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TO KAMPALA UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HELD ON 8TH NOVEMBER, 2024

AT GGABA CAMPUS

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SALUTATIONS.

1. The Deputy Vice-Chancellor Dr.Wardah Rajab Gyagenda.
2. Our stakeholders the Katereggas
3. All members of Staff around.
4. H.E Daniel Makuol -the Guild President
5. My beloved students.
6. Friends of Kampala University.
7. Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen;

Good afternoon!

Assalaam Alaikoum.....God is good.....

Viva Kampala University.....Kampala University viva.....we are here.....

OPENING REMARKS.

I am truly delighted for this opportunity of speaking to you at this general assembly which is part of our 25th year celebration (silver jubilee). At Kampala University we have every reason to celebrate and thank ALLAH because of the number of things that have happened". On 25th April, 2024 we held our 21st graduation ceremony which was very important. This kick-started celebrations for our silver jubilee which is continuing. This general assembly is part of the ongoing activities. These gatherings are vital and they're part of how we connect, reflect on our journey, and share our vision for the future.

WELCOMING NEW STUDENTS

I welcome the freshmen and fresh ladies who have joined the university for the August intake. Regular, Inservice, local, international, male, female, young and adult you are all welcome. I wish to remind you that you have joined a chartered university which is unique in nature and constitution backed by nine core values. These include; quality, integrity, firmness, honesty, relevance, professionalism, flexibility, innovativeness and accountability. We are an equal opportunity university regardless of sex, colour, religion. We are also a cosmopolitan institution located at the warm shores of Lake Victoria here at Ggaba

WELCOMING THE GUILD

I take the opportunity to warmly welcome the new guild cabinet and congratulate the outgoing guild president H.E. Namale Esther the mugole and her outgoing cabinet for successfully completing her tenure We welcome in a special way the newly elected guild Daniel Makoul from the great Republic of South Sudan. We wish them all the success in their new term in office.

WELCOMING STUDENTS BACK FROM THE CULTURAL GALA

We congratulate all the associations and cultural groups that participated in the kampala university 12th cultural gala revelry that took place at Jinja Campus. Our special gratitude goes to Jinja Campus for hosting us. Additional thanks and gratitude go to Jinja Campus for hosting Owek. Katikiro of Buganda Charles Peter Mayiga who visited our institution to officiate the grand opening of the Uganda annual nkobazambogo forum.

WELCOMING FAMILY

I welcome my family the "KATEREGGA`S "the stakeholder`s in this institution with who we have agreed to work very closely upholding the development and progress of this great institution. Please do not look at them as competitors but as promoters and well-wishers. You may wish to know between you and th

em, a legacy of Kampala University and BDK universities network international will be marked out. You need them and they definitely need you.

MY HEALTH

Of late my health has become a national and international issue. I would love to thank you for your prayers for those who have bothered to pray. Some of you might not have known on the 9th of September, 2024. I went through a life saving operation for my skull. We thank Allah by his grace it went through successfully. My medical team continues to work relentlessly to ensure my full recovery. I thank my medical doctors from IHK and other facilities for attending to me promptly under serious emergency. I thank all my children both in the diaspora and local who acted very fast by rescuing me from the claws of death within my house where I had been deliberately rest in commando while unconscious for several days. Allah gave me a new lease of life thus earning yet a new title of kawonawo. This is the reason why I thank you for your prayers, messages of felicitations and best wishes

CHANGES AT THE CAMPUS AND STAFF MOVEMENTS

As a dynamic organization we are bound to go through a revolutionary change to help us accommodate current developments both local and international. Even in learning and teaching. That is why we migrated to the ERP system which entails e-learning and technology. As you all notice in the university management and administration changes and adjustments have already started taking shape and will continue. Our advice is" please embrace the changes or else ch

ange will change you". We wish you to know for instance the office of the Director of Finance and Marketing has been restructured and hence forth will operate directly under the Vice Chancellor's office. This started last week. Office of the chief accountant is now under Mrs Stella Nabukenya. MRS.Nandawula Zaina is been promoted to deputy university Accountant. MR. Mugalu Augustine in addition to the position of the dean of student's has been added the role of Estate's manager. MS Apagi Esther is now the new national coordinator for marketing. MR. Wasswa Jackson has been with immediate effect transferred to luweero campus as Deputy estates manager Please expect more changes to come and more vacancies to be filled.

TUTION PAYMENT.

As we continue to work together towards your academic and personal growth, I would like to remind you of the importance of settling your tuition fees to zero balance promptly. Timely payment ensures that you can fully benefit from all the services and opportunities our university offers, from academic resources to extracurricular activities.

MESSAGE TO THE STUDENTS

My dear students, am happy to inform you that in their last sitting the (NHCE) accredited another bunch of over 50 curricular in various disciplines both new and reviewed. And another 10 which they will be coming to verify and approve the facilities. This is at Ggaba, Mutundwe and Luweero campuses. I urge the academic, administrative, technical staff and students to ensure that the facilities

ties are up to standard before NHCE technical team comes.

The tradition and modern functional role of the university is three or four folds. i.e. Preservation of knowledge, generation of new knowledge, community outreach programmes and research innovation for the transformation of society. Modern universities must be transformative and innovative.

Unity and Community:

What brings you to the university is to be able to train for analysis and problem solving not creating problems. Your role should focus more on solutions and impacting on your societies. If you have no role in your own community you will be rendered irrelevant thus making you useless to the institution, the community, sponsors, guardians and parents which can be unfortunate. This is why we try to ensure that innovation is one of our core values. Our students have vocational and innovative approach which helps them to create their own jobs in case government cannot afford one for you. University is more than just classrooms and lecture halls. It is a community, a place where people from diverse backgrounds, cultures, and perspectives come together for one common cause. It is through your collaboration, your respect for one another, and your shared curiosity and values that we create something extraordinary. Together, we learn not just academics, but empathy, understanding, and the importance of a connected world.

WISHING YOU SUCCESS IN THE EXAMS.

I understand your beginning your exams on the 11th November,2024. Take the exams seriously. You should appreciate Kampala University is an examination body with a right to examine students at all levels from certificate to doctorate. These examinations are accredited and equal to similar exams from all chartered, public universities all over the world. I caution you to guard the sanctity of exams. Avoid all exam malpractices of all types. Please note that the policy of zero balance before sitting for examination is strictly adhered to or else remain mindful of the inconvenience this may cause. I want to take a moment to wish each of you the very best of luck although I cannot wish you more than what you deserve but will still pray for you. This is a time to showcase all the hard work, dedication, and effort you've put into your studies throughout the semester. Remember that exams are not just about testing knowledge but also about demonstrating the growth and skills you have developed.

CONCLUSION.

I wish to extend my gratitude to each one of you for having chosen Kampala University as your final academic destination. You are the real backbone to our institution and I believe we cannot do without you much as opposite can be eq

ually true. When we are still together let us always remain mindful of our duties, obligations and roles to take this university to the next level.

Best of luck to all of you , may you achieve the success you deserve.

I wish you a happy festive Season and Prosperous New year.

Assalaam Alaikoum Wa Rahmatullah Wa Barakatuh

Viva Kampala University

