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MATRICULATION CEREMONY FOR KENYA PRISONS SERVICE CADETS & RECRUITS HELD

Wednesday August 26, 2015: Kenyatta University held a Matriculation Ceremony for newly admitted cohort of Kenya Prisons Service recruits and cadets currently pursuing studies in correctional science. The colourful ceremony was graced by **Commissioner General of Prisons, Mr. Isaya Osugo, CBS** and **Kenyatta University Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Olive Mugenda, PhD, MBA, EBS, CBS.**

With a total of 2500 cadets and recruits admitted to the joint Kenyatta University and Kenya Prisons Staff Training College joint training programme, the ceremony was an induction process of newly admitted cadets into University life. The event took place at Prisons Staff Training College, Ruiru

Speaking during the ceremony, the Vice-Chancellor and Chief Guest, Prof. Olive Mugenda thanked the Commissioner General of Prisons, Mr. Isaya Osugo for his leadership, vision and support towards the joint training programme. In her remarks, the Vice-Chancellor observed that the joint training programme is a result of operationalization of a memorandum of understanding and memorandum of agreement from 2012 and 2013 between Kenyatta University and the Kenya Prisons Service. Through the joint training programme, as disclosed by the Vice-Chancellor, the recruits and cadets shall be undertaking a certificate, diploma or a post-graduate diploma in security and correctional science. These programmes are mounted in adherence to national and international standards and in strict observance to Kenyatta University's statutes and regulations.

In her remarks, the Vice-Chancellor further noted that the joint training would go a long way in professionalizing correctional activities while ensuring that the tenets of prisons' corrections permeate every sphere of work and that each officer is well equipped to handle the emerging issues in their profession. In her message to the matriculants, the Vice-Chancellor noted that their success in the training is anchored in character formation, professional and academic excellence. In their quest to be disciplined officers, she reiterated the need for commitment, hardwork, determination and self discipline.

In his address during the ceremony, the Commissioner General of Prisons, Mr. Isaya Osugo emphasized importance of the programme to the matriculants and the need for hardwork in pursuit of career success. He highlighted the historical journey to realization of the joint training partnership with Kenyatta University. From his remarks, he noted that the ultimate target of the enhanced joint training of personnel was to positively impact on inmates as they are prepared for re-integration into the society. From this, Mr. Osugo further noted that expectations were high on the current cohort of matriculants in leading initiated prisons reforms in the country. This is anticipated to also address newer forms of crime facing the country such as

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terrorism. As part of the disciplined forces, the Commissioner General emphasized the need for upholding diligence and hardwork in service as key drivers to career success. In his closing remarks, he lauded Kenyatta University Management under the leadership of the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Olive Mugenda for the joint partnership. From his observation, this is a beginning of many other collaborations between the two institutions.

The matriculation ceremony for the Prisons Service recruits and cadets comes at a time when Kenyatta University and other national security departments have deepened partnership that will see greater collaborations towards training, research and capacity development in peace and security studies. In addition, a new proposed school of peace, conflict and security studies expected for launch soon will see more training and capacity development opportunities availed.

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