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Alumni Event Report MONTH OF July

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In alignment with its mission to provide global career insights and expand student horizons beyond conventional academic boundaries, SRM College of Nursing hosted an enlightening alumni guest lecture on 27th July 2024. This virtual session was part of the institution's ongoing Alumni Talk Series, designed to connect current students with distinguished alumni who have established successful careers internationally. Held online, the session focused on providing practical and professional guidance to nursing students exploring job opportunities in the Middle East, specifically in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

The featured speaker for this event was Ms. Malathi, a notable alumna from the 2016 batch of SRM College of Nursing. She currently holds the position of Clinical Coordinator at MOH Hospital, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. With a solid academic foundation in B.Sc Nursing and years of professional experience overseas, Ms. Malathi brought invaluable perspectives to the discussion, serving as both a guide and an inspiration to students aiming for international nursing careers.

The program officially began with an invocation, followed by a warm welcome address delivered by Ms. Aswathi Nair, Tutor at SRM College of Nursing. She introduced the guest speaker and emphasized the relevance of such sessions in equipping students with real-world career readiness. Titled "Career Guidance in Saudi Arabia," the talk was attended by 100 B.Sc Nursing III Year students, who actively participated and expressed keen interest in the topic.

In her presentation, Ms. Malathi shared a comprehensive overview of the pathway to becoming a registered nurse in Saudi Arabia. She spoke in detail about the Ministry of Health's recruitment policies, credential equivalency processes, licensing examinations, and the importance of English language proficiency. She also gave students a practical view of working life in Saudi hospitals, emphasizing daily clinical responsibilities, cultural integration, and patient interaction in a multilingual, multicultural healthcare environment.

What made the session especially engaging was the speaker's willingness to share personal experiences and lessons learned. From overcoming the initial challenges of relocating abroad to

adapting to a different healthcare system, Ms. Malathi's journey served as a roadmap for students preparing to take similar steps. She provided actionable advice on job applications, interview preparation, documentation, and career planning, ensuring students left the session with a clear understanding of what to expect and how to prepare effectively for an international nursing career.

Overall, the alumni guest lecture was a highly successful event that not only motivated students but also broadened their perspectives on global nursing opportunities. The institution looks forward to continuing this valuable series, further bridging the gap between academic learning and professional success in the international arena.