



**Speech by the Chancellor of the Technical University of Kenya, Dr Manilal (MANU) P.Chandaria, OBE, EBS, delivered during the Second Graduation Ceremony held on 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2014, at the Graduation Square of the Technical University of Kenya.**

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**The Cabinet Secretary for Education Science and Technology, Prof Jacob Kaimenyi;**

**The Chairman of Council, Prof George Eshiwani;**

**The Vice-Chancellor, Prof Francis Aduol;**

**Members of the Council of the Technical University of Kenya;**

**Staff of the Technical University of Kenya;**

**The Graduands;**

**Students;**

**Distinguished Guests;**

**Ladies and Gentlemen:**

**It is my pleasure to welcome you, distinguished guests, parents, and guardians to the Second Graduation at the Technical University of Kenya.**

**I wish to begin by extending warm congratulations to our graduands this morning for this great achievement in their lives. We are here to celebrate your many years of discipline, hard work and sacrifice. In order to come this far, you definitely had to forgo many other opportunities that perhaps came your way.**

**I also wish to extend my appreciation to the University in general for making this possible in your lives. Together with the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology, the University has given you skills and tools to enable you fit into the wide world of work that you are just entering.**

**As the Chancellor of The Technical University of Kenya, I feel honoured to be part of this process. I will always strive to contribute, in any humble way, to the training of skilled human capital that our country so badly needs.**

**Ladies and Gentleman,**

**It is only through hard work and honest service that we can effectively contribute to the realization of Vision 2030, which constitutes the major plank in our development as a country.**

**In this regard, together with other institutions of learning and training in this country, the Technical University of Kenya has the onerous duty of training personnel that can be relied upon to provide the engine for further development of the industrial and technological sectors of our economy.**

**As the university executes its mandate, I am well aware of the infrastructure challenges it is facing. In this regard, I wish to appeal to the Government to avail the requisite resources to enable the university meet the training expectations of the ever increasing numbers of students and staff.**

**In the spirit of Public-Private-Partnership, I wish also to urge the university to continue seeking ways of attracting private investors to develop facilities such as hostels to accommodate students. In the same vein, other philanthropists are welcome to contribute generously to make the university a better place to study and work.**

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

**The success of the university depends entirely on the team-work and the collective effort of the entire university community. The teaching and administrative staff are critical pillars in the university's quest for excellence. It is the nature of education that is offered at our universities that will make it possible for our country to be middle income economy in our lifetime.**

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

**Let me remind you that even though this institution is about 50 years old as a polytechnic, it is only two years old as a chartered university. Its growth and stability depends on the efforts you make to steer it to excellence. This is possible if members of the university community work as a team, with a shared dream, ambition and goal. I have no doubt that the Council, the Senate, the teaching and administrative staff, and the students are equal to the challenge.**

**To the Graduands here assembled, you have traveled a long, and perhaps, a rough road. I know life is not always fair, but you must learn to live with it. The outside world is not a joyride; you should not expect it will be for you, for it has never been for anyone! But if you have a positive attitude, there will be people willing to give you a helping hand. By their support you will grow, but by good character you will flourish.**

**Challenges as you have encountered, and as you will meet as you leave this university, are the true test of character. It is my hope that you will be equal to the task because the Technical University of Kenya has prepared you for life outside its comfort.**

**Young people, you should count yourself lucky to have gone through this institution. You are walking out older and perhaps wiser. I wish you the best of luck in the next phase of your lives.**

**Thank you and I wish you a Prosperous 2015.**