



VOTE OF THANKS

BY

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CHAIRPERSON OF POLYTECHNIC COUNCIL

AT THE 15th ANNUAL

AWARDS CEREMONY OF THE POLYTECHNIC

**THEME: *"RE-THINKING COMPETITIVENESS FOR SOCIO-ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT"***

THURSDAY, 15 APRIL 2010

Master of Ceremonies

Mr. Endjala, *the NCCI President and our distinguished Guest Speaker for this event*

Dr. Tjama Tjivikua, *Rector of the Polytechnic of Namibia*

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Staff and students of the Polytechnic of Namibia

Distinguished student award winners

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Ladies and gentlemen

I do not want to be a wet blanket by spoiling this great evening we had by coming up with yet another long speech. Mr. Endjala, our Guest Speaker, set the evening alight with his inspiring speech which was delivered in the most eloquent tones. Thank you for that.

On behalf of the Council of the Polytechnic of Namibia, the entire Polytechnic community, and indeed on my own behalf, I want to sincerely thank all our sponsors and donors for the generous support and donations to the students.

We have almost thirty sponsors, and I am sure you will agree with me that if I were to mention all of them by name, then we would be here the whole night. However, that does not mean that we do not appreciate you, our distinguished and generous sponsors. Let us give them a big round of applause! I want to assure you that you are all highly appreciated and the names of your respective organisations are listed in our programme of which the copies have already been circulated. I would like to stress that this sponsorship is not only for the advancement of these students, but also for the advancement of higher education in general.

Since its inception, the Polytechnic has kept up with the latest technological changes and made course offerings technology-based and business-driven to address the needs of different players in the Namibian market. We therefore encourage the different sponsors represented here tonight to continue with your partnership endeavours with the Polytechnic, because it is money well spent. Let us continue to support these young achievers whose stories touched us deeply tonight and develop them into movers and shakers.

To become a leading global university of science and technology, the Polytechnic's administrative system must be world-class, and support and drive our academic enterprise. I am therefore pleased to see how the Polytechnic has stepped up to this challenge, by making quantum improvements in its systems, processes and environment towards administrative excellence. This is mainly due to the visionary leadership of the Rector and his team of highly committed administrative and academic staff, who run this prestigious institution of higher education with distinction. We thank you for that.

Ladies and gentlemen, tonight we recognised and celebrated the great efforts and achievements by students from different Schools and Departments. I am therefore happy to see many deserving individuals receive awards for excellence in different disciplines. Once again, my warmest congratulations to all our award winners.

I thank you and have a great evening.