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**To:** Dr Raja Thangappan  
Chairman, Indomed Educare Pvt. Ltd., India

**Subject:** **Reg. Licencing requirements of foreign nationals to work as a  
Medical Practitioners in Timor-Leste**

Dear Dr Thangappan,

The Ministry of Health acknowledges your proposal regarding the medical education tourism project. We appreciate your interest and initiative in investing in Timor-Leste's healthcare and education sectors. I believe this project holds significant potential to enhance the quality of medical education to meet national and international standards, attract international students and professionals to Timor-Leste, and have potential economic development opportunities for our country.

Concerning your project, we would like to draw your attention to the licensing requirements for foreign nationals wishing to work as medical practitioners in Timor-Leste. The Ministry of Health mandates that all foreign medical professionals must obtain authorization granted by the Ministry of Health to practice within the country. Please refer to the Advisory from this Ministry (attached) in this regard.

We advise that your project plan includes a comprehensive approach to assist foreign medical practitioners in meeting these requirements. This will ensure smooth operations and compliance with local regulations, facilitating the effective implementation of this project.

The Ministry of Health would also appreciate receiving detailed information about this project and its potential outcomes for improving the health and medical education sectors of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste.

  
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**CC:**  
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**CLARIFICATION ABOUT THE LICENSE  
TO WORK IN TIMOR-LESTE AS A MEDICAL PRACTITIONER**

The Ministry of Health would like to clarify that both Timorese and foreign students who have been conferred the Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) degree from a college/university offering a faculty of medicine program recognized by the Ministry of Higher Education Science and Culture are allowed to practice as a medical practitioner, after acquiring the registration and license in Timor-Leste.

Furthermore, any foreigner having a valid medical degree from a recognized medical college/university is allowed to practice in Timor-Leste as a licensed medical practitioner or pursue higher medical education. The practice of medical acts in Timor-Leste is subject to compliance with current legislation on the registration of health professionals.

Please contact us if you require any further clarification.

