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DR.VIMAL SHAH , MBS, CBS

Dr. Vimal Shah holds a BSc Degree in Business Administration and Finance from United States International University. He is credited with transforming Bidco into an East African giant enterprise respected throughout the region and beyond.

He is one of East Africa's eminent and most respected business leaders. Together with his father and brother, Dr. Shah has transformed Bidco from a humble soap manufacturing enterprise into a Fast Moving Consumer Goods (FMCG) behemoth. Bidco is presently East Africa's leading manufacturer of edible oils and personal hygiene care products with over 40 brands and a footprint in 16 African countries.

Dr. Vimal's exceptional leadership is making Bidco a globally respected company. Under his leadership Bidco has received over 30 corporate awards in 15 years across various domains: energy management, business leadership and manufacturing. In 2015 KCA University awarded him an honorary degree, ***Honoris Causa*** for his contribution to the growth of entrepreneurship in Kenya.

A few years ago, Harvard Business School carried out a case study on Bidco with the objective of creating a success model for other enterprises to follow.

APPOINTMENTS & RECOGNITION

Dr. Vimal Shah is a much sought-after speaker in various fields, and has given talks all over the world leading to him being recognised world over and he has received numerous awards and commendations:-

- In 2001, he was named the Professional Manager of the Year and winner for Outstanding Executive Support for IT.
- In 2002 he was rated 3rd East Africa Business Leader of the Future and 5th Most Respected Chief Executive Officer in East Africa.
- In 2008, the Kenya Institute of Management awarded him Chief Executive Officer of the Year with BIDCO winning Company of the year.
- In 2011, Dr. Vimal Shah was a finalist in the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year award, a position he held together with his brother and business partner, Tarun Shah.

- In 2012, he won the prestigious All Africa Business Leaders Awards' East African Entrepreneur of the Year.
- In 2015, he was named Oshwal Entrepreneur of the Year in the first ever Oshwal Awards.

PRESIDENTIAL AND OTHER HONOURS AND AWARDS

Dr. Vimal Shah is a recipient of multiple awards and accolades due to his phenomenal work in the private sector.

- In 2006 he was decorated with Presidential honor, Moran of the Order of the Burning Spear (MBS);
- The same year, he was named CEO of the YEAR by the Kenya Institute of Management (Company of the Year Awards) ;
- In 2011 he was awarded with the Presidential honor, Chief of the Order of the Burning Spear (CBS)

He is a fellow at:-

- Marketing Society of Kenya
- The Kenya Institute of Management
- The Institute of Certified Public Secretaries of Kenya
- In 2014, The World Economic Forum awarded a Global Growth Company Status to Bidco.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Dr. Vimal Shah has served on various boards:

- January 1981 to March 2006 He held various posts at the Oshwal Education & Relief Board (EAST AFRICA);
- Between March 1999 to March 2009 he was the trustee, Oshwal Youth League Nairobi Kenya;
- Between April 2011 to May 2013 he was the Vice Chairman at Kenya Private Sector Alliance;
- He held various posts at Kenya Association of Manufacturers for 17 years before becoming Chairman between April 2008 – April 2010;
- Starting March 2011, he served as an Advisory Board Member of the Tony Elumelu Foundation;
- Starting February 2011, he served as an International Advisory Board Member for the Mauritius Board of Investment;
- Between July 2013 to July 2014, he was the Chairman of the East African Business Council;
- In March 2014, he was appointed as member of the 3GF (Global Green Growth Fund) Advisory Board, and he is an active member of Global Business Coalition (GBC) on HIV/AIDS, TB and Malaria.;

- Between May 2013 – May 2015, he was the Chairman of the Kenya Private Sector Alliance (KEPSA)

He has served as board member in various Universities and

Institutions including:-

- United States International University - Africa
- The Management University of Africa
- The Kenya Polytechnic now called Technical University of Kenya (TUK)
- M.P. Shah Hospital

LEADERSHIP

Dr. Vimal Shah is an outstanding individual who stands for various causes mainly Economic Empowerment and Education. He has always been driven by a vision and inspired by what he does. He is a strong believer in mutual respect, in developing new ideas and in change. He is a mentor to many people and an advisor who continues to mentor the youth.

He believes firmly that everybody is a candle waiting to be lit and that his goal in life is to “energize people”. His most famous quote is “I want to stay MAD (Make A Difference).” He believes that his biggest inspiration today is to arouse the leader inside every other human being.

He is an avid reader and his favorite subjects include philosophy, spirituality, leadership, innovation, business excellence and mentoring.

Dr. Vimal Shah is married to Manda Shah and they have one son named Soham.

We are aware that the honors already conferred upon Dr. Vimal Shah have been many and great, in due accord with a life of top most attainments and most noble service. We are convinced that by having him in our midst, this illustrious achiever will be a great inspiration and a leading light to our young and upcoming scholars.

Dr. Vimal Shah, a man of distinguished profile, a man who has dedicated his life to mentoring the youth; a man who has touched and positively influenced the life of many; a man who has shaped the direction of entrepreneurship not just in Kenya but the world over; a leader and mentor per excellence, is our choice for the conferment of the **Doctor of Science *honoris causa***.

Guest of honour, ladies and gentlemen,

The Council , Senate, Staff and Students of JOOUST wishes to honor and welcome our Chancellor, Dr. Vimal Shah as he becomes an alumnus of Jaramogi Oginga Odinga University of Science and Technology.



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