

Commitment to reforms

2013 CONTINUES TO BE OUR YEAR FOR RE-ENERGISING THE UNIVERSITY AND TRANSFERRING THAT ENERGY TO THE NATION. For a start, the University recently became the first state agency to roll out its sensitization programme on the role it is playing in the implementation of the constitution. It has launched several activities cascaded to the lower units targeting individual members of staff, students and alumni.

The University continued with its proud tradition of excellence by training a high number of professionals. This is part of the University's contribution to national and international development needs for high level human resource in specialised areas not catered for by any other institution of higher learning in the country.

The University is committed to promoting technical and leadership skills, and the virtues of enhancing quality, integrity and service to society. Our student body of 63,846 continues to be in the forefront in diverse development activities including free medical and legal camps, environmental awareness and clean ups, counselling and other outreach activities to the community.

In keeping with our tradition as an institution which cherishes free intellectual debate, the University continued to host prominent international personalities in "town hall" meetings, providing a forum for

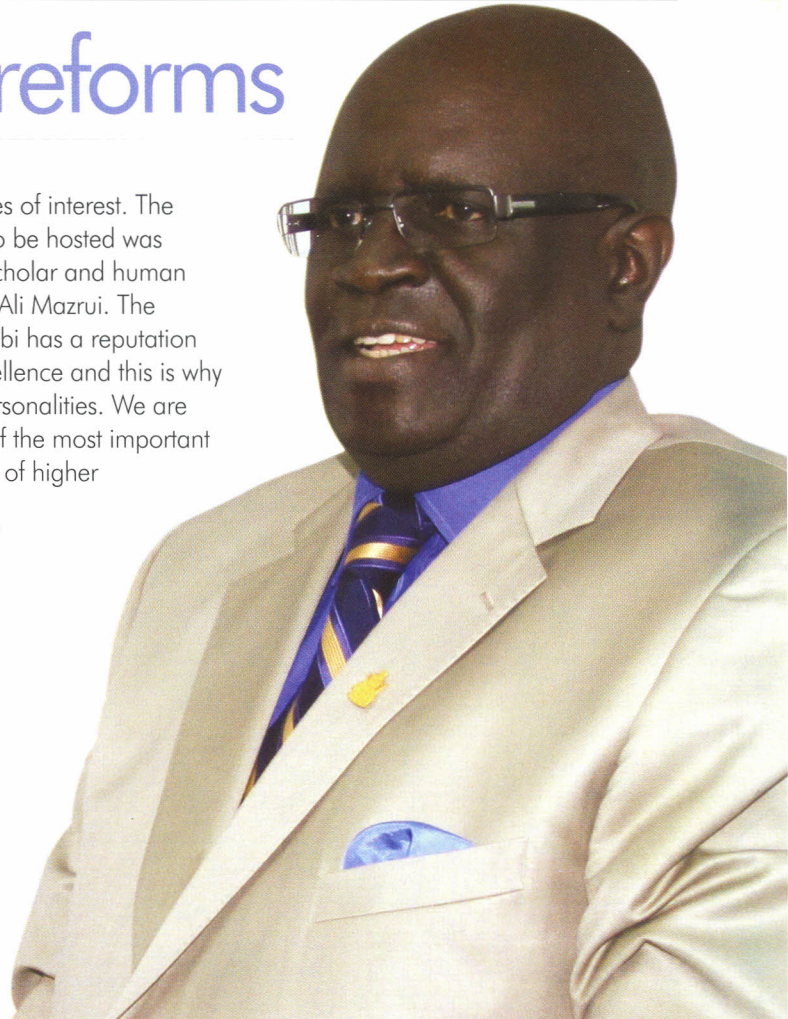
discussion on issues of interest. The latest personality to be hosted was world renowned scholar and human rights activist Prof. Ali Mazrui. The University of Nairobi has a reputation as a centre of excellence and this is why it attracts these personalities. We are proud to be part of the most important national institution of higher

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learning whose contribution to national development is comparable to none.

The University continued with collaboration programmes with industry, academics and professionals in the search for a better society. In the past year, the University strengthened and established many academic links and exchange programs which placed the institution at the cutting edge of knowledge.

I am proud to report that our academic programs remain of the highest quality. According to the web rankings of world universities, we are



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the top university in Kenya, and 14 in Africa. Our digital repository was also ranked the first in Kenya and 11th in Africa.

The government has also continued to support us, not only by giving us freedom to pursue intellectual interests, but also in encouraging us to transform our governance structure independently. We therefore pledge to work with government, our greatest benefactor, especially in raising capacity for developing Kenya.