



# REGISTRAR'S CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE



**#KuseKhayaLa**  
 Dr Maditsane Nkonoane

As the custodian of the student life-cycle (*from admission to graduation and beyond*), it gives me great pleasure to convey my hearty message of felicitation to all our graduandi and Diplomandi during this graduation season. The graduation season marks the culmination of dreams and hopes that first informed your choice of Durban University of Technology as your preferred intellectual home, and therefore, your university of choice. As we usher you into our Convocation, which is an exclusive club of our graduates and diplomates, we fervently believe that you will pursue lifelong learning through higher studies and ultimately become the very adaptive and impactful graduates we have prepared you to become through our distinctive education. As we usher you back to your families, both nuclear and extended, it remains our fervent belief that you will take your rightful places by being torch bearers who will not only improve the lives and livelihoods of your own families but our society in general. DUT continues to be a great university whose establishment and continued functioning like that of all great universities, has required considerable effort and expenditure.

As Woodrow Wilson said: *"A university should be an organ of memory for the state in the transmission of its best traditions. Every man/woman sent out from a university should be a man/woman of his nation as well as a man/woman of his nation". And Prince Bismarck was even more specific-"one third of the students of German universities broke down from overwork, another third broke down from dissipation, and the other third ruled Germany"* I leave it to each of you to defied which category you fall in. Go out and rule South Africa and fly the DUT flag higher and higher!

Our ENVISION2030 clearly highlights that "our people will be creative, innovative, entrepreneurial, and adaptive to the changes in the world". Please go out to the world and provide innovative solutions for the challenges facing our society through your business ventures, employment, and any other ventures you embark on. Go out to the world, represent us, and come back and tell us where you are and how you are making us proud.

Once more, congratulations on your fine achievements worthy of emulation, not only by your peers but by future generations. I look forward to celebrating with you and your families who will recite celebratory ululations and totems known as *Izithakazelo/Direto/Diboko*.

Kuse Khaya La!  
**Dr Maditsane Nkonoane**  
 Registrar



# IMPORTANT NOTICE: PUNCTUALITY AT GRADUATION CEREMONIES

We would like to emphasize the importance of arriving on time for the graduation ceremony.

This is an exciting and significant event for you and your loved ones, and we want to ensure that everyone can fully enjoy and participate in the occasion.

Please make sure to plan your travel in advance, taking into consideration factors such as distance, road conditions, and peak-hour traffic. It is essential that you arrive at the venue with plenty of time to spare and be seated 30 minutes before the start time.

We would like to remind you that the doors to the main hall will close promptly 30 minutes prior to the start time, and **latecomers (both graduands and guests) will not be admitted into the venue once the ceremony has started.**

We regret that no exceptions can be made.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding, and we look forward to celebrating with you at the graduation ceremony.

CEREMONIES	DOORS CLOSE	SESSION STARTS
SESSION 1	08:30	09:00
SESSION 2	13:30	14:00
SESSION 3	17:30	18:00