



**Statement of the Hon. Dr Theo-Ben Gurirab, MP,
Speaker of the National Assembly
And Patron of the Augeikhas Primary School at the
Price-Giving Ceremony
of the Augeikhas Primary School**

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**Director of Ceremonies,
Principal of the Augeikhas Primary School, Mr
Gottfried Kavezepa,
Teachers and Parents,
Learners,
Invited Guests,
Ladies and Gentlemen,**

I am happy to be back here at the Augeikhas Primary School. As a Patron I am delighted by the invitation to officiate at this year's prize giving ceremony.

Today both the recipients of awards and those who will, no doubt next time get an award, can be proud to be a part of this great school. Excellence at and off the school grounds should become a daily way of life. I commend the able and dedicated Principal of this school, Mr Kavezepa, for his best efforts and personal involvement towards progress of the pupils of

Augeikhas Primary School and the community at large.
Keep it up.

Each one of us, as Namibians, need to ask ourselves the question: “what is my role in ensuring quality and better education for the future generation”, and also: “what are we doing to change things for the better”.

Education is a vehicle towards the realization of our Vision 2030. Without education, we will surely fall short of reaching the ultimate goal of economic emancipation, eradication of poverty and preventable diseases. Lord Henry Bougham said the following and I agree: **Education makes a people easy to lead, but difficult to drive, easy to govern, but impossible to enslave.** May I add that nothing repays as much as education.

Hon. Abraham Iyambo, the able and very busy Minister of Education, works hard to take our education system to greater heights, not only to produce big numbers of Grade 10 and Grade 12 pass rates, but at the same time ensuring quality education for all. As a teacher, I support the Minister fully.

Director of Ceremonies,

Although the Augeikhas Primary School is not in the so-called prestige areas of Windhoek, its star is by no means dim. This school continues to take its place amongst other Primary Schools in the Windhoek circuit. It has been producing quality results and good number of learners who graduate to high school and continue to enroll themselves at institutions of higher learning, enabling them later in life to contribute

meaningfully to the development and prosperity of our country.

Having said all that, may I congratulate you all on the outstanding results achieved in the athletics championships this year. You may not have trained on the best tracks, but you went on to become the Zone C Athletics Champions for 2011 in the primary schools category.

You have produced the best performer in the Under 10, 12 and 13 categories between boys and girls respectively. Augeikhas also boasts with the trophy of Senior Victor Laureate and Senior Vitrix Laureate Trophies. Well done to all of you. I speak for all of us

here when I say that we are proud of your achievements. Continue with hardwork and discipline.

Like some other schools in Katutura, the Augeikhas Primary School continues to face many challenges, but you have been able to continue keeping your heads and spirits high. That is the rule of the game. You must turn misfortunes and shortcomings into fortunes and self-development.

As learners, teachers and parents we must work very hard, take our rightful place in the society and contribute as much as we can towards the realization of a better Namibia for all.

Whatever resources the government invests in the education of our children, we can never win this battle alone. I, therefore, acknowledge and thank the longtime sponsors of Augeikhas Primary School, in no particular order: Coco Cola, Sonnen Kinder Project, Mutual and Federal and Nampower. Thank you for your continued efforts in making education a reality for our children.

You are our partners. Without your assistance and continued support, some of our dreams would have been shelved. Thank you, once again. We will in the future count on you and knock on your doors for assistance. As the Minister of Education recently stated we need more involvement from our business community in education sector.

As we congratulate the achievers, we celebrate your achievements so that others may emulate your good example and know that anything is possible. Keep up the good work!

I thank you.