



GREETINGS FOR THE NEW YEAR FROM THE VICE CHANCELLOR, UNIVERSITY OF DAR ES SALAAM

Dear Members of the UDSM Community,

HAPPY 2025 TO YOU ALL!

On behalf of the University Management, I congratulate all the members of the UDSM Community for navigating through 2024 successfully against the tide of numerous odds and even moments of despair. I also offer my warmest New Year's greetings and best wishes to you all.

As always, it is gratifying to witness the end of yet another momentous year and mark the beginning of a new one. On these occasions, we have an opportunity to look back and ahead. We look back to review our individual and collective accomplishments and challenges we encountered in the year just folded. We also look ahead with delight and renewed vigour, to grasp opportunities that the New Year 2025 brings.

FLASHBACK ON 2024

During 2024, members of this esteemed community witnessed how our University implemented its statutory mission to fellow Tanzanians and citizens of the world with dedication. We are beholden to the maximum cooperation from the Government, development partners, members of staff, and students. Despite many challenges, we successfully and honourably fulfilled the set targets.

I wish to highlight few of the notable achievements:

(i) Higher Education for Economic Transformation (HEET) Project

UDSM has recorded a remarkable progress in the implementation of the HEET Project. First, construction of 22 buildings and renovation of three buildings in Dar es Salaam, Zanzibar, Lindi and Kagera commenced. By November 2025 the construction and renovations will be completed. Second, 96 curricula were reviewed in line with the findings from the Tracer Study. Third, industry-academic linkage enabled placement of 27 members of academic staff in industry. Fourth, four members of academic staff from CoICT and CoET completed Master's studies under the affluent scholarship of the HEET Project.

(ii) Research and Publications

UDSM has expanded the access to Elsevier's Digital Commons and SciVal research database to ensure that reputable international databases index UDSM journals.

Significantly, UDSM has managed to secure another six-year research grant from the Government of Sweden, through the Swedish International Development Agency (Sida).

(iii) Promotion of UDSM Academic Members of Staff

We celebrated the promotion of 55 academic members of staff including 12 from Senior Lecturer to Associate Professor and 43 from Lecturer to Senior Lecturer.

(iv) Upgrading of UDSM Health Centre into Hospital

The Ministry of Health upgraded the University of Dar es Salaam Health Centre into a district hospital. The hospital operates 24 hours a day, providing emergency services, general and specialised clinics, inpatient care and general surgical services, to mention just a few.



(vi) Internationalisation of Kiswahili

Besides offering scholarships to international postgraduate students, through the Institute of Kiswahili Studies, the University has also expanded the teaching of Kiswahili to the University of Zambia and the University of KwaZulu Natal. Furthermore, the Spanish-Kiswahili Dictionary was launched in Havana, Cuba. This is one of the outcomes of long standing relationships between Cuba and Tanzania. The dictionary is jointly prepared by the University of Havana and the University of Dar es Salaam.

(vii) Global Recognition for UDSM's Innovation and Talent

I am delighted to share that in May 2024, three UDSM students won the grand prize at the prestigious 2023-2024 ICT Global Competition in Shenzhen, China. Competing against 170,000 participants from 2,000 universities worldwide, their victory highlights the global relevance of our teaching, innovation, and teamwork. This remarkable achievement reflects the exceptional talent at UDSM and inspires confidence in Tanzania's youth. Congratulations to our students and faculty!

CONSTITUENT COLLEGES HEADWAYS

Our constituent colleges have recorded important strides in the past year, and it would be unfair to conclude these New Year greetings without recognising them.

(i) Dar es Salaam University College of Education (DUCE)

The President of United Republic of Tanzania H. E. Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan presented an award to DUCE as the best institution for effectively complying with the Controller and Auditor General's (CAG) audit recommendations for the financial year 2022/2023 during the Treasury Registrar Meeting held at AICC Arusha in August 2024.

One member of academic staff was promoted to the rank of associate professor. Five members of academic staff were promoted to the rank of senior lecturer. Twenty-nine staff members successfully completed their Master's and PhD studies and reported to duty.

Through TZS 10 Billion HEET Project funding, DUCE is constructing two major structures: Postgraduate building and Humanities building. By November 2025, the construction will be completed.

(ii) Mkwawa University College of Education (MUCE)

One member of academic staff was promoted to the rank of associate professor. Fourteen staff members successfully completed their Master's and PhD studies and reported to duty.

Through the TZS 14.8 Billion HEET Project funding, MUCE is constructing four major structures: Physics Laboratory; Student Hostels; Multimedia and Special Needs Education building and Science Building. The HEET Project will fund the construction of these buildings with TZS 14.8 Billion. By November 2025, the construction will be completed.

MUCE scooped the prestigious Most Outstanding Affiliate Institution in Education Award from the Business Executive Media Group during the annual African Academic Conference held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

REMEMBERING THE DEPARTED COMMUNITY MEMBERS

With deep sympathy, I pay special tribute to our departed fellows, knowing that although they are not physically with us, their legacy lives on.

It is my hope that the year 2025 will open up new avenues for the advancement of the University's endeavours.

Once again, I wish you all a rewarding and happy 2025.

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