

## **Secondary School Books for Tanzanian Children**

131,000 secondary school books for Maths and Sciences for grades Form III to VI were received by the Minister of Education, Science & Technology and Vocational Training, Dr. Joyce Ndalichako from the Government of India on 10 August 2017 at the NACTE office in Dar es Salaam.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Ndalichako mentioned the priority of the 5<sup>th</sup> phase Government to promote education with particular focus on physical sciences. She conveyed her gratitude to the Government of India for providing the books which will be helpful to the secondary school children. Dr. Ndalichako also acknowledged the Information Technology Centres set up by India at the Nelson Mandela African Institute of Science & Technology, Arusha some months back, and another one at Dar es Salaam Institute of Technology a few years back. She suggested that the number of Indian scholarships for under-graduate, post-graduate and doctorate degrees in India may be increased from the current number of 25 to as much as possible, and new sectors beyond agriculture, water, geology and economics may be included.

Indian High Commissioner, Mr. Sandeep Arya underlined the role of education and sciences in India's development which has resulted in the global recognition of Indian human resources, particularly in highly skilled sectors such as ICT, medicine, management, etc. He felt that maths and science were particularly relevant in the emerging world with emphasis on technology, innovation and knowledge based economy. He recalled that the provision of books was decided following the visit of the Indian Prime Minister to Tanzania in July 2016. He conveyed India's best wishes for efforts of the Government of Tanzania to make rapid progress in the field of education and skilled development.

The secondary school books include 50,000 books on mathematics for grades IX-XII of the secondary school curriculum (equivalent to Form III, IV, V, VI), and 81,000 books for sciences for the same grades covering physics, chemistry and biology. Total value of the books is estimated at over Tsh 500 million. Acting Executive Secretary of the National Council for Technology Education, Dr. Adolf V. Rutayuga and Deputy Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Education, Science Technology and Vocational Training Prof. Simon Msanjila and other officials also attended the handing over function of the books.

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