

Pakistani-Cuban Doctors Association (PCDA)



Pakistani-Cuban Doctors Association (PCDA) represent the group of Pakistani origin Doctors graduated from Republic of Cuba in 2014-15 under the fully funded scholarship granted to deserving students of Pakistan after the earthquake of 2015. The scholarship was granted under the title of 1000 Scholarships to study medicine in Cuba by Higher Education of Pakistan. 935 Doctors graduated as Doctor of Medicine under this program and are now successfully serving the community in different parts of Pakistan. Been there in Cuba for 7 years, we can say with confidence that Cuba is a very diverse country with its own values. It is in real meaning a social state. Cuba is not certainly a paradise but is struggling hard to make better place for its own people and the other deserving people of the world. The sense of patriotism and love that every Cuban has for its country is unprecedented. The state of Cuba has provided its people with all the essentials of life like Education, Health services, Jobs/Skills and Protection. During our stay of 7 years we have never seen a school going kid on the streets or not in the school during day time. It has successfully provided education to all of its new generation without any discrimination. The children of a minister and a taxi driver or a cobbler study in the same school at the same place. It is providing equal opportunities to the male as well as female in selecting a career.

Health is one of the important thing in ones life and the burden of chronic disease is hard for families. Cuba has provided free health coverage to all of its citizen. Cuba has a very effective and model preventive health care system. From mild illnesses to the severe and difficult to treat diseases, its responsibility of the state to provide health care service to the patient. Cuba is among one of the few countries with lowest infant and maternal mortality rates, it has successfully eliminated fetomaternal HIV transmission. When millions of the people in third world countries are dying of infectious diseases Cuba has successfully eradicated many of that diseases from its boundaries. Not just in hospitals and clinics but students in school, colleges and universities, old age citizens in the old age houses and even prisoners in prisons enjoy health facilities. Not just its citizen thousand of Cuban Doctors have worked and are still working in different countries of Latin America and Africa. One example of this was the project "Milagro" (Miracle

e) where millions of patient were operated of eye surgeries and they regained their ey esight. We are the best example of Cuban solidarity.

Death of a family member is very devastating incident for any family in the world. The state of Cuba during such moments provide its citizen with funeral services, the place for the gathering of relatives and friends, wooden box and flowers bouquet. It decreas es the sorrow of the family and give respect to its late citizen.

Cuba also provide its poor citizen with free housing.

The state of Cuba is trying its best to provide all the essentials of life to its citizen and t o some extent it has done that. Cuba might not be perfect regarding human rights bu t it provides the best services and ways to its citizens, they services that many of the th ird world county citizens don't have. One of the most important factor in delaying and impending Cuba's progress is that of the unjust Embargo imposed by United states o f America.

Cuba has always respected the rights of its citizen and provided the best it can. Similar ly it's citizens have always defended Cuba and its revolution.

Regards.

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