



**KEYNOTE ADDRESS OF THE CILT INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY GENERAL MR. KEITH NEWTON FCILT
AT THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF THE HONORARY INTERNATIONAL AMBASSADOR AWARD TO
DR. HARRISON G. MWAKYEMBE MP MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT OF THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF
TANZANIA ON 21ST DECEMBER 2013 AT NEW AFRICA HOTEL, DAR ES SALAAM TANZANIA**

Professionals urged to change Tanzania's transport, logistics sector



Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (CILT) International, Secretary General, Keith Newton presents an honorary International Ambassador Award of CILT to the Minister of Transport, Dr Harrison Mwakymbe in recognition of his efforts in transport and logistics sector at a brief ceremony held in Dar recently. (Photo Tryphone Mweji)

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Honourable Minister Dr. Harrison G. Mwakymbe MP
Government officials
CILT International Vice President Dr. Olupot
Chairman CILT Tanzania Mr. George Makuke
Vice Chairman CILT Tanzania Mr. Juma Fimbo
CEOs of Corporate Member Organizations
CILT Executive Committee Members
Distinguished guests
Ladies and gentlemen



On the outset, I wish to thank all of you once again for accepting to come and attend this historic event. Today being a Saturday most of you were expected to be resting or clearing backlogs in your respective offices but you have decided to come and join us. Let me extend special gratitude to Dr. Oluput who has travelled all along from Kampala.

The Secretary General of CILT Tanzania has given a very elaborative brief of what the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport in short CILT is all about. I will summarize by saying that CILT has a vision and mission statements as well as objectives and a high code of conduct to safeguard the Royal Charter granted to it.

The Code of Conduct stipulates inter alia that at all times corporate and individual members shall uphold the good standing and reputation of the Institute and in exercising authority as a professional person shall carry out their duties in such a way as to promote a professional image of the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport and the logistics and transport industry.

Distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen, Honourable Dr. Harrison George Mwakyembe is not yet a member of Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport, I hope he will sign his membership forms today however the honourable Minister has for the short period he has been at the Ministry of transport has done what the code of conduct expect a CILT member of any grade to do. CILT Tanzania in recognition of that exemplary performance recommended through the office of the International Vice President to the Awards Committee for Honourable Dr. Harrison George Mwakyembe to be conferred with the Honourary International Ambassador Award. The Awards Committee on which I sit after being satisfied that Honourable Dr. Harrison George Mwakyembe has done a lot for the Tanzania and the world recommended to the Trustees who also assented.

Distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen, I have said that Honourable Dr. Harrison George Mwakyembe has done a lot for his country and the world at large in the context that the whole world share materials, benefits and advances created by the global family through efficient logistics and transport. Without logistics the world starves but with logistics the whole world enjoys the consumption and comforts forthcoming from the massive and marvelous range of goods and services which the ever amazing endeavour and imagination of mankind has produced. Electronic appliances made in China make life easier in Tanzania; food grown in Katavi end up on American plates; life saving drugs produced in Europe are abundant in Kariakoo. Whether by rail, air, sea, road or pipeline transport professionals play a significant role in the lives of us all irrespective of wherever we live – and CILT exists to support these people and their essential work.

CILT believes that the Honourary International Ambassador Award will give the Honourable Minister more vitality to improve the logistics and transport system in Tanzania for the benefit of country and the world at large. As an Ambassador, he has to show an example and lead others at the Ministry and in organizations providing logistics and transport services. CILT is

sending the Honourable Dr. Harrison George Mwakyembe to advocate that logistics and transport services can only be improved by professionalism.

In addition to that CILT anticipates that logistics and transport systems in the country will change for the better. In the near future, fast metro trains should be running in Dar es salaam, ships should be spending less days at the port and air Tanzania will be flying the wings of Kilimanjaro. I am confident that is possible because already things are changing tremendously and rapidly. People are moving by trains in Dar es Salaam, therefore with the Award obviously the rate of improvement and invention will double if not triple, ultimately making lives of the masses in Tanzania more enjoyable.

Having said that, on behalf of the International President Dr. Dorothy Chan, I have the honour and privilege to confer the Honorary International Ambassador Award to Honourable Dr. Harrison George Mwakyembe.

Thank you so much.

