

**STATEMENT BY HIS EXCELLENCY DR. SAM NUJOMA,
FOUNDING PRESIDENT AND FATHER OF THE NAMIBIAN
NATION, ON THE OCCASION OF THE 10th ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION DINNER OF THE INTERNATIONAL
UNIVERSITY OF MANAGEMENT (IUM)**

26 OCTOBER 2012

DORADO PARK IUM CAMPUS

WINDHOEK

Director(s) of Ceremonies;
Honourable Minister of Education, Comrade Dr. Abraham Iyambo;
Honourable Deputy Minister of Education and Founder of IUM, Comrade Dr. David Namwandi;
Honourable Ministers and Deputy Ministers present;
Honourable Members of Parliament present;
Honourable Governor of Khomas Region, Comrade Samuel Nuuyoma;
Your Worship the Mayor of the City of Windhoek, Comrade Elaine Trepper;
Your Excellencies, Members of the Diplomatic Corps;
Your Grace Chancellor of IUM, Dr. Bishop Emeritus Kleopas Dumeni;
Distinguished IUM Vice Chancellor, Madam Virginia Namwandi;
Distinguished Chairperson of the Council of IUM, Dr. Helena Nkandi-Shiimi;
Distinguished IUM Council Members, Professors, the Management and Staff;
Distinguished Captains of Industries;
Distinguished Invited Guests;
Dear IUM Students;
Members of the Media;
Ladies and Gentlemen:

It gives me great pleasure to have been invited to the celebration of the 10th Anniversary of the International University of Management (IUM), here at the new hi-tech Dorado Park IUM Campus, this evening.

Ten years ago on 26 October, I had the opportunity, as the then Head of State of the Republic of Namibia, to officially launch the International University of Management (IUM). Today, I am pleased to be present at this special event marking the milestone achievement of the 10th Anniversary of the International University of Management (IUM).

Against this background, it gives me great pleasure to convey to you, the Founder, Comrade Dr. Namwandi, the Council, the entire management and staff, as well as the graduates and students of IUM, my personal congratulations on this special occasion of the 10th Anniversary Celebration of IUM and express my sincere wishes to you for even greater success in the next decade and beyond.

I am indeed gratified to see that the seed planted ten years ago is not only growing but bearing fruits and making significant contributions to the socio-economic development of our country.

Let me therefore commend you for upholding the high standards set by the Namibia Qualifications Authority (NQA), and for progressively gaining acceptance of, and credibility with national and internationally bench-marked universities and tertiary institutions.

In the same vein, I commend you for living up to the vision, the mission and the targets that you set for yourselves ten years ago.

Since the launch of IUM, I have been closely following with great admiration the impressive and steady progress, expansion and achievements made by IUM.

In this regard, I have noted with satisfaction that IUM was the winner of many prestigious national awards and international honors and recognition during the course of the last decade.

I have also noted that over the last ten years, IUM has not just grown in its student population, from under 1,000 to over 6500, but also from rented space and premises to its own modern physical plant and facilities.

Similarly, IUM has grown from 11 academic programmes to over 33 programmes with geographical presence and coverage within Namibia, the SADC region and several international partnerships and alliances.

In order to enhance the education and training sector's contribution to the attainment of strategic national development goals and to facilitate our nation's transition to a knowledge-based economy, it is now clearer than ever; not only in Namibia but the world over, that the burden of educating and training a nation cannot be the sole responsibility of the Government. This responsibility has to be borne by all stakeholders.

In this connection, I am appealing to you, the distinguished members of the private sector and our development partners, to fund and invest in the education of our youth in order to produce a critical mass of the much needed skilled human resources.

Allow me in conclusion to congratulate those who graduated earlier today as well as their parents and guardians. You have all done a good job, and you deserve our heartiest congratulations.

Similarly, allow me to take this opportunity to commend the IUM Vice Chancellor, Madam Virginia Namwandi as well as the entire management and staff for rising up to the challenge of facilitating access to many of our youth and provide them with the necessary skills that will help us to fight against poverty, diseases and ignorance and address other challenges facing our country.

I hope that the next ten years for the Institution and its benefactors and beneficiaries will be equally rewarding and successful.

I thank you.