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Dr Iqbal Survé receives International Friendship Award

Cape Town, 30 October 2019 - Businessman and chairman of Sekunjalo Investment Holdings (The Sekunjalo Group), Dr Iqbal Survé, today received the prestigious International Friendship Award at a ceremony held at the IESE Business School in Madrid, Spain.

The award, presented by Her Majesty, Queen Letizia of Spain, was given in recognition of Dr Survé's efforts to foster Africa and world relations, focusing on the promotion of entrepreneurship, communications, social commitment and his efforts to end prejudice.

Now in its 3rd year, the International Friendship Award is given to individuals from countries around the world who have made an outstanding contribution to the development of their own country, and the rest of the world. Previously, the award focused on rewarding individuals who worked to strengthen relations between China and Europe, recognising those who worked towards fostering co-operation, peace and development between east and west.

In 2019, the award has been expanded to acknowledge all who strive for friendships between countries, cultures and religions.

Dr Survé congratulated fellow African, Ibukun Awosika, Chairman of First Bank of Nigeria Limited who was also acknowledged at the event today. The two are the first and only, Africa-based recipients of this award.

In accepting the award, Dr Survé said he was deeply honoured by the award and that he received it on behalf of all Africans who work towards the peaceful development of the continent, and who work on fostering relations within Africa and between Africa and the world.

"This is an award that we have won together... everyone who has walked this journey with me over the past three decades, everyone who has worked for greater co-operation between people. I want to thank my family, my friends, the employees of the Sekunjalo Group and associated companies, and the many community activists and social justice partners, NGOs and coalitions that have shared this journey with me over the last few years. This is our award and pays homage to the collective effort that everyone has made to try and create a better world.

"Whether we do it through the medical treatment of detainees, through business, or the use of our resources to create jobs and overcome poverty, whether through the media where we provide narratives that showcase a plurality of opinions ... we do what we do, driven by the desire and determination to build a better world."

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Dr Survé thanked the international jury, headed by Prof Pedro Nueno, the Spanish Royal Family and her Majesty, Queen Letizia, for the honour.

“I will continue to work to build friendships and to bring about a more equal and just society to ensure that the world is a place for everybody, where equal opportunities for everyone are provided.”

Dr Survé, is the founder of Survé Philanthropies, which consists of seven separate foundations, and is a patron of the World’s Children’s Prize programme, which has educated and empowered more than 44 million children. He is also an investor in some of Africa’s largest e-commerce, technology, ICT and media companies.

In April this year Dr Survé was appointed to the First Council of the Belt and Road News Network. The network has become the largest and most widely participated media event in China, promoting practical co-operation among media from different countries.

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The full list of winners in 2019:

- Li Ka Shing, Chairman, CK Hutchison Holdings
- Ibukun Awosika, Chairman, First Bank of Nigeria
- Hong Tianzhu, Founder, Chairman and CEO, Texhong Textile Group
- Liling Qi, President, Puente China España and La Roca Golf Resort
- Lidan Qi Zhou, Founding Partner, Qimeng Global and Managing Director, Puente China España
- Dr Iqbal Survé, Founder and Executive Chairman, The Sekunjalo Group
- Chen Xi, President, Sanquan Food Company

About the International Friendship Award:

Professor Pedro Nueno was awarded the ‘The People’s Republic of China Friendship Award’ in 2009 by the Chinese government. This is the country’s highest award for “foreign experts who have made an outstanding contribution to the country’s economic and social progress.” During his acceptance speech Prof. Nueno vowed to create an award in return, to recognise individuals who had made an outstanding contribution to the world from China. This is how the International Friendship Award (IFA) was created.

In 2014 and 2018; the International Friendship Award was granted to those who had a history of contributing to China and to the world. Some of the winners included Cai Mingpo; Founder and President of Cathay Capital Private Equity, Ms Yang Lan; Co-Founder of the Sun Media Group, Ms Sun Yafang, Former Chairwoman of Huawei and Ms Celina Chew; President of Bayer Group Greater China and Chairwoman of Bayer (China).

An International Jury, chosen by a Committee of professors of the China Europe International Business School (CEIBS), nominates the winners.

The jury for the 2019 awards include; Alfredo Pastor - Phd in Economics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (1973); Annette Nijs - economist; Antonio Argandoña - Emeritus Professor of Economics and holder of the CaixaBank Chair Corporate Social Responsibility at IESE; Francisco A. Lorenzo - Chairman of Savoy Capital, Inc; and Hans Ulrich Maerki - member of the Board of Directors of Mettler-Toledo International, as well as the Menuhin Festival AG Gstaad amongst others.

The winners are chosen in favour of two major dimensions; the magnitude of value created globally and the world class governance and reputation.