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**Message from the Prime Minister of Canada**

It is with great pleasure that I welcome the delegation from the Manipal Academy of Higher Education to the University of New Brunswick.

I hope that you have an amazing trip to our beautiful country.

As a former teacher, I have the utmost appreciation for bold steps that help further innovation within education. It's because I strongly believe that education is the key to solving all the great challenges facing us today, and we should support these steps whenever, and wherever, we can.

Also, if there is one thing that we have learned during the COVID-19 pandemic, it's just how much we should value our healthcare professionals, how much we have to learn from each other, and just how important it is for future practitioners to receive the best training possible.

Your partnership, and the "learn where you live" pathway, will provide just that for nursing students in both countries—and will indeed serve as a model for institutions around the world. Working together, the way you are, demonstrates an ability to think outside the box, a willingness to find collaborative solutions to staffing shortages and knowledge gaps, a desire to support high quality education across international borders, and an understanding that we are stronger when we stand together.

To the visiting delegation, and the teams from both institutions that supported this idea, you all deserve the utmost praise. Your work will make a world of a difference for nursing students—and the profession as a whole—and I can't wait to see this program flourish. We will all be better off for it.

I look forward to learning more about it, in person, one day soon. Until then please accept my very best wishes!

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