

**KENYATTA UNIVERSITY**

**SPEECH**

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**Opening Ceremony KU@30**

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2015**

- + Our Chief Guest - Mr.  
Wilfred Kiboro;**
- + Members of University  
Management Board;**
- + Members of Senate;**
- + Invited Guests;**
- + Performing Artists;**
- + Members of Staff;**
- + Students;**
- + Ladies and Gentlemen.**

**Good afternoon.**

**I warmly welcome you all to the opening ceremony of the KU@30 Celebrations. I extend a special welcome to all guest artistes and performing groups from various institutions within and outside the country. Allow me in a special way to welcome Our Chief Guest, Mr. Wilfred Kiboro, the**

**Chairman of Nation Media Group. Our Chief Guest, the entire Kenyatta University community is honored by your presence today to grace the opening ceremony of this historical event in this institution. We appreciate the busy schedule that you have and thank you for taking time to preside over this momentous**

**ceremony.**

**Ladies and Gentlemen, today we converge to witness the marking of the official launch of the KU@30 celebrations.**

**The celebrations will run until Sunday the 18<sup>th</sup> October 2015.**

**During the two-week celebrations, students and guest participants will**

**showcase their knowledge, skills and talents through activities such as song, dance, drama, sports, and exhibitions, among other activities. Other activities would include Panel discussions and Public Lectures by members of staff, talk shows and community outreach programs. Going by**

**what we have witnessed so far, I assure you that we have a rich menu in store for not only today but also for the remaining period of the celebrations. I therefore urge you all to plan and find time and be with us for the entire period and specifically take part in most of the activities.**

**Ladies and gentlemen, this year, the theme our celebrations is *‘Embracing Culture in a Digital Age’*. Our celebration is not only a festivity of activities, but an occasion to pause and reflect on the thirty year journey while also looking ahead at the mountains we must still climb. As a country, our**

**entertainment industry is steadily realizing its potential with people slowly changing their mind sets towards arts as viable a source for social entrepreneurship. I believe with forums like this, our students will not only have opportunity to actualize and nurture their abilities but also to enhance their knowledge**

**and appreciation to the diverse cultures. The University is well placed towards the actualization and development of talents, and can actively contribute in establishing a pure gem in the industry.**

**Ladies and gentlemen, the completion of thirty years is**

**indeed a major milestone in the life of this University. Kenyatta University has indeed earned very considerable appreciation for providing value-based education and for imparting the ideals of academic excellence, sense of discipline and high moral and ethical values, leading to the**

**development of an integrated personality. It is extremely noteworthy that Kenyatta University considers it to be its duty to nurture its students as sensitive people with strong values, who will leverage their individual achievements to strengthen the fabric of the community, the nation and the whole**

**world.**

**At Kenyatta University we strongly value our partnerships with business, employers and the wider community as we work together to enhance the country's social, environmental and economic wellbeing. Whether through**

**research development or by providing the workforce with skilled employees, we play a distinctive role in furthering the nation's social, cultural, business and economic development.**

**As I conclude, I would like to appreciate and congratulate the KU@30 planning**

**committee for the work well done. I also thank all the participants for sharing with us their talents and for taking full advantage of this forum to grow. I wish you the best as you continue to showcase your performances during the celebrations. May I now introduce our chief guest, Mr. Wilfred Kiboro.**

## **Mr. Wilfred Kiboro's Profile**

**Mr. Wilfred Kiboro is a Kenyan entrepreneur, philanthropist and golfer. He is the Chairman of the Board of Family Bank. He is best known for successfully serving as the CEO of Nation Media Group. Kiboro is a highly respected personality in the media and business industries in Kenya.**

**Mr. Kiboro is also a member of the Board of Air Uganda Limited. He is the Chancellor of Riara University and a Trustee of the Rhino Ark, a charitable trust founded in 1988 to support conservation in Kenya.**

**After receiving his Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering**

**from the University of Nairobi, he began his career as a Technical Sales Engineer for Shell International, and was later promoted to Technical Sales Manager, in charge of the manufacturing, sales and marketing of industrial and road construction products in the East and Central Africa region.**

**Mr. Kiboro joined Nation Media Group in 1993 as the Managing Director of the Nation newspaper. At the time, the company only produced two products - the *Daily Nation* and *Taifa Leo*.**

**He has received various accolades including being a Member of International Who's**

**Who of Professionals. He is a past Chairman of several organisations including the Media Owners Association, the East African Business Council, the International Press Institute Board, the Federation of Kenyan Employers, and the Standard Chartered Bank, Kenya. He has also served on the Boards**

**of the Kenya Association of  
Manufacturers, and the  
National Environmental  
Management Authority  
(NEMA).**

**Mr. Kiboro has won two very  
significant awards in his time:  
the Elder of the Order of the  
Burning Spear and the  
Leadership Shines Through –**

**Africa award.**

**It is now my pleasure to invite  
Mr. Wilfred Kiboro to speak to  
us.**

**Thank You.**