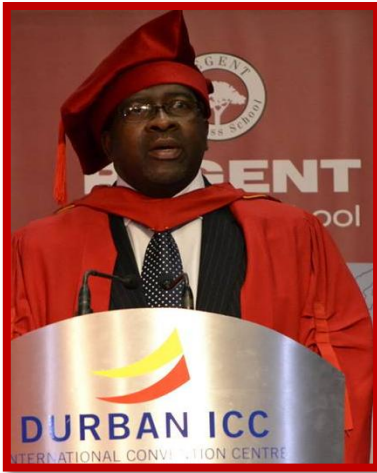




REGENT BUSINESS SCHOOL GRADUATION CEREMONY Class of 2014

PRESS RELEASE



Finance Minister Mr Nhlanhla Musa Nene delivering his speech, titled "The Challenges of Development in South Africa and the BRICS group of Countries" at the Durban International Convention Centre during REGENT Business School's Graduation Ceremony of the Class of 2014 on Saturday 27 September 2014.

Finance Minister Mr. Nhlanhla Musa Nene was the Distinguished Guest of Honour and Keynote Speaker at **REGENT Business School Graduation Ceremony** which took place at the iconic Durban International Convention Centre on Saturday, 27 September 2014.

The Minister spoke about the Challenges of Development in South Africa. In particular he referred to the new Development Plan. He was very optimistic that the policies and strategies enshrined in the plan would provide South Africa with a new compass or trajectory for growth. He referred to the BRICS group of countries and the new Development Bank launched. He believed that the new bank could provide immense opportunities for infrastructure development in Southern Africa. One positive spin off of such a project was the employment opportunities that could be provided.

He also referred to the skills shortages and how this could provide a major challenge for development in South Africa. He thanked Regent Business School in particular for its pivotal role in development of new skills. He specifically referred to the awardees and graduands that were to receive their diplomas and degrees. He was very impressed with the number MBA graduates and was hopeful that they could play an important role in the new development trajectory of South Africa. He concluded by mentioning that he was proud to be Guest of Honour at REGENT Business School's graduation ceremony and wished the graduates well for their future. He exhorted them to play a meaningful role in South Africa's development.

REGENT Business School awarded and conferred higher certificates, diplomas and degrees to 476 recipients, of which 43 percent was male and 57 percent was female. This is a significant achievement, especially noting the institution's mission which clearly underscores the issue of "access". Perhaps, more importantly, in terms of the institution's history of graduation ceremonies, this year's congregation accounts for the highest number of diplomats and graduates and will be celebrated as a remarkable feat in its own right.



Of the 476 recipients of higher certificates, diplomas and degrees, a total of 123 were awarded with higher certificates in Accounting, Management for Estate Agents, Health Care Services Management, Business Management and Islamic Finance; 68 were awarded Diplomas in Human Resource Management and Financial Management; 135 were conferred with the degrees in Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Commerce (Hons); 22 were awarded Post Graduate Diplomas in Educational Management and Leadership and Management; and 128 graduands were conferred with the degree of Masters in Business Administration.

CLASS OF 2014



Liezel Pretorius

"REGENT Business School provided me with flexibility and special bonds were formed with my fellow students and passionate people at RBS"



CLASS OF 2014



Norman Maleka

"I have learnt not only business management but also life management with the RBS programme"



CLASS OF 2014



Dr Sheila Wangari Kioi

"My MBA at REGENT Business School has been an amazing journey which opened my mind to possibilities I had never imagined in both my career and personal life"



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John Nolan

"Overall it has been a rewarding experience and I would recommend the REGENT MBA to anyone that is looking for a world class MBA programme"

