

UoN's 56th Graduation Ceremony

The University of Nairobi has celebrated its 56th Graduation ceremony today, December 2, 2016 at the Chancellor's court.

The Graduation ceremony has seen over 8500 graduands conferred with degrees and diplomas. Graduands were largely drawn from the College of Humanities and Social Sciences and College of Health Sciences.

A record of 56 PhDs, 2477 Masters degrees, 5177 Bachelors degrees, 49 Postgrad diplomas, 143 ordinary diplomas and 2 fellowship awards were presented.

Chief Guest, Cabinet Secretary, Dr. Fred Matiang'I speaking during the ceremony congratulated the graduands and challenged Universities to uphold integrity, transparency and accountability in its systems. He said that the government is working on producing quality graduates to measure up to the quantity. He said, "The Ministry will ensure that we not only produce quality and disciplined manpower for our economy but also ensure that we become a skills exporting nation by the year 2030."

In her speech, The Chancellor, Dr. Vijoo Rattansi applauded the graduands urging them to go out and be the best examples of leaders to be emulated by the rest of society. She said, "Graduands, many of you will be called to national duty or leadership at one point or another. I beseech thee to lead by example."

Dr. Rattansi also paid tribute to Dr. Idle Farah on completion of his tour as the Chairman of Council. She thanked him for his distinguished and dedicated service to the University.

"While Dr. Idle's time at the helm of the Council has been marked by huge challenges, he and his team of wise men and women did not fall short whenever able stewardship was required," she said.

The Chairman of Council, Dr. Idle Farah applauded the graduands on their achievements. He told them that in whatever they did wherever they went to always keep time and more importantly keep their word and success will be theirs for the taking.

Dr. Farah confirmed that the 56th graduation ceremony marked the end of his tour of duty as Chairman of Council having served on the University of Nairobi Council for 12 years. His term ends February 2017 following his appointment as chairman in February 2013.

"It is a twelve years that can only be described as an epic journey," he said. "I sincerely thank the Government for according me the opportunity to serve my country and my alma mater. I am also grateful for the support I have received from my fellow council members, the university management, senate, staff and students."

On his part, Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Peter Mbithi congratulated the graduands, urging them to be UoN's goodwill ambassadors in the market as they pursue their careers. Prof. Mbithi also celebrated the members of staff who have been involved in high profile research, negotiating beneficial memoranda with various institutions and development partners, locally and abroad. He said that through their efforts, the University has continued to improve the research and academic quality, playing an increasingly more relevant role in providing sustainable development solutions for Kenya and the global community.

The Vice-Chancellor thanked the University Council for providing the policy framework, strategic direction and stewardship, the Government of Kenya, through the Ministry of Education, for its continued strong support and guidance to the University and its leadership. He also appreciated the faculty and staff for serving the University diligently.