

**SPEECH BY THE CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF TRUSTEES, DURING THE 6TH
MUA GRADUATION CEREMONY HELD AT KISAJU MAIN CAMPUS ON 11TH
DECEMBER 2019.**

The Chief Guest , H.E. the Deputy President,
The Governor, Kajiado County,
Members of the Board of Trustees present,
The University Chancellor,
The Chairman, University Governing Council,
Members of the University Governing Council present,
The Vice-Chancellor,
The University Senate,
The University Management Board,
Alumni,
Graduating Class of 2019,
Distinguished Guests,
Ladies and Gentlemen.
All protocols observed.

Good Morning!

I am glad to join you today to mark this celebration of your academic achievement. Congratulations to you all. Allow me too to welcome our Chief Guest as well as all other invited guests for having found time to be with us today. We feel greatly honoured by your presence.

Ladies and gentlemen,

For the last five years, we have held a graduation ceremony, an occasion that has always filled me with much delight. This is because it symbolizes the ideals of the founders of this great university of having a premier university that provides quality education in leadership, management, entrepreneurship and innovation.

This year, the joy is even greater in that we have been able to start classes and accommodate students at the seat of our university. When our sponsor, KIM bequeathed this piece of land to us, this is what they hoped for. This is definitely a step in the right direction, a long journey starts with a single step and I dare say this is not just a single step, but a symbol of the determination of setting up the right structures that will guarantee the sustainability of provision of quality education.

When KIM thought of starting a University, of paramount importance was to further the training of managers and leaders as its humble contribution towards the advancement of mankind. The founders realized 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.

Indeed, I am delighted also that we have held our graduation ceremony at Kisaju, which is a big statement of intent on the determination of the university. Our sponsors must be proud of the bold steps.

Ladies and gentlemen

When MUA was started, it was envisaged that it would carry on the work that KIM had done of training middle level personnel. I am glad that today we are able to graduate a student in leadership at the highest level: Doctor of philosophy in Management and leadership.

Allow me to inform you that this year, together with the former Vice Chancellor, I was able to make very fruitful discussions with partners in areas of research, training and possible funding. It is to be noted that meaningful and significant infrastructure expansion rests a lot on partnerships-and it is important to look beyond our boundaries-and this is a challenge that we have undertaken.

In addition to this the Board of Trustees has continued to support experiential learning by the provision of industry practitioner's to come and speak to our students. This is an effort that is geared to bridge the gap between the theory and practice in education.

To all graduands

Today you will be given the power to read and write and do all that appertains to your degree. This has come from the knowledge that you are well grounded in the area you have been trained in. I wish you well in all your future undertaking. But always remember, the ethical values that have been inculcated to you both before your studies at MUA, and more so at MUA, should be your guiding principle as education is for serving humanity. Let the values of MUA always be reflected in your undertakings. If you do that, then I will not hesitate but tell you this: May true success follow you all the days of your life. Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year 2010.

Thank you

**Dr. Thomas Musili,
Chairperson, Board of Trustees,
11th December 2019.**