

# **JIMIT HIGHER INSTITUTE – YAOUNDE - CAMEROON**

**ADDRESS BY THE DEAN OF STUDIES, MELANIE PUEMEDJI épouse TSIMI NDZANA ON THE OCCASION OF THE 2<sup>nd</sup> CONVOCATION CEREMONY FOR THE 2019/2020 AND 2018/2019 ACADEMIC YEAR , ON THE 31<sup>ST</sup> OF JANUARY, 2020.**

The Representative from the Ministry of Higher Education,  
All protocols respected,  
Proprietor and Proprietress of JIMIT Higher Institute,  
Director of JIMIT Higher Institute,  
Heads of Departments,  
All freshmen and graduating students,  
Parents and Guardians,  
Distinguished guests,  
Gentlemen of the Press,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,  
I Greet you all.

It is with great delight that I welcome you all, most heartily, to the 2019 convocation ceremony at the JIMIT Higher Institute. This ceremony marks the official entry of freshmen into higher institutions of learning and it is a statutory gathering to formally admit deserving and qualified candidates who are fortunate to be offered admission into this noble institution.

I want to recognize all parents and guardians who are here today to witness this historic event. Choosing JIMIT is a clear confirmation of the confidence reposed on us for our academic excellence known both nationally and internationally.

The Institution at the moment has all its programs fully accredited by the University of Bamenda, and the University of Yaoundé II. Its population is constantly increasing as it has moved from 118 students in 2018 to 198 students in 2019. Sincere thanks and a great applause to the lecturers and staffs of JIMIT for their continuous effort and sacrifice in bringing the institution this far. Together we enter another notable page in the history of Higher Education in Cameroon as our Master Degree programs have begun and running smoothly.

At this Convocation ceremony today, we will be inducting 44 Students for the HND program and 23 students for the BTS program unto the accredited

departments of Transport and Logistics, Banking and finance, accountancy, project management, computer engineering, biomedical sciences, hotel management and catering, custom and transit, network and security among others. For the students of the Biomedical, hotel management and catering and the fashion designing and textile departments, I am particularly excited about this year's ceremony because you are the very first set of students to be admitted into these prestigious fields. Following our last year's result, we had 98% for HND, 68% for BTS and 100% for Degree. The University will continue to focus on its core purpose which is to 'Change lives through Education'. This we achieve by instilling the vision and mission of this great institution in our dear students. The vision is to raise academics, professionals, and entrepreneurs, who will be effective alumni of JIMIT by excelling in their professional fields and raise leaders who are complete in spirit, mind, and body.

Dear matriculating students,

Be reminded that the oath you are taking today obliges you to be obedient to all those in authority, and to be of good conduct throughout your stay in the Institution. Please be warned that a breach of the oath that you have taken today will attract appropriate sanctions.

My dear graduating students,

For so many of you, a new chapter of your lives is about to begin. Congratulations to you all. Our hearts are bursting with joy for your accomplishments, which we also share in some significant measure. You are ours and we are yours, as the threads of discipline, hard work and achievement binds us together. We expect you to be the beacons that the world needs today as much as ever. You are committed, compassionate, and well-prepared. You are equipped to understand and engage appropriately to the changing demographics that are bringing much more diversity to our social fabric and increasing gaps in economic fortunes that continue to exclude too many from a good life.

You made it. You persevered through the years, studied dutifully, and spent countless hours at internships, put in many late nights and early mornings. You may have even balanced academics with both family and/or work life – but you made it and are now sitting here representing the 2018 batch.

I challenge you to consider this question: **“What will you do to live a life that matters”**? I concede it's not a particularly novel question, but it is an important one. I will break it down into three points; to live a life that matters, you must:

- **Live With Passion**

Do everything that you need to do in your professional and family life as if your life depends on it. Let your footprint be left everywhere your services are demanded for and let your absence be felt positively each time you move a step away.

- **Live Life With Humility**

I challenge you to put other's interests before yours. To do for others what no one else will. Take up for the weak and the outcast. In a world whose mantra is "me first," you can never underestimate the impact your humility can make on the world around you. You do not make it in life by 'stepping on people's toes'.

- **Live Life With Purpose**

Let your light shine before all men. Let it be so radiant that people will see you and know you are different. Do not act to follow crowd. Take initiatives to better your life. Be a pace setter and not an endless thinker. Your entire existence is in your mind, think it and do it.

Thank you for choosing our Institution to underpin your life's journey. Thank you for respecting and embracing what we offered you. And thank you for making us so proud. Stay with us into the future. May you become all that you have dreamt you can be. Be assured, in return, your alma mater will travel beside you and will welcome you back on many and varied returns.

Long live JIMIT Higher Institute  
Long live the Republic of Cameroon