

THE SPEECH BY THE CHAIRMAN MR. AKAN UDOFIA MANAGING DIRECTOR DESICON GROUP PRESENTED BY MR. AJAYA SIVAN THE DEPUTY MANAGING DIRECTOR DESICON GROUP.

Distinguished dignitaries, ladies and gentlemen and my own friends, First let me apologies for the inability to be here in person because of some unexpected exigency but I will like to carry my delight in being honoured to chair the ceremony which is a celebration of our finest, unsung heroes and heroines. Passion for educational excellence has always been my driving force. I believe that education is the Foundation upon which we build our future.

Education is a human right with immense power to transform our lives and is a necessity for sustainable human development. The development and growth of any society is dependent on its youths and the youths need education to guide them to their full potential.

Teachers import education to us. Teachers are the bows from which children as living arrows are sent forth. Teaching is the profession that creates all other professions. As you know, the development of our state and its people is very dear to me. The best way I can contribute is in enhancing the human potential of the state. This thinking has already made me commit the donation of a 90-man hostel to the Akwa Ibom State University. We expect this fully furnished hostel to be ready in a year's time.

Inoyo Toro Foundation is in the forefront of improving the quality of education and teachers in our state. The Foundation's motto of eradicating poverty through education and the efforts of the board of trustees and their team is indeed laudable. I am delighted to be associated with the Foundation since its inception as they continue improving the standard of both education and the teachers who impart education to our young minds. I also pledge my continuing support for the cause.

Thank you.