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OTICON'2020

INVITE FROM PRESIDENT AIOTA

I feel immense pleasure to invite you on the great occasion of OTICON'2020: the 57th Annual National Conference of All India Occupational Therapists' Association (AIOTA), at Ravindra Natya Mandir, Auditorium, Prabhadevi, Mumbai, The conference is being organized from Jan 16-18, 2020, by OT School & Center, Seth G.S. Medical College, K.E.M. Hospital Mumbai in collaboration with Mumbai Branch of AIOTA., with support from OT colleges and institutions of the city. OT School & Center, at K.E.M. Hospital is completing its 70th year of its beginning; therefore the long awaited occasion is the Platinum Jubilee of the very first Occupational Therapy College in India and Asia. On behalf of members of AIOTA, I salute Mrs. Kamala V. Nimbkar, the founder of this school and the profession of occupational therapy in India. We feel proud to dedicate OTICON'2020 in the staid memory of Mrs. Nimbkar. The occasion is great and hence the celebration will be enriched with

zeal and enthusiasm of the faculty, students and alumni of OT School, Mumbai So be prepared for a gala meet and enthusiastic celebrations there at Mumbai.

Occupational Therapy is now recognized as an independent frontline profession in most of the government and public sector institutions due to hard work and dedicated approach by members of AIOTA in different regions of the country. The manifold development in academics, service delivery & technology in recent years is praiseworthy, but still we have miles to go to meet the challenges of the future.

I congratulate the Organizing Secretary Dr. Jayashri Kale, Prof.& Head, the faculty & students of OT School & Center, K. E. M. Hospital, Mumbai, and the members of the Mumbai Branch of AIOTA for shouldering the huge responsibility of organizing this event.

The organizing Committee under the potential leadership of Dr.Jayashri Kale and Chairman of the Scientific Program Dr. Amitabh Dwivedi (Jaipur) are making tremendous efforts for making this conference a memorable academic feast. I am pleased to inform that **‘Nirmala Venkateswaran Trophy for the Best Mini Movie’** will also commence from this conference.

The success of the conference not only depends on it being responsive to the professional needs and issues but participation of the members is the key for positive outcome. I am sure you all will be there on this much awaited grand academic event of AIOTA in India's largest city, famously known as City of Dreams. I am confident that OTICON'2020 would also promote knowledge dissemination with scientific contributions from researchers, educators and practitioners for manifold growth of OT in India, as has been evident in past conferences of AIOTA.

AIOTA Conferences are an excellent platform to share, interact and learn from our national and international counterparts for our multidimensional academic and professional growth. We are looking forward to welcome the faculties & students from each of the OT Educational institutions, members and occupational therapy delegates from all part of India, delegates from fellow medical & health professionals and representatives from WFOT Member Countries at OTICON'2020 at Mumbai.

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