



Message from
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The Tanzanian High Commission in London is pleased to have the opportunity of presenting this publication to commemorate ten years of Mwalimu's death. We hope this will contribute, albeit in a small way, in promoting the legacy of an inspiring leader and at the same time showing off our identity as a nation.

Every nation and every generation has their heroes. Julius Kambarage Nyerere, fondly known as Father of the Nation and Mwalimu (Teacher in Kiswahili) is Tanzania's hero. When his body arrived at the Dar es Salaam International Airport from the UK where he had died of leukaemia on 14 October 1999, young Tanzanians ran alongside his cortege all the 30km to his house, as thousands lined the route all the way from the airport to his house. The nation was united in grief, just as he had moulded it.

Contained within this publication are articles by a diverse range of people about Nyerere's legacy. What comes through very

clearly is that Nyerere dedicated his life to the people of Tanzania and succeeded in moulding a proud nation out of more than 120 tribes that spoke as many dialects. He worked equally hard for the liberation of Southern Africa and for peace in the Great Lakes region.

He was an inspiring leader who stood up for justice and equality for all. He created the foundation of a nation that has avoided the turmoil that afflicted many African countries. When he voluntarily retired from office after 25 years he introduced a tradition of leadership change that no Tanzanian leader would dare defy.

Nyerere's enduring legacy is not only about his leadership or statesmanship. He was selfless and never accumulated wealth or allowed his family to do so. He once said that he did not wish for his children anything different from what he wished for all Tanzanian children. Nyerere was normal and his family today remains normal. This is why he is so much loved. **F**