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MOTIVATIONAL LETTER

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Post applying for: Regional Ambassador of Asia Pacific

To,
The Asia Pacific Family and whom it may concern,

I come from the land of Jinnah, with diverse cultures and religions, beautiful landscapes, great food, and more than 200 million inhabitants. I come from the land of the youngest certified Microsoft expert Arfa Karim and Babar Iqbal, the man behind world’s largest and non-profit ambulance network, Abdul Sattar Edhi and reknowned Physicist Muhammad Abdus Salam to name a few. Pakistanis love biryani, cricket and festivals; and if you play soccer (aka football) then you have most likely once put a boot into a product made in Pakistan.

“With faith, discipline, and selfless devotion to duty, there is nothing worthwhile that you cannot achieve.”

– Muhammad Ali Jinnah.

International Association of Dental Students IADS is a platform where there is immense potential to be able to bring change due to its global reaches and with the right mindset and skills, one can do wonders together with the teams. I also set the goal to make Pakistan IADS Full Country Member largely due to the amazing exposure and projects of the organization, which we achieved as well and proudly, are part of the family.

I founded Pakistan Association of Dental Students in February, 2019, although there is still a lot more, the organization has already grown way beyond what it was in the beginning. Over this year and a half, I have come to realize that coming together for one purpose and working together is the only way to realize our biggest dreams. There is no need to walk on paths entirely unpaved if some things have already been addressed in the past. So working in teams, supervising projects, communicating with dental students and dentists from across the country and the globe has entirely changed my perspective and understanding of the field of dentistry and the need for informal education and various programs to establish relations with other countries as well as learn about the standard of clinical skills through an out of the box approach.

I am an experienced badminton player and have a lot of wins to my name; I have played for over 10 years. Some may say sports builds character, but I believe it reveals character and parts of us unknown to ourselves and it has given my personality a “start unknown, finish unforgettable!” approach, which is what I am bringing when I apply here to work with the best team.

I have communicated with thousands of students, processed applications of over hundreds of students and taken interviews, hosted the International Symposium 2019 of Pakistan Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons, organized two international events, a collaborative Virtual Dental Conference
with 5 other countries, been involved in public speaking and organizing numerous other events and competitions, both locally and nationally, volunteered for public health, orphan children, oral health promotion and more; and the exposure has allowed me to learn about certain interests, potentials as well as problems of the students which is also why I want to apply for this post. I also know dentistry is my chance in this life to change lives. To take on this role today and tomorrow, I do realize the responsibility I have.

Being involved in various projects for a certain cause or change, in any position, I have been able to visualize success and identify innovative and effective strategies for achieving it. I have artfully balanced workplace objectives and productive relationships, inspiring strategies and insightful suggestions to achieve results. My leadership roles and innovation strengths have enabled my professional and personal growth. I believe applying for the post of Regional Ambassador Asia Pacific is yet another opportunity for me to create chances for all of us to communicate our love for dentistry to all those in the region and around the world and help us all find common interests as well as participate in projects that help us all become better educators, colleagues, clinicians, oral health advocates and leaders.

I strongly believe that:

“If you want to go fast, go alone; if you want to go far, go together.”

Following are the goals I wish to work on if I get selected as Regional Ambassador Asia Pacific:

1. To continue any existing or pending projects in the region.
2. Organizing Projects under the umbrella of IADS that serve the objectives of the association.
3. Equal Representation of each Association in the region. IADS provides a platform to all the dental students from the different countries around the world to come together and it can be a gateway to building relationships between future dentists and consequently it can help form bonds between the entire dental communities striving for the same goal of dental health of the population.
4. Create Opportunities for the dental students of Asia Pacific Region. I strongly believe in the potential of the students in this region which I have observed after joining IADS as well as for the past few years after joining IFMSA. Through this post, I wish to create opportunities that bring us closer together and also to continue to let us all in the region have an equal chance at playing our role in various scientific and voluntary projects.
5. To ensure active communication between the Executive Committee and the associations of the Asia Pacific region.
6. Active participation of students of the region in various IADS projects including Prophylaxis, Research, Training or Exchange Programs.
7. Meetings: Building strong communication within the region’s associations and with the other region’s associations. This will be done by holding meetings and discussing various opportunities or problems.
8. Developing a Regional Strategy with other National Associations of the Region to ensure proper delivery of all opportunities, to strengthen the bond with other regions, to introduce the region to other parts of the world in various ways and to voice the concerns of the students of Asia Pacific.

I have also attached my CV. I appreciate your time and consideration of my candidacy to become the Regional Ambassador of Asia Pacific.

Sincerely,
Aneeqa Aslam.