

# BLK Super Speciality Hospital inks pact with Afghanistan

To provide telemedicine to 3 public hospitals in Kabul; Train officials; Offer Residency Programs 13 April 2015, 9:31 PM IST



New Delhi, April 13, 2015: The Delhi-based BLK Super Speciality Hospital has announced a special pact with Ministry of Public Health (MoPH), Government of Afghanistan, which shall pave way for smoother access to patients of its world-class healthcare facilities. The hospital shall also provide assistance to the Ministry in areas of capacity building of its health professionals, telemedicine, medical tourism and public private partnership enabling MoPH to provide tertiary healthcare services to the people of Afghanistan.

The MoU was signed by the Public Health Ministry's Director General of International Relations, Dr Jawad Osmani and the hospital's Director -Operations & Planning, Dr Mradul Kaushik. Ambassador of Afghanistan to India, HE Shaida Mohammad Abdali accompanied by the Embassy's Economic Counsellor Mr Sayed Mujtaba Ahmadi and Press Secretary Mr Zubair Juenda were also present at this event. A delegation of four headed by Afghanistan's Public Health Minister Dr Ferozudin Feroz, while on a visit to India for a SAARC health conference, met the management team of BLK Super Speciality Hospital. In March a team from BLK Super Speciality Hospital led by Director Mr Naresh Kapoor and cardiac surgeon Dr Ajay Kaul had visited Afghanistan and met the Health Minister and the process was initiated.

"We are pleased to get into this agreement with the Government of Afghanistan. We are certain that our state-of-the-art infrastructure coupled with pool of highly talented doctors shall be able to strengthen the Ministry of Public Health towards ensuring robust healthcare services for the people," said Dr Kaushik.

Dr Osmani said, "We look forward to a mutually rewarding and enduring relationship with BLK Super Speciality Hospital." He informed that three Kabul-based hospitals - Wazir Akbar Khan Hospital, Isteqlal Hospital and, Khair Khana Hospital have been selected for where BLK Super Sepciality Hospital will provide consultation in different specialities through teleconferencing.

Additionally, BLK Super Speciality Hospital shall offer Residency Training Program for Afghan Medical Personnel in the areas of Cardiology, Oncology, Pathology Brain Surgery, Surgical Gastroenterology and Liver Transplant at its premises in India subject to the rules and provisions prescribed by Medical Council of India and other authorities. The hospital shall explore possibilities for follow-up training and capacity building activities, where feasible, as part of technical cooperation. It shall also provide training to the managers, doctors and allied health staff working on different projects of MoPH in order to inculcate knowledge that is necessary to manage successfully the projects of MoPH.

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