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KENYATTA UNIVERSITY OFFICIALLY OPENS NEW 'GATE A' & DUAL CARRIAGEWAY

Nairobi, June 30th 2015... Kenyatta University today officially opened a new 'Gate A' and Dual Carriageway to the Main Campus. The colourful ceremony was held at the Main Campus and presided over by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Olive Mugenda. The event was graced by members of Management, Senate, staff and students.

Speaking during the opening ceremony, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Olive Mugenda thanked members of the University community for their patience during the month-long closure of the Main Gate and cooperation in using alternative access points during the construction period. She observed that the inconvenience shall be quickly forgotten when they start using the new road. She thanked all stakeholders with whose input timely completion of the project has been realized.

The newly opened Gate A and road are a magnificent and befitting unique architectural design and dual carriageway. Both the gate and the dual carriageway are in the University's Master Plan that was developed in 2014. A unique departure from other developments is the eco-friendly approach adopted which has resulted in preservation of many trees along the road. To ease traffic navigation, roundabouts have been introduced to direct traffic at two major junctions. With the road clearly marked, traffic flow has been eased to various points.

Construction of the new road and gate as observed by the Vice-Chancellor is a response to meet the tremendous growth in population of students, staff and visitors to the Main Campus. With many roads dating back to the time the University grounds were part of military barracks, pedestrians and motorists would squeeze along some of the pathways especially in morning and evening hours when entering and leaving the University. With the imperative growth, improvement of the road network could not have come at a better time. To cater for human traffic, there are two sets of walkways on both sides of the roads. This ensures that pedestrians walk safely without having to interrupt vehicular traffic.

The new gate with its unique architectural design tells the story of Kenyatta University. The story in the architectural design is borrowed from the Roman architecture called, *The Tuscan Order*. This is simple, strong, proportionate and aesthetically appealing. The feature at the top depicts a chalice or special cup signifying the filling of people with knowledge and hope. The different levels of the gate show the progress in levels of education and at the end you achieve your goals. The slant at the top mimics the slant of the graduation cap. The white and blue colours mark Kenyatta University's key colours which signify purity and purpose. The gate also bears the University logo with the motto – *Elimu Ni Ngumu*. The eye-catching architecture has a story that shall be written and preserved in the University's Campanile for generations to know that it is not just an abstract construction. It also resonates with the ambience and infrastructure in the University that Kenyatta University has worked and continues to work hard to create as observed by the Vice-Chancellor.

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Kenyatta University is the one of the largest universities in Eastern Africa whose vision is to be a dynamic, inclusive and a competitive centre for excellence in teaching, learning, research and service to humanity.

Founded in 1965, K.U has taken significant steps towards becoming a world-class university.

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