



DEDAN KIMATHI UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

***THE SPEECH DELIVERED BY DR. JANE NYAKANG'O, CHAIRPERSON OF DeKUT
COUNCIL, DURING THE 6TH***

***GRADUATION CEREMONY AT DEDAN KIMATHI UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY
ON FRIDAY, 28TH APRIL, 2017***

AT THE UNIVERSTY GRADUATION GROUNDS

RECOGNITION OF ALL THE GUESTS

- Your excellency Thabo Mbeki, the former President of the Republic of South Africa
- Cabinet Secretary for Education Dr. Fred Matiang'i,

- University Chancellor, Prof. Shellemiah O. Keya,
- Council Members
- The Vice Chancellor,
- Deputy Vice Chancellors of DeKUT
- Registrars,
- Senators,
- Staff,
- Students
- Guardians and Parents
- All invited guests and all protocols observed,

Good morning!

Ladies and gentlemen,

As the Council Chair of the newly appointed University Council, I feel honored to stand here before you. On behalf of the Council I would like to appreciate the government for the appointment and the honor bestowed upon us to serve this great Institution and indeed the Nation. We acknowledge that the task ahead of us requires dedication, commitment and sacrifice. On behalf of the entire Council I assure you we are up to task and we shall do everything within our mandate and with the help of the government to make Dedan Kimathi University of Technology a premier institution offering quality education, research and technology transfer for National Development.

Ladies and gentlemen,

I would like to thank the first University Council led by Prof. Dulacha Barako for its contribution to the growth of this University.

The 1st Council developed various policies key among them being the Security and Disaster Management Policy, Quality Assurance Framework, Research Policy, Intellectual Property Policy, Consultancy Policy, Short Courses Policy, Resource Development Plan and Endowment Fund Policy. These policies will assist my Council in making our University the University of choice for Kenyans, other nationals across Africa and the rest of the World.

Ladies and gentlemen,

This graduation is the culmination of a long journey travelled by the graduands in pursuit of knowledge. Today we crown their effort and reward their achievement. We will also like to thank their parents and guardians for the support they have been giving to the graduands to realize their dreams through education.

As we release these graduands to you and the nation, it is our hope and prayers that they will participate fully in making this Country a great nation.

Ladies and gentlemen,

The Council would like to thank the government of Kenya for its continued support, particularly in the expansion of human and infrastructural capacity which has enabled this Institution to carry out its mandate in providing a quality learning environment.

Ladies and gentlemen,

I would like to inform the public that our University has a master plan and within this financial year we have lined up a number of projects, among them is a Resource Centre and the Main Lecture Theatre. These facilities will go a long way in enhancing the quality of learning at the institution especially in the provision of adequate space for both students and members of staff. I take this opportunity to thank the government for its support.

Ladies and gentlemen,

The Council notes with great interest the government's intention to establish a science park in this University. The University will endeavor to work with other stake holders in the region to make this noble initiative a reality. As a Council, we appreciate the government's consideration of putting up the science and technology park in our institution and for allowing us to invite other stake holders for collaboration.

As we take this great university to the next level, my Council shall be engaged in among others, developing policies and strategies for (i) sustainability of the university (ii) operationalizing the Science & Technology Park (iii) continued institutional strengthening to support innovation and to transform the university's research agenda.

Ladies and gentlemen,

Let me take this opportunity now to congratulate our graduands. Congratulations on your graduation! May this be the beginning of a bright future for you.

Thank you!