Congratulatory message from the Cabinet Secretary

I take this opportunity to congratulate Chuka University on this auspicious Second Graduation Ceremony that has an increased number of graduates. This increased number reflects the success of my Ministry's strategy of expanding higher education institutions in the Country to reduce the number of Kenyans seeking education opportunities outside the Country.

The graduates have now been empowered to join the world of work and provide skilled services to Kenyans. My Ministry will contribute to the achievement of the tenets of Vision 2030 through educating and championing the agenda of the youths, women and special interest groups by putting in place affirmative educational policies. Provision of education is embodied in my Ministry's Vision. It is for this reason that the Government has embarked on providing adequate human and financial resources through equipping of learners with higher education. We must develop our human resource capacity through lifelong education so as to improve the ability to perform tasks effectively and efficiently.

Higher education is paramount in generating highly qualified human resource in all requisite disciplines. University education leads to competence development. It fully prepares individuals to be competitive, creative and innovative. I urge Chuka University to produce scientific and techno-savvy human resources to drive rapid economic growth. As this is being done, universities must take care to maintain quality and relevance and avoid unnecessary duplication of programmes that end up flooding the job market with graduates who cannot be absorbed. Quality education undoubtedly expands human skills, drives productivity and economic prosperity. Students and youths should, therefore, passionately pursue professions and careers that appeal to them and in which they are also talented. They must make it into an omelette.

Today I feel great joy as we present these graduates to the Country. The Council is satisfied that the candidates have been prepared well and have earned what they are going to be conferred and awarded today. This has been done through the great efforts that the Management and the Senate put in place to work prudently and produce these increased number of graduates. The combination of effective teaching, training, and research has culminated in the production of these skilled graduates. Chuka University has designated itself as a Premier University for the provision of quality education, training and research for sustainable national and global development. The University staff and Management go to great lengths to ensure that the curricula from time to time are up-to-date so that the graduates are well trained and prepared for the job market. Those employers who have engaged our graduates can vouch for them and in which they are also talented. This is an opportunity to the Country to industrialization and provision of a high quality of life for its citizens.

Indeed the University trains students to think logically and critically, as this is the only way to prosper. I, therefore, wish these graduates success as they join other Kenyans in the noble task of nation building.

Message from the Chancellor

As the Chancellor of Chuka University, I am immensely delighted to preside over this Second Graduation Ceremony. These graduates have done me proud by following in great numbers in the spirit of their pioneering ones whom we graduated here last year. They have lived true to the requirements of the recently Chartered and ISO 9001:2008 Certified Chuka University. They are a testimony that elevation and modernisation of universities is not a fruit of producing the much needed human capital for this Country. Chuka University continues to live true to its prophetic and national founding by being the leading institution in eastern Kenya in graduation of highly skilled human resources within a short period of time since its inception. I must, therefore, sincerely congratulate the candidates that I am graduating today. You have set the pace for the now over 12,000 continuing students of Chuka University to follow in due course. By doing so, you shall satisfy the increasing demand for highly trained graduates for the Country and beyond.

For Chuka University to continue fulfilling its mandates, it requires investment in modern infrastructure and quality staff. This calls for concerted efforts of all stakeholders to continue supporting this Institution with capital resources and in kind. In this regard, I wish to thank the neighbouring community for their magnanimity in donation of the land on which the University stands. The milestones realised by the University so far can be attributed to the support of the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology. I wish to thank the Government of Kenya for supporting the infrastructural growth of this University, and pledge that Chuka University will continue to offer quality education to all Kenyans.

As I conclude, I wish to assure students who join this institution that the employees here are highly qualified, motivated and committed to excellence. Therefore, you will be certain to get value for your money and time. I congratulate the graduates for exellence and wish them success in future careers.

Message from the Vice-Chancellor

Dear graduates, this Second Graduation Ceremony marks the culmination of many years of diligent learning, study, practice and passing of examinations. I must, therefore, start by congratulating you for attaining your primary goal of enrolling here, which was to complete your studies successfully and graduate. My Management and Senate envision a University that is a cut above the rest in terms of work performance and service delivery to its students. We have set very high standards for ourselves and intend to achieve and maintain them. Therefore, I can attest to the quality of the graduates we are releasing to the job and service market today. I urge them to walk with their heads held high in the knowledge that they are capable of competing with the best globally.

This is because a university is a factory, newly admitted students are raw materials, the training and instilling of discipline, skills and knowledge can be equated to processing. What emerges at the end of the production line is a refined, knowledgeable and polished product. Today, we are celebrating the Second Graduation Ceremony to release more graduates to the world. I urge our graduates not to be complacent.

There is no end to learning, but, learning is a continuous process. Every your professors are continuously learning to acquire additional knowledge to keep up with emerging trends and technology before they come to you to teach. In the contemporary times, education is not just taught, but also be well learned to excel in life. The University has given you an egg; you must now make it into an omelette.

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Class of 2014 congratulated for a job well done

Without a doubt, Chuka University is one of the fastest growing universities in Kenya. In 10 years, we have over 12,000 students, 400 staff members, 4 campuses, 5 Faculties, 10 academic departments and over 80 academic programmes at certificate, diploma, undergraduate and postgraduate level. The success achieved could not be possible without the steadfast dedication of the Senate, Council, Management, staff, parents, students and other stakeholders. Kindly accept my gratitude for your continued devotion to duty and passion for excellence. Through efficient and effective service delivery, we shall together put Chuka University on top. I also appreciate the support of the Kenyan
Today is a very special occasion for our graduates. It is with great pleasure that I congratulate all graduates together with their parents, partners, guardians, friends and well-wishers during this auspicious occasion of celebrating your achievement of a university qualification. This indeed is no mean achievement. I take this opportunity to salute you and recognize your perseverance and hard work that culminated in obtaining good grades that enabled the University to celebrate with you this 2nd graduation ceremony.

As you reflect and chart the way forward after many years in books, have courage to go into unexplored territories and be brave enough to live life creatively by going into places where no one else has ever been. We encourage you to take action to prove that the time you spent in Chuka University and the investment of your resources will bear fruits as you plough knowledge and skills you have gained back to the society to have a positive impact on the lives of Kenyans. Your graduating today is a clear indication that you have successfully gone through rigorous that culminated in earning these degrees, diplomas and certificates. It was never easy in the beginning but you have ended it well. Congratulations for that.

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Remember Chuka University is now your cherished alma mater; join its Alumni Association and support development activities that will continue going on here. I wish you all great success in your future endeavours and noble careers. God bless you all.

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The Chairman of Council, Prof. Reuben Nasibi and Prof. Erastus Njoka (centre) flanked by the Alumni during CUAA launch on 7.2.2014

Chuka University Alumni Association is Born

By Lilian Makena

The Pavilion ground was a hub of activity on February 7, 2014 during the launch of the Chuka University Alumni Association (CUAA). During the occasion, Mr. Justus Mwiti Kanga was elected Chairman, Mr. Eric Elias Mwenda was elected Vice-Chairman, Ms. Linda Awino Okeyo Secretory General and Mr. Eric Mugendi Treasurer. Others elected were Ms. Maureen M. Ndagarra Organising Secretary, and Ms. MaryEsther Wawira and Mr. Anthony Kinyua Njue members. The members were to work on interim basis for 1-year before dissolution and election of substantive ones. The day was graced by the Chuka University Council Chairman, Prof. Reuben I. Nasibi, and Council members John K. Munge, Amos Chiguba, Linda Lumbasi, Jane Nakodonzy and Justin Mabeya. The Management was fully represented by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Erastus N. Njoka, Deputy Vice-Chancellors Prof. Dorcas K. Iisutsa and Prof. Stanley M. Kagwanga, and Registrar Francis M. Muhwa. Academic staff, non-academic staff and graduates of Chuka University College and Chuka University came in large numbers. The Vice-Chancellor constituted the First CUAA Congregation and commended the alumni for their courage to join the University as pioneers. He mentioned grant of the Charter and ISO Certification as some of the achievements of the University in 2013. He added that the University’s plans to construct a Sh. 4.5 billion campus will ensure the University’s plans to construct a Sh. 4.5 billion campus will ensure the University stands and that will guarantee proper expansion in future. He added that an active Alumni Association keeps the University vibrant and ensures continual attraction of funds, students and quality staff. Membership of an alumnus gives one pride of belonging and a chance to make positive contribution to a Premier University.

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