



**Remarks**

**By**

**Chancellor, Eng. Prof. Francis Gichaga**

**Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology (JKUAT)**

**During**

**The Award of Charter to JKUAT**

**By**

**His Excellency President Hon Mwai Kibaki**

**On**

**Monday February 25, 2013**

**at State House, Nairobi.**

Your Excellency the President of the Republic of Kenya, Hon. Mwai Kibaki;  
The Minister for Higher Education, Science and Technology, Prof. Margaret  
Kamar;

Cabinet Ministers and Assistant Ministers;

Ambassadors and High Commissioners present;

Chairman of the Commission for University Education Board, Prof. Ezra Maritim;

Chancellors of Public Universities;

Members of University Councils present;

Distinguished Guests;

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your Excellency Sir, allow me to congratulate you for finding time within your busy schedule to come and be with us during this very important occasion in the history of University education in Kenya.

On behalf of JKUAT, I am very pleased to join you on this occasion of the award of the Charter to Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology and indeed, to all the public Universities in Kenya.

To us, the award of the Charter is a significant and memorable occasion in the development of higher education because it marks the beginning of another significant phase in the growth of university education in the country which will be guided by the new Universities Act 2012 of December 13, 2012.

As a University, in view of this development, we shall endeavour to comply with the new legislation as we conduct the affairs of our respective institutions of learning under the guidance of the newly formed Commission for University Education.

**Your Excellency, Sir,**

With the award of the Charter, we at JKUAT do acknowledge that we have been given the wherewithal with which to drive our Vision of “A University of global excellence in Training, Research and Innovation for development” in line with the country’s development blue print, *Vision 2030*.

Towards this end, we, as a University appreciate the support from your Government, which has in turn ensured that our institutions of higher learning are in the forefront of propelling the realization of Kenya’s Vision 2030.

To achieve this Vision requires a vibrant university education system with a strong focus on science, technology and innovation, which form the foundation of today's increasingly globalized and knowledge-based economies. JKUAT is ready to play its leading role in this context.

In conclusion, we look forward towards working together with the Government and all our stakeholders in driving the Vision of this country forward through higher education.

Thank you so much.