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(Testimonial)

Mr. David Kibuuka
Modern Batik Art Workshops
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Dear Mr. Kibuuka:

This letter acknowledges with great appreciation your involvement in leading a Modern Batik Art Workshop in October for students at Clarkson Secondary School. The positive impact of your generous sharing of your skills in Modern Batik is evident in the students' comments below. Our students described you as an *'amazing'* teacher and mentor'.

Your Modern Batik art workshop classes have given our students an opportunity to interpret, express and share unique life experiences. Wonderful! We look forward to encouraging them to continue to engage in Art activities, benefiting both from the talents you have nurtured in them through tactile creativity and in using toning, patterns and textures as means of artistic expression. We will continue to foster the development of Modern Batik Art as one of our clubs at the school.

You have been instrumental in providing students the opportunity to develop skills in working with fabrics, vibrantly coloured dyes, paraffin wax, brushes, etc. to reveal aspects of students' individualized life experiences in a culturally diverse society, and we thank you for that. The results of their involvement continue to be appreciated by all - the school, the community, staff and peers.

Our students are responding with enthusiasm. Their comments are heartfelt:

- Thank you sooo much for giving us this experience. It has been a whole new world for me in Batik Art.
- Thank you very much for coming for four days to Clarkson. We have learned so much about Batik Art. It has been an amazing experience.
- Having you at Clarkson has been the best 4-day workshop I've ever experienced. It has been a rare opportunity to learn about your inspirational art. Thank you so much, Mr. Kibuuka!
- I learned a lot and you're an AMAZING artist. Hope to see you again!
- Thank you for teaching us such a beautiful, intricate type of Art. It was great to see what we all can do.
- Batik Art gave me a new eye for Art. I appreciate your coming to teach us. Your words made me think maybe I should keep my eyes open for a career in Art. *Arigato!* (Thank you!)
- I have learned that Batik Art is unique and inspiring, something that everyone should experience. Thank you for coming to Clarkson.
- The Batik Art workshop experience was amazing. I will continue to do batik. I hope you will come to our school again.
- Mr. Kibuuka, you are a mentor and a friend. I am grateful for the time you've spent with us, sharing your technique and talent in Batik Art with us. You are incredibly patient, encouraging us to grow from our experiences in Batik Art. Thank you!

David, best wishes for continuing to bring the world of Modern Batik to "generation next" students!

Yours truly,

Sheila Hoyte

Sheila Hoyte, Vice-Principal
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