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Kenyatta University Celebrates 38th Graduation Ceremony

Friday 17th July, 2015: Kenyatta University held its 38th Graduation Ceremony today at the Main Campus, Thika Road. The Chief Guest was the University Chancellor, Dr. Benson Wairegi

The event saw over 4,071 graduands conferred with various Certificates, Diplomas and Degrees in respective disciplines.

Speaking during the ceremony, Kenyatta University Chancellor, Dr. Benson Wairegi lauded the University Management under the leadership of the Vice-Chancellor for the numerous transformative developments realized. He noted that Kenyatta University has been holding two graduation ceremonies every academic year since 2007. This from his observation has enabled completing students to graduate and move on with their careers as they play their respective roles in national development. He further lauded the strong links Kenyatta University has established with corporate bodies in the country and abroad as something to be proud of. These he noted, together with a strong corporate image developed by the University over the last few years has seen graduands gain a competitive advantage in their career prospects. To the graduands, the Chancellor exuded confidence in the adequate preparation they have been imparted to take up their career roles in building the country for a successful nation. He further appealed to the graduands to use all the capacity provided as well as existing means to develop themselves and effectively serve their country.

In a speech read on his behalf during the ceremony, the Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Education, Prof. Jacob Kaimenyi extended appreciation to lecturers and professors who have diligently molded the young graduands as well as their parents, guardians and sponsors who extended material and moral support at the various stages of their academic training. He lauded the University Management under the leadership of the Vice-Chancellor for steering the institution to greatness in many ways. From his observation, he was delighted to note the impressive learning environment created at Kenyatta University. In his remarks, he noted that there is a strong need for all stakeholders to put in a sustained and outstanding contribution to the University advancement in Kenya.

With respect to security challenges facing Kenya in the recent past, he observed that some of the challenges have been attributed to youth radicalization. To this end, he urged universities to come up with and implement viable strategies to counter adoption of extreme religious, social and political ideals and aspirations that undermine the social fabric and expression of freedom of choice among students. He further noted the need for university administrations and all learning institutions

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to work closely with national security agencies in coming up with programmes and measures that ensure security of people and property in institutions. In his closing remarks, he advised graduands to be patriotic to their country and be on the forefront in upholding diversity, tolerance, meritocracy, and fairness while living up to transparency and accountability in all engagements.

In her address during the ceremony, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Olive Mugenda outlined various initiatives and developments Kenyatta University has undertaken in the last one year. He singled out various initiatives aimed at boosting capacity for research, learning and development. In her remarks, the Vice-Chancellor lauded all stakeholders including parents, guardians, sponsors, development partners, among others for their support to the University. In her words of advice to the graduands, she reminded them that they have been sent forth to the world as engineers of change to provide the much needed skills and innovativeness to address specific needs of Kenyans and the world at every level of development. She requested them to initiate, and innovate the much needed technology which is relevant and simple enough to serve specific needs in their communities. In her advice, she urged them to continue building a strong KU brand wherever they go by working hard, upholding key values as well as exploring their full potential in their work.

In his remarks during the ceremony, the Chairman of Council, Prof. Ratemo Michieka congratulated the graduands and encouraged them to feel confident having attained a world class education at Kenyatta University. He urged them to face the world with patriotism, devotion and commitment while working towards being job creators. Prof. Michieka noted that the University Council was happy with the progress made by the institution. This includes timely completion of key projects at Kenyatta University. In his remarks, he noted that it takes a visionary leadership as exemplified by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Olive Mugenda and the University Management for an institution to register developments as witnessed at Kenyatta University. He thanked the Vice-Chancellor and her management team for steering the development agenda. To the graduands, he urged them to invest their time, energy and resources in worthwhile pursuits in life and focussing on them.

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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, 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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