



# **MURANGA UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY**

**SPEECH BY  
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**3<sup>rd</sup> GRADUATION CEREMONY  
MURANG'A UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY**

**FRIDAY, 9<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2019**

- The Chancellor, Murang'a University of Technology,  
Prof Justin Irina,
- Chancellors of other Universities Present,
- The Chief Administrative Secretary/Principal Secretary  
for University Education and Research,
- Principal Secretaries of other ministries present,
- The Senator, Murang'a County, Hon. Irungu Kang'ata,
- The Women Representative, Murang'a County,  
Hon. Sabina Chege,

- The area Member of National Assembly, Hon. Ndindi Nyoro,
- Members of Parliament present,
- Council Chairmen of other Universities present,
- Council members of Murang'a University of Technology,
- Vice Chancellor, Murang'a University of Technology, Prof Dickson Nyariki,
- Vice Chancellors of other Universities present,
- Parents and Guardians

- Granduands
- Distinguished Guests,
- Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is my pleasure, on behalf of the Council, to welcome you all to Murang'a University of Technology (MUT) 3<sup>rd</sup> Graduation Ceremony as well as the official launch of our Strategic Plan (2019-2023).

**Mr. Chancellor Sir,**

I also congratulate the 2019 MUT graduands for a job well done this far.

Further, I recognize and appreciate our staff for their dedication that has seen us produce such quality graduands.

And to all our partners, a big thank you for the unwavering support.

**Mr. Chancellor Sir,**

As a Council, we are proud that Murang'a University of Technology has steadily been increasing its visibility as demonstrated in world rankings. The most recent webometric ranking has placed the university in the 8<sup>th</sup> position among 128 universities and other institutions of higher learning ranked in Kenya. It may also be important to note that the university's repository was ranked 6<sup>th</sup>

among the (only) 12 universities ranked in the country. I indeed thank our staff and students for this tremendous achievement.

**Mr. Chancellor Sir,**

Today we launch our 2019 to 2023 Strategic Plan. This Strategic Plan is well thought out and will help us maintain quality and strengthen our niche as a university. We are however cognizant of the fact that having a strategic plan alone, however good it might be, does not assure success.

As a Council, therefore, we are committed to invest in whatever it takes for implementation of the strategic plan to happen. We promise a stringent monitoring and evaluation mechanism for this.

**Mr. Chancellor Sir,**

There has been concern about universities not remitting statutory deductions as required by law. I am pleased to report that the university is up-to-date with respect to remittance of all statutory deductions. I congratulate the



Management for this prudent management which has been attained under very straining financial conditions. Our staff should remain focused on their work knowing that funds meant for their welfare are well secured. I further thank the Council for their commitment in guiding Management to ensure accountability and good governance in the university.

**Mr. Chancellor Sir,**

As part of efforts to increase resources for the university, we intend to establish an Endowment Fund. In this regard, on behalf of MUT, I wish invite the Muranga Council of eminent persons, our alumni and all well-wishers to join us in this endeavour. The Fund will go a long way in assisting needy students to pursue their studies.

**Mr Chancellor Sir,**

Management has shown great leadership in investing the little development finds we get and the face of this

institution has changed in a very short time. One hindrance however has been encroachments on university land. I wish to request both the National and County Governments for assistance in reclaiming the University land. This will enable us complete the construction of the perimeter wall and consequently improve the security of our students, staff and facilities.

**Mr. Chancellor Sir,**

The community around the university co-exists very well with the university. It has continued to build hostels to accommodate our students and even houses for staff. This is especially useful since the majority of our students reside off-campus. We are happy that the community is also benefiting by investing. We thank the community for this symbiotic coexistence and promise to do what we can to maintain it.

**Mr. Chancellor Sir,**

As I conclude, let me once again congratulate you the granduands on your academic accomplishments. As our Alumni, I urge you to be our good ambassadors as you strive to be the best you can in the pursuit of your dreams and career aspirations.

**Thank you ALL.**