



UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI

VOTE OF THANKS REMARKS MADE BY PROF. PETER M. F. MBITHI, DEPUTY VICE-CHANCELLOR (A&F) DURING THE VICE-CHANCELLOR'S OFFICIAL ADDRESS TO FIRST YEAR STUDENTS AT TAIFA HALL ON 15TH OCTOBER 2009

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. George Magoha

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Jacob T. Kaimenyi

College Principals

Deputy Principals

Deans and Directors

Chairmen of Departments present

Other Heads of Departments

Invited Guests

All freshmen and women

Other staff present

Ladies and Gentlemen

It has indeed been a week of vigorous activity in the University when we welcomed our first year students who have joined us to start studies in this august institution. I therefore take this opportunity to join the Vice-Chancellor not only in welcoming the first year students, but also thanking them for having selected this as their University of choice to pursue higher education.

My main duty here is to give a vote of thanks and I therefore wish to thank the following:

- The Vice-Chancellor, for having availed himself to officially welcome the first year students' class of 2009/2010, and to give them fatherly (and scholarly) advice.**
- The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic Affairs), for the Academic Division having managed an intensive orientation programme under his guidance.**

- **All College Principals for running college-based orientation programmes including visits to key areas in the colleges.**
- **Deans of faculties and Directors of Institutes/Schools for their participation in the admission process through JAB and having the students registered for various courses of study.**
- **Chairmen of departments for having prepared their departments and staff to start teaching the first year students.**
- **Other support units which play a key role in students lives including:**
 - (a) **SWA for catering and accommodation**
 - (b) **Sports and Games**
 - (c) **Dean of Students**
 - (d) **University Health Services**
 - (e) **University Library System**

and many others whose heads of departments have made preparations to receive our new first year students.

- **Other staff and major stakeholders who directly or indirectly worked towards the success of the orientation programme.**

To the first year students I say: Welcome to the University of Nairobi. This is where your career will be nurtured and actualized. You did very well to pass your KCSE exams. It is now our turn to train you to become a professional in your chosen career path. The fact that you are here is proof that you are equal to the challenge.

Thank you all and KARIBU