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KARIMJEE JIVANJEE FOUNDATION REWARDS YOUNG SCIENTISTS 2016

Dar es salaam, (January 9, 2017). The Karimjee Jivanjee Foundation (KJF) has rewarded Diana Sosoka and Nadhra Mresa from Mtwara Girls Secondary School for being overall winners of the Young Scientists Tanzania (YST) Awards in 2016.

Speaking at a press event to send off the winners to Dublin Ireland, the KJF Team said the two winners would receive scholarships from the foundation to study at University when they complete their high school education.

The students will travel to Dublin today to attend the BT Young Scientist and Technology Exhibition, an Irish annual school students' science competition, which aims at encouraging interest in science in primary, and secondary schools.

The Honorary Chairman of Karimjee Jivanjee Group of Companies in Tanzania, Hatim Karimjee said “We are very honoured to support the Young Scientist Tanzania Award because we believe that education is very important to the future development of Tanzania, and also because science education in particular can open opportunities for higher level career development”.

The Karimjee Jivanjee Foundation (KJF) is the primary vehicle for the Karimjee family’s charitable work. The mission of the Foundation is to invest in education as a means to enhance the economic development of Tanzania. At present, many young Tanzanians continue to benefit from scholarships from KJF, which enable them to follow their dreams and to make a greater contribution to Tanzania as a result of their education. In addition to these scholarships, the Foundation also supports Read International and others; works with Wonder Workshop and is working to boost the capacity for management of pediatric oncology in Tanzania.

Hatim Karimjee said although KJF’s main focus at the moment is funding educational institutions to improve education capacity, the Karimjee family established several charitable trusts in the 1950’s before Independence. “We have built many schools, hospitals, dispensaries, mosques and community centres. The most famous of our donations is Karimjee Hall. We built and donated this building to the Dar es Salaam Municipal Council in 1957 as a Town Hall. It was later adapted to become the official seat of Parliament. Independence was declared in Karimjee Hall on 9 December 1961.”

Other important donations by the Karimjee family have been the Usagara Secondary School in Tanga (formerly Karimjee Secondary School), the Karimjee Clinic in Mnazi Moja, the old Karimjee Hospital in Zanzibar and the recent donation of 100 desks to Mkwakwani Secondary School in Tanga. This donation was made to support the Government’s effort to offset the existing countrywide shortage of desks in primary and secondary schools.

The Karimjee Jivanjee Foundation is funded by donations from Toyota Tanzania, one of Tanzania’s biggest and compliant taxpayers, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary as the sole and authorised Toyota distributor in Tanzania since 1965.

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