



## NUST renews agreement with DIT

A five-year Cooperation Agreement that was signed in 2013 between NUST and Deggendorf Institute of Technology (DIT) in Germany, was renewed earlier this week.

Although the Agreement was still valid, the DIT President, Prof Peter Sperber, saw it befitting to renew the partnership because of the renaming of the Institution from Polytechnic of Namibia to NUST.

Recognising the benefit of educational and cultural exchanges, as well as study abroad programmes for the staff and students, the two institutions established a relationship for the purpose of deepening the understanding of scientific, technological, historical, social and economic issues.

One of the key benefits is that students are exempted from paying tuition fees excluding applicable registration and other relevant costs to the host Institution.

Furthermore, in order to promote professional development, exchange programs are also availed to staff who are afforded privileges customarily

reserved for staff in residence, such as office space, library facilities and access to technology and resources.

However, a challenge faced by Namibian students visiting Germany for exchange programmes is the hefty cost of accommodation. While the Agreement does not obligate any of the parties to guarantee accommodation on campus, Sperber said that DIT would look into the matter. "We will find a way to ensure that Namibian students have free housing during their stay at our Institution. We are willing to strengthen our ties and explore other avenues to ensure the partnership is mutually beneficial," Sperber said.

NUST has established partnerships with more than 100 universities globally, through signed memoranda of understanding.

Dr Tjama Tjivikua, the NUST Vice-Chancellor, welcomed the continuation of the partnership.



Dr Tjama Tjivikua, NUST Vice-Chancellor and Prof Peter Sperber, DIT President putting ink to paper.

## Indonesian chef hosts workshop at NUST Hotel School

An intercultural cooking workshop hosted by the NUST Hotel School provided an opportunity for students and locally-based Indonesians to sharpen their culinary skills.

What made the training unique and relevant was that the participants were taught how to use Indonesian spices when preparing local game meat.

Chef William Wongso, an Indonesian culinary expert whose specialities lie in Asian and European cuisine, headed the workshop which was also an opportunity for NUST to cement its relationship with the Indonesian Embassy.

Chef Ralf Herrgott, a lecturer at the Hotel School spoke highly of the relationship between the School and the Embassy. "We have a sound relationship dating back a couple of years and this is not the first time we have collaborated. I look forward to the continuation of this partnership."

He added that a number of students in the

Tourism and Hospitality field have benefited from exchange programmes between the two countries, along with other related projects.

Hirodina Singanji, a third-year Bachelor of Hospitality Management student expressed her excitement about the initiative. "It is interesting for me to be able to fuse our game meat with spices which are not grown locally, such as turmeric roots and lemon grass. It is a great way to bring our cultures together," she said.

The School also offers the general public industry tailored short courses namely; Meat and Vegetables, Bakery and Desserts and a Basic Skills Chef's certificate.

For further enquiries, interested persons should contact Illony De Voss at 061 207 2093.



Dr Andrew Niikondo, Deputy Vice-Chancellor: Academics; Oscar Mwandangi, SRC President; Joolokeni Leskela, Market and Graduate Specialist, PPS Insurance and Judy Grobler, Director: Library and Information Services.

## PPS Insurance Namibia donates boards to Library

The NUST Library received eight white boards from Professional Provident Society (PPS) Insurance Company, a company that belongs to its members for their benefit and focuses on the long-term interests of its current and future members.

Hundreds of students visit the NUST library on a daily basis, and although the services are frequently upgraded in line with needs of modern technologies, traditional methods such as the use of boards are still of great value. Dr Andrew Niikondo, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor: Academics received the donation and expressed his gratitude. "I understand the boards are valued at N\$20 000 dollars. This is in no way a small donation. Anything that any company or individual takes from their pockets and hands over should be valued," he said.

The donation of the boards that are being used in the group study areas of the Library, was lobbied by the Students' Representative Council (SRC).

Their President, Oscar Mwandangi, said that there was a great need for this donation. "Our mandate as the SRC is to better the lives of our

students whilst they are at the Institution. This will go a long way in improving our studies as we spend a lot of time here," he added.

Currently, the Library provides access to over 30 full-text peer reviewed journal and e-books databases. E-journals can also be accessed through an integrated search tool called the NUST Library Discovery Service. The Service searches all the subscribed databases at once, thus allowing users to access filtered results effectively and efficiently.

Furthermore, the Research Commons, a service that was introduced last year, has improved the Library's research support to staff and students undertaking Master's and Doctoral degrees. Users have access to computers and the Internet in an environment conducive for discussions.



Chef Ralf Herrgott and Chef William Wongso, pictured in the kitchen at the NUST Hotel School.