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Ku @30 Celebrations Officially Opened

Wednesday 7th October 2015... Kenyatta University @30 celebrations were officially opened in a colourful ceremony held at the Bishop Square, Main Campus, Thika Road. The Chief Guest was the Chairman, Nation Media Group, Mr. Wilfred Kiboro. The historic celebrations features diverse activities and entertainment as well as cultural exhibitions under the theme; '*Embracing Culture in a Digital Age*'

The opening ceremony was characterized by electric performances from various troupes from across the national divide and beyond. A key feature of the day's performances was rich socio-cultural diversity showcased.

In his opening address during the opening ceremony, the Chief Guest, Mr. Wilfred Kiboro lauded Kenyatta University's contribution towards cultural preservation through the annual celebrations. He noted that cultural festivals were uniting avenues not only for national cohesion but also appreciation of our national diversity. In his remarks, he observed that Kenyatta University has made major strides over the years owing to a visionary leadership. With Africa being a rich source of global culture, Mr. Kiboro urged participants to embrace diversity in the current information age. With respect to ongoing trends in global culture, he reiterated a need to uphold desirable societal values as we embrace global cultures. This from his remarks was essential in decolonizing mindsets and appreciating indigenous cultures which guide our value systems. For the students, he advised them to prioritize their studies, plan for career goals and manage their limited time wisely.

In her remarks during the ceremony, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Olive Mugenda thanked all stakeholders whose input has seen realization of a successful KU @30 Celebrations. She highlighted that Kenyatta University has earned considerable appreciation for providing value-based education and for imparting the ideals of academic excellence, a sense of discipline, high moral and ethical values leading to the development of an integrated personality. With Kenyatta University celebrating thirty years as a University, the Vice-Chancellor noted that it has continued to consider it to be its duty to nurture students as sensitive people with strong values to leverage on their achievements and strengthen the fabric of the community, the nation and the world. In addition, she noted that Kenyatta University strongly values her partnerships with business, employers and the wider community in a quest to enhance the country's social, environmental and economic well-being. Through research development as well as providing a workforce with skilled personnel, the University continues to play a distinctive role in furthering the nation's social, cultural, business and economic development.

The KU @30 Celebrations kicked off on 5th October 2015 with the launch of a gender awareness campaign dubbed *HeForShe* to rally men in support of gender equality and women empowerment in society. The celebrations will run until Sunday 18th October, 2015. The two-week celebrations shall bring together students and

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guest performers to showcase their knowledge, skills and talents through activities such as songs, dance, drama, sports, exhibitions, among others. Other activities shall include panel discussions and public lectures by staff members, talk shows and community outreach programmes.

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About Kenyatta University

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

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

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