

UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI 50TH GRADUATION CEREMONY

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Message from the Chancellor

Laying the basis for development

A graduation ceremony is an opportunity to congratulate the graduands for their achievement. I wish to exhort the graduands to dedicate their lives to social, political and economic emancipation of the people of this land. They are now in a position to contribute to the acceleration of the socio-economic development of this country. The staff of the University have been diligent and committed in turning out this cohort of graduates.

One of the things that we must guard is the intellectual curiosity of the academia in this country. It is they who are charged with the obligation and enormous responsibility to maintain and participate in the improvement of the tradition of excellence in learning, the search for knowledge and service to the community. This University will not shy away from its duty to contribute to the socio-economic development of Kenya by finding ways to drive the prosperity of the nation, tackling ignorance, poverty and disease.

This congregation is part of the celebrations of 50 years of independence, apart from providing the opportunity to acknowledge all those who have made a difference in the lives of many Kenyans, it is time to remember the ordinary Kenyans who have made extraordinary contributions to the development, of our nation and to the University of Nairobi. This is a great University, with a greater potential. It is great because of its people – the students with their brains, energy and thoughts; and the scholars renowned for their excellence in innovation, experimental teaching, research and service, the managers who have made vital strides in times of difficulties, the alumni serving in literally all sectors of the economy, the government for its unfailing support to the University, our development partners, and friends who have been faithful to seeing the University through some trying moments.



Dr. Vijoo H.M. Rattansi (Mrs.), Chancellor, University of Nairobi

I am aware that the University is challenged to enlarge its capacity and join the ranks of great Universities in the world. To make it a centre of excellence will call for discipline, hard work, leadership and commitment but we will rise to the challenge because education is a gift that one generation gives to the next, and is the hallmark of all great institutions and nations. The problems and obstacles facing us, must not be understated and solving them will not be easy. The University Council will play a role during transformational change, but there is still an onus on every member of this University to play his/her role to the full.

Finally I am grateful to the government for according me this opportunity to serve as the Chancellor of this great institution and I will do my best to improve on the foundation laid by my predecessors.

Message from the Chairman of Council

Our critical role in the development of the nation

The 50th Graduation Ceremony is indeed a milestone as it coincides with Kenya's 50 years of independence celebrations. As a University, we are honoured to be part of a captivating history and future of one of Africa's most fascinating nations. Our country's story is one of struggles and triumphs.

For the University of Nairobi, the last fifty years have been full of promise with quality work in research, teaching and corporate social responsibility. The University has keenly taken up its role of participating in the maintenance of scientific standards, the provision of skilled manpower required by the industry, government and other sectors of the economy and most fundamentally to the accumulation of knowledge and understanding.

I congratulate Dr. Vijoo H.M. Rattansi on her appointment as the Chancellor of the University of Nairobi and welcome her to serve the University. Her contribution to higher education in the country especially in supporting needy students with bursaries is well known and worth emulating. The University of Nairobi will benefit from her fundraising and networking skills and her competence in corporate governance.

The University of Nairobi Council is committed to maintaining good industrial relations with the unions for the mutual benefit of the University and all staff members; embraces dialogue as a means of resolving industrial disputes and places high priority in allocating resources to promote staff welfare thereby boosting morale and creating a conducive work environment.

The University has performed quite well in its mandate of teaching, research, consultancy and corporate social responsibility. It has been at the forefront in research and extension by continuing to be involved in research activities that are relevant and responsive to the developmental needs of our



Dr. Idle Omar Farah, Chairman, University Council

country. For instance, the production of different varieties of bean seed, incubation of innovative ideas and technologies at the Science Park and hosting of prominent international personalities in discourse.

I would like to congratulate the University management for the successful undertaking of the Rapid Results Initiative on the sensitization programme on the tenets of the Constitution. The process targeting staff, students and alumni has created awareness and appreciation of the Constitution within the University Community.

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Message from the Vice-Chancellor



Prof. George A. O. Magoha, Vice-Chancellor

We are proud of our new Chancellor

I take this opportunity to congratulate Dr. Vijoo Rattansi on her appointment as the Chancellor of the University of Nairobi. Dr. Vijoo Rattansi is one of the leading local philanthropists, and her family through the Rattansi Trust, has supported education in Kenya from 1956. We are grateful to the government for this appointment which will ensure that this ceremony and other activities go on without any hitch. I also take this opportunity to thank Dr. Joseph Wanjui for the time and efforts that he sacrificed for this great institution and wish him well in his other undertakings.

This ceremony coincides with our country's celebration of 50 years of independence. The 50th graduation ceremony is yet another milestone in our University and country that will usher in another crop of graduates to

play their role in the development of our country. Well done the graduands of the 50th congregation and congratulations to the country as we celebrate 50 years of independence. This ceremony is also part of our national festivities of Kenya @ 50. Early this week, we were privileged to host the retired head of state, Hon Mwai Kibaki in a lively interaction on developments in the country since 1963.

The University of Nairobi remains the Gold standard not only in the country but also in the region. We remain the first choice University for those wishing to pursue higher education at all levels. Indeed, in the government sponsored programmes all our courses fill to capacity before other universities get a chance to fill their vacancies. This leadership has also been validated by ranking agencies, peer groups and the government which consistently places us at number one in the country and among the top in the region. Indeed in the last performance contracting, the University of Nairobi became the first public institution to score the 'Excellent' mark.

In a nutshell, the University has grown over the last 10 years, improving its reputation by increasing its fixed assets to over KES 100 billion and the pension fund is posting surpluses to boost member's savings. We are currently enhancing our infrastructural capacity by constructing the 22-storey University tower at the main campus to house our increasing academic activities. Construction work is progressing well albeit slowed down by lack of a 24-hour license which may

affect our projected timelines. Other infrastructural activities include the School of Pharmacy complex and the expansion of the Kisumu campus whose works are on schedule.

Last weekend I collected a prize in recognition of the College of Health Sciences as a centre of excellence, from H.E. Excellency President Uhuru Kenyatta, in his capacity as the Chairman of the Summit of East African Heads of state. This good performance is also evident among our staff that has boosted our research portfolio to over KES 3.5 billion. I commend our scholars for not only concentrating on teaching but also on research and in participating in corporate social responsibility activities. This has ensured that the University maintains strong links and collaborations with other universities, organizations, and key stakeholders worldwide.

The University of Nairobi always takes its place as a responsible corporate, mindful of the welfare of its stakeholders and the nation at large. Slightly over 100 days ago, the University embarked on an audacious programme to sensitize its staff and students on the contents of the Constitution. This programme involved stakeholders and the outcome of this process was six publications, including a video on the process, an online resource repository, and more importantly an enlightened University community that is ready to exploit the opportunities provided by the constitution to develop our country. The University of Nairobi is the first government agency to undertake this task.

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Our Vision

A world-class university committed to scholarly excellence.

Our Mission

To provide quality university education and training and to embody the aspirations of the Kenyan people and the global community through creation, preservation, integration, transmission and utilization of knowledge.

Core Values

- Freedom of thought and expression;
- Innovativeness and creativity;
- Good corporate governance;
- Team spirit and teamwork;
- Professionalism;
- Quality customer service;
- Responsible corporate citizenship and strong social responsibility;
- Respect for and conservation of the environment.

Dr Vijoo Rattansi appointed Chancellor, University of Nairobi

The government has appointed Dr. Vijoo Rattansi (Mrs) as the new Chancellor, University of Nairobi. Dr. Rattansi is the Chairperson of Rattansi Educational Trust, Daisy Eye Cancer Fund, Trustee to Michael Blundell Trust among other organizations.

Dr. Vijoo has wide experience in institutional development and conflict mediation in institutions; and experience in fundraising and networking. She also has skills and competencies in corporate governance, strategic planning, gender and development. She is fluent in

English, Kiswahili and Italian languages. She was awarded a honorary doctorate by Moi University in recognition of her efforts in promoting higher education in the country.

The Rattansi family has been involved in supporting education in the country since 1956. Over the last 10 years it has supported higher education to the tune of KES 120 million. The state recognized her efforts in supporting higher education in the country by awarding her the Order of the Grand Warrior (OGW) in 2006.

The University of Nairobi's performance profile

As Kenya celebrates 50 years of independence, it cannot ignore the role played by the University of Nairobi, an institution incepted in 1956. Below are some of the highlights of the University:

- Produced 151,000 graduates in almost all known areas, fields and disciplines of study, research and training. These men and women are contributing to the socio-economic development of Kenya.
- Excellent position in government performance contracting. The only organization to score 'excellent' in performance contracting.
- Top local university in web rankings.
- Over 400 courses in virtually all disciplines and specializations

including in: medicine, vet medicine, development studies, dental sciences, business, communication, economics, pharmacy, nursing diplomacy, armed conflict and strategic studies among others

- Students population stands at 70,000, spread over seven campuses with a strong presence in all regions. 15,000 of the students are postgraduates.
- PhD output in the last five years is 356
- Research kitty of KES 3.5 billion, over 400 collaborations and links for research and development. The University has been identified with research on low cost housing technologies; release of new bean, maize, peas and pigeon peas varieties; development of mala,

GRADUANDS SUMMARY

Programme Type	Number	Percentage
Bachelor Degree Awards	5,460	61.67%
Diploma Awards	693	7.83%
Masters Degree Awards	2,558	28.84%
Postgraduate Diploma Awards	81	0.91%
Doctor of Philosophy Degrees Awards	60	0.68%
Doctor of Science	1	0.01%
Total	8,853	100.00%

GRADUANDS SUMMARY BY COLLEGE AND GENDER

College Name	Programme Type	Male	Female	Total
COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES	Diploma Awards	5	5	10
	Bachelors Degree Awards	283	265	548
	Postgraduate Diploma Awards	1	1	2
	Master Degree Awards	103	96	199
	Ph.D Degree Awards	4	5	9
	Doctor of Science	1	0	0
TOTAL		397	372	768

College Name	Programme Type	Male	Female	Total
COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES	Diploma Awards	127	84	211
	Bachelors Degree Awards	2181	1865	4045
	Postgraduate Diploma Awards	23	6	29
	Master Degree Awards	1187	905	2092
	Ph.D Degree Awards	22	12	34
	TOTAL		3,540	2,872

yoghurt and uji; research on population planning; HIV/AIDS; alternative sources of energy including low cost windmills; development of bio-fix a legume inoculant, amongst others.

- Development partners: over 150 partners in R&D, the latest being

international seed companies for mass production of beans, peas and pigeon peas.

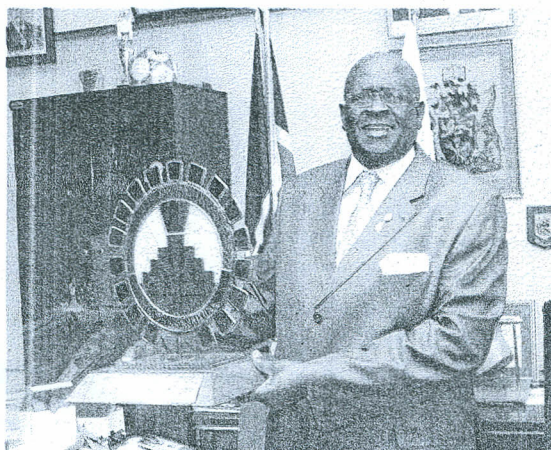
- Asset portfolio of over KES 100 billion including the visionary 22-floor University Towers.

- Centre for intellectual discourse: It is the choice destination for international scholars seeking to engage in interaction with staff and students on development.

University of Nairobi Results in Performance Contracting over the years

2010/2011	Position 1 - State Corporations Position 1 - Public Universities
2009/2010	Position 3 - State Corporations Position 1 - Public Universities
2008/2009	Position 2 - State Corporations Position 1 - Public Universities
2007/2008	Results cancelled
2006/2007	Position 6 - State Corporations Position 2 - Public Universities
2005/2006	Position 21 - State Corporations Position 1 - Public Universities

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Vice-Chancellor, Prof. George Magoha with the trophy for Excellent performance during the government Performance Contracting assessment.

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University of Nairobi: 50 years of contribution to Kenya's social-economic growth

In 2013, Kenya celebrates 50 years of independence. Even as the nation reflects on 50 years of nationhood, one cannot ignore the role played by the University of Nairobi in the development processes of this country.

The University was inception in 1956 at a colourful ceremony attended by representatives from the Kenya Colony with an intake of about 400 students pursuing courses at certificate and diploma level. From such humble beginnings, University has grown exponentially to virtually offer courses at all levels with over 70,000 students serviced by 7,000 academic, technical and administrative staff.

In 50 years then, the University has contributed to the social, economic and political development of Kenya through achievements in academia, research and corporate social responsibility. The magnitude of the contribution has been summarized succinctly "It is not an exaggeration to say that if all the people that the University of Nairobi has educated and trained were to stop working today, Kenya would come to a standstill".

One of the major objectives of the University is to participate in the maintenance of scientific standards, provision of skilled manpower required by industry, government and other sectors of the economy and more fundamentally, the accumulation of knowledge and understanding. The University has transformed into a source of intellectual discourse becoming the choice destination for town hall type of meetings by international scholars seeking to engage Kenyans on development issues. In the past five years, the University has hosted senators, prime ministers, and more recently a retired president.

The University has been identified with research on low cost housing technologies; release of new bean, maize, peas and pigeon peas varieties; development of mala, yoghurt and uji; research on population planning; HIV/AIDS; alternative sources of energy including low cost windmills; development of bio-fix a legume inoculant, amongst others.

The University has also been a reservoir of creative talent with students providing education and entertainment programs on mass media. The numerous plays, poems performed by student groups, University Choir, Free Travelling Theatre, receiving enthusiastic accolades and the birth of various artists is the pride not only of the University but the nation of Kenya. Artist John Sibi Okumu, Odingo Hawi, Mumbi Kaigwa, Billy Kaigwa, Njeri Luseno, ad nasuem.

The University of Nairobi boasts of 151,000 alumni, people who have received education and training in

almost all known areas, fields and disciplines of study, research and training. From Kenyatta University College in the 70s and 80s to currently Embu University College, the UoN has given birth to seven institutions of higher learning. It is these individuals who constitute the vast majority of middle and senior officers, professionals in government ministries, commissions, private business, parastatals and NGOs.

The University of Nairobi can be judged by the number of kilometers the engineers it has produced, planned and supervised in the country. Similarly, the University can be judged by how the medical professions - doctors, nurses, technicians, pharmacists, public health officers - that it has produced are contributing to tackle the problems and enhancing the health of Kenyans'. The professionals, officers and technical experts who constitute the backbone of our agricultural, industrial, commercial, banking, public administration and education systems are graduates of the University. It is not in question that Kenya has benefited in economic, political and social aspects from the services of these people, who in many cases are the only ones available to the country.

The University of Nairobi joins Kenya at 50, with a clear, recorded contribution and it continues to make a crucially important, irreplaceable and indispensable contribution to the life and welfare of Kenyans and to the future social, economic and political development of the nation. We have vital lessons to learn "that the educated run educational programs in the country, that the best qualified people lead our institution of higher learning. They are better placed to find solutions to the problems which make it impossible for more Kenyans to live above the minimum wage line".

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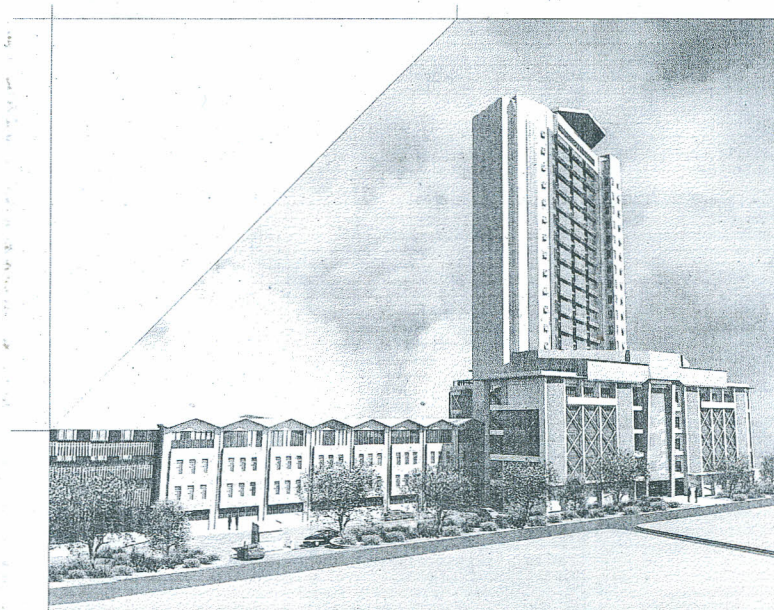
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The visionary University of Nairobi Towers at the Main campus will house increasing academic activities.

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