

**Handing of Certificate Ceremony of Honoris Educational Network on
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Academic and non-academic staff of Honoris Educational Network

Graduands and their parents

Ladies and gentlemen

I am particularly pleased and honoured to officiate the Handing of Certificate Ceremony of Honoris Educational Network.

It offers me a chance to commemorate the success of some 250 students in pursuing excellence in education and to witness the remarkable achievements of this school.

I congratulate all of you graduands assembled here today. Soon you will receive a well-deserved certificate that will be the key to open doors for your better future and a more fulfilling life.

Voted as the best educational institution in Mauritius in 2020 at the annual edition of the Mauritius Business Awards, Honoris Educational Network has been providing relevant, accessible and quality education on the island for 20 years. The establishment is still spirited and energetic as a young person, full of bright and innovative ideas, willing to embrace challenges and courageous in undertaking reforms in pursuit of excellence.

Gather here today are promising young boys and girls who have reached a milestone in life and are earnestly looking forward to new challenges ahead. We also have parents who always support their children with unfailing and selfless love; and educators who are passionate and tireless in leading and nurturing their students.

Ladies and gentlemen

The key to the development agenda of Government is education. It is a source of opportunity for every Mauritian. The Prime Minister, Hon. Pravind Kumar Jugnauth, once said :*”Education is the bridge that lies between where we stand now as a nation and where we want to go on our transformative journey– a modern economy and an inclusive high-income country.”*

The aim of Government is to nurture our young people and bringing out the best in them. We need to cater for all students, so that students with different aptitudes, abilities and interests will be able to exploit their potentials to the full. We should also equip our youths with the necessary knowledge and skills so that they can meet the demands of a fast changing world and become lifelong learners.

Against this background, our education system has undergone wide-ranging reforms and our vision is to nurture a generation of young people who are self-motivated, who have creative thinking, good communication skills, a strong sense of commitment and a solid foundation for lifelong learning.

Government’s aim is to transform Mauritius into an international higher-education hub catering for the needs of the region, especially those of Sub-Saharan Africa, Middle East and Asia. Leveraging its tradition of excellence, stability and pleasant

living environment, Mauritius holds the trump card to become the new regional hub for world-class education services.

The island has already a growing number of leading international institutions offering an array of programmes in various fields of study. With key factors such as competitive costs of education, streamlined procedures and a part-time work scheme, an increasing number of foreign students are now choosing Mauritius to pursue higher education studies.

Dear graduands

After departing from here you will step into a new world. It is possible there are some difficulties in your way, there are some obstructions, but don't be afraid of them. In fact, face the biggest difficulty of the world; deal it with courage.

Hard work, honesty and sincerity. These are the key words to success. If you forget any of them, your advancement towards success will stop.

Of course, degrees and credentials are important, but the development of soft skills is a crucial part of fostering a dynamic workforce and are always in high demand.

Companies seek candidates with both types of skills, hard and soft, when hiring for most positions. That 's because if you have a negative attitude and can't get along with others, or you don't communicate well, you don't work well as part of a team, and aren't able to think creatively and critically, it will not matter how well educated and qualified you are – chances are you won't be successful in your career and life in general.

It is a matter of great satisfaction that the Honoris Educational Network has designed its courses to provide individuals and organisations with the management competencies and critical skills necessary to build and sustain competitive advantages in a rapidly changing and complex business environment.

Many of you, as you leave here to-day will be on the look-out for a job or for a better one. My proposition is that you need not only be a job seeker but you can also be a job creator.

Yes, entrepreneurship has recently developed a new dimension on the international market. Mauritius, despite being small in size, has recognised the importance of entrepreneurship to its nation. Government and allied institutions are encouraging a greater part of the population, especially the young generation to step in the business world with their own business ventures.

Government has put in place various schemes to promote entrepreneurship and to boost the entrepreneurial culture in Mauritius. People, especially youngsters, are provided adequate support and training to improve their skills in order to familiarise themselves and become competent in entrepreneur activities.

Dear graduands

The dreams you have seen, the dreams you want to fulfil, they should be fulfilled. Going out from here you will step in a beautiful world. The golden future Mauritius is in your hands. I keep this expectation from you.

Ladies and gentlemen, let me conclude by again congratulating all of you graduands and your parents for your achievements and wish you well in your future career and life in general.