



Friday, 15 January 2016

To all DUT students, staff and Alumni

RESIGNATION OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR & PRINCIPAL, PROFESSOR AHMED BAWA

Dear members of the DUT family

It is with deep regret and considerable sadness that I inform you of the resignation of Professor Ahmed Bawa from his post as Vice-Chancellor and Principal at Durban University of Technology.

During his tenure over the last five and half years, Professor Bawa has made a significant contribution in stabilizing our University, raising staff morale, boosting our public image and initiated a number of strategic and innovative projects. He will be greatly missed by our students, staff, Alumni and Council.

Professor Bawa has indicated to me that his resignation as Vice-Chancellor was influenced by his personal circumstances. We did try to convince Professor Bawa to stay and to complete his second term of office as Vice-Chancellor but his need to be reunited with his family in Johannesburg is understandable. Despite my disappointment with Professor Bawa's resignation, I can fully appreciate his desire to be with his family. I am confident that you will agree with me that Professor Bawa leaves DUT in a better condition and position after his five and half years in office.

The Executive Committee of Council has convened and has decided to advertise the post within the next few weeks. We will expedite the process and appoint a successor as soon as possible. The date of Professor Bawa's departure is still being negotiated but it will be sometime between April and June this year.

During this interim period, Council appeals to all students and staff to cooperate in ensuring a smooth start to the academic year.

Wishing you a safe and successful 2016...

Yours sincerely

Dr J Reddy
Chairman of Council