

SPEECH BY ZETECH UNIVERSITY COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON AT THE ZETECH UNIVERSITY 2024 GRADUATION CEREMONY

[Salutations]

Our Chief Guest, CEO & Managing Director - Absa Bank Kenya, Mr. Abdi Mohamed,
The Chairman, Board of Trustees Zetech University, Eng. Ken Mbiuki,
Members of Board of Trustees,
The Chancellor, Zetech University, Prof. Susan Alfano Nkinyangi,
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!

On behalf of the University Council, I take this opportunity to welcome you all to this auspicious occasion of the 8th graduation of Zetech University. The Council and I together with all of us, congratulate the graduands for working hard and ensuring that they have used your time and resources availed to you in the best possible way. Congratulations! On the same breath I appreciate the parents and guardians for being our greatest partners in ensuring that students complete their studies and not forgetting those who have sacrificed their own comfort to pursue post graduate studies as self-sponsored students.

Madam Chancellor, Ladies and Gentlemen

We gather to celebrate your achievements at this year's graduation ceremony, themed, **'Harnessing Green Skills and Creativity for Shared Prosperity.'**

It is important to appreciate what are green skills in order to appreciate why this theme is so appropriate. **Green skills are those skills needed to adapt processes, services, and products to climate change and the environmental regulations and**

requirements related to it. They include the knowledge, abilities, values, and attitudes needed to live in, develop and support a sustainable and resource-efficient society. Today the world is in unprecedented times in matters of climate change with floods, droughts and wildfires; armed conflicts fuelled by scarce resources, malnutrition and increased poverty both locally and globally.

Madam Chancellor, Ladies and Gentlemen

We thus must embrace green skills, innovate with purpose, and advance prosperity that is shared among all global people. At Zetech University, we understand our role in empowering this transformation. Our students and staff are equipped not only with knowledge and skills but also with the values and resilience that will enable them to thrive in a complex, evolving world.

As a council, we are committed to sustaining a model of growth that balances innovation and sustainability. This is anchored in our Strategic Plan 2022-2031, which provides us with a roadmap to becoming a recognised node of academic excellence and a transformative force in a changing world. Through this plan, we are paving the way for Zetech University to rise as a leader in quality education, technological advancement, and sustainability.

Madam Chancellor, Ladies and Gentlemen

Commitment to Sustainable Governance and Institutional Development

The University Council has been proactive in implementing policies and securing resources to support infrastructure development, academic programmes, and initiatives that will serve the institution sustainably.

This year has been monumental for Zetech University, particularly with the approval of new postgraduate programmes in Computer Science and Information Technology. These programmes are not only a demonstration of our commitment to academic growth but also a significant milestone in expanding our research and

academic capabilities. I want to acknowledge the role of the Commission for University Education (CUE) in guiding us throughout this process. By rigorously following their directives, Zetech University continues to maintain and exceed the highest standards of academic quality, ensuring our students receive an education that is relevant, impactful, and recognised globally.

Madam Chancellor, Ladies and Gentlemen

Another key achievement this year was the official CUE accreditation of the Zetech University Nairobi City Campus. This new campus is a strategic expansion that allows us to provide more students with access to Zetech University's quality education for students in Nairobi City and its environs.

Strategic Plan 2022-2031: Building for Today, Shaping Tomorrow

Our Strategic Plan is an ambitious roadmap that not only builds on our achievements at Zetech University but also emphasises our responsibility to contribute to Kenya's national progress through sustainability, community engagement, and fostering graduates who are equipped to lead in addressing environmental challenges and driving socioeconomic growth.

Madam Chancellor, Ladies and Gentlemen

Appreciation for Zetech University's Family

I thank the Board of Trustees and the Chairman in particular for the infrastructure development of the university, the University Management Board, the Senate and all staff for the good performance in all its areas of operations. goals.

To all staff, we are grateful for the tremendous impact you have made on this institution and in the lives of our students and other stakeholders.

I appreciate the Chancellor who has continued to support the University with advice and is always there to award the different certifications approved by the Senate.

To the Graduating Class of 2024

Dear 2024 graduands : Today, we celebrate you. You have reached this milestone through your hard work. You are leaving Zetech University prepared to make an impact in a world that needs your creativity, your dedication, and your vision for a shared and sustainable future. The skills you have garnered here, from technical expertise to ethical leadership, are not just for your personal advancement; they are for building a future that benefits everyone.

As you step into your next chapter, know that the challenges and opportunities before you will require both courage and adaptability. Remember that your education is not just a passport to your individual success; it is a toolkit for creating positive change in your communities, your industries, and our world. Embrace the journey with optimism and confidence, and know that Zetech University is proud to call you its alumni.

Congratulations, once again! May you go forth to harness green skills and creativity, and may you contribute to a future of endless prosperity.

It is now my pleasure to invite our Chancellor Prof. Susan Alfano Nkinyangi to address this congregation.

Thank you!

**Mr Mohammed Hassan
Chairman Zetech University Council**