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Distinguished academics

Distinguished guests

Graduands

Ladies and Gentlemen

It is an honour to stand before you all today at this distinguished seat of learning and to address you as the first woman Engineer President of the Institution of Engineers (Mauritius).

The ties which bind the University of Mauritius and the Institution of Engineers (Mauritius) are as strong today as they have been in the past – and I could say even stronger this year with a number of talks organised jointly and held at the University.

Today is THE day when you students of the Faculty of Engineering will be admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, Bachelor's Degree or Diploma of the University of Mauritius.

Make no mistake, you should not be content just to receive your degree, but you should strive to participate and contribute as engineers to the progress of our country.

It is a must for you Engineers to commit yourselves to the highest ethical and professional conduct and to be competent on the basis of appropriate education (which is now done), training, skills and experience.

Two of the core values of engineers are indeed 1) commitment to a code of ethics and 2) need for Continuous Professional Development.

As a Registered Professional Engineer, I abide by the Code of Ethics of the regulator, the CRPE

As a member of the Institution of Engineers (Mauritius), I abide by its code of Ethics and Fundamental Tonnets;

As a Registered European Engineer, I abide by the Code of Ethics of the European Federation of National Engineering Associations, and to its Policy and Guidelines on Continuous Professional Development. Let me quote the following statement from FEANI "CPD is the core of life-long-learning of professional engineers at all levels of proficiency. It



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is a prerequisite for the maintenance of high professional standards throughout an engineer's professional life".

As a graduated French Engineer back in 1994, I was geared towards designing wastewater treatment plants not only for small villages but for towns of millions of inhabitants; geared towards designing regional waste incinerators.

Not much scope here in Mauritius for me you could say; and yet I decided in 2002 to come back to Mauritius to participate and contribute as an engineer to the progress of my country, and that after gaining some international experience in Europe and America. I have since acquired more knowledge, more experience and more skills, as well as, I have developed my personal qualities.

And I shall continue to learn, learn from mistakes as well as learn from successes.

As one of the few registered Environmental Engineers in Mauritius, having set up my own consultancy, I strive to provide the highest level of professionalism to fulfil the requests of my clients.

I have no doubt that you Engineers will also strive provide the highest level of professionalism and to contribute to the progress of our country.

I wish you all success and happiness in your engineering careers.

Thank you for your attention.

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