

## Report on 73rd OERB Adhiveshan Held In Mombasa



The 73rd Adhiveshan was hosted by Visa Oshwal Vanik Community, Mombasa from 30th May to 1st June 2014. It was well attended by the Delegates and the invited Guests from all the East African Centres.

The Delegates and all the Guests were given a very warm welcome by the Chairman of V.O.C. Mombasa, Mr. Nimesh J. Shah, his Managing Committee and the Members of V.O.C. Mombasa. After dinner, the Board Chairman Mr. Rajeev Raja and all the Delegates were introduced to the VOC Mombasa Managing Committee and Mr. Nimesh J. Shah officially welcomed all the Delegates and the guests. This was followed by a very colourful and vibrant variety programme – Dances from each state of India.

Nimesh J. Shah thanked all invited guests for attending 73rd Adhiveshan and highlighted on the activities done by V.O.C., Mombasa. He congratulated OE & RB for a very successful year in office.

The Chairman of OE & RB then officially opened the Adhiveshan. Mr. Rajeev Raja thanked V.O.C Mombasa for hosting the 73rd Adhiveshan and for according a very

warm welcome and hospitality to all. He commended the members of the community for the meticulous arrangements for the Adhiveshan. The Chairman outlined the role the Board was playing and outlined the future of OE & RB. He also mentioned that with time the Board's focus has widened both in scope and geographically and a new Vision - "To be a socially responsible organization in the Socio-Eco Development in East Africa" is to be followed.

In line with this he gave some thoughts on where the Board is heading in each of the pillar i.e. Education Development, Health Awareness, Economic Empowerment, Environment Conservation and Relief & Poverty Alleviation.

After the above programme, the Board Chairman conducted the Adhiveshan. The agenda was read out by the Hon Secretary, Mr. Dharmesh Shah. The Minutes of the 72nd Board Adhiveshan held in Thika and the First Extra Ordinary General Meeting were passed. This was followed by the introduction of all the Delegates, Advisory Committee & Managing Committee of OE & RB.

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On the following day the meeting started at 9.15 am. Lot of pertinent decisions were made during the meeting.

The Hon General Secretary presented his Annual Report for all the Institutions and Sub-Committees for the Year 2013/2014. The Delegates discussed and deliberated on the report and raised various points. The Chairman very satisfactorily answered and explained all the questions raised. The Delegates congratulated the Hon Secretary and Assistant Secretary for an extremely well compiled report.

This was followed by the discussion and approval of Takti Schemes for the new Administration Wing at OAN Senior High.

Mr. Atul Premchand Shah presented a detailed report and audited accounts for the year 2013. He was congratulated for his exemplary work in keeping the Finance Portfolio in a very healthy state.

Discussions on Oshwal University then followed. Guest Speaker Mr Cameroon Rush of Planning Project management Ltd presented the process of Master Planning of the University.

Mr. Jitesh Shah, Chairman of Oshwal College Committee, then presented the current position of the University application. The approval for the way forward for the

years 2014 and 2015 and for Oshwal University Capital Expenditure was given.

An additional budget of Kshs 70 Million for the dining hall at Oshwal Academy Junior High was passed.

A go ahead to relocate College Boarders to a property on Bulemia Road was given.

On Sunday morning, the meeting commenced with presentation of the OE & RB Vision 2020. The Delegates, Trustees and the members of the Advisory Committee had convened a workshop to brainstorm on the Vision 2020 on January 26th 2014 when a short list was made of areas that were considered a priority in each of the 5 Pillars.

Medical Welfare development:- Jain Youth league Thika suggested setting up a permanent Eye and ENT hospital as a joint humanitarian project in partnership with OE & RB on the land for the proposed University under the banner of OE & RB. In the next MC meeting of OE & RB they will present modalities and the study report of the project. After lots of deliberation, the delegates approved a joint task force with JYL Thika.

Mr. Rishi Shah made a presentation on "Volunteer Development Pillar." He questioned "Why delegates have opted to become volunteers? What attracts/or

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discourages a volunteer to provide service to the Board/ Community; what information should be given to a volunteer before he/she decides to serve as a volunteer; how do institutions retain a volunteer and how do you attract 'Youths' to do social service. A very healthy thought provoking debate took place and the Board was given guidelines in recruiting volunteers.

After discussions and deliberations on Vision 2020, proposals were adopted by the delegates.

The budget for the Calendar Year 2014/2015 was presented by Mr. Dilip A.P. Shah, Assistant Treasurer. It was approved by the Delegates and the resolution was passed.

The Chairman, before dissolving the Managing Committee, thanked the Board Trustees, Office Bearers, Managing Committee Members and the Members of the Advisory Committee for all the support and guidance accorded during the past one year. A special acknowledgement was also given to OE & RB staff members.

It was then noted that the Board Chairman and his Managing Committee had worked extremely hard for the period of 2013 to 2014.

This was followed by the election of the Office Bearers and Committee Members for the Year 2014/2015.

Following were elected as Office Bearers:-

**Chairman – Mr. Rajul R. Malde**  
**Vice Chairman – Mr. Rajesh D. Shah**  
**Hon. Secretary – Mr. Dharmesh C. Shah**  
**Assistant Secretary – Mr. Mayur Shah**  
**Hon Treasurer – Mr. Dilip A. P. Shah**  
**Assistant Treasurer – Mr. Mandeep V. Shah**  
**Ex – Officio – Mr. Rajeev Raja**

Twelve members were elected on the Managing Committee.

The Hon. Treasurer proposed the name of M/S Shah Patel & Co. as the Hon. Auditors for the Year 2014. The Delegates gave the approval to the proposal.

The 73rd Adhiveshan ended at 8.00 pm on Sunday 1st June, 2014. Mr. Dharmesh Shah presented "A Vote of Thanks" to Visa Oshwal Vanik Community, Mombasa for making excellent arrangements, heartwarming hospitality, sumptuous meals and snacks and entertainment programmes.

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