

## MFAA Launching

Mkapa Fellows Alumni Association was officially launched on 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2009 by His Excellency Dr. Ali Mohamed Shein Vice President of the United Republic of Tanzania at Mlimani City.



*The Guest of Honor, Vice president of Tanzania, Dr Ali Mohamed Shein launching the MFAA where in this photo he unveils the MFAA certificate*

Officiating of the association was attended by His Excellency, Benjamin William Mkapa, Former President of the United Republic of Tanzania and the Settler of Mkapa Foundation, Hon. Minister of State for Public Service Management in the President's Office, Hawa Ghasia and Hon. Prof. David H.Mwakyusa the Minister for Health and Social Welfare. Others included the Trustees and Board of Directors of BMAF, Management Team of BMAF, Ambassadors, Representatives of Development Partners, Government Officials, Representatives of the Civil Society and Professional Associations, Representatives of the Media and Mkapa Fellows themselves.



*Photo of fellows seated with Government Officials during launching of MFAA*

This activity was hosted during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Stakeholders Meeting for the Mkapa Foundation and was coloured by presenting certificates of recognition to twenty four (24) representative graduate Fellows after either completing their 3years service to the Foundation as per their contract or being mainstreamed to public service.

The Guest of Honor admitted to admire the concept of initiating the Alumni. He further commended the efforts made by the Foundation and Mkapa Fellows to establish this entity which will congregate a multi-disciplinary team of health experts.



*Photo of the THT performers during the MFAA launching event*

He then urged all organizations, including the government and other partners to tap and make use of the rich experience of Mkapa Fellows which they have gained during their work and stay among the people in rural areas.

In addition to that, the Settler for BMAF also in his leadership talk with the audience whereby he acknowledged the potentials associated with Fellows as being talented, vibrant and dynamic health professionals with vast experience.