



Remarks

By

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During

The Award of Charter to JKUAT

By

His Excellency President Hon Mwai Kibaki

On

Monday February 25, 2013

at State House, Nairobi.

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;

Ambassadors and High Commissioners present;

Chairman of the Commission for University Education Board, Prof. Ezra Maritim;

Chancellors of Public Universities;

Members of University Councils present;

Distinguished Guests;

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your Excellency Sir,

May I start by thanking Your Excellency for accepting to award Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology a new Charter. This granting of University Charter is a positive step that is in tandem with the new Universities Act No. 42 of 2012.

For this momentous achievement, Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology feels greatly honoured. At personal level, it also gives me a singular sense of honour of associating with higher education at a time when sweeping changes are taking place and are at various stages of implementation.

We, on our part will endeavour to reposition our strategies including benchmarking our academic programmes and services with the best practices across the world with the ultimate goal of achieving the Vision of *A University of global excellence in Training, Research and Innovation for development*, and one that has indeed, and totally dedicated its energies to *Setting Trends in Higher Education, Research and Innovation*.

As I conclude, Your Excellency Sir, I wish to reiterate that the University Council will continue working with the Government and other stakeholders in the achievement of Vision 2030.

Thank you.