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THE KARIMJEE JIVANJEE FOUNDATION DONATES TO YOUNG SCIENTISTS TANZANIA

The Karimjee Jivanjee Foundation has donated \$30,000 to Young Scientists Tanzania for 2016 to help promote science and technology in Tanzania from a young age. KJF sponsored the 'Science Technology' category and will be awarding educational scholarships to various winners.

Young Scientists Tanzania is a unique event in Africa, providing a platform for young people from across Tanzania to demonstrate their innovation and showcase their scientific talents. Modelled on the internationally acclaimed Young Scientists and Technology Exhibition in Ireland, now in its 50th year, Young Scientists Tanzania helps to popularise science amongst young people and encourage them to seek practical solutions to the problems they face in everyday life.

The centrepiece of YST is an attractive annual exhibition and competition in which schools and students can participate. Schools and teachers that wish to get involved are supported through cross regional workshops, where they receive mentoring and practical advice on experimental methods suitable for their environment.

Students then generate ideas for their projects based on the realities faced in their communities, tackling topics as wide ranging as nutrition, climate change, sustainable agriculture, gender inequality, disease, clean water and sustainable energy, all of which have major implications for the development of the Tanzanian economy and society.

In the process of their research, students and schools are also linked up with appropriate mentors from academia, the government, development and private sectors, and encouraged to view their research in the context of the global scientific community.