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## **INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL MOSHI (ISM) CELEBRATES 50 YEARS OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION AND BECOMES A UNITED WORLD COLLEGE**

**On Friday, 25 October 2019** International School Moshi (ISM) will celebrate 50 years of excelling in international education in Tanzania. This remarkable achievement is elevated by the school's recent membership to the [UWC \(United World Colleges\)](#) movement and rebranding as [UWC East Africa](#). UWC East Africa is the newest member to the UWC movement, which makes it the 18<sup>th</sup> UWC worldwide and the second UWC school on the African continent.

The celebrations will begin on Friday 25 October at 8.30 AM at the school's Moshi campus and continue at its Arusha campus from 4.30 PM. Expected guests include UWC Alumni, Heads and the board chairs of the other 17 UWC Schools and Colleges, representatives of UWC national committees and members of UWC International.

Earlier this year, the school offered more than 30 African students scholarships to do the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP) at one of its two campuses in Arusha and Moshi. In August, it welcomed 80 students from across the globe into its IBDP. Becoming a UWC involves a substantial change in the composition of the student body, with a more diverse range of international students attending the school.

In the last 50 years, ISM strived to create a learning environment where young people can test and try out new ideas as they grow and make sense of the world around them. As UWC East Africa the school will grow in diversity and increase opportunities for youth in the region.

### **About the school**

International School Moshi (ISM) was established in 1969 in Moshi Kilimanjaro by five shareholders: The Good Samaritan Foundation (GSF), the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania and in America, the United Evangelical Mission in Germany and the Baptist Mission. The Arusha Campus was established as a day school in 1987 and in August 2019 opened as a residential campus. ISM started offering the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program (IBDP) in 1973, which makes it the oldest IBDP school in Africa.

### **About UWC**

UWC (United World Colleges) is a global movement that makes education a force to unite people, nations and cultures for peace and a sustainable future. It comprises a network of 18 international schools and colleges on four continents, short courses and a system of volunteer-run national committees in more than 155 countries. The 18 schools and colleges located (in order of establishment) in the UK, Canada, Singapore, Eswatini, USA, Italy, China (mainland) and Hong Kong, Norway, India, Costa Rica, Bosnia & Herzegovina, the Netherlands, Germany, Armenia, Thailand, Japan, and Tanzania.

UWC offers a challenging educational experience to a deliberately diverse group of students and places a high value on experiential learning, community service and outdoor activities, which complement high academic standards delivered through the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP).

Today, 10,725 students from over 160 countries are studying on one of the UWC campuses. Admission to a UWC school is independent of socio-economic means, with over 80% of UWC national committee-selected students in the IBDP years receiving full or partial financial support.

Since the foundation of the first UWC college in 1962, UWC has inspired a network of more than 60,000 alumni worldwide, who remain engaged with the UWC movement and committed to contribute to a more equitable and peaceful world.

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