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Dear Global Pediatric Consortium,

As President of the International Pediatric Association, I would like to express my sincere appreciation for the global initiative that you have embarked upon. Your collective vision to:

“Establish common standards for pediatric training, assessment, accreditation, and professional development with the sole purpose of helping to *improving the quality of life for children around the globe* by providing highly trained and competent pediatric physicians and subspecialists.”

is a very laudable and worthwhile goal to pursue. It is encouraging to see the academic and educational community band together in close collaboration in this joint effort that is aimed at raising the quality of pediatric medicine worldwide.

This initiative represents a substantial step forward for developing nations. Providing them with the rich resources of the Consortium member organizations will empower them to improve the quality and quantity of their pediatric workforces exponentially. Industrialized nations will also greatly benefit from this initiative. While many industrialized nations have established credentialing and accrediting processes, this collaborative initiative will assist them to refine and improve their already high standards and quality assessment activities.

I believe that success in this endeavor will have a very positive and sustained impact on the health of the world's children by improving the quality of care provided by pediatricians. I applaud your efforts and wish you every success in this worthwhile initiative for the good of our children ultimately. Healthy Children for Healthy World !

Sincerely,

Dr. Chok-wan CHAN
President, International Pediatric Association