



KENYATA UNIVERSITY

SPEECH

BY

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**The Opening of Uni-City & Petrol Station
17th February, 2016**

- ✚ **The Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Education, Science and Education, Dr. Fred Matiang`i;**
- ✚ **The CEO of National Oil Corporation of Kenya;**
- ✚ **Chairman of KU Council Prof. Ratemo Michieka;**
- ✚ **Vice-Chancellor - Prof. Olive Mugenda;**
- ✚ **Members of KU Council;**
- ✚ **Members of KU Management;**
- ✚ **Senators and Directors;**
- ✚ **Members of Staff;**
- ✚ **Student Leaders;**
- ✚ **Distinguished Guests;**
- ✚ **Ladies and Gentlemen.**

Good Morning.

I would like to join the Vice-Chancellor and the Chairman of Council in welcoming the **Chief Guest, Dr. Fred Matiang`i, the Cabinet Secretary Ministry of Education, Science and Technology** to Kenyatta University. It gives us joy that you have found time despite your busy schedule to come and celebrate this momentous occasion with us.

Kenyatta University continues to be a pace setter among her peers and today marks yet another milestone. The opening of the Uni-City Mall and National Oil Petrol Station is a testimony of the many great ideas that keep coming out of Kenyatta University. We take a lot of pride in the institution especially as it continues to make great progress. I wish to congratulate the University Management led by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Olive Mugenda for coming up with this great idea of the Uni-City Mall and the Petrol Station. Prof. Mugenda has over the last ten years shown us what transformational leadership truly means. I commend her for her efforts and leadership skills which have been instrumental in the many achievements that we continue to witness at Kenyatta University.

The Uni-City Mall and National Oil Petrol Station are the first of their kind in the country to be constructed and owned by a public university. These projects add to the entrepreneurial projects that the university has invested in.

As we are aware, with the ever diminishing resources to fund the education sector, universities must think outside the box and come up with ways of generating resources outside the traditional sources. The modern University must put more emphasis on innovative way of doing things. People who innovate are able to thrive and even outlive any challenges they encounter on the way. This is because they are able to come up with new ways of meeting the ever increasing challenges.

As I conclude, I thank the University the University for being focused on the core mandates that have made it thrive over the years. Let us all continue being focused on achieving much more for the good of this country.

With those few remarks, it is now my humble duty to invite the Cabinet Secretary, Education, Science and Technology, Dr. Fred. Matiang`i to address this gathering.

Thank you.