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UCT Graduations – June 2007

The University of Cape Town will have its next graduations on Friday, the **15th of June** at Jameson Hall on Upper Campus to mark achievements of academic qualifications by more than a thousand graduates.

The graduation ceremonies will take place as follows:

- The first ceremony is at 09h00 where degrees will be conferred to graduates from the Graduate School of Business (GSB). Founder, Chairman and CEO of Sekunjalo Investments Ltd, Dr. Iqbal Survé will make a keynote address at this ceremony where UCT Vice-Chancellor and Principal, Professor Njabulo S. Ndebele will preside. Dr. Survé, a UCT alumni, has influence as an investor, director and consortium partner to a number of South African and international companies including Siemens, Nokia Siemens, Pioneer Foods, ABSA, Daimler Chrysler (subsidiary Sandown Motors) and Energy and Oil Trading companies. (Attached, find Dr Survé's profile.)
- The second ceremony at 14h00 will be for the Faculties of Engineering & Built Environment, Health Sciences, Law and Humanities. The Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Vice-Principal of UCT, Professor Martin West will preside at this ceremony.
- The last ceremony at 18h00 will be for the Faculties of Commerce (excluding GSB) and Science. At this ceremony, SARS Commissioner Pravin Gordhan will be conferred an honorary Doctor of Laws degree. Vice-Chancellor and Principal of UCT Professor Njabulo S Ndebele will preside at this ceremony, and honorary doctorate recipient Pravin Gordhan will deliver a keynote address.

A total of 1092 students will graduate on this day from the following faculties at UCT:

- Faculty of Engineering & the Built Environment = 87

- Faculty of Health Sciences = 76
- Faculty of Law = 91
- Faculty of Humanities = 203
- Faculty of Commerce = 537 (including GSB)
- Faculty of Science = 98

Congratulating the graduates, Vice-Chancellor Professor Ndebele said today, “The graduation ceremonies afford us an opportunity, once again, to award academic achievements and excellence. It is an exciting and memorable time for both students and parents. “For UCT, it is gratifying to note the number of graduates from our institution going into the world with qualifications that will make them leaders in many areas necessary for the upliftment of societies in the country and elsewhere”, he pointed out.

Professor Ndebele added that with the many challenges facing our country today, UCT contributes immensely to the provision of skills necessary to address these challenges for a better society.

We would appreciate that members of the media indicate their attendance for each ceremony by sending an e-mail to dineo.khechane@uct.ac.za , or contacting Dineo Noganta at **021- 650 5674**.

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