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To

Whomsoever it may concern

This note is being written in appreciation of the yeoman service rendered by Dr Ravishankar and Dr Uma Ravishankar of the Usha Kiran Charitable Eys Hospotal Mysuru. I first met Dr Ravishankar through My husband late Dr D Rajagopal Rao, ex Acting Director CFTRI, a Rotarian then who knew Dr Ravishankar through his Rotary connection and who spoke highly of the technical competence and humane way of interaction. He was consulted often too.

I too have had occasions to professionally consult these good doctors several times over the past few years and have always come away thoroughly enlightened about my eye condition, the course of action that will be required to address the issue and about the technical and scientific basis of Dr Ravishankar's diagnosis and treatment. That is something I always felt was important to bridge an understanding between a doctor and a patient.

That Dr Ravishankar and his able team and colleagues do a marvelous job of undertaking corrective surgeries on a number of children, I learnt through bullets of information and their Radio a devoted Doctor and conversations. It is indeed heartening to know that there exists amongst us in Mysuru a devoted and dedicated doctor to attend to the urgent need to correct pediatric defects ,many of which are present from birth or develop soon after. Left unaddressed these young people will lose their sight or live with some deformity and have to bear societal stigma through no fault of their own.

He has conducted many outreach programs to go out there among people and brought awareness to those who did not realize that their several afflictions could be easily corrected if help was sought and that expert help was available at hand. He was helped by NGOs and persons who supported their social work with adequate material and financial inputs without which it is not easy to conduct such vastly spread outreach programs.

Further he and his team of experts have raveled far and wide, gone to many countries in Africa such as The Gambia, Kenya, Ghana, Zambia, Guinea Conakry, Nigeria as well as In Honduras, Bangladesh and associated themselves with local ophthalmic experts to conduct demonstrations, eye surgeries, train them where necessary in the art and craft of very advanced eye diagnostics and of course built a huge amount of goodwill among colleagues , the people and our countries.,

That a single small team of specialist doctors working in a niche field can achieve this is truly laudable. His small neat eye hospital bustles with patients walking in with different problems on every single day and he and Dr Uma diligently attend to every complaint, diagnose and carry out treatment as indicated.

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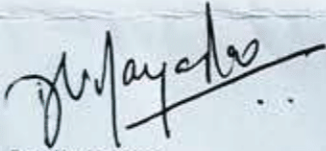
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Their voluntary and selfless service in their chosen field of specialization is unique, undisputed and says a lot about their love and yearning to keep working in this manner bestows several stars on them and on those supporting this service.

I salute them.


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