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KARIMJEE JIVANJEE FOUNDATION REWARDS YOUNG SCIENTISTS 2015

Dar es salaam, (January 4, 2016) — The Karimjee Jivanjee Foundation (KJF) has rewarded Edmund Luguku and John Method from Mzumbe Secondary School for being overall winners of the Young Scientists Tanzania (YST) Awards in 2015.

Speaking at a press event to send off the winners to Dublin Ireland, Devotha Rubama, the Karimjee Jivanjee Foundation Manager said the two winners would receive scholarships from the foundation to study at University when they complete their high school education.

The students will travel to Dublin next week to attend the BT Young Scientist and Technology Exhibition, an Irish annual school students' science competition, which aims at encouraging interest in science in primary, and secondary schools.

The Honorary Chairman of Karimjee Jivanjee Group of Companies in Tanzania, Hatim Karimjee said “We are very honoured to support the Young Scientist Tanzania Award because we believe that education is very important to the future development of Tanzania, and also because science education in particular can open opportunities for higher level career development”.

Karimjee said although KJF's main focus at the moment is funding educational institutions to improve education capacity, the Karimjee family established several charity trusts in the 1950's before Independence. “We have built many schools, hospitals, dispensaries, mosques and community centres. The most famous of our donations is Karimjee Hall. We built and donated this building to the Dar es Salaam Municipal Council in 1957 as a Town Hall. It was later adapted to become the official seat of Parliament. Independence was declared in Karimjee Hall on 9 December 1961.”

Hatim Karimjee, who is one of the most successful businessmen in Tanzania, said other important donations by the Karimjee family have been the Usagara Secondary School in Tanga (formerly Karimjee Secondary School), the Karimjee Clinic in Mnazi Moja, and the old Karimjee Hospital in Zanzibar.

The Karimjee Jivanjee Foundation is funded by donations from Toyota Tanzania, one of Tanzania's biggest and compliant taxpayers, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary as the sole and authorised Toyota distributor in Tanzania since 1965.

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