

**SPEECH BY THE CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL, ZETECH UNIVERSITY
MR. MOHAMMED HASSAN DURING ZETECH UNIVERSITY'S
GRADUATION CEREMONY HELD ON 11TH NOVEMBER 2022.**

THE PROTOCOL

- The Chief Guest, **AAR Insurance Group CEO**, Dr. Patrick Gatonga.
- The Chairman, Board of Trustees, Zetech University, Eng. Ken Mbiuki.
- The Chancellor, Zetech University.
- Members of the Zetech University Council
- The Vice-Chancellor, Zetech University, Prof. Njenga Munene
- Members of the Zetech University Management Board
- Members of the Zetech University Senate
- Zetech University staff
- Students, Parents and guardians
- Distinguished Guests
- Graduands Ladies and gentlemen

Good morning,

I am delighted for the opportunity to join you today, to crown the success of the graduating class of 2022. On behalf of the Zetech University Council, I express my heartfelt congratulations to this class and look forward to the impact that they are going to make in our society, Country and the world at large.

It gives me incredible joy to see how focused, dynamic, energetic, and innovative each one of our graduands has become. The solid foundation that has been laid by the university, instilling the right moral values will not just help you to achieve your dreams and aspirations but will always empower you to become responsible members of society.

The phrase that you are entering bears numerous opportunities that will allow you to explore, experience and widen to horizons of your career. You now have access to several opportunities in the world, we are excited to see you be the change you want to see in the world.

Award of Charter

We have been on an evolution journey since it gained its University status in 2014 and has made many achievements and milestones. Zetech University was awarded Charter by H.E. President Uhuru Kenyatta on August 2nd, 2022 at Kakamega State Lodge in Kakamega County. The Charter was awarded to the University, having fulfilled the regulatory requirements and after a robust assessment and engagement with the Commission for University Education (CUE). The CUE was satisfied that Zetech University has adequate facilities, human, library and financial resources, viable relevant academic programmes and a sound governance structure and consequently recommended us for the award of Charter.

The award of Charter is a significant milestone for us, as it portrays public acceptance and confirmation that we are committed to meeting the standards of academic excellence set by the Commission for University Education. I urge all staff, students, stakeholders and the entire Zetech fraternity to uphold the University's commitment to high-quality academic and research standards as we continue to impact society in line with our mission "**To promote excellence in education and research by integrating innovation and technology to impact society.**" On behalf of the University Council, I can confirm that we remain focused on ensuring that all University operations are geared towards giving our students and staff the best.

Approval of two university policies

The Council has 2022 approved **2 policies** to strengthen the governance and management of the University.

Policies are the compass that helps us achieve our objectives and guides the university processes by ensuring alignment with the regulations and procedures that are put in place to guide how we carry out our activities.

The Council continues to count on the support of the University Management to cascade these policies to improve our services and processes as we pursue our quest of becoming the best University in the world.

Promotion of 3 Associate Professors

I am pleased to announce the promotion of Prof. Alice. W. Njuguna- Deputy Vice-Chancellor to Associate professor of ICT Education, Prof. Owen Ngumi- Dean of Education, Arts & Social Sciences to Associate Professor of Counselling Psychology and Prof. Geoffrey Gitau Kamau- Director, faculty of Excellence to the Director, MBA coordinator and chairman business execution. I congratulate our associate professors on their promotion and urge them to continue providing guidance, leadership and developing our junior faculty.

These professors are a demonstration of our commitment to fostering academic leadership and excellence in our students, through nurturing excellence in research, pedagogy and professional development. Professorial leadership enriches our academic and professional achievement, and this is evident in the just concluded Research and Innovation week that was held at the Ruiru Campus.

Conclusion

As I conclude, I appreciate the parents and guardians for their unwavering support and ensuring that these graduands are comfortable.

To the graduands, I wish you the best as you explore new horizons, gain new experiences and climb the ladder of success. There is nothing more satisfying and motivating than hearing the success stories of your journey and this can only be achieved if you keep in touch with the Zetech alumni.

Thank you.

**Mr. Mohammed Hassan,
Chairman of Council,
Zetech University.**