



NUST BRIEF

Japanese government awards full scholarships

A send-off ceremony was held for two beneficiaries of full scholarships awarded through the African Business Education Initiative for the Youth (ABE Initiative) from the Government of Japan. The recipients, Senior Shimhanda and Lydia Ngatjizeko, are NUST graduates.

His Excellency, Ambassador Hideaki Harada, urged the pair to work hard particularly as they conduct their research and to experience different aspects of Japanese culture. Dr Tjama Tjivikua, The NUST Vice-Chancellor, underscored the significance of utilising knowledge and experiences gained from other countries in developing Namibia.

Japan's ABE initiative was launched in 2013, at the 5th Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD V), to support young Africans in developing effective skills and knowledge in various fields.

Shimhanda will do his Master's degree in Space Engineering at the Kyushu Institute of Technology, whilst Ngatjizeko will pursue her Master's degree in Agribusiness Management at the Tokyo University of Agriculture. Shimhanda expressed interest in boosting the space engineering sector in Namibia, and his hopes are for Namibia to launch its own satellite in the future. Ngatjizeko is determined to conduct a research on the impact of informal education on communal farmers in Namibia, with the hope that



FROM LEFT: Mr Shiro Nabeya, Resident Representative: JICA; Senior Shimhanda, scholarship recipient; Nora Lydia Ngatjizeko, scholarship recipient; Dr Tjama Tjivikua, NUST Vice-Chancellor; Mr Ned Sibeya, Chief Development Advisor: National Planning Commission; H. E. Hideaki Harada: Ambassador of Japan, and Dr Samuel John, Dean: NUST Faculty of Engineering.

she can contribute towards sustainable development amongst Namibia's rural communities. The ceremony was also attended by Mr Shiro Nabeya, the Resident

Representative of Japan's International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Namibia Office, JICA, the implementing agency of the ABE Initiative, and Mr Ned Sibeya, the

Chief Development Advisor of the National Planning Commission. To date, seven Namibians have benefited from the ABE Initiative.

Dr Smita becomes first female president of Engineering Council



Dr Francis Smita

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The Engineering Council of Namibia is the regulatory body for the engineering profession in the country, which is mandated to set and maintain internationally recognised standards of professional competence and commitment. Dr Francis Smita, a Senior Lecturer and Coordinator of the Namibia Institute of Space Technology at NUST, is now the new president of the ECN. Dr Smita, who holds a Doctorate in Electrical Engineering, is the first female to wear this hat since the Council was established in 1986. She recently answered some questions during an interview for the NUST Brief.

Q. What does it mean to you as the first female in this position?

A. A female president at ECN is an indication of a dynamic shift, ushering a new era in the Namibian engineering profession. I am honoured and it feels like 'breaking the glass ceiling' as Engineering is a male-dominated field. I would like to thank the engineering profession members who nominated and supported me. Above all, I would like to thank the Minister of Works and Transport, Honourable John Mutorwa, and my fellow council members for the trust and confidence given me.

Q. What would you say made you eligible for this position?

A. My passion for the profession is reflected in my work, and I believe that is what got me here. I am the founder of the Women in Engineering (WIE) at NUST and the Namibia Women in Engineering Association. WIE has organised a number of workshops targeted at high school female learners in the Khomas Region, introducing them to Engineering and this has a huge impact on the community.

Q. What do your duties as ECN president entail?

A. The ECN's roles are centred on maintaining the integrity of the profession. Therefore, my tasks, with support from my fellow council members, include overseeing the registration of professional engineers, auditing the standards of the engineering programmes offered in Namibia, as well as making recommendations to the Ministry of Transport and Works on matters related to the engineering sector.

Q. What do you envision for the ECN during and beyond your tenure?

A. I envisage the ushering of a new era where local engineers can initiate the industrialisation of the country, thus prompting economic growth and sustainable development in Namibia. This can be achieved partly by strengthening ties between industry and academia. Additionally, I would like to see an increase in the number of women in this field. No girl should feel intimidated if they wish to pursue this career path.



Lieutenant General Sebastian Ndeitunga: NAMPOL (front row, third from left); Dr Tjama Tjivikua: NUST Vice-Chancellor (front row, fourth from left), and Dr Alinah Segobye, Dean: Human Sciences (front row, second from left), pictured with staff from both institutions.

NUST and NAMPOL sign agreement

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed between NUST and the Namibian Police (NAMPOL) last week. The MOU outlines a collaboration between the two parties, which will see 35 students in the Police Force being enrolled at the University annually.

The Agreement aims to enhance the quality of programmes offered to the safety and security sector. Specific attention will be given to student placement for Work Integrated Learning (WIL); research collaboration and student excursions. The Agreement came as a result of a WIL training workshop that was organised by the Cooperative Education Unit (CEU) at NUST, where WIL facilitators and members from the Police Force mentored students.

The Faculty of Human Sciences offers a Bachelor of Criminal Justice in Policing, Bachelor of Criminal Justice in Correctional Management, and Bachelor of Criminal Justice Honours programmes on a part-time basis.

Applications for 2019 Admission

Due Dates

Ordinary Applications:

Friday, 31 August

Late Applications:

01 - 28 September

Fees

Manual Applications:

• Undergraduate: N\$180

• Postgraduate: N\$285

• Late Applications: N\$520

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