

ITEC SHORT EXPERIENCE SPEECH

Good evening all my name is **Charles Mwila** am a network officer at the judiciary of Zambia (high court Lusaka) and would like to take this opportunity to thank the embassy of INDIA for selecting me to give a short speech and my experience in India .

I would like to recognize the presence of the high commissioner of India, representative of the government of Zambia, may I say protocols observed, Like I said its an honor to be here with you wonderful people.

My journey to India was an amazing experience , I went to India to do a specialized training in Artificial intelligence at the Centre for Development of Advanced computing , Noida ,New Delhi,

First of all it was my first time to get on an international flight, which was an experience on its own had a wonderful flight thanks to the team at the Embassy (madam Margaret). when I got to India I was greeted with sound of the honks there outside the airport and what captured my eye was the interesting way of driving, India has a lot of traffic which actually moves. Got to the hotel, very beautiful hotel checked had my dinner, freshened up and rested. Following day was Monday first day at the training center and training began which went so smoothly, the lectures were so clear and on point, it was easy for me to grasp the accents because am at an institute where we have Indians lectures here in Zambia, in fact their accents were even more clearer than Indians here at my school (lol) , maybe because they meet a lot of international students with different backgrounds ,the coordinator was good.and just learning the different cultures of the world was fascinating.

Weekends we would be taken to various heritage places such as REDFORT, INDIAN GATE, QUTUB MINAR , LOTUS TEMPLE ,AKSHERDHAM AND TAJ MAHAL.

My best experience was at the Taj Mahal where I learnt about the love story of emperor shah **jahan** and wife **Mumtaz mahal**, so interesting story please take some time and read about it and also the Aksherdham where I enjoyed the light and water show which was so amazing to watch, the experience was something I have never seen before...

The Food , spices were so interesting at first it was so difficult but as we went on I started adjusting I eventually started enjoying , certain foods without spice wouldn't taste nice so I had to adjust a little bit so I can have the Indian food experience . Now the Zambian spice has got nothing on me. Lol

The Indian people are so welcoming , the way we felt at home in a short period of time was amazing , at first I was a bit skeptical to step out alone without my colleagues because you can never know how the people will react out there , especially being an African, black skin. well that myth was just in my head otherwise everyone was amused seeing a black person , would always take selfies with the people and always keen to help. We once had an incident where a colleague got lost in Agra but with help of the people in no time he was brought to the hotel on a tuktuk, when you need help in terms of communication quickly someone near who knows English will jump in and help... so welcoming people, I love them.

In overall I gained so much knowledge about India ,even things I dint know about India now I know, the vision I had about India has now changed , I gained so much skills in Artificial intelligence, looking forward in implementing the skills I acquired to improve work flow of the judiciary of Zambia, A.I is the future of technology in each field weather in finance, health sector ,transport sector, A.I needs to be a part of, AI is the future.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the Government of India through the ministry of External Affairs, in creating the ITEC PROGRAM which is helping the world to develop various skills in different sectors. thank you for opening India to us all, learning about the strong and rich culture, and the skills we acquire , I say thank you, looking forward to another experience again.

Sucre, namaste.