

The First Lady of the United Republic of Tanzania



The State House - Dar es Salaam

14th March 2005

Mr. Grant Pierce,
Executive General Manager – Tanzania,
Kahama Mining Corporation Limited,
DAR ES SALAAM,
Tanzania.

Dear Mr. Pierce,

I am writing to express my congratulations and gratitude for initiating the children's choir project which saw some of Tanzania's youth getting the opportunity to represent their country at the WOMAD Festival in the United Kingdom last July. Most of these children are from very poor families for whom travel to the UK to show their talent would have only remained in their wildest dreams had it not been for your welcome support and effort.

Having watched the resulting documentary, I well understand why the choir has now been invited to sing at a cultural festival, associated with the Commonwealth Games next March in Melbourne, Australia.

This is not just a rare opportunity for the children, but also a rare opportunity for Tanzania to show the Commonwealth the untapped talent that exists within the youth of our country.

I wish you well in the drive to have the voice of our youth heard again, in an international forum. The children of our country face immense odds. But they are talented, and are the future leaders of Tanzania. As such they are well worthy of every opportunity life presents to them, and of our unfailing support.

Yours faithfully,

Anna Mkapa

FIRST LADY OF THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA