



Statement

by

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during

the official Inauguration Ceremony

Murang'a University College of Technology Council

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Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology officials present,

Muranga University College Chairman,

Council members, Muranga University College,

The Principal, Muranga University College

Distinguished Guests,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is with pleasure that I welcome all of you to this auspicious occasion of inauguration of the new Muranga University College Council. On behalf of JKUAT Management and Senate, I wish to warmly congratulate each one of the council members on appointment to make a contribution in the development of higher education in Kenya.

Murang'a University Council inauguration

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Since Muranga College of Technology, the precursor this University College came under our mentorship fold way back in 2004, we have taken pride in its progress which saw it elevated to University College late last year. I wish to reiterate our commitment to continue guiding this brand new University College as it chalks out its path to autonomy. Our collaboration over the years has immensely contributed to increased access to higher education in the country.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Last December when we gathered here to witness the inauguration of this institution as a University College, I reported that JKUAT Senate had approved four degree programmes to be mounted by Muranga University College. These programmes include:

- B.Sc. Information Technology
- Bachelor of Commerce
- Bachelor of Business Information Technology
- Bachelor of Science in Human Resource Management

I am happy to note that over 200 students were admitted to these programmes by the Joint Admissions Board during January 2013 intake. Additional 233 students will be admitted to the College under JAB in the September 2013 intake, to pursue the above programmes.

Besides the undergraduate programmes on offer, JKUAT Senate will continue to provide requisite support to assist the College develop new, relevant and market driven programmes in line with best practices that meet both local and global regulatory thresholds.

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

JKUAT acknowledge the need for this college to continue offering its founding programmes at diploma and certificate levels alongside the degree programmes to ensure all cadres of training are readily available. Furthermore, we expect the college to entrench strict Quality Control mechanisms to ensure quality standards are upheld at all times. I am delighted to note that since inception, Murang'a University College has maintained sound academic quality and integrity.

Finally, I acknowledge the enormous amount of work ahead but wish to encourage the new team at the helm to remain focused in tackling current and emerging challenges. It is my hope that with such dedicated and illustrious team, this institution will soon take its rightful place not only for Kenya's development but will also make an indelible mark in the development of the entire human race.

I thank you most sincerely for listening to me.

Thank you.