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Dear staff and students

DUT Mourns the Passing of Philanthropist, business leader and founder of KZN Oils, Mr Rajen Reddy

The Durban University of Technology mourns the passing of Mr Rajen Reddy, philanthropist, business leader, founder of KZN Oils and a proud member of the DUT Foundation. He passed on yesterday after a month in hospital. The University community conveys its most sincere condolences to his family, friends and colleagues.

DUT Vice-Chancellor and Principal Professor Thandwa Mthembu was extremely sad to receive word of Mr Reddy's passing. "What devastating news to lose one of our strongest supporters and such an ardent member of our DUT Foundation. He had so much love for DUT even though, as he once told me, he had received no university education in his youth. There are very few people like him in the world, even from those who are well educated, who fully understand the value and agency of university education. There are very few who, on understanding the value and agency, put their money selflessly where their convictions are. Rajen did all that without flinching."

Deputy Vice-Chancellor: Research, Innovation and Engagement, Professor Sibusiso Moyo described Mr Reddy as "a very passionate promoter of youth empowerment, who had tried by every means to support the DUT entrepreneurship agenda. We will miss his presence as part of the DUT family and member of the DUT Foundation. Our greatest sympathies to his family and friends."

Speaking on behalf of the DUT Advancement and Alumni Office, Mr Zwakele Ngubane said, "Mr Reddy was an ardent supporter of DUT. He was very passionate about motivating, encouraging and offering opportunities, especially to young people, for personal and career development. His ever ready smile and willingness to avail himself and his expertise for the improvement of lives and livelihoods, will be sorely missed."

Mr Rajen Reddy's commitment and support of our university will always be remembered. We salute his contribution and we will be eternally grateful for all that he has done. May his soul rest in eternal peace.

Sincerely

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