



International Scholarship Report



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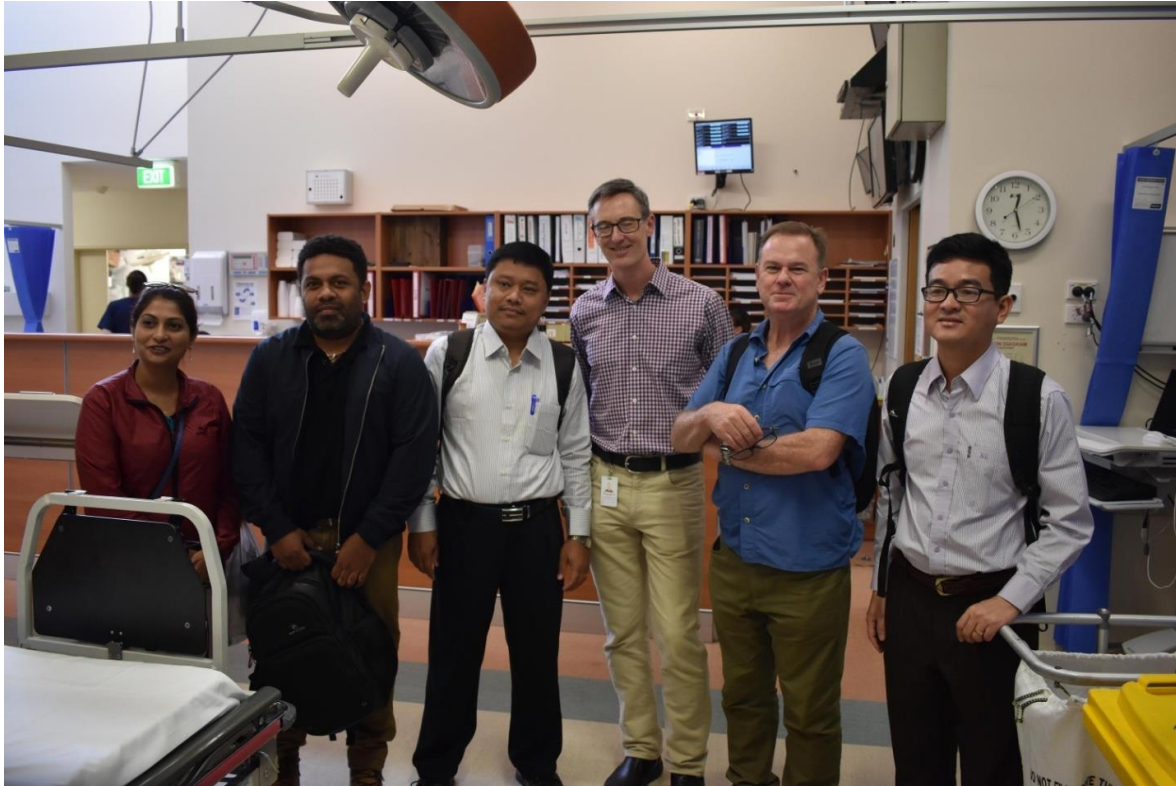
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It is really exciting and inspiring for me to look back at the valuable time I spent in the beautiful city Sydney, during the Annual scientific meeting of Australasian college of emergency medicine in November,2017. It was a great and broad experience to participate and present at this event, as the first Sri Lankan recipient of this international scholarship of ACEM foundation.

I would like to express my deepest gratitude to ACEM foundation and my nominator for the scholarship, Dr. Anna Davis (FACEM) for providing this great opportunity to update my knowledge and to increase awareness of international emergency medicine.

Also my sincere gratitude goes to all the organizers, specially Dr. John Kennedy (FACEM) and Fatima Mehmedbegovic,(Manager, Policy and Advocacy ,ACEM) who hosted us and guided during our stay in Sydney.

16.11.17 .My first day of this valuable programme was a visit to **the ED of Bowral hospital**. Dr Matthew warmly welcomed me and the other scholars there.



ED of Bowral Hospital with Dr Matthew Bragg

Same day evening **ED of Liverpool hospital** was visited. Dr Serena Ayers, the Director of EM of the hospital hosted there. In both places we had a great chance to observe the structure, design and the functions of EDs.



Liverpool Hospital, Sydney



Dr Serena explaining the patient flow of the Liverpool ED

On 17th November the **Ambulance Control Centre Redfern** was observed. Mick Corlis there accompanied us. I was amazed by the well developed and functioned Ambulance control centre and air ambulance centre here which is far ahead from my country.



With Mick Corlis, chief- Ambulance control center, Redfern



Aeromedical Crewing Excellence (ACE) Training Centre at Bankstown
The **simulation centre at Royal North Shore Hospital** was observed on the same day and had a great opportunity to learn about how the ED teams practice in high fidelity mannequins.



RNS Hospital, Sydney



Dr John explaining about point of care ultrasound scan at RNSH ED.

Participating the **ACEM college ceremony** and taking a photo with the president of the College Professor Anthony Lawler were two most precious and memorable events in my life. This was held on 19th November. The certificates were awarded to all the scholars.



Same day evening I had an enjoyable time at the dinner in the Starship Sydney.

ASM sessions were held from 20th to 23rd November and I acquired a wide knowledge regarding various aspects of EM and EDs by attending to those informative scientific presentations there.

On 21st November at IEM dinner I got a valuable chance to meet many EM physicians from Australia and New Zealand.

One of the most enjoyable events of my tour was the Gala dinner held on 22nd November. The picture will surely explain it. 😊



Moreover meeting the other scholars from Nepal, Myanmar and Solomon Island helped to understand the emergency medicine in developing countries as well. I enjoyed their companionship throughout.



I was so proud that at IEM I got a chance to present about the EM training programme in my country Sri Lanka which has been started in 2013. It was highly appreciated by the audience including the Ex-chairman of ACEM, Professor Anthony Lawler.

I would like to pay my utmost thanks to Dr. Anna Davis (FACEM), my nominator for her valuable advices and suggestions in making the presentation.

Many EM physicians from Australia payed an interest and offered their help to develop the EM training in Sri Lanka. I am looking forward for it with great respect and gratitude.

Finally I would like to pay my gratefulness to all who contributed in providing this life time, precious opportunity to make us aware and learn about the well developed Emergency System in your country and making ties with all the pioneers in EM in Australasia.