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MP Sahota Advocated Hard to Expanded the Student Direct Stream to Pakistan

26/07/2019 – Brampton, ON – Ms. Ruby Sahota, Member of Parliament for Brampton North joined other local GTA MPs and the Minister of Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship Canada, the Honourable Ahmed Hussen, announce that the Student Direct Stream has been expanded to Pakistan.

Canada’s position as a top destination for students seeking a high-quality international education is strengthened when we provide fast, reliable processing of applications.

The Student Direct Stream (SDS) is now available to study permit applicants who are living in Pakistan. SDS applications require prospective students to provide more up-front information to officers, including meeting language test requirements in English or French and providing additional information that shows their ability to finance their education. With additional information, officers can process applications more efficiently.

The Student Direct Stream launched in 2018 as an option for study permit applicants in China, India, Philippines and Vietnam. Most SDS applications in those countries are being processed in under 3 weeks.

“I am proud that Brampton North is home to one of the largest concentration of Pakistani Canadians in Canada and from my conversations in the community, I understood the difficulty that students in Pakistan underwent trying to study in Canada,” said MP Sahota. “My colleagues and myself took this issue to the Minister of Immigration and advocated for an effective solution. I am proud to see our Federal Liberal government expanding the Student Direct Stream to a more diverse range of prospective students, we’re enhancing the tremendous cultural, social and economic benefits that international students provide.”

Many international students who graduate from a program in Canada often become eligible for a post-graduation work permit. With a Canadian education and skilled work experience in Canada, former international students are well positioned for success in applying for permanent residence

through Express Entry, the Provincial Nominee Program or the Atlantic Immigration Pilot. In 2018, in fact, nearly 54,000 former students transitioned to permanent residence, an all-time high.

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