



**Guide Notes**

**By**

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**Agriculture and Technology**

**Vice Chancellor**

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**During**

**The End of Year Party**

**at**

**the Pavillion grounds,**

**On**

**Thursday, December 16, 2011**

The Deputy Vice Chancellors,

Principals

Deans and Directors,

Chairmen of Departments,

Ladies and gentlemen,

I am indeed pleased to be here this afternoon as we mark the end of yet another year filled with numerous activities. This gathering is particularly important, as it provides us with the opportunity to share and reflect on activities and experiences that have made this year successful.

This year has been a blessing to our institution as we won the bid to host the Pan African University (PAU) in the East and Central Africa regional. The Institute on Basic Sciences, Technology and Innovation will be hosted at the Main Campus in Juja and we will enroll approximately 100 doctoral and masters' student at a time ,expected from May next year.

Through PAUSTI, the university will highly benefit through improved facilities that will jointly be used for training and research and capacity development for staff.

I am also proud to inform you that this year the University got new council members who were inaugurated in July and headed by Engineer Mr. Julius Riungu. They will continue to protect JKUAT Act of 1994 and University Statues in the course of discharging their duties. The new council carried out the first duty during the 18 graduation ceremony held two weeks after their inauguration were a total of total of 4,439 students graduated.

The jkuat got in to the recode books in Kenya as the first University to get Olympic size swimming pool. I would like to note that the swimming pool is third largest in Kenya after Kasarani and Nyayo stadiums.

The second JKUAT Tech Expo took place , staged by students to showcase inventions they have developed during their course of study at the University with over 66 exhibits designed mainly to promote the ICT, engineering and agricultural sectors in which the occasion was graced by Dr. Bitange Ndemo, Secretary for Information and Communication, praised JKUAT for instilling a culture of research in its curriculum that he said was well reflected in the way students were able to come up with useful inventions that could advance Kenya's industrialization agenda.

### **Staff Welfare**

Despite the numerous challenges we faced in the course of the year, we have shown to all that we have managed to run JKUAT smoothly. As we look forward to 2012, I encourage all of us to continue keeping the interest of the University ahead of all other considerations. I want to assure you that Council would reward result oriented staffers as a way of appreciating their contribution to this University.

I take this opportunity to encourage you to keep on developing your skills both academically and professionally to take advantage of opportunities that keep arising from time to time. In addition, I want to commend all our unions for maintaining cordial relations with management.

### **ISO and Performance Contracting**

I am pleased to note that the Kenya Bureau of Standards ISO surveillance audit team conducted its appraisal in September and found us compliant. I take this opportunity to thank you all for embracing the ISO spirit. It is my belief that we will endeavour to ensure the ISO commitments are maintained and constantly improved such that we surpass our customers' expectations.

As you all know, Plans are underway for JKUAT to seek ISO 14000 certification in an effort to enhance environmental management.

I take this opportunity to thank all of you for support during the customer /employee satisfaction, work environmental, corporate governance and corruption index survey that was conducted earlier this year; I am pleased to inform you that survey reported acceptable satisfaction levels.

### **Collaborations**

This year we have signed hundred and seven collaborations with other institutions in Kenya and globally. Some of the collaborations include the Gollis University, National Board of Higher Education Eritrea, African Networks for Agriculture Agro forestry and education and African institute of research and development studies.

### **Agricultural Shows**

JKUAT became the institution of the moment at the ASK Central Show in when its name was called eight times to receive trophies won September by the University from President Mwai Kibaki. My deepest gratitude to those who contributed their time and energy in designing new innovations that greatly impressed those who visited our stand including His Excellency President Mwai Kibaki.

### **New Students Leaders**

JKUSO conducted its third polls under its new constitution on October. It is pleasing to note that fifty four newly elected officials of JKUSO took an oath of office that signaled a change of guard at the JKUSO 'government'. This year is significant in the history of JKUSO since it was the first time a first year students had been elected into the Students supreme governing

## **Corporate identity**

As you are aware, the University secured a number of promotional items stocked in the bookshop and meant to publicize our institution. These include handy writing materials, books, calendar and many more. It is our duty as staffers to encourage the use of these items. I am particularly concerned that our students still use non-branded writing materials. I urge you to encourage them to purchase these materials from the bookshop. I am, however, pleased to note that you are corporate identity-compliant as demonstrated by your donning University branded t-shirts on Fridays which has been designated as the official corporate day. As part of our determination to foster our corporate identity and appreciate your active role in this matter, I have authorized that each member of staff on the payroll be issued with a JKUAT 2011 wall calendar which I am sure is by now in your possession.

We have certainly achieved other milestones which I would have loved to list them here. However, I do not minimize the importance of those achievements and it is with this in mind that I ask you to receive my heartfelt appreciation because you are behind the success of JKUAT. You have done a marvelous job handling all these things while still attending to your other highly demanding responsibilities.

I have a profound trust in you, academics and non academics. You all belong to the JKUAT family. I am fully confident that, together, you and management can all contribute enormously to the progress on the University on all fronts and I know that I can rely on you to work as a team.

Colleagues, I would like to seize this opportunity to wish to you and your families, a

**MERRY CHRISTMAS  
HAPPY NEW YEAR 2011 and THANK YOU FOR 2010!**

I thank you for listening to me.