

JIMIT HIGHER INSTITUTE – YAOUNDE - CAMEROON

**ADDRESS BY THE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE NDEH ALVINE MAMBO,
ON THE OCCASION OF THE 2nd CONVOCATION CEREMONY FOR
THE 2019/2020 AND 2018/2019 ACADEMIC YEAR, ON THE 31ST OF
JANUARY, 2020.**

The Representative of the Minister of State, Minister of Higher Education,
All protocols respected,
All freshmen and graduating students,
Parents and Guardians,
Distinguish guest,
Ladies and Gentlemen
I greet you all.

It is my honor to be the graduate representative today and to speak for my fellow mates.

From the moment we were admitted to JIMIT Higher Institute, we were given a new identity: a student of JIMIT. People from different backgrounds, beliefs and nationalities came together. Thus we began a new journey full of unknowns and uncertainties. We were confused, frustrated, but we are now here in this hall sharing the joy and pleasure with the people we love or who matters most to us.

Education is the foundation of our future. During our studies in JIMIT, we were given the opportunities to pride ourselves in knowledge and interpersonal development skills. Lecturers did their best to motivate us to achieve our goals in the classrooms. We have been encouraged to think, reflect and create, both inside and outside the classrooms. Here, I would like to express my gratitude to our Institution and lecturers for the efforts they have made, and the distinguished views and opinions they have shared with us not forgetting our able parents and guardians too for the various supports they gave us. They have allowed us to grow up and improve ourselves together. They gave us that opportunity to self-improvement and evolvement.

May I also express our gratitude to our parents: thank you for staying around us and giving us unlimited support. Let me quote the writer Roald Dahl: “It’s a funny thing about mothers and fathers. Even when their own child is the most disgusting little blister you could ever imagine, they still think that he or she is wonderful.” That is so true for me. Parents love us no matter how we look or how we act. They love us for who we are. The unconditional effort they spend on us is why we should work hard to be all-rounded. Our home is our shelter, but it is also our base and without your support, we would not be here.

The precious opportunity of being a JIMIT student truly allowed me to have a valuable and fruitful campus life. I hope the experience that I pass on to my successors will foster in them a greater commitment to the Institute. I thank the Institution from the bottom of my heart, for all the experiences I gained, and skills I learnt.

To all my fellow classmates, I would like to share the strength and enthusiasm that I gained these years. Dear friends, our time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life. Don't let the noise of others' drown out our own inner voice. Most importantly, we must have the courage to follow our hearts and intuition.

Graduates of the 2018 Batch, may we not forget that today is both the last day as well as the first day of our journey.

For our younger brothers and sisters taking their oath today, I wish you all the best as you go through this very exceptional and enriching process. I say to you <<WELCOME TO JIMIT>>.

Long live JIMIT Higher Institute
Long live the Republic of Cameroon