65th Anniversary United Nations
35th Anniversary United Nations Association-Mauritius

“2010: UNITED NATIONS International Year of Youth & International Year of Biodiversity”
(Joint Celebration-UNA Mauritius/Youth Council/League of Human Rights/Union of Women’s Committee, NGOs Forum and Management of the London College)

Date : Thursday 21st October 2010
Time : 1.00 p.m.
Venue : London College,
30, R.Seeneevassen St, Port-Louis
Republic of Mauritius

**Invitees**

- Hon. Mrs. Leela Devi DOOKUN-LUCHOOMUN, Minister of Social Security, National Solidarity and Reform Institutions.
- Mrs. Leyla TEGMO-REDDY United Nations Resident Co-ordinator and UNDP Resident Representative.
- Mr. Rashad Daureawo, President of UNA Mauritius and vice President of WFUNA.
- Mr. Nundkeswarsing Bossoondyal, Director General of UNA-Mauritius and Vice-President of World Assembly of Youth.
- Excellencies the High Commissiorners, Ambassadors and Charge D’Affaires and Representatives of Diplomatic Missions, Regional and International Organizations.
- Representative of His Lordship the Lord Mayor of the City of Port Louis.
- Director of PSSA.
- Chairman of the Federation of Rectors & Managers of Secondary Schools/Colleges.
- Representatives of various NGOS.
- President of old Londoners Club, and President of London College PTA.
- Executive Committee and members of United Nations Associations of Mauritius.
- Staff and Students of London College,
- Representatives of medias and all invited guests.
Speech delivered by Mr. Harold CHAN LAM OBE, CSK, GOSK, Rector of London College and Honorary President of UNA-Mauritius.


• The Right Honorable Sir Anerood Jugnauth, G.C.S.K., K.C.M.G, Q.C., President of the Republic of Mauritius and Lady Sarojini.
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On the names of my students, my whole staff and in my own name as Founder-Manager of London College and also as the Honorary President of the United Nations Associations of Mauritius, I have the great honour and privilege to welcome you all today on this auspicious occasion marking the 65th Anniversary of the foundation of the United Nations organization.
The London College is, for more than three decades, celebrating the anniversary of the setting up of the United Nations at National Level. In the past, London College has been the venue for the celebration of UN 40 in 1985, UN50 in 1995, UN 60 in 2005 and this year for its 65th anniversary.

Today’s gathering is a landmark in the history of the United Nations organisation. In a few days to come, this organization will be celebrating the 65th year of its existence which is very important to remember. 65 years in the life of any organisation can be considered to be a short time but when we take into account what the United Nations Organisation has achieved so far, we cannot but marvel at its achievement. We wonder what would have been the state of the world without the United Nations. As the saying goes if the UNO had not existed we would have had to invent it.

It is comforting to see that more than half of a century after its creation, faithful to its ideals, the United Nations has remained steadfast and unflinching despite the various jolts. This faith has triumphed over all the many tribulations, crisis and bloody conflicts experienced by our planet. Peace, social progress, international cooperation, respect for human rights, set down in golden letters in the United Nations Charter, remain today the governing words in international relations.

The United Nations, through its different bodies and agencies, has for 65 years now, contributed to make the world a better place. The General Assembly, which opened this September with its 192 member-states, has been echoing international public opinion by contributing, through its many resolutions and conventions, to a significant evolution of positive international law. The role of the General Assembly has also contributed to international community’s heightened awareness of problems related to economic and social development.

The objectives behind the celebration are to sensitize the public and especially you, my dear young friends, on the role played by the UN and specially by the United Nations Development Programs-UNDP, the World Health Organizations and the UNESCO in the current world development as well as in the progress being achieved in our Health and Educational systems in meeting our needs.

We, as Mauritians, are benefiting a lot from these services. Ladies and Gentlemen, we also have apprised how much the world owes to the United Nations Organization, in fact an immeasurable debt, both for what has been achieved so far and for what it is actually doing concerning the consequences of liberalization on a global scale and for having saved the world from a Third World War.

We, at UNA-Mauritius, which is also commemorating its 35th anniversary of existence on 24th October are observing every year the UN day by launching a series of activities in different regions of Mauritius.

At the level of our college, besides improving the educational advancement in academic field, we also promote various extra-curricular activities amongst which activities in line with the ideals of the United Nations and its specialized agencies as well as observing and marking many other related national, regional and international events. We further respond positively to support victims of natural calamities. Our college actively contributed in kinds to the victims of Haiti and recently of Pakistan.

In my capacity as the Honorary President of the UNA-Mauritius, I am proud to say that I am extremely happy to serve this prestigious Mauritian NGO which is working to promote the aims and objectives of the United Nations with our available means. We will continue to propagate the ideals of the United Nations and its specialized agencies in Mauritius as well as on the international arena.

Allow me to remind you that London College was among the first UN students Clubs launched by MUNA in the early 90’s. We unveiled a commemorative plate marking UN50 by our former President Mr. Cassam Uteem. Another one was unveiled to mark the UN60 by our Esteemed Deputy Prime Minister Dr. Rashid Beebeejaun. And, today, in line with our tradition, we shall not allow such an occasion to go unnoticed. This is why we shall be unveiling shortly another commemorative plate and this time to mark the 65th anniversary year of the United Nations Organisation and the 35th anniversary of the United Nations Association of Mauritius by our Chief Guest.

I thank you for your kind attention.

Address by the President of the Republic on the occasion of the celebration of the 65th anniversary of the United Nations by the United Nations Association of Mauritius (MUNA)

Thursday 21 October 2010 at 1300 hrs. London College, Port-Louis.

Hon. Members of the National Assembly,
The President and Members of the United Nations Association of Mauritius,
The Manager, London College,
Distinguished Guests
Ladies and Gentlemen

Good afternoon to all of you and thank you for the warm welcome extended to me. It gives me great pleasure to be in your midst and to participate in the celebration of the 65th Anniversary of the United Nations.

The UN is the apex body regrouping countries of the world. Its aims, objectives and goals are manifold, ranging from resolution of armed conflicts, the maintenance of peace and security, the eradication of poverty and corruption, ensuring food security, maintaining a clean environment, gender equality, proper education, access to basic necessities of life to activities targeting women, children, youths, students, the elderly and promotion of human rights, etc.

Since the creation of the UN Council, many agencies such as UNICEF, WHO and FAO have been set up. In Mauritius, ensuring a decent life to our citizens. (......)

Ladies and Gentlemen,

65 years ago, the challenges were many and complex. With the end of the World War 11, new economic and political orders were established. Countries identified themselves with
blocks. In some cases, barriers and walls were erected and bridges destroyed to create groups. Citizens of the world were living in fear. There was a need for a body which could intervene within the barriers of those closed countries and which could have a look at living conditions of the population. Thus the United Nations as a body was created.

65 years after, I am here, you are here, we are all here, to assess what has been achieved. Of course, a tremendous amount of work has been abated the world over. The UN has not only helped in the resolution of armed conflicts in several parts of the world, but has also assisted in the prevention of conflicts. The commitment of the UN to ensure a better living environment to citizens, with access to clean water, food, education, shelter, safe environment, maternal health and many other issues, is unchallenged.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

We also realize that the challenges facing the UN are even more daunting. Armed conflicts are still present in certain countries, with the result that the population has to suffer all the consequences of these fighting’s. Added to this, is the issue of climate change causing even more casualties. Recently, we have witnessed massive migration of population affected by quakes and floods.

We should all be concerned with the fate of others. It is for this reason that I congratulate the President and Members of the United Nations Association of Mauritius who are doing a wonderful job. They are sparing no effort in moulding young people into future citizens of the world, imbued with a sense of volunteership.

Referred to as MUNA, the Association is well structured, with several bodies each capable of taking its own decisions for implementation and support of activities. I am informed that MUNA obtained its consultative status with the Economic and Social Council of the UN in 2001. It has now the right to designate its representatives at the UN headquarters in New York and its office in Geneva and Vienna. MUNA is also able to participate in the calendar of the United Nations meetings open to NGOs, enjoying consultative status.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

All the achievements of the Mauritius Branch of the United Nations Association is, to great extent, due to the vision and ability of its Founder Members, Past Presidents and Honorary Presidents, some of them being Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam, Sir Harold Walter and Sir Kher Jagatsingh. I commend the initiative of the present President, Barrister Rashad Daureeawo, for perpetuating the tradition of the Association.

I am sure that under his able leadership the same zeal will prevail among the members and would-be members. I am confident that the Association will continue to provide guidance to young people and students and continue to uphold the ideals of the United Nations.

I wish the United Nations happy anniversary. I join all its well-wishers in the celebration. May the MUNA prosper and achieve even more success in its activities.

I thank you for your attention.
Votre Excellence Sir Aneerood Jugnauth, President de la Republique,
Melle Leyla Tegmo-Reddy, United Nations Resident Coordinator,
Représentant des Corps Diplomatique,
M. Harold Chan Lam, President D’honneur de UNA (Mauritius),
M. Reshad Daureeawoo, President de UNA (Maurice),
Distingues invites,
Cher élèves,

Je voudrais d’abord remercier la United Nations Association de Maurice de m’avoir associée
à la célébration des 65 ans de la fondation des Nations Unies. Les anniversaires sont des
moments importants dans la vie d’une organisation. Ils peuvent être des moments de réunions
festifs mais aussi l’occasion de se rappeler le chemin parcouru et les raisons mêmes de
l’existence de l’organisation.

Il y a 65 ans, les représentants de 50 Etats se sont retrouvées à San Francisco pour poser les
fondements d’une organisation internationale destinée à prévenir les conflits armés, afin que
des affrontements comme la Première et la Seconde Guerres Mondiales ne se reproduisent
plus jamais. Quelques mois plus tard, la Charte des Nations Unies était signée, donnant
naissance à l’organisation des Nations Unies, << une organisation fondée sur l’espoir le plus
humain, une fin du fléau de la guerre>>, comme la souligne le Secrétaire Générale Ban Ki-
moon au mois de mai dernier devant l’Assemblée Générale de L’ONU à New York qui
commémoreait le 65ème anniversaire de la fin de la Seconde guerre mondiale. M. Ban Ki-moon
devait conclure son intervention par ces mots : << Se souvenir du passé, pour mieux
préparer l’avenir>>.
Il est bon de se rappeler que 40 millions de civils et 20 millions de soldats avaient perdu la vie au cours des ces années d’atrocités indescriptibles.

Pour 65 ans après, il existe toujours des conflits armés sur la planète et les populations civiles en payent toujours le plus lourd tribut.

Les clubs des Nations Unies a Maurice et ailleurs œuvrent dans le but de disséminer les idéaux de l’organisation supranational. Il vous appartient de vous jeunes collégiens et membres de ces clubs d’apporter votre contribution. Il ne faut pas croire qu’il s’agit d’aller sur les cinq continents apporter le message de paix.

Votre engagement commence dans votre maison, dans votre entourage, dans votre collège, votre ville, votre village et bien sur votre pays.

Nous avons la chance d’habiter une ile préservée de grands conflits comme ceux qui ont ravage des pays comme le Rwanda ou la Bosnie. Pour autant, nous ne sommes pas a l’abri de friction et de tensions qui parfois débouchent sur de profondes divisions entre différentes composantes de notre société.

Ce qui doit nous interpeller et nous pousser a œuvrer en faveur de la réconciliation, de la coopération et de la promotion des valeurs démocratiques, des droits de l’homme et des libertés fondamentales.


En tant que Ministre de la Sécurité Sociale mais aussi de la Solidarité Nationale, je me permettrais de mettre l’accent sur notre histoire de SOLIDARITE. Nous sommes a un moment de notre histoire ou nous notre développement économique est cite en référence sur le continent africain. Pourtant, il existe, malheureusement, encore des poches de misère et de sous développement a Maurice. Il nous appartient par l’expression de notre solidarité de ne pas laisser sur le bord de la route les plus faibles et les plus démunis. Car il ne pourrait exister de la paix tant qu’il existera des injustices.

Parmi cette catégorie de personnes faibles, j’aimerais attirer votre attention sur ceux et celles qui ont la malchance de souffrir d’un handicap physique ou mental. Notre solidarité doit être encore plus forte vis-à-vis d’eux. Nous devons nous épargner aucun effort pour les encadrer, les aider et les soutenir afin qu’ils se sentent des citoyens a part entière. Nous devons tous faire pour qu’ils puissent vivre une vie décente, accéder a une éducation qui puisse a la fois les intégrer dans la vie de tous les jours et aussi leur donner un passeport pour une vie professionnelle. Nous devons également veiller a ce qu’aucun obstacle physique ou moral ne s’oppose a leur épanouissement.

Les idéaux des Nations Unies sont nobles mais il me semble que nous ne devons pas nécessairement les voir uniquement sur la scène internationale.

Je vous invite donc, jeunes de Maurice, a œuvrer pour le développement des idéaux des Nations Unies d’abord au cœur de notre vie de tous les jours en passant a nos citoyens moins favoris. C’est a ce prix que la la notion de paix deviendra une réalité permanente.

Merci de votre attention.
The Right Honourable Sir Aneerood Jugnauth, President of the Republic of Mauritius and Lady Jugnauth
Honourable Mrs. Leela Devi Dookun-Luchoomun, Minister of Social Security, National Solidarity and Reform Institutions
Mr. Nundkeswarsing Bossoondyal, Director General of United Nations Association of Mauritius and Vice-President of World Assembly of Youth
Mr. Rashad Daureeawo, President of the United Nations Association-Mauritius and Vice-President of the World Federation of United Nations Associations
Mr. Harold Chan Lam, Founder and Manager of London College and Honorary President of the United Nations Association of Mauritius
Excellencies of the Diplomatic Corps
Distinguished Guests
Friends from the Media, dear young people
Ladies and gentlemen

It is really a pleasure to be here today. I wish to thank the President of the Republic, Lady Jugnauth and Minister of Social Security for actively celebrating UN Day. And of course, I express all my thanks to the London College and especially the United Nations Association of Mauritius for its 35th anniversary and wish it a very successful future. United Nations Associations play a critical role at the national and international levels in providing support and guidance to the United Nations system and the countries in which they are located, and in ensuring that the UN values and ideals are well known. We in the United Nations very much value our close collaboration with Mauritius and the United Nations Association of Mauritius.
As you know, we at the United Nations are going through exciting and challenging times as we advance on the reform process that was decided upon by Member States at the 2005 World Summit, which marked 60 years since the creation of the UN. It is now 5 years later and we are celebrating the 65th anniversary of the UN. You have all heard of the political side of the reform: the discussion for instance of having new permanent members on the Security Council to reflect the new global context, as mentioned earlier. There is also the development side of the reform: the UN development system of agencies, which comprises the UNDP, UNICEF, UNESCO, WHO, ILO and many others is working towards what we call “Delivering as One” or DaO. In other words, to make the various UN entities work more effectively together, avoid duplication, avoid gaps and better align their work with national priorities at country level.

For Mauritius, the UN Country Team of agencies comprises 16 members, 13 of which are based outside of Mauritius. The UN Country Team held its annual retreat last week in Mauritius and I am proud to announce that we have embarked on implementing Delivering as One in a first set of thematic areas, namely Sustainable Development & Education Protection, Social Inclusion & Poverty, Gender, Education, Labour & Employment and finally, HIV/AIDS. In a meeting last week with numerous Ministries, this approach and the areas of focus were very much supported and lauded. These are joint areas of collaboration and do not exclude other activities of the agencies in their mandated areas.

I now have the great pleasure of reading the message of the UN Secretary-General, Mr. Ban Ki-moon, for UN DAY this year.

I quote:
On United Nations day, I express my greatest appreciation to the millions of people throughout the world who believe in our work for peace, development and human rights... and who uphold our ideals and help us achieve our goals. To all of you... friends and fellow citizens of the world... I say: thank you.

Sifty-five years ago on this date, the founding Charter of the United Nations entered into force. Every year on UN Day, we reaffirm our global mission. We reassert the universal values of tolerance, mutual respect and human dignity. And we recognize the progress we have made together: gains in literacy and life expectancy... the spread of knowledge and technology... advances in democracy and the rule of law.

But above all, UN Day is a day on which we resolve to do more. More to protect those caught up in armed conflict, to fight climate change and avert nuclear catastrophe; more to expand opportunities for women and girls, and to combat injustice and impunity; more to meet the Millennium Development Goals.

Last month’s MDG Summit at the United Nations generated political momentum...as well as financial commitments that are especially significant in these difficult economic times. I am determined to press ahead as the 2015 deadline approaches.

Despite our problems, despite polarization and distrust, our interconnected world has opened up vast new possibilities for common progress. Let us commit to do even more to realize the great vision set out in the UN Charter.

End of quote.

Dear Guests,
I personally think it is wonderful that this function is being held at a school. You young people are the future of the world. I hope all children here become ambassadors of the UN’s ideals and vision.
Welcoming address by Mr. Rashad Daureeawo, Senior Counsel, President of UNA Mauritius and Vice-President of WFUNA. Reading the message of WFUNA Secretary General:

MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY-GENERAL BONIAN GOLMOHAMMADI to the Joint Celebration of the 65th Anniversary of the United Nations and the 35th Anniversary of the United Nations Association of Mauritius – MUNA

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

I would like begin by once again congratulating Mr. Rashad Daureeawo for being elected Vice-President of WFUNA at the Plenary Assembly in Seoul, in August 2009. I look forward to a continued fruitful collaboration between WFUNA and MUNA as we pursue our shared priorities.

As you come together to celebrate 65 years of the United Nations, I encourage you to reflect on all the accomplishments of the organization, and its promise for the future.

It is especially relevant that in your celebration you chose to highlight two of the themes of the United Nations for this year – the International Year of Youth and the International Year of Biodiversity. First, throughout this year, the international community is encouraged to celebrate youth development and to recognize the contributions young people make to create a better world for us all. WFUNA joins in this celebration through our commitment to encouraging, inspiring and involving young people in the priorities and work of the United Nations. Our ongoing and future projects aim to utilize the talents and vision of young people in our network. I am happy to note that this celebration in Mauritius of the 65 years of the United Nations is being held in collaboration with the Youth Council and London College amongst other partners, and feel that it is purposeful and symbolic to celebrate the past of the United Nations together with those who will build the future of the organization.

Second, the International Year of Biodiversity is a celebration of life on earth and of the value of biodiversity for our lives. During a time when the world is facing increasing threats to our natural environment, it is especially important for us to consider the miracle of our diverse planet and think about how each of us can contribute to maintaining it. Next month, from 29 November to 10 December, Heads of States and Government -joined by civil society organizations, media representatives and international experts- will be meeting in Cancun, Mexico in the context of the 16th Conference of Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Kyoto Protocol. They will discuss ways to build a solid foundation for future international action to mitigate emissions and adapt to climate change worldwide. I hope you will join me in closely following their deliberations and continuing to engage with these issues even after the end of this year.

I would like to congratulate the United Nations Associations and its partners for organizing this important commemoration, and send my best wishes for the proceedings.
Address of Mr. Nundkeswarsing BOSSOONDYAL, Founder Member and Director General of Mauritius United Nations Association of Mauritius and Vice-President of the World Assembly of Youth-WAY 65th anniversary of the United Nations, and 35th anniversary of the United Nations Association of Mauritius,

Dear honorable Guests and invitees,

I associate myself with all previous speakers in welcoming His Excellency President Sir Anerood Jugnauth and Lady Sarojini, Hon. Minister Mrs. Leela Devi Dookun-Lutchuman, Mrs. Leyla Reddy of the UNDP, Ambassadors, High Commissioners, Charge D’affaires, Representatives of Diplomatic Mission and as well as to all our distinguish guests and VIP’s.

It gives me pleasure to see many former Presidents of the UNA-Mauritius among our guests, namely: Lady R.Jagatsingh, Mr. Dausoa, Mr. Dawjee, Mr. Desai, Mr. Futloo, Alain Rengasamy and others.

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you all today on this auspicious occasion marking the 65th year of the foundation of the United Nations and the 35th anniversary of the United Nations Association of Mauritius.

I would like at the very outset to stress upon the crucial role which the London College has been playing in close collaboration with the UNA Mauritius to disseminate the aims and objectives of the United Nations in Mauritius. Let me remind you that MUNA launched the first UN Clubs here in early 90’s. At that time the London College had some of its students participated in few UN Models held abroad. Furthermore, we are proud of the academic achievement of the London College which has until now created many elites in Mauritius, among them, Ministers, MPs, doctors, lawyers and others.

The United Nations Association of Mauritius (MUNA) was created on 24th October 1975 and was officially launched on 24th October 1976. MUNA is the Mauritius Branch of the World Federation of the United Nations Associations (WFUNA) based at the UN New York and Geneva. In the year 2001, MUNA obtained its consultative status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations (UN-ECOSOC). In 2008 MUNA was admitted as member of the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations (CONGO).
In 2009, MUNA President, Mr. Rashad Daureeawo was elected on the top of the list as 1st Vice President of the World Federation of the United Nations Association during its 39th General Assembly held in Seoul and his election take place in the presence of H.E Mr. Ban Ki Moon the Secretary General of the United Nations.

MUNA main programs of activities among others are: Eradication of poverty, combating corruption, working for Food Security, Agriculture, Environment, Rural Development, Land Reforms, Education, Peace-Security and Disarmament, Gender equality, Health-HIV/AIDS, Population, Human, Women, Child & people’s Rights and development, Tourism, Youth, Students, the Elderly, the disabled and other key issues in relation to UN aims and objectives.

Our current priority of programs and activities are a series of workshops on “Communications gap between Parents and Children” The first program was launched on 7th July at SSS Vacoas. The next one will be on 21st November 2010 at Riviere du Rempart. Today, we are officially launching this program with 12 workshops/symposiums around Mauritius which will last till the end of 2011. Why have we chosen this theme? We often blame the young people of indulging into wrong habits like drug and alcohol abuse, early pregnancy, violence, crimes, rapes, prostitution, and other related ills.

We, at UNA-Mauritius, have viewed with serious concern these issues and we came to conclusion that communication gap between Parents and Children is very much concerned with these issues, as there is a saying which runs thus “Education does not only start at school, but from the very early ages while under the care of the parents”, in short at home. Perhaps due to poverty, competition and other social and family obligation, both father and mother or single parent have to leave home early and return late to ensure economic income to meet both ends and for their survival. Such problem is the result of serious lack of regular interaction and care. Due to lack of proper dialogue and close relationship between parents and children, children are left to themselves and turn to become deviants and to-day we witnessing these consequences. We at MUNA are glad to see that the Ministry of Gender Equality, Child Development and Family Welfare is also giving much priority to similar theme.

MUNA, as well as the World Assembly of Youth where I am the Vice President is also very concerned with programs like Democracy and Good-Governance. While marking this year 2010 as the United Nation International Year of Youth among other themes, we need to work out sustainable projects and programs that could beneficial to our present and coming generation. However, it appears that the notion of “Good Governance” in the world, mainly in developing countries, are far reachable without the complete, constructive and active contribution of our youth as well the NGOs in general. Our society may go sick and lead to gangrene if immediate action is not taken to consider why voluntarism, social works and social service are losing their importance and disappearing. I am observing that individuals are giving up radically the concept of volunteers and social works and we at MUNA are facing this challenge and surely other NGOs too. It is to be noted that to have good and prepared politicians, administrators and decision makers starting from Government to local administration level, people need to be well socialized with people. Such leaders can only be produced through voluntarism and social works. This observation is not for Mauritius only but it is an issue which is being felt globally.

So, I end my address on this note. I make an urgent appeal to you young students and young people, the torch bearers and parents of tomorrow, to give some of your precious time to volunteers and social works. We know we are living in a world of competition and you all need first to secure your educational success, have a good and secured job, build a good family and prepare your future, but you cannot achieve all this in a world plenty of stress and complication. So, one of the ways to address stress is through community, social and volunteer works.

I solemnly call upon our Hon. Minister of Social Security Minister of Social Security, National Solidarity and Reform Institutions to do all the possible best in roping in and encouraging NGOs and young people back to volunteers, social and community works. MUNA, during its 35 years of existence, have prepared many young people as volunteers and community workers and we are ready to provide our counsel, expertise and service to revive volunteer and community works on a larger scale and give them their “lettres de noblesse d’antan”

Thank you for your attention
The Organizing Committee of the 65th anniversary of the UNITED NATIONS & 35th anniversary of United Nations Association of Mauritius has the pleasure to express a vote of thanks to:

2. The Hon. Mrs. Leela Devi DOOKUN-LUCHOOMUN, Minister of Social Security, National Solidarity and Reform Institutions.
3. Mrs. Leyla TEGMO-REDDY, UN Resident Coordinator & UNDP Resident Representative.
5. Mr. Terry Chan Lam, Rector, the Teachers and the students of London College.
6. To all our esteemed invited guests for their kind participation in our today’s function which would not have been possible without their active presence.
7. The Commissioner of Police for the Police assistance,
8. The Representatives of Media.

Thank you for your attention.
VIP’s heading to unveiling of the commemorative plate marking UN65 and MUNA35.

President of the Republic, Sir Anerood Jugnauth unveiling the commemorative plate marking UN65 and MUNA35.
Partial views of sitting guests for the cultural show performed by students of London College.

Partial views of the students of London College assisting the function marking UN65 and MUNA 35.
Guests enjoying the cultural show marking UN65 and MUNA 35
Students of London College performing a Chinese spring dance.

Students of London College performing a Mauritian “Sega” dance
Farewells and greetings