to the people of our country, to fellow colleagues, to the surrounding community and to the college. The 'Mrs. Mariaviakulam David Memorial Medal' for the best outgoing student was awarded to Dr. Hallel Reba, who won 36 awards which included medals, prizes and certificates of honour, for her outstanding academic performance throughout her



MBBS course. Dr. Chandra Singh J., Professor of Urology was honoured with the 'Drs. Molly and Thomas Bhanu Best Teacher Award'.



The prestigious 'Paul Harrison Award' was presented to Dr. Fam Siow Leong of the batch of 1980. This award which is CMC's highest honour, is presented

to an alumnus for significant, steadfast and selfless service, thus living out the motto of the institution, 'Not to be ministered unto but to minister.'



Dr. Leong, from Malaysia, joined CMC for the MBBS course. After completing the course, he returned to Malaysia, where he worked for four years, and later trained in Surgery in the UK, obtaining the Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons (Glasgow).

Following a request from a missionary doctor in Nepal, Dr. Leong decided to go to Nepal to help, and 'taste the life of a missionary.' That decision was his epiphany, setting him off on the road less travelled, to serve tirelessly in many places including Malawi, Zambia, Nigeria and, currently Western Uganda, where he has transformed many lives and entire communities with his committed service.

Mr. Paul Timothy Prabhu, President of the Students' Association, felicitated the graduating batch of 2012. Dr. Tara John and Dr. Sam David responded on behalf of the graduating class, thanking parents, family members, faculty, friends and the student community for their untiring support and encouragement.

The graduation ceremony concluded with the song for the Alma Mater and the National Anthem.