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## MATRICULATION CEREMONY FOR KMA-05 CADETS HELD

**Wednesday June 10, 2015:** Kenyatta University held a Matriculation Ceremony for newly admitted cohort of KMA – 05 Cadets currently pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Military studies. The colourful ceremony was graced by **Chief of Defence Forces, General Samson J. Mwathethe, MGH, MBS, DCO 'ndc' (K), 'psc' (UK).**

With a total of 149 cadets admitted to the joint Kenyatta University and Kenya Military Academy (KMA) under the Bsc. (Military Studies) training programme, the ceremony was an induction process of newly admitted cadets into University life.

Speaking during the ceremony, the Chief Guest, General Samson J. Mwathethe observed that Kenyatta University has an ongoing successful mutual partnership with the Defence forces. He noted that Kenyatta University has kept cherished ideals in higher learning for the last 31 years and continues to be a pace-setter as a centre of excellence providing diversified higher learning. In his remarks, he highlighted that the joint KMA-KU partnership is the only of its kind in the region and with its renewal, further collaboration is set to take place in capacity development for postgraduate programmes as well as research in security studies. Other notable collaborations observed by the Chief Guest include partnership with Kenyatta University in offering training in spatial analysis and aerospace engineering which are at an advanced stage.

Speaking during the Ceremony, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Olive Mugenda welcomed the matriculants to Kenyatta University and highlighted the significance of the event to each of them. She highlighted that Kenyatta University provides a rich collection of learning and research resources. The Vice-Chancellor noted that Kenyatta University is proud to be associated with the Kenya Military Academy in the 5<sup>th</sup> training cycle of cadets under a revised curriculum which will be administered over the next five years. This from her remarks will lead to acquisition of key academic competencies to supplement professional skills for the officers as they gear towards a research-driven military service. She further urged the matriculants to forge closer working ties with instructors and leaders, uphold ideals of hardwork, determination as well as disciplined while keeping their focus to excel. This from her remarks would be essential for their academic studentship.

The Vice-Chancellor further encouraged students to make use of university directorates to improve their academic and professional life. From various service offered by these directorates, she encouraged the new students to take advantage of services offered in various directorates to make use of their creative potential.

In her advice to the new student, the Vice-Chancellor urged all the students to prioritize their academic excellence, uphold discipline, maintain a positive attitude,

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participate in co-curricula activities while being guided by a personal strategic plan. These she observed were essential not only in successful completion of their studies but also realization of their productive potential. In her closing remarks, she congratulated the new cadets on their matriculation and wished them success.

The matriculation ceremony for the KMA-05 cadets comes at a time when Kenyatta University and the Kenya Defence Forces have deepened partnership that will see greater collaborations towards training, research and capacity development in military, peace and security studies. In addition, a new proposed school of peace, conflict and security studies expected for launch later this year will see more training and capacity development opportunities availed.

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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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