

GRADUATION CEREMONY OF THE INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MAURITIUS AUDITORIUM – DECEMBER 2018

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Respect Guests

Most of all Dear Graduands

It is with great pleasure and honour that I associate myself with the special event of your Graduation Ceremony. I am happy to share with you the feeling of excitement and success that you experience today.

After long years of hard sacrifice and discipline, you can at last today reap the fruit of your work, and this success will mark the opening of your career. Each one of you rightly deserves our congratulations together with the well earned recognition of your family, friends and peers.

A new Chapter starts in your life, and it is TO YOU to make the best of it and walk along the right path that will open for you a rich and exciting life.

Whatever you do, do it with all your heart. LOVE what you do. Have BIG dreams, FULL dreams, not HALF dreams.

That Degree/Diploma you hold in your hands today is really just for the learner's permit for the rest of the drive through your life.

Remember you do not have to be SMARTER than the next person. All you have to do is to be willing to work HARDER than the next person.

As you go forward from this place, please make it a point of reaching out to people whose beliefs and values differ from your own. Please listen with great

attention to what they have to say and try to understand them. TOUCH other people's hearts. When it comes to Exchange, ask yourself the question: "How can I be used in the greater service of life?"

Use your whole self, your being, your full expressing as an open prayer to life and the universe. The answer will be returned to you with fulfillment which is really the major definition of success to me.

I have served as a long time Rotarian, Member of the Executive Committee of the Mauritius Gymkhana Club for two mandates and I am now serving my fellow Africans of the Republic of Namibia as their Honorary Consul in Mauritius.

May I wish you in my own personal name and in that of all those who surround you today, a fruitful and rich career according to what you have desired and craved for during all your years of study.

May God crown our endeavours with success and bliss and with the satisfaction of a life well planned and well achieved.

To all of you, my very best wishes for a lovely and memorable day to be shared with all those you love.

Last but not least, Merry Christmas and may the coming year be a very exciting one.