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Dr. Arvind Kumar Sharma, PhD, DhC
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Dear Doctor Sharma:

Thank you for your correspondence of May 9, 2019, concerning the International Organization for Educational Development's (IOED) annual Award Function.

I commend the IOED for recognizing the outstanding achievements and contributions of individuals in the multiple fields that you have outlined in your correspondence.

The Government of Canada does not have a funding mechanism to support such events given that its bilateral development assistance to India came to an end in 2006. However, Global Affairs Canada does undertake development programming in India through core funding to multilateral and global organizations and through partnerships between Indian and Canadian non-governmental organizations. For a detailed list of Global Affairs Canada's past and current projects in India, I invite you to visit <https://w05.international.gc.ca/projectbrowser-banqueprojets/>.

Canada also funds modest development assistance projects through the Canada Fund for Local Initiatives (CFLI). Calls for proposals under the fund are administered by the High Commission of Canada in New Delhi. The fund is designed to support small-scale local development projects, but only those proposed by Canadian and International non-governmental organizations. For more information about Global Affairs Canada programming in India or to enquire about the availability of the CFLI in India, I invite you to contact the High Commission of Canada in India at delhi@international.gc.ca.

I wish you every success in the upcoming Award Function.

Sincerely,

The Honourable Maryam Monsef, P.C., M.P.
Minister of International Development and
Minister for Women and Gender Equality

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