

**SPEECH DELIVERED BY THE CABINET SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION,
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, DR FRED MATIANG'I DURING THE 3RD
GRADUATION CEREMONY AT THE TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY OF KENYA
ON DECEMBER 18, 2015.**

The Chancellor, Dr Manu Chandaria, OBE, EBS,

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof Francis Aduol,

Members of the Council, The Technical University of Kenya,

The Graduands,

Staff of the Technical University of Kenya,

Distinguished Guests,

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I salute you on this great day in the academic calendar of The Technical University of Kenya.

I congratulate the graduands and The Technical University of Kenya for making the Third Graduation possible.

The Technical University of Kenya occupies a strategic place in the realization of Vision 2030, the blueprint for the development of this country now, during the next decade and beyond.

The realization of Vision 2030 depends on the quality of human capital from this and other universities. The Ministry of Education is looking up to our universities to provide the leadership in the development of inspired personnel, who will drive the pillars of Vision 2030.

After more than 50 years of Independence, we should begin to rely on our own homebred technical expertise to address most of our development challenges.

It is my challenge to you as the largest of the other technical universities - to lead the pack in the training of high calibre technicians, technologists, and other professionals. You should work closely with other technical and vocational education and training institutions to speed up the production of skilled personnel Kenya needs. This will boost the implementation of the Social Pillar of Vision 2030. You should lead in this direction.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am aware The Technical University of Kenya has many challenges, including space, facilities and equipment. The Ministry of Education shall continue to work closely with you to find the most appropriate way of addressing these challenges. We understand fully that there is need to expand and improve existing facilities to ensure quality standards are improved and sustained.

In the same breath, I challenge the management of public institutions to adapt creative means of plugging any financial deficit they may be experiencing, in order to augment Government capitation.

Finally, accept my congratulations to the graduands as you begin the journey of your careers. Go out and seek opportunities with confidence, knowing The Technical University of Kenya has prepared you for the challenges of real life. I know it will not be easy, but I encourage you to learn to work through it. You have to make the best of opportunities that will come your way.

May God grant you the strength to grow into dependable citizens. And to you all, I say have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2016.

Thank you.

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