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Varsity Launches Programme on Leadership Development and Mentorship

Nairobi 13th October 2014... Kenyatta University under the Growing Leaders Programme Launched a Certification Programme in Leadership Development and Mentorship in a colourful event held at the Main Campus, Thika Road. The Chief Guest was the Chairperson, Public Service Commission, Prof. Margaret Kobia.

The launch of the programme is part of the University's response to the need for skills and competencies in leadership management and responsible citizenship from graduating students. It is aimed at developing leaders needed to implement innovative ideas and strategies that are required for organizational and societal transformation.

Speaking during the launch of the Certificate Programme in Leadership Development and Mentorship for all graduating students, Prof. Kobia hailed Kenyatta University's initiative as a sure way of nurturing transformative leaders who would not only find an avenue to lead responsible lives but also contribute immensely to economic development of the country. From her speech, she noted the formalized programme is of great essence in leadership development. She further observed that different traits and characteristics possessed by students would be easily harnessed for greater output through the programme while nurturing effective leaders.

The certification programme targets all final year students prior to their graduation. Through the programme, students are equipped with leadership development and mentorship skills aimed at tapping into their potential. The program is being offered at no extra cost and utilizes a highly participatory mode of delivery aimed at creating opportunities for trainees to discover and utilize their potential, talents and creativity for individual development and self-fulfilment.

In her remarks during the launch, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Olive Mugenda highlighted that the aim of the launched programme was to inculcate good leadership and management skills to all Kenyatta University graduates as part of vital ingredients for a working nation in line with Kenya's Vision 2030. She further noted that the course will lead to certification and shall be implemented through a regular, well-designed and coordinated training process. The Vice-Chancellor indicated that the launched programme will in addition create opportunities for the University's graduates to discover and utilize their potential, talents and creativity for personal development and self fulfilment in their career development.

The launch of the Certificate in Leadership Development and Mentorship by the university is part of the University's ongoing focus on supporting students through various initiatives that help them stand out among others. The programme follows a Students Work Induction Programme launched in June 2014, Intra-Africa Exchange Programme, Community Outreach among other initiatives. In her closing remarks, the Vice-Chancellor challenged all final year students to take advantage of the

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programme to better their careers. At the core of the programme are soft skills in teamwork and collaboration, adaptability, ability and determination to work hard, ability to focus on tasks, potential to work independently, ability and willingness to go the extra mile, ability to work with people of diverse background and cultures, ability to add value to service, responsibility, innovative championing of participation, among others.

The delivery process utilized in the launched programme is aimed at ensuring that students are nurtured and informed on diverse issues leading to transformational, ethical, value-based and patriotic leadership development and mentorship. These once implemented shall create a critical mass of young leaders who will inspire, bring positive change and introduce a paradigm shift by offering new ways of addressing social, economic and political challenges facing Kenya and the World at large.

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