

SPEECH BY THE CHANCELLOR, PROFESSOR SUSAN ALFANO
NKINYANGI DURING ZETECH UNIVERSITY'S GRADUATION
CEREMONY HELD ON 12TH NOVEMBER 2021.

THE PROTOCOL

- The Chief Guest, **Chief Administrative Secretary** Ministry of Industrialization, Trade & Enterprise Development, **Hon. Lawrence Karanja**
- The Chairman, Zetech University Board of Trustees, Eng. Ken Mbiuki
- The members Board of Trustees, Zetech University.
- The Chairman, Zetech University Council, Mr. Hassan Mohammed
- 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

Welcome

Good morning.

On the behalf of the University, it is my great pleasure to welcome you all to share in the joy of our graduating class of 2021.

I also take this opportunity to welcome our Chief guest and keynote speaker for this year's graduation ceremony; the **Chief Administrative Secretary** Ministry of Industrialization, Trade & Enterprise Development, **Hon. Lawrence Karanja**. Graduation ceremonies are the climax of every University academic year. The graduands parents, guardians and faculty have been looking forward and working towards this day, from the moment the students started their higher education journey at Zetech University.

Graduating class of 2021

You have made a remarkable milestone in your education during a period that we are dealing with a pandemic that shook the whole world. No one had foreseen the world would be dealing with a disease that would affect every aspect of our lives. Even though we haven't had the opportunity to celebrate together at a physical ceremony, I want to assure you that your achievements remain remarkable to us, because you have made them under very uncertain circumstances.

Parents and Guardians

The University is grateful to all parents, guardians, sponsors and benefactors for their support from the moment our graduands joined our institution to date. We celebrate the fact that indeed, your sacrifices and contributions have paid off.

The Pandemic

We acknowledge your capability to adapt to the blended mode of learning and your observance of the health guidelines issued by the health organizations in the country and globally; because that's what's made this day a reality. Last year, there may have been limits in your University social life due to the social distancing regulations and lockdowns, but on the bright side, this taught us flexibility and the capability to deal with drastic occurrences and patience.

The University

Our institution has been on a 22-year evolution journey since it was established as an ICT training centre. Today, we take pride in a wide range of courses at Masters, Bachelors, Diploma and Certificate levels, that are aimed to foster the realization of Kenya's Vision 2030, Africa's Agenda 2063, the Big 4 Agenda and the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). We also offer a wide range of short courses and take pride in over 67,000 alumni who have benefited from academic programs in the faculties of ICT, Engineering, Media, Hospitality Business, Education, Arts and Social Sciences

KLISC Ranking

Our library was ranked the best in the usage of Kenya Libraries and Information Services Consortium (KLISC) databases and Emerald Publishing resources in 2021. The ranking involved 106 institutions of higher learning and research bodies.

This is a remarkable achievement for us, and we congratulate the entire library team led by our Librarian and the Patrons. I also attribute this to our students for their thirst for knowledge and the tremendous increase in our usage of digital resources.

The launch of our first MBA

On September 3rd this year, Zetech University launched her first post-graduate degree, the Master of Business Administration (MBA). The launch of this program was fueled by our urge to produce competent and innovative leaders who are change-makers in their occupations and areas of specialization.

I encourage our degree graduates to enroll for our MBA so that they increase competitiveness and credibility in the job market. Our MBA is not only unique, but also gives value for money.

I also encourage all students at artisan, certificate and diploma to progress to highest level possible.

Finally

Dear graduands, upon being conferred with your degrees and awarded with your diplomas, you officially join the Zetech University Alumni.

It is our sincere hope that you keep in touch with the progress and affairs of the University, as we shall also follow up on your career progressions and be there for you whenever called upon.

Conclusion

In conclusion, I extend my appreciation to the BOT, University Council, the Vice-Chancellor and the University Management Board, for their harmonious governance and leadership that has seen us celebrate this day.

Thank you all for making this day successful.

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