



SPEECH

BY THE CHANCELLOR

TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY OF MOMBASA

PROF. DOUGLAS ODHIAMBO

DURING

THE AWARD OF UNIVERSITY CHARTER

TO

TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY OF MOMBASA

BY H.E. PRESIDENT MWAI KIBAKI

ON 30TH JANUARY, 2013

Your Excellency the President of the Republic of Kenya, Hon. Mwai Kibaki,
The Minister for Higher Education, Science and Technology, Prof. Margaret Kamar,
Cabinet Ministers and Assistant Ministers present,
Ambassadors and High Commissioners present,
Chairman of the Commission for University Education Board, Prof. Ezra Maritim,
Chancellor, JKUAT, Prof. Francis Gichaga,
Members of Council of the Technical University of Mombasa,
Staff and students of Technical University of Mombasa,
Distinguished guests,
Ladies and Gentlemen,
All protocol observed.

Your Excellency Sir, May I start by thanking Your Excellency for having given me the honour of being the first Chancellor of this great University in the Coastal region.

Your Excellency, I would like to recognize the founding members of Mombasa Institute of Muslim Education (MIOME) who set a vision for a technical institution that has now grown over the years and today becomes the second technical university in Kenya. With this, I thank the Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology for mentoring us for a period of seven years. Through their wings we sprouted. I recognize the Chancellor of JKUAT, Prof. Francis Gichaga, the Chairman of Council Eng. Julius Riungu and the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Mabel Imbuga for their leading role in overseeing our academic growth through support in curriculum development and development of our bench strength.

Further, I would like to extend my gratitude to the management team that has worked tirelessly towards our being awarded a Charter today. I also recognize the Commission for University Education for their guiding role in the accreditation process and the Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology for continued support in infrastructural development.

As we receive the Charter today, Your Excellency, it shall go down in history as a major achievement of the vision, mission and philosophy of this institution. We look forward to making Kenya a knowledge with strong focus on innovation and technology transfer.

Your Excellency Sir, I look forward to working together with the Government of Kenya, the University Council, the Management Board, the Senate and all other stakeholders, to achieve the aims and objectives of the Technical University of Mombasa.

I would like to invite the Minister to give her remarks.

Thank you very much your Excellency Sir.