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Media Release: NUST Pays Heartfelt Tribute to Prof Tjama Tjivikua Through Library Renaming

Filled with gratitude, Prof Tjama Tjivikua said he was moved to tears by the Namibia University of Science and Technology's recognition of his tenure as head of the Institution, as the University yesterday officially renamed its Main Campus Library in his honour.

"This is a priceless gift that I and our nation shall cherish. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the NUST Council, leadership and community for the indelible mark to be etched into this library and the University," he said. Prof Tjivikua, the founding Rector of the Polytechnic of Namibia (1994 – 2015) and the founding Vice-Chancellor of NUST (2015 – 2019), attended the ceremony surrounded by family, friends and former colleagues, many of whom shared in the deeply personal significance of the moment. Held at the Windhoek Lower Campus, the event recognised his pivotal contribution to the evolution of the University from its early Polytechnic era to its present stature as a nationally respected university of science, technology and innovation.

Speaking at the gathering, Acting Vice-Chancellor Prof Andrew Niikondo noted that Prof Tjivikua remains the longest-serving head of the Institution since its inception, adding that his tenure "laid the academic, administrative and moral foundations on which we continue to build".

Meanwhile, in a speech delivered on his behalf by Prof Colin Stanley, Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor: Research, Innovation and Partnerships, NUST Interim Council Chairperson Dr Leake Hangala said Prof Tjivikua led at a time when establishing a new institution of higher learning in a young Namibia was both bold and demanding. "Yet he approached that task with clarity, discipline and a deep commitment to excellence," he noted.

The Library continues to offer an impressive range of resources, amenities, and services, including a 750-seat capacity - each desk equipped with electrical connection points - alongside more than 66 000 printed books, 350 000 e-books, and access to over 70 000 electronic journal titles.

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