

Iringa RC pushes local focus for graduates

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IRINGA, Iringa Regional Commissioner

Dr. Charles Mwakima has urged graduates and their families to abandon the notion that success can only be found in the cities, calling instead for greater focus on opportunities within the region, especially in agriculture, livestock, and tourism.

Speaking during the fourth graduation ceremony of Tumbuli College, Mr. Mwakima emphasized that many young people leave for urban areas in search of jobs without linking the economic potential of their communities.

"In all local activities, I direct that special zones be set aside for youth-led income-generating activities. We must stop the urban rush and empower our youth to thrive here," he said.

The RC highlighted strategic interventions, including Iringa National Park and Iringa Wildlife, as targeted avenues for entrepreneurship.

He encouraged youth to form business groups, work cooperatively, and take advantage of local opportunities, particularly in tourism and agriculture. He also called on vocational colleges to enhance practical training and intensive programmes tailored to the region's needs, such as culinary arts, hairdressing, and cultural preservation.

Tumbuli College Director David Kingi also appreciated the government support to establish an innovation hub and modernize training facilities.

In conclusion, Mr. Mwakima pledged to visit the college and instructed it to apply for land to build a new campus.

He further reminded parents to fulfil their legal duty of allocating 10 percent of local revenue to fund to support youth-led ventures.

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The new Tanga, Tanzania is introducing its industrialization efforts with significant developments at Kwala in the Coast Region, where the government is introducing local manufacturing and logistics infrastructure.

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In preparation for these initiatives, the Ministry of Industry and Trade will be the focal point for the \$2-billion Tanga Industrial Park, which spans 2,000 acres and is expected to

host over 200 factories. Currently, twelve factories have been constructed—five are operational, and seven are under construction.

The industrial park generates \$10 million in annual revenue and employs 100 Tanzanians. Once completed, it is projected to create over 10,000 direct jobs and 20,000 indirect jobs.

"The Coast Region has become an industrial hub, with the number of factories increasing from 1,000 in 2010 to 1,500 by 2014," stated Industry and Trade Minister G. Mwakima.

Kwala industrial advancements include the local production of prefabricated components such as refrigerators and water-proof materials, which will reduce import dependence and boost local manufacturing.

Furthermore, the Tanga Port Authority (TPA) and its subsidiaries signed an agreement on Tuesday to receive freight, storage, and transshipment of cargo from the Tanga Dry Port to the Tanga Dry Port.

TPA Director General Mr. Sam Mwakima stated that the port was established to address the growing surge in demand for infrastructure to handle cargo by the government partners such as UN

Operations have already commenced with two dry cargo trips

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