



**Remarks**

**By**

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COUNCIL CHAIRMAN**

**Uni-City & Petrol Station  
Opening Ceremony**

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2016**

- ✚ Our Chief Guest, The Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Education, Science and Technology - Dr. Fred Matiang`i;
- ✚ Chief Executive Officer, National Oil Corporation of Kenya -Ms. Maryjane Mwangi;
- ✚ Chancellor - Dr. Benson Wairegi;
- ✚ Vice-Chancellor - Prof. Olive Mugenda;
- ✚ Council Members;
- ✚ Members of the University Management;
- ✚ Members of the University Senate and Directors;
- ✚ Staff and Students;
- ✚ Distinguished guests;
- ✚ Ladies and Gentlemen.
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**Good morning.**

Our Chief Guest - Dr. Fred Matiang'i, we are very happy to host you today and to have you preside over the opening of two landmark infrastructure - the Uni-City Mall and the Petrol Station. We feel privileged that in spite of your very busy schedule of serving this great

nation, you have found time to preside over the opening of the infrastructure at Kenyatta University.

Our Cabinet Secretary, I wish to thank you and the Ministry of Education for supporting the provision of quality education in the country. For us, we remain committed to implementing those ideals in the University. I am happy that Kenyatta University is endowed with great leadership and a community of hardworking staff who have been very consistent in giving their best to this institution. Through an amicable working culture that has prevailed in the University.

I wish to point out that in the last three decades, education has emerged as one of the most important factors of social-economic development. The growing global economy is based more on the flow of ideas, creativity and innovativeness besides the basic industrial infrastructure and capital. No country, therefore, can afford to underinvest in the education sector because it is the main driver of a knowledge-based economy.

I sincerely would like to thank the Government for the support you have continued to give institutions of higher education for the institutions to discharge their mandates effectively. Through the

government support and encouragement, Universities are able to contribute immensely in addressing the challenges and problems in our society and guaranteeing a sustainable future for our nation.

On behalf of the University Council, the Management and the entire University family, I would like to assure Your Excellency that we will continue to complement the Governments efforts towards the socio-economic development of this country.

With those few remarks, I would like to invite the University's Chancellor - Dr. Benson Wairegi to make his remarks.

**Thank You.**