

# **THE FRIENDS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF BURAO FUB**

February, 14<sup>th</sup>, 2006

**To: The Designated FUB Board Members, Worldwide**

*Subject: A Request for FUB Board Membership*

**Dear Brothers and Sister:**

We, the undersigned FUB establishing committee members, hereby cordially request from you to join the board of directors of this non-profit organization, whose primary responsibility it is to procure, support and maintain the necessary tools of the higher learning trade for the city of Burao and its environs, in order to create for the eastern region of Somaliland an educational environment conducive to intellectual growth. Our intended goal here is to recruit qualified faculty members for the University of Burao, as the FUB bylaws state, so that we can guide our UB students through life by helping them to achieve their potential.

As you are aware, Somaliland's younger generation have already experienced more than their fair share of living through wars, destitution, displacement, death and destruction during the SNM struggle years. They are predominantly the orphaned kids of the SNM martyrs, who have simply grown up fast on us. They faced cataclysm realities of Biblical proportions in their tender years and are now coming of an age. Hence, they are uniquely qualified to consider them as being a traumatized generation that demands our undivided attention, if we ever have to induce the future transformation of our society as a whole. It is also an absolute imperative for all of us to educate this generation, not only because of ensuring our future socio-economic development as a nation, but we also owe that to our fallen heroes and heroines of the liberating war. And never in the swirl of human of history have the choices now been so great for us.

Speaking of history, H.G. Wells once said, "Human history becomes more and more a race between education and catastrophe." Now I am sure you will agree with us that, it is incumbent upon all of us to work towards this goal of instilling the lofty ideals of educational values in the minds of our younger generation, in order to win the race. The alternative is obviously an un-ending catastrophe.

Dear brothers and sisters, Somaliland's future socio-economic development is now at the crossroads. But by educating the younger generation, and with the grace of Allah, we still stand a chance to find the way forward into

**the future. University education for our kids back home is undoubtedly the way forward. And the way must be tried.**

**We, therefore, invite you today to join us to break a new ground for the sake of the future generations of Somaliland in the following areas: To create an endowment fund to increase the availability of quality education to the people of Burao and from around the region; obtain qualified university teachers for UB; and build good relations with the international universities and other institutions of higher learning for the benefit of UB. This is a new challenge. But it is a new path we are collectively willing to take in order to effect change in our society. And, as that affable American philosopher, Ralph Waldo Emerson, once said, “Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.”**

**Your consideration in this matter will be greatly appreciated. We thank you in advance and look forward to hearing from you soon with a positive response.**

**Please be informed that the following other notables in our society have also been selected to serve as the Standing Committee, along with you at the Board:**

- 1. Mrs. Raqiya H. Dualeh Abdulla, Chairperson**
- 2. Prof. Abdisalan Yassin of Saudi Arabia, Vice-Chairperson**
- 3. Faysal Elmi of UK, Treasurer**
- 4. Deqa Gelleh Hidig of Canada, Secretary**
- 5. Prof. Mohamed Elmi Bullaleh of USA, Education Representative**
- 6. Prof. Hussein Hassan Gulaid of Norway, Public Relations Rep.**

**Yours Truly,**

**On Behalf of the Establishing Committee,  
Adam Idiga  
Abu Dhabi, UAE**

**P.S. Appended here, you will also find the Bylaws of the organization, together with electronic slides that would depict as to how the system is technologically going to work.**