



POLYTECHNIC OF NAMIBIA

VOTE OF THANKS

BY

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AT

**THE 19TH GRADUATION CEREMONY
OF THE POLYTECHNIC OF NAMIBIA**

09:00

FRIDAY, 11 APRIL 2014

SAFARI CONFERENCE CENTRE

WINDHOEK, NAMIBIA

Director of Ceremonies

Distinguished Invited Guests

Ladies and Gentlemen

All protocol observed

I am deeply honoured to deliver the vote of thanks on behalf of the Council. We have had a wonderful ceremony and a rich output of graduates, and I would like to thank you all for attending, especially our invited guests and other dignitaries.

Let me first address myself to the graduates. Dear graduates, thank you for your diligence and hard work at the Polytechnic. You have measured to our high standards. You have therefore done the Polytechnic, your family, and your nation proud.

Next, I would like to acknowledge the family members, relatives, friends, guardians and sponsors and all others whose support has been behind every student's success. You have stood behind our graduates through the long years of toil, encouraging, feeding, accommodating and funding our students. Please be assured of the Polytechnic's deepest gratitude for your sacrifices and assistance. Thank you also for your presence here today, especially because many of you have travelled very far indeed.

I must also extend a special word of thanks to ALL the members of the Polytechnic, community - faculty, administrative and support staff, whose hard work drive our students' academic success. Professor Tjivikua and your team, the Polytechnic Council deeply appreciates being able to entrust the management and operations of this institution under your stewardship.

I would like to once again acknowledge the debt of gratitude we owe to the Government, Polytechnic's development partners locally and abroad, and to our many corporate friends: your support is evident everywhere at the Polytechnic, from the quality and relevance of our academic programmes to the modern facilities and the unique opportunities for work-integrated learning programmes availed to our students.

Thanks goes to the Safari Conference Centre for making the venue available to the Polytechnic. I must also express a word of thanks to the organisers and service providers for this beautiful venue, excellent logistical arrangements and a well-run programme.

To the engaging Polytechnic Choir and the impressive NDF Brass Band, your performances were simply wonderful and most enjoyable. You gave us the cherry on top of the cake. Thank you very much.

I would also like to express the Polytechnic's gratitude to our Guest Speaker, Mr Vetumbuavi Junius Mungunda, CE of Standard Bank, Namibia, for your congratulatory and motivational address. I am sure you gave our graduates and, indeed, all us of here, much food for thought. We thank you for so generously sharing your rich experiences and invaluable wisdom.

Last but by no means least, I am honoured to extend the Polytechnic's sincere appreciation to the Honourable Namwandi, Minister of Education, who delivered the Keynote Address on behalf of the President. Honourable Minister, we deeply grateful for the wisdom, opinions and thoughtfulness you so kindly shared with us in your inspirational address. Please convey our gratitude and best wishes to His Excellency the President. Thank you very much. Long live the Republic of Namibia! I thank you.