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KARIMJEE JIVANJEE FOUNDATION SUPPORTS TREATMENT OF CHILDREN WITH CANCER

The Karimjee Jivanjee Foundation has given scholarships to three Tanzanian Doctors to study for a newly developed Masters in Paediatric Oncology at Muhimbili University for Health and Allied Sciences (MUHAS) as part of its plan to strengthen the capacity of doctors to treat children with cancer in Tanzania.

The Honorary Chairman of Karimjee Jivanjee Group of Companies in Tanzania, Hatim Karimjee said in Dar es Salaam today that the foundation for long-term sustainability in clinical services is the establishment of local capacity in treating children with cancer. This requires qualified Tanzanian doctors working in hospitals around the country. Karimjee was speaking during the event to celebrate completion of the 2015 MSc Paediatric Oncology Scholarships and the award of 2016 MSc Paediatric Oncology Scholarship at MUHAS funded by the Karimjee Jivanjee Foundation.

“In 2014 Tanzania did not have a single qualified Tanzanian Paediatric Oncologist. Therefore, when Dr Trish Scanlan and Tumaini la Maisha established the Masters Programme in Paediatric Oncology in collaboration with MUHAS the Karimjee Jivanjee Foundation realized that the time had come to train Tanzanian doctors in this specialized field of Paediatric Oncology, and that is why we agreed to support this programme.”

In 2014 the foundation gave scholarships to two Tanzanian Doctors to study for a newly developed Masters in Paediatric Oncology at MUHAS plus a 3-month international work experience in hospitals in Ireland. The cost of the scholarships provided by Karimjee Jivanjee Foundation was Tsh 70 million.

The first beneficiaries of the scholarships are Doctors Dr Rehema Laiti and Dr Shakilu Jumanne who completed their studies and training, and they are currently working at the Muhimbili National Hospital in the Children’s Cancer Ward.

During the event, KJF and Tumaini la Maisha recognized the two doctors with appreciation certificates as a reward for their dedication in serving children and for serving humanity. The doctors were also given TZS 6.6 million each to attend the International Society for Paediatric Oncology in Dublin, Ireland scheduled for October 2016.

The Karimjee Jivanjee Foundation announced Dr Moses as the recipient of the 2015-2016 Scholarship which will cost TZS 110 Million over two years.

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