

How Dar foundation motivates country's best young scientists

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TWO Mzumbe Secondary school students Edmund Luguku and John Method were the happiest individuals yesterday at a ceremony in Dar es Salaam they were awarded with scholarship to Ireland by Karimjee Jivanjee Foundation (KJF).

There are overall winners of the 2015 Young Scientists Tanzania (YST) awards.

In a ceremony to send-off the two students held in Dar es Salaam, the Karimjee Jivanjee Foundation Manager, Devatha Rubama said the winners will receive scholarships from the foundation to study at a university soonest.

The students will travel to Dublin next week to attend the BT Young Scientist and Technology Exhibition, an Irish annual school students' science competition which aims at encouraging interest in science in primary and secondary schools.

At the ceremony, Chairman of Karimjee Jivanjee Group of Companies in Tanzania, Hatim Karimjee said his organisation has supported the Young Scientist Tanzania Award believing that we believe that education is very important to the future development of Tanzania, and also because science education in particular can open opportunities for higher level career development".

Karimjee said although KJF's main focus at the moment is funding educational institutions to improve education capacity, the Karimjee family established several charity trusts in the 1950's before Independence. "We have built many schools, hospitals, dispensaries, mosques and community centres. The most famous of our donations is Karimjee Hall. We built and donated this building to the Dar es Salaam Municipal Council in 1957 as a Town Hall. It was later adapted to become the official seat of Parliament. Independence was declared in Karimjee Hall on 9 December 1961."

Karimjee, who is one of the most successful business men in Tanzania.

The Karimjee Jivanjee family has been in Tanzania for more than 200 years and established the Karimjee Charity Trusts in the 1950's. They have built among other structures, schools, hospitals, dispensaries, mosques and community centres while providing scholarships to Tanzanian citizens to study inside and outside.

The major donations of the Karimjee family were those of Karimjee Hall which was donated to the Municipal Council of Dar es Salaam in 1957, the Usagara Secondary School in Tanga, the Karimjee clinic in Mnazi Mmoja and the old Karimjee hospital in Zanzibar.