

Honorary Consul's Speech

Hon Pravind Kumar Jugnauth, Prime Minister of Mauritius and Mrs Kobita Jugnauth
Honorable Ministers
Ambassador Dillum, Secretary for Foreign Affairs
Dean and Excellencies of the Diplomatic Corps
Colleagues of the Consular Corps
Mr Hedley Maurer, Coordinator of Safire.
Distinguished sponsors, golfers and guests

Good afternoon

I feel extremely blessed to welcome you in such a picturesque and elegant venue of an enchanting former sugar plantation house, set in a typical French garden in the heart of the Domaine de Bel Ombre for the Prize Giving Ceremony of the Namibian Charity Golf Tournament 2021.

A special welcome to Lady Sarojini who is sharing this sunny and beautiful afternoon with us. Lady Sarojini together with Sir Aneerood, Prime Minister of Mauritius at that time attended the flag raising ceremony in Windhoek on 21st March 1990 when Namibia gained its independence.

Lady Sarojini was also present when Namibia celebrated its 27th Independence Anniversary in Mauritius in March 2017 in presence of its Prime Minister, Dr Saara Kungoongelwa and her delegation, who were also attending the Africa Economic Platform during that same week.

A warm welcome as well to Hon Minister Seeruttun who was the Minister of Agro Industry when the Government of Namibia gifted 5 oryx, its national animal, to the Government of Mauritius on the occasion of its 50th Independence Anniversary in 2018. These rare antilopes can now be seen at the Casela Park, following a Government/Private Sector MOU.

In the same year, Hon Minister Seeruttun was also the representative of Mauritius at the SADC Head of States meeting in Windhoek when the President of Namibia became the Chairperson of that organization.

This year, we are supporting SAFIRE in their Breakaway Home Project for the rehabilitation of street children and youth into mainstream society.

Charities is not an optional extra in society. We believe that above anything else, charities nurture, repair, build and sustain our society.

My deep appreciation for the unflinching support of all my repeated sponsors for the prizes, so generously donated, especially in this time of recession, during which they are operating under strenuous circumstances of the Covid 19 pandemic.

I am also humbled by those who joined my so enriching annual golf adventure this year, namely Heritage Golf Estate, Le Chateau, Sotravic and Maubank.

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to Jonathan Menteth, the Golf Director, Avinash the Golf Manager of Heritage and Dorella Louise, Sales & Events Manager of Le Chateau, the backbone of this event for their unflinching and so valuable support.

Thank you for being with us here today, joining us and supporting us in our fight for the most vulnerable and their social well being.

Allow me to thank and congratulate the 64 golfers who took part in this year tournament and to the winners, BRAVO for being simply the Best amongst the Best!

May I wish you all a very pleasant "moment" with us.