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**T**he Chief Guest, The Chancellor, The Chairman University Governing Council, The Executive Director of KIM, The Vice-Chancellor, Invited Guests, Parents and Guardians, Graduands, Academic Members of Staff, students, Support Staff, Ladies and Gentlemen, All Protocols observed.

This is the 4th Graduation Ceremony held at The Management University of Africa. To this end I salute all those who endeavoured to make this day a success. Congratulations to you all. The University has continued in its endeavour to be a premier world class institution of higher learning.

I stand here grateful and humbled when I look at the faces of the graduands, who no doubt are happy with their realization that one of their life's dreams has been fulfilled. I am especially happy that this portrays that the great idea of starting a University that was envisioned by our founders, the Kenya Institute of Management, is bearing fruits. This is by affording opportunities to many Kenyans, and indeed people from all over the world to finally realize their dreams. I am aware that in our midst we have graduands from all over the world who have found a place at the Management University of Africa to anchor their lives' expectations.

When the founders of this great University thought about starting a University, they looked into what value they could add to education. One realization was that advancement, even when achieved through technology, would always be anchored on Leadership, and by extension through Innovative Leadership. Consequently, the founders looked at what it is in human beings needed to be optimized for our continent to add to the repertoire of knowledge in the world. What becomes clear

is that great nations are rested in the minds of great leaders, leaders who are able to look at what bedevils the world, leaders who are able to empathize with the least in the economic empowerment,, and leaders who are driven by values that aim to alleviate suffering from the society by making ethical decisions that impact positively on all members of the society. That is the kind of leaders that we aspire to produce at the MUA.

Future achievement of the Management University of Africa cannot be guaranteed, unless by looking at the past and appreciating the noble ideas already stated, looking at the present that is with us today, and fashioning the future out of this present. The present is fulfilling, as we have been able to produce graduates who have impacted in a positive way the destiny of this country. We have developed Bachelors, Masters and Doctorate Degrees that have a direct bearing on the needs of this Nation, Continent and the World. But we cannot rest there. We must continue to interrogate the needs of our society and provide an answer to the many challenges that we see every day. These include the sad fact that in our country, and indeed our Continent, we have the “us” versus “they” mentality. It would be forgiven if this was limited to the least educated, but sadly, some of the proponents of this mentality write such arguments with compelling zeal that can only come from a schooled mind-but sad that the minds have inadvertently allied themselves with anti-progressive forces other than align themselves with the infallible truths.

I look forward to this University where the key driver to our Academic pursuits is not automatically deciphered from our names, but from the Institutions that we have undergone our training. And our founders will be proud when all our Alumni provide compelling arguments that solve the contradictions that at times befall our country and indeed the continent, through well researched work that is devoid of personal prejudice. To the many faculty, staff, families and friends of the graduands, who serve as the guideposts, mentors, critics and unwavering supporters, it is your duty to always remind the graduands that success is a journey whose fruits can only be seen by all remaining true to the values that education brings. Let us always remember that education is a life-long process. Hence make it a point to continue acquiring education and contributing to adding quality education to the Globe throughout your life. Finally, let me join families, friends, and relatives in wishing you a fulfilling career, and above all wish you success in your determination to contribute to social and economic wellbeing of humanity through enlightened leadership, good governance, and management of all aspects of life.

**THANK YOU & GOD BLESS YOU.**

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