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OCCASION OF ITEC DAY
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***Your Excellency, the High Commissioner of
India, Hon. Debnath Shaw,***

ITEC Programme Beneficiaries,

Invited Guests,

Ladies and Gentlemen.

Very warm good evening to you all!

First, and foremost, I would like to extend my sincere compliments and appreciation to the High Commissioner of India to Tanzania, Hon. Debnath Shaw for inviting me to be the Guest of Honour at the occasion of ITEC (Indian Technical & Economic Co-operation) Day which is being celebrated to-day. May I take this opportunity to thank you sincerely for the honour you have extended to me! I feel greatly honored and privileged to be with you at this important event. In this year over 200 Tanzanian Public Servants have

been awarded training opportunities in India under the Indian Technical Economic Cooperation Program.

On behalf of the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania and President's Office Public Service Management in particular, I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to the Government of India for their Investment in building capacity on enhancing Tanzania Public Sector Development.

Your Excellency,

The ITEC Day is organised by your Office to highlight the ITEC Programme of the Government of India, with special focus on co-operation in this area between India and Tanzania. For us, this Day is very important because it reflect back on the friendship, fraternity and co-operation that exist between our two countries. Indeed, the ITEC Day gives us an opportunity to reflect back on the bilateral and multilateral co-operation between India and Tanzania, and to explore new areas of co-operation for the benefit of our two countries.

Your Excellency,

We all know that India's Economic and Technical Cooperation to Tanzania was formalized in January 1966 with the signing of Bilateral Agreement on Friendship, Technical, Economic and Scientific Cooperation between the two Countries.

The agreement made a significant step in strengthening cordial relationships on the areas of economic development which are still pertinent for Tanzania.

In September, 2004 H.E Jakaya M. Kikwete by then Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, and Hon. Meira Kumar the Minister for Social Justice of the Government of India signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Cooperation in Information Technology (IT) and Services. This is another milestone in strengthening our relationship of Tanzania being a centre of excellence in (IT) by 2012 intention to have a centre of excellence for Information Technology before 2012.

Your Excellency,

Furthermore, in 2011 H.E. Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete the President's of United Republic of Tanzania and the India's Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh signed the following three agreements:-

- (i) A joint action plan in the field of micro, small and medium enterprises;
- (ii) An Accord on Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to taxes on income; and
- (iii) Setting up of a Super Speciality Hospital in Dar es Salaam in collaboration with Apollo Hospitals;

Your Excellency,

On capacity building initiatives, India has been supporting our country's development efforts as shown in Visions 2025, on one hand, and our national development plans, specifically the National Strategy for Growth and Reduction of Poverty famously known as **MKUKUTA** and the Five Year Development Plan 2011/12-2015/16. We are particularly happy that India has invested heavily in enhancing the capacity of

our public service through training and development (on what cadres).

For more than two decades now, The President's Office, Public Service Management has been coordinating training and development opportunities availed through Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) and Special Commonwealth Africa Assistance Programme (SCAAP).

Your Excellency,

We know that through ITEC/SCAAP Scholarships, Tanzania is one of the major beneficiaries of this capacity building programmes. For example between 1994 and 2009 over 1500 Tanzanians have received training in various Indian Institutions through ITEC/SCAAP Scholarships. The number of slots availed to the Public Service offered in Tanzania has gradually grown from 120 slots in 2009/2010 to 200 slots for the year 2012/2013. This is a good number which commendable progress in the Government of India provided for Civil Servant in Tanzania (what is slots?).

The training opportunities have covered in the fields of Human Resources Development such as:- Agriculture and Rural Development, Education, Human Resource Development, Information and Communication Technology, Management of Natural Resources, Environment & Infrastructure Development, Financial Management, Women Development, Environmental Management, Development Journalism, and Management of HIV/AIDS at Workplace, just to mention a few.

Your Excellency,

It is through this support that the competencies of our public service have been improved as a result enhances service delivery to our people. On behalf of the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and the people of India for this support.

Your Excellency,

We understand that India has expertises in Information and Communication Technology, Public Health, International Trade for Sustainable Development, Planning and Management of Power Sector, Management of Human Resources Development specifically human resource planning, Recruitment and Pay management Strategies. These are the areas which Tanzania wants to build its capacities, in order to strengthen e-government and e-governance. India's support in this area will be highly appreciated.

Your Excellency,

I must mention our deep sense of appreciation for your good office to organize a short training programme on Solar Energy (i.e. solar electrified villages) at Barefoot College specifically for our mothers in rural areas from Shinyanga and Mtwara Regions. This was another remarkable decision made by your Government in order to enable rural women in these two Regions to benefit and to own technical knowledge of solar electricity.

Furthermore, the processes of establishing a fully solar electrified and environmental friendly, innovative, Regional Barefoot Training and Vocational Center (RBTVC) in Mtwara Region, is another achievement of bilateral cooperation between the Government of India and the Government of United Republic of Tanzania that is also highly appreciated.

Your Excellency,

Before concluding my remarks, let me also take this opportunity to congratulate Tanzanians' public servants for the training opportunity they have received from the Government of India. However, I would like to ask all beneficiaries who are with us here tonight and those who could not make it, to establish an association which will identify their participation to ITEC Programmes.

The beneficiaries should also remain special and true ambassadors for the Indian government and its ideals in Tanzania.

Your Excellency,

On behalf of the Government of Tanzania let me once again express our sincere gratitude and appreciation for the friendship and support from the people and the Government of India and I pledge to strengthen further the bonds of cooperation between our two countries.

Your Excellency,

I thank you very much for your attention, and I declare the ITEC Day 2012 officially open.

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