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Dr. Vidya Yeravdekar
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Subject: Notification of Approval – Promoting new programs on a “Subject to Accreditation” basis

Dear Dr. Vidya Yeravdekar,

Greetings from the Commission for Academic Accreditation (CAA). The Commission wishes you and your esteemed colleagues all the success at SYMBIOSIS INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY (SIU).

Reference to SIU Letter of Commitment dated 13 February 2024 and supporting documents to seek CAA consent for SIU to promote the following new programs that are planned for accreditation:

1. Bachelor of Computer Applications
2. Bachelor of Business Administration
3. Master of Business Administration
4. Bachelor of Arts Mass Communication

I'm delighted to advise you that based on SIU commitment to the Standards for Institutional Licensure and Program Accreditation (Standards 2019), the CAA has reviewed and approved SIU's request to promote the programs mentioned above and recruit students for them,

The CAA grants SIU special consideration for promoting the proposed new programs mentioned above for which SIU has submitted the required Applications for Initial Program Accreditation to the Commission. It is important to note that this special consideration pertains specifically to programs identical to those offered through the India campus of SIU.

The Commission continues to offer regulatory flexibility to SIU as a branch campus of international Higher Education Institution (HEI) in accordance with the Standards (2019) and the Supplementary Guidelines for Institutional Licensure and Program Accreditation of Branch Campuses of International Higher Education Institutions.

The Commission looks forward to supporting SIU in its commitment to ensure compliance with Standards (2019), which will contribute to the advancement of higher education in the UAE and for making tertiary education attractive and internationally competitive.

Should you require further clarification, please feel free to contact the CAA office at: CAA.Office@moe.gov.ae.

Sincerely,

Prof. Dr. Mohamed Yousif Baniyas
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