

## **THE UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI CELEBRATES 49<sup>th</sup> GRADUATION CEREMONY**

Students from the Colleges of Agriculture and Veterinary Sciences, Biological and Physical Sciences, Education and External Studies and Architecture and Engineering this morning epitomized their academic pursuit by celebrating the outstanding 49<sup>th</sup> graduation Ceremony that was held at the University's Chancellor's Court. This momentous event had Prof Jacob Kaimenyi, Cabinet Secretary of Education, as the chief guest speaker; Hon. Mr. Justice (Prof) J.B. Ojwang, Energy Cabinet Secretary Mr. Davis Chirchir and Vice Chancellors from Sister Universities were among other invited guests.

In his opening speech, the Chairman of Council, Dr. Idle Farah congratulated the distinguished gathering for the fruits of their hard work and accomplishments. Through provision of quality knowledge and skills, he highlighted that the university is certainly the ideal place to incubate the nation's leaders and reiterated that the present council is well endowed with talent to ensure that UoN develops to meet its core objectives, missions and visions. He urged the grandaunts to have a procreative instinct so as to ensure that there is a lasting impact in the society.

Vice Chancellor, Prof Magoha welcomed those graduating into the competitive and dynamic job market and informed them that they have now advanced into the honourous task nation building. He took the opportunity to counter the media portrayal of local universities generating incompetent labour by insisting that UoN produces properly tutored graduates whose research works go through rigorous verification process aimed at enhancing integrity. That aside, he welcomed the university's recently introduced plagiarism policy that will help facilitate scholarly integrity and develop our research portfolio. This can be proved by the university's unrivalled leadership in collaborative research that is not only confined in Africa.

Prof. Jacob Kaimenyi echoed the Prof. Magoha's statements and pledged to use his capacity as the cabinet secretary of education to ensure continuous renewal of academic curricula so as to be in tandem with the dynamisms of the world's academic and professional field. This will be done through consultation with established industries so as to foster employability and secondly, to incorporate practical components in the curricula so as to put to act the skills and knowledge learnt in class by making industrial attachment a norm in academic progress.

On his part, the University Chancellor, Dr. Joseph Wanjui reminded those graduating to use their hard earned knowledge to change the world for a promising future and thus ensure that the university remains the nation's most preferred think-tank and point of reference. He also encouraged them to act with discipline in order to protect the good name of the university and retain its gold-standard position.

This flourishing event saw a total of 5,341 students graduate from the four Colleges, having qualified for the conferment of degrees and award of diplomas at the end of academic year (2012/2013).