

**Speech by the Principal on the occasion of the donors' cocktail evening  
13<sup>th</sup> January 2016**

Board Members  
Members of the SLT  
Distinguished guests

Good evening and welcome to participate with us tonight in the recognition of key contributors in the development of the ISS.

The International School Seychelles has been in existence for 46 years now. It has seen itself move from a small early childhood centre, a one stream primary school to a fully-fledged two stream primary and Secondary school. The ISS houses 677 students catered for by 110 members of staff. Together we make a multicultural community of over 43 nationalities. We are very proud of what we stand for.

Ladies and gentlemen, Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it. So the purpose of inviting you here this evening is to participate with us in honouring our key supporters. The ISS depends on tuition fees for its operation, but over the years the school has been able to accelerate its growth and improve its effectiveness by the generous contributions that donors have made to its development. As the saying goes 'every little drop in the bucket, makes a big one'. Tonight we honour all of you for your commitment to the school and its future. We have had over the years, major contributions that resulted in the expansion of the school building, the set-up of our electronic library. We have also enjoyed smaller sponsorships for events management such as swimming competitions, prom, honouring staff for long service and prizes for lottery. Other contributions such as the EC astro turf, the EC stage and school trips, sanitary wares, electrical appliances and book and bake sale also proved to be equally important to the school.

At ISS we remain cognizant of the fact that the school has a key role to play in providing an internationally recognised general education service to our clients, more importantly we are proud of the contribution that we make to assist both private and public sectors' employers in the provision of education to the children of their employees. Placed in this key position, we at the school continue to improve ourselves so we can provide a service of quality that is much sought after, a service that is comparable to the different feeder institutions from which we receive our clients. As an institution and the individuals involved with ISS we aim to create a legacy that will outlast our stay. This legacy will feed into our children's future, the communities' future and our collective growth.

As we begin to implement our five year development plan we wish tonight to present you with our next set of major projects and invite you to consider participating with us in the next phase of our growth. We shall present to you 6 major projects. Those projects are meant to come together to improve the quality of our infrastructure, the quality of teaching and learning at ISS. If you wish to leave behind a legacy, if you wish to make your mark as a concerned member of the ISS community, if you wish to invest in the future of young people in this country with the potential to impact other countries, other lives then partner with us and support the development of ISS.

Thank you

List of certificate recipients

- Skychef
- Constance Ephelia Hotel
- Intelvision
- Seychelles Tourism Academy
- Hilton Hotel
- Abhaye Valabhji
- Vijay Construction
- Airtel
- Angel Fish
- Mama Mia
- Masons' Travel
- ISS PTA
- Creole Travel Services
- Delrose Boutique
- La Plaine St Andre
- Fisherman's Cove
- Vision Care
- Treasure Cove
- Botanica Restaurant
- Marie Antoinette Restaurant
- Seysibon
- Fresh Cuts
- Niven Moodley
- Eden Bleu
- Ashley Green