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Dear Fellows and Members,

I am glad that the very relevant topic of environment and medicine is being highlighted in this issue of the JIMSA.

There has been steady progress in our understanding of disease from the days of the theory of unifactorial causation of disease to the theory of "Multifactorial causation of disease" which involves disease-causing agent factors, host factors and environmental factors.



Environmental factors are from physical, chemical and biological spheres and generally speak of the external environment. These are often overlooked in the more complex disturbance of the internal environment and homeostasis that we doctors deal with day to day.

It is heartening to see that there is growing environmental activism arising all around and may this trend grow more and more. However, both realistic activism and a vision for the greatest common good needs, are to be kept in mind while regulating human development that interferes adversely with environment.

The medical profession has a social responsibility to actively perform i.e. to help promote environmental factors that will enhance the well being of all.

Let us all encourage the nations to make Kyoto Proclamation' a reality.

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