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Chief guest, Council Chairman, members of the University council, Vice Chancellor, Deputy Vice Chancellors, deans and directors of the University, University staff, parents, guardians and sponsors, fellow graduands, ladies and gentlemen;

Good morning.

My name is Ephantus Mundia Gachanja from the School of Engineering and I am privileged and yet humbled this morning, that after 4 to 5 years

of hard work, our families and us the graduands have one more reason to thank God for DeKUT.

We all can remember congregating here for the enrolment– young, naive and without much sense of direction. The words of advice given to us during that ceremony and which many of us took heed to have borne fruits. We are now leaving this great Institution as young scholars with a wealth of knowledge and skills ready to face the world with confidence and optimism.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Dedan Kimathi University of Technology has consistently provided us with a conducive learning environment, thanks to Dedan Kimathi University of Science and Technology. We had the best facilities for both curricular and co-curricular activities at our disposal during our journey at the University. We do not take this for granted, because we

know it has taken good planning and allocation of resources to make DeKUT what it is today.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Looking back, each one of us has had our own unique experiences at DeKUT; a combination of good times and bad times, times of laughter and of joy, times of school spirit, and of course, times of last-minute studying for that exam that we forgot was taking place the next day.

Lest we forget we are proud of our lecturers and other staff members who have sojourned with us and inculcated valuable life skills, mentored us and taught us how to network with industry. We are truly well equipped and we look forward to joining the ranks of respected and accomplished DeKUT Alumni in the job market.

Ladies and Gentlemen;

Graduation marks the end of yet another extraordinary chapter in our lives. With this chapter closed, I am certain that many of us are already anxious about starting the next one because, unlike an English book, we cannot skip through the pages of life to see how long the next chapter is going to be. We all have our own book of life that has not yet been written and every day that passes is another page we write in ourselves. Luckily, as DeKUT graduates, we have been given all of the paper and ink we need to write our own stories.

Let us take a moment to remember and honor our colleagues who passed on during our academic journey. Additionally, both academic and support staff who also passed on during these years of our learning. We will forever carry their memories with us.

Ladies and Gentlemen;

I would also like to take a moment to thank our parents, guardians, and sponsors and the Kenya Government for supporting and financing our education, our stories will become best sellers.

Ladies and Gentlemen;

Congratulations class of 2023! indeed the tassel was worth the hassle. Let us not forget all the lessons we learnt during this journey, for we have many more journeys to make.