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Kenyatta University Officially Opens New Directorate Complex and University Campanile

Monday 8th December, 2014: Kenyatta University officially opened the new Directorate Complex and an iconic University Campanile in a colourful ceremony held at the Main Campus, Thika Road. The Chief Guest was the Deputy President, Republic of Kenya, H.E. Hon. William Samoei Ruto, EGH, EBS.

This is yet another milestone for the university in a clear demonstration of its commitment to providing ultra modern facilities to support training and research as well as preserving the heritage of the University. Besides the Chief Guest, the event was graced by the Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Education, Prof. Jacob Kaimenyi, members of the University Council, Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Olive Mugenda, members of Kenyatta University Management, among other distinguished guests.

Speaking during the opening ceremony, the Chief Guest, H.E. Hon. William Ruto lauded the University Management and Council for shepherding the transformation realized at Kenyatta University. He singled out infrastructural developments witnessed in the last decade at Kenyatta University as a key pointer to reminscent growth and capacity development. He observed that the new infrastructural developments are a testimony of prudent use of resources and deployment of skills to create a conducive environment to support growth. He further observed that the new University Campanile would be a repository of Kenyatta University's history for generations to come. This would be a reference point for direction-seekers in future as well as a constant reminder of Kenyatta University's heritage. In his remarks, he outlined the government's commitment to supporting the education sector through scaling up funding to schools and tertiary institutions, investing in technical training institutes, supporting public-private partnership in capacity development as well as supporting technology adoption in learning institutions. These he observed would be useful in generating a dependable pool of human capital to steer the country to its development goals.

In his remarks during the ceremony, the Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Education, Prof. Jacob Kaimenyi lauded the University for the infrastructural developments. He singled out Kenyatta University as a leader in entrenching innovative approaches to the students. In addition, he challenged students to lead in utilizing their creative potential through avenues availed by the University such as the Chandaria Business Innovation and Incubation Centre. He observed that to be dependable job creators, students have to 'think beyond the box' and exploit their creative potential.

While addressing participants during the opening ceremony, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Olive Mugenda noted that the opening of the University Campanile was a step

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forward in preservation and showcasing Kenyatta University's rich heritage. She disclosed that the two infrastructural projects among other developments have been funded through internally generated funds. The new Directorate Complex will bring over 20 directorates under one roof easing access to services from a central point.

The opening of the Directorate Complex provides a home for various university directorates under a central location. This will ease operation of various directorates while aiding service seekers to locate them with ease. The new University Campanile, towering above the Main Campus skyline, is not only the first in a Kenyan University but also in the region. It provides a panoramic view of the Main Campus and its surroundings at various levels. The bell tower with clocks is a constant reminder of the 'University's Time'. It is a reminder of the rich history and heritage Kenyatta University possesses.

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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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