SPEECH BY THE CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL, ZETECH UNIVERSITY MR. MOHAMMED HASSAN 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, 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,

We have all convened here today to celebrate our class of 2021. On behalf of the Zetech University Council, allow me to start by congratulating the graduating class of 2021. When you were joining this institution four years ago, no one would have thought that you would finish the final lap of your studies in the middle of a global pandemic COVID 19. You are a special class to us, because through your discipline, co-operation and the support from our faculty, parents, guardians and sponsors; you managed to sail through the storm.

Zetech University has particularly stood out as one of the few universities that were able to successfully initiate and sustain the Open Distance E-Learning (ODeL), and you can be assured that the University Council will always be focused on ensuring that all University operations are geared towards giving our students and the University as a whole the best.

The Council as the governing body of the University and in preparation for the Charter, has in 2021 approved 18 policies to strengthen governance and management of the University.

- 1. Brand and Marketing Policy
- 2. Communication Policy
- 3. Linkages and Partnership Policy
- 4. Finance Policy
- 5. Procurement Policy
- 6. Security Policy
- 7. Asset and Infrastructure Management Policy.
- 8. Internal Audit Policy.

- 9. Anti-Plagiarism Policy
- 10. Intellectual Property Policy
- 11. Disability Policy
- 12. Gender Mainstreaming Policy
- 13. Academic Quality Assurance Policy
- 14. Information Communication Technology Policy
- 15. Zetech Digital School Policy
- 16. Records Management Policy
- 17. Zetech Business Technical Institute Academic Policy
- 18. Library Policy

These policies address many of the key issues that are in the University. The Council expects the University Management to apply these policies to the full to continue improving services and processes as we journey to becoming the best University in the world.

Indeed, Zetech University has been on an evolution journey since it gained its University status in 2014 and has made many achievements and milestones. These achievements continue to prove that we are committed to our Vision. Mission and Core Values, as this institution continues to soar to great heights. As the Council, we are proud members of the Zetech fraternity and continue to stay committed to giving our unwavering support.

To the graduating class of 2021, kudos for working towards attaining your degrees and diplomas despite there being a global pandemic. The world is counting on your creativity, skills and competencies for its growth and development. The achievements that we celebrate today are an indication that your future is bright and there is no limit to what you can achieve.

The Chairman Board of Trustees Eng. Ken Mbiuki the Council appreciates the effort the Board is making towards the Chartering of the University by developing the Mang'u main campus of the University. It is our hope that the works will be completed as scheduled.

As I conclude, let me thank our chief guest for creating time to grace this graduation, our Chancellor for presiding over this graduation, our faculty, partners, parents and guardians for their support and to our students for giving us a reason to be here today. I wish our graduates the best in their endeavors and remind them to keep in touch with our alumni.

The festive season is beginning and I wish our Christian brothers and sisters a merry Christmas and a happy new year to all of you.

May God bless you all.

Thank you.

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