

## **Ground breaking day for Middlesex University Mauritius**

Middlesex University Mauritius and Medine Group celebrated the official ground breaking ceremony for the new Middlesex campus in Flic-en-Flac on **Wednesday 26 October 2016**.

Her Excellency, The President of the Republic of Mauritius, Mrs Ameenah Gurib-Fakim, and the Minister of Education and Human Resources, Tertiary Education and Scientific Research, Mrs Leela Devi Dookun-Luchoomun unveiled a commemorative plaque to mark the occasion.

This landmark follows the joint venture agreement signed in May 2016 between Medine Group and Middlesex University to construct a state-of-the-art university campus within Medine Smart City in Flic-en-Flac, Mauritius.

The development, which will replace the existing Middlesex University Mauritius campus, is scheduled to be completed in September 2017 and will provide students with some of the finest Higher Education facilities in the country.

The new campus will feature cutting-edge IT laboratories, classrooms, library, lecture theatres, a learning resource centre and extensive study and leisure spaces.

Professor Andrea Dlaska, Middlesex University's Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Learning and Innovation said: "This ground breaking marks the start of an exciting new era for the University and for Higher Education in Mauritius. The new campus situated in the heart of the Smart City development will continue to provide a high quality British standard education and the excellent facilities will benefit the wider community as well as students."

The new campus, which is already in construction, boasts 8,000 m<sup>2</sup> and will have a capacity of 1,400 students. By September 2017, the existing students as well as the new cohorts will be able to enjoy a modern building as well as all the facilities designed around providing the best student experiences.

The masterplan also features a transport hub next to Cascavelle Shopping Mall around 600 metres from campus to improve public transport connectivity to the Smart City. The amenities include a student cafeteria on campus, a restaurant off premises, a brand new sports complex hosting a 50 metre Olympic pool, football and rugby pitches, gym and fitness centres, a green park and art station as well as new student residences attached to the existing phase.

Medine will be liaising with the local authorities to implement this project and the group has already designed cycling and pedestrian tracks through the entire city allowing students, residents and professionals, easy access along interconnecting pathways.

Thierry Sauzier, Deputy Chief Executive Officer of Medine Group said: "I am sure these facilities will be instrumental in the success of the campus as well as play an important role in the development

of students. We are creating the island's first integrated and international campus on the west coast of Mauritius".

Medine Group has strategically diversified into education in 2012, from its agriculture, property and leisure activities. The Group has a strong grounding in education through its partnerships with West Coast Primary and secondary schools and with world-ranked tertiary institutions like Université Paris II Panthéon-Assas, Ecole Centrale de Nantes, Ecole Nationale Supérieure d'Architecture de Nantes and ESSEC Business School.

The development of this new campus will not impact on current students and staff at the existing campus who will move across to the new facilities when completed.

For more information about Middlesex University's Mauritius campus, visit: [www.middlesex.mu](http://www.middlesex.mu)

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