

Draft Speech for the Minister of State for [REDACTED] Education

Honorable guests & friends, [REDACTED] staff, families, and students,

Thank you for being here to celebrate this 10-Year Anniversary of [REDACTED]. I am honored to be here representing the Honorable Minister of Education, [REDACTED] who likewise wishes to extend his congratulations to [REDACTED] for 10-successful and productive years educating our children and children from around the world to be productive global citizens with positive faith-based values.

Very few start-up organizations survive beyond their first two years. Not only has [REDACTED] survived, but it has grown and improved making it one of the most desirable places for educating children in [REDACTED] as a top international school. As we have looked on we have been pleased to observe first-rate education and are confident that [REDACTED] graduates are prepared to move on to higher education and eventually to the global workforce.

Recently we have been impressed by [REDACTED]'s vision for the future and look forward to seeing [REDACTED] meet its goals because we believe that [REDACTED]'s met goals represent added value and benefit to [REDACTED]. Since [REDACTED]'s launch in 2006 you have been a valuable partner to the Government of [REDACTED], the Ministry of Education, and Vision [REDACTED]. We are happy to continue this partnership for the benefit of [REDACTED] and our global partners.

[REDACTED]'s high quality U.S. & internationally accredited education allows its students from [REDACTED] and around the world, to compete on a global level. This reality is highly valued to the Ministry of Education as our *vision at [REDACTED] is to provide the citizens of [REDACTED] with high quality education through world class learning facilities and renowned learning institutions.* [REDACTED] not only provides a valuable opportunity for our own sons and daughters but also for our international friends. [REDACTED] meets and exceeds our expectation for high quality education. With this in mind we congratulate you on the recent completion of a new classroom building and the addition of more technology in every classroom.

The Ministry of Education is fully committed to the success of [REDACTED]' as it continues to grow and expand. We believe strongly in the values that [REDACTED] instills in its student body. We stand with [REDACTED] now and into the future, as we have in the past. We believe a strong [REDACTED] helps [REDACTED] as perhaps the most rapidly developing nation in the world.

[REDACTED] parents, you are making a worthwhile investment in your child. Your partnership with [REDACTED] is not only an investment in your child, but also an investment to [REDACTED] and to the global community that will impact generations in [REDACTED] and beyond.

We appreciate [REDACTED]'s continued investment into [REDACTED] through primary and secondary education and eagerly await the development of potential centers outlined in tonight's vision statement.

Through these initiatives [REDACTED] will further serve as an active model of educational excellence. The proposed centers will set a bar in [REDACTED] and will challenge us to grow other institutions in a like manner.

As [REDACTED] continues its march to excellence and Vision [REDACTED], we believe [REDACTED]'s vision for the future will be an integral piece of [REDACTED]'s achievements and a reflection of [REDACTED]'s mission

...to transform the [REDACTED] citizen into skilled human capital for socio-economic development of the country by ensuring equitable access to quality education focusing on combating illiteracy, promotion of science and technology, critical thinking and positive values.

Recently, His Excellency spoke to a group of student leaders. In his address he talked about hard work serving to shape the county's transformation through the values of Itorero and specifically three choices [REDACTED]'s must make to have unity, accountability, and thinking big. He said,

*"Don't just dream big, you have to think big and aim high.
Our country may be small but our people think big.
Our ideas are not limited by our borders.*

He went on to say:

*"I hope that you have learned lessons that build you up because **when you are better, the country is better.**"*

To apply His Excellency's comments to you, I will say that –

- **When our schools are better, our country is better.**
- **When KICS is better we are better.**

Thank you [REDACTED] for challenging us to be better.

Thank you for dreaming big and understanding that your ideas are not limited to [REDACTED] or the borders of [REDACTED].

Thank you for promoting unity, accountability, and big thinking.

As you seek to move your vision forward through acquisition of land and the subsequent development of that land we commend you and we thank you for your ongoing investment in the Republic of [REDACTED] through our children and the children of the world.

We look forward to our continued partnership with [REDACTED] and your vision to *impact the world*.

We appreciate your vision that calls for servant leaders who choose

- *Character before career*
- *Wisdom beyond scholarship*
- *Service above self, and*
- *A lifestyle of participation over apathy*

I will close with one more quote from our President who highly values youth and education. He said,

"You may go to any school [&] get any number of diplomas, that's huge, important, but there is something more important waiting ahead and that's how are you going to use this to improve yourself, your society, and nation."

As you can see we have shared values. We believe in our children as the leaders of tomorrow. We believe in self-improvement through education as well as using that education to impact the world. **Together we will continue forward providing education that will impact the world for generations.** Congratulations [REDACTED] on your first 10-Years of impact.