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Academic Health Development Meeting

**Medical Faculty at the
University of Freiburg
&
Medical Faculty at the
University of Balkh
North Afghanistan**

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A German – Afghan Cooperation

Mazar-i-Sharif is situated in North Afghanistan in the province of Balkh (urban population of 350 000 inhabitants) and is home to the University of Balkh and the Civil Hospital Mazar. The Medical Faculty of the University of Balkh currently accommodates 557 medical students, which due to the lack of an own academic educational hospital are being trained at the Mazar Hospital. At present, a specialized training for medical doctors is not possible at the University of Balkh, as the respective structures are still lacking. Furthermore, due to a fire at the hospital in 2006, the hospital has not been able to operate on full capacity and since has been rebuilt in cooperation with the German Society for International Cooperation (GIZ).

The main aim of the cooperation is the professional training of Afghan medical doctors and the organization of the Mazar Hospital as an academic educational hospital with sustainable improvement over the quality of training in comparison to international standards. Furthermore, an improvement of the administrative management of both the Mazar Hospital as well as the Medical Faculty of the University of Balkh is aspired.

With the Kick-Off Meeting in Freiburg and the ceremonial signature of the Agreement of Cooperation, the collaborative project enters its first stage. In the future a Fact Finding Mission supported by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) in Mazar-i-Sharif will be executed and according to the results a curriculum and training programs will be developed. Furthermore, in cooperation with the GIZ, structural conditions will be improved. Eventually, joint research projects will be launched.

Opening words and Signature of the Agreement of Cooperation

14.00 pm

Moderation: Prof. Dr. M. Wirsching, Director of International Affairs

- Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. mult. Hubert E. Blum
Dean of the Medical Faculty Freiburg
- Prof. Dr. Fazal Ahmad Bawar
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Ceremonial reception

15.30 pm