

UoN Graduands during the 50th Graduation Ceremony. The University ushered over 14,000 graduands to the job market and thus positively shaping the country's human resource capital.

Today, the University of Nairobi celebrated its 50th graduation ceremony that, fascinatingly, coincides with Kenya's 50th Jamuhuri Celebration. This extraordinary event saw a staggering conferment of 73 PhDs, over 2000 Masters and more than 5000 bachelors degree; totting up this year's indices to more than 14,000. Once more, confirming to the world about University of Nairobi's proverbial '*unbeaten gold-standard status*'.

On the same breath, the event presented an opportunity to warmly welcome the University's new Chancellor, Dr. Dr Vijoo Rattansi, who replaced Dr. Wanjui Joseph Barrage.

The Chairman of Council, Dr. Idle Farah, expressed his joy over this momentous commemoration that he described as double celebration. He confirmed that the University has approved the new strategic plan 2013/2014 that will act as a mechanism of steering the institution to greater heights and further improving learning in the coming years. He applauded the institution's move to embrace Rapid Results Initiative (RRI) and thereby entrenching the spirit of constitutionalism in the environment.

On his part, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. George Magoha, congratulated the graduands for their achievement and appreciated the uniqueness of the event in shaping the human resource capacity towards achieving Kenya's splendid vision 2030. He also praised the University for implementing performance contract, 'The University of Nairobi is the only government entity to have achieved the grade of excellence in embracing performance contract; beating all public institutions in public service.' He said.

Further, he acknowledged the superior role of the alumni and verified that they are fundamental in nation building and steering growth. His speech was not complete without thanking former president Mwai Kibaki for his brilliant initiative of introducing autonomy in management of Kenyan Universities.

Dr. Vijoo Rattansi concluded the speech giving session. She was greatly honored and humbled to be appointed as the Chancellor. In her gracious speech, she expressed the belief in emotional stability for children as the motivating factor towards her undeterred move to offer education bursaries through Rattansi Educational Trust; which she chairs. 'No child should be deprived a chance to learn.' She reiterated.

She encouraged the institution to remain true to innovation, as it has always been, since it distinguishes between a leader and followers.