

High Commissioner's remarks at ITEC Day on 19 Mar 2019

Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Education, Science,
Technology, Vocational training, Prof. James Mdoe

My dear ITEC alumni
Ladies & gentlemen,

Namaskar, Good evening, Habari za jioni

Karibuni sana kwenye siku ya ITEC!

Today is a celebration of 55 years of the Indian Technical & Economic Cooperation Programme. India's partnership with our brethren in Tanzania and other developing countries was launched in 1974 when India was taking her own steps towards progress and development. This represented our spirit of solidarity and sharing with fellow developing countries and our strong belief and commitment to South-South cooperation that remains deep and strong to this day.

ITEC is a sound and flourishing pillar of India-Tanzania friendship and development cooperation. It has taken healthy strides in the recent years and the number of Tanzanian officials and specialists who attended courses in India in the last year crossed 500, which is among the largest in Africa. Hongera sana.

It is satisfying that we are constantly strengthening and enhancing ITEC as a dynamic activity. Let me mention a few advances in Tanzania in the last year. First, we are focusing on areas of priority for Tanzania such as healthcare, information & communications technology, water resource, and infrastructure. Second, we launched first e-ITEC course in the pioneering field of

“Big Data Analytics” at Dar es Salaam Institute of Technology from one of the most advanced institutes in India. Third, we delivered a consignment of medicines to Medical Stores Department amounting to Tanzanian Shillings 2 billion in support of health care efforts of the Government of Tanzania. Fourth, we are going to hold an artificial limb fitment camp for about 500 disabled people at Muhimbili Orthopedic Institute in May this year.

Let me briefly mention that India-Tanzania development partnership continues to make very good progress in the last year. Among the largest Indian projects currently underway is the water supply project from Lake Victoria water to Tabora, Nzega, Igunga and 89 villages en route at a cost of Tanzanian Shillings 600 billion. Two other water supply projects in Dar es Salaam-Chalinze and in Zanzibar are also moving forward. We have committed further Tanzanian Shillings 1.15 trillion for water supply in 26 other towns in Tanzania. We have also proposed a tele-education programme in 5 universities in Tanzania and a tele-medicine programme in 5 hospitals in Tanzania and hope to conclude the agreement about it in the near future.

There is a lot to celebrate about India-Tanzanian partnership and cooperation, which is becoming very substantive. We are grateful that Deputy Permanent Secretary, Prof. James Mdoe has spared time to join us at this celebration with the alumni of ITEC programme. I would like to appreciate the cooperation of the Government of Tanzania, particularly the Ministry of Public Service Management and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Tanzania in our joint achievements in effecting ITEC programme successfully and fruitfully.

May I now invite the Deputy Permanent Secretary to share her thoughts with us all on the occasion. Asanteni sana to you all!