

**REMARKS MADE BY TIBIYO TAKA NGWANE MEMBER OF THE MAIN
COMMITTEE, MRS NOKUKHANYA GAMEDZE ON BEHALF OF THE MANAGING
DIRECTOR, DR ABSALOM THEMBA DLAMINI**

ON THE OCCASION OF THE 21 DAYS OF YELLOW CARE CSI PROGRAMME

13 JUNE 2017

LAMDLADLA HIGH SCHOOL

**REPRESENTATIVE OF THE LOCAL UMPHAKATSI NENDLUNKHULU YONKHE,
MASTER OF CEREMONIES,
CHAIRMAN AND THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE,
YOUR EXCELLENCY THE US AMBASSADOR,
MTN CEO AND THE 21 DAYS OF YELLOW CARE TEAM,
FELLOW SPONSORS AND PARTNERS,
PRINCIPAL OF THE SCHOOL AND TEACHERS,
PARENTS,
STUDENTS,
MEDIA REPRESENTED HERE,
DISTINGUISHED GUESTS,
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN**

OPENING REMARKS

- ON BEHALF OF THE MAIN COMMITTEE, MANAGEMENT AND STAFF OF TIBIYO TAKA NGWANE, I WISH TO EXPRESS OUR GRATITUDE AND HONOUR FOR THE INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS NOBLE INITIATIVE.
- THIS IS A CAUSE THAT AS AN ORGANIZATION, WE FULLY SUPPORT, AND PLEASE RECEIVE OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU FOR JOINING HANDS AND SHARING YOUR RESOURCES, ENERGY AND TIME WITH THOSE WHO ARE LESS PRIVILEGED, PARTICULARLY OUR CHILDREN.
- THE 21 DAYS OF YELLOW CARE INITIATIVE IS A REMINDER TO ALL OF US TO SPARE A MOMENT FROM OUR BUSY SCHEDULES, LEAVE THE COMFORT OF OUR OFFICES TO GET OUR HANDS DIRTY IN A BID TO JOIN HANDS WITH THOSE IN OUR SOCIETY WHO FACE SOCIAL CHALLENGES SUCH AS POVERTY ON A DAILY BASIS.

- OUR COLLECTIVE CONTRIBUTION THROUGH THIS AND OTHER INITIATIVES OF THIS NATURE WILL GO A LONG WAY TOWARDS EASING THE BURDEN OF POVERTY THAT MANY FAMILIES CARRY.
- AT TIBIYO TAKA NGWANE, CORPORATE SOCIAL INVESTMENT IS NOT JUST A NICE-TO-DO ACTIVITY, BUT IT IS AT THE CENTRE OF OUR BUSINESS STRATEGY.
- IT IS A DIRECT CONTRIBUTION BY THE ORGANIZATION TO REAL-LIFE CHALLENGES FACED BY THE PEOPLE OF SWAZILAND.
- OVER THE YEARS, OUR CSI PROGRAMME HAS CHANGED THE LIVES OF HUNDREDS OF SWAZI CHILDREN, BY GIVING THEM ACCESS TO EDUCATION THROUGH OUR BURSARY SUPPORT.
- THIS SUPPORT DOES NOT ONLY RELIEVE PARENTS OF THE BURDEN OF THE COST OF SECONDARY EDUCATION, BUT IT ALSO GIVES THESE CHILDREN THE KEY TO UNLEASH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL AND TO UNLOCK OPPORTUNITIES IN LIFE.
- IT WARMS MY HEART THAT THIS ACTIVITY COMES AT A VERY SIGNIFICANT TIME, THE MONTH OF THE CHILD, A MOMENT WHEN WE SHOULD ALL DEDICATE OUR EFFORTS AND RESOURCES TOWARDS PROTECTING CHILDREN AND HELPING THEM TO FULFIL THEIR DREAMS.
- MY APPEAL TO PARENTS AND ALL STAKEHOLDERS IS THAT WE SHOULD, AT ALL TIMES, PROTECT CHILDREN, BECAUSE THEY ARE UNDER SERIOUS ATTACK.

WORD OF ADVICE FOR STUDENTS

- AS WE PRESENT SOME OF THIS SCHOOL'S PUPILS WITH 10 BURSARIES, I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE THESE FEW WORDS OF PARENTAL ADVICE TO ALL CHILDREN PRESENT HERE.

- BEING A YOUNG PERSON IN AN ERA OF COMPLEX BEHAVIOURAL TRENDS DEMANDS THAT YOUNG PEOPLE MUST REMAIN FOCUSED AND DISCIPLINED.
- TODAY, YOUNG PEOPLE ARE THREATENED BY VERY DANGEROUS AND ADDICTIVE TENDENCIES, AND I WANT TO STRONGLY WARN YOU AGAINST GETTING CARRIED AWAY EASILY.
- NOT ALL THAT GLITTERS IS GOLD. CHOOSE YOUR FRIENDS WISELY, AND DO NOT SUCCUMB TO PEER PRESSURE.
- THE BEST THING YOU CAN DO FOR YOURSELF IS STAYING AT SCHOOL AND WORK HARD TO COMPLETE YOUR STUDIES WITH TOP HONOURS. THIS WILL GIVE YOU A KEY WITH WHICH YOU WILL OPEN ANY DOOR IN LIFE.
- BUT TO ACHIEVE THAT SUCCESS, YOU NEED TO ELIMINATE HABITS AND FRIENDSHIPS THAT WILL DIVERT YOU FROM YOUR GOAL.
- BELIEVE IN YOURSELF AND DO NOT BE AFRAID TO DREAM BIG.
- YOU CAN MAKE IT, REGARDLESS OF YOUR PRESENT OR PAST CIRCUMSTANCES.

CONCLUSION

- IT NOW GIVES ME GREAT HONOUR TO INVITE THE PUPILS WHO HAVE BEEN AWARDED THE BURSARIES TO COME AND RECEIVE THEIR LETTERS OF AWARD.

THANK YOU, AND MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

