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Ladies and gentlemen,

On behalf of the university council, I take this opportunity to welcome you all to this auspicious occasion and congratulate the graduands.

We recognize your efforts, your dedication, and your sacrifice. We celebrate your exemplary achievements today, as you receive your awards from this esteemed institution. You have remained focused and true to your ambition as illustrated by your arrival at this stage on the academic ladder.

The knowledge and skills you have acquired should prepare you to meet the challenges of life outside this institution. Indeed, this knowledge should prepare you to serve your country diligently and responsibly as good citizens.

Ladies and gentlemen,

The university has been able to effectively deliver on its mandates due to the support received from the government and other stakeholders. The council would like to thank the ministry of education for its continued support particularly in the expansion of human and infrastructural capacity which has enabled the institution to carry out its mandate in providing a quality learning environment.

This graduation is the culmination of a long journey traveled by the graduands in pursuit of knowledge. Today we crown their effort and reward their achievement. We also like to thank their parents and guardians for their continued support to the graduands in helping them realize their dreams through education.

Ladies and gentlemen,

In these times when the country is facing the coronavirus pandemic allow me to note that the success of this institution would not have been possible without the cordial relationship between the university council, the management board, the senate, Staff Unions, DeKUTSO, staff and students. This has facilitated close consultation on important university matters thus enabling the university to provide solutions in combating the coronavirus pandemic.

As the Council Chairman we would like to congratulate the University for the role it has played in the fight against COVID 19. Since the beginning of the pandemic, the university has been at the forefront of research and development of local solutions. The university has developed hand sanitizers, hazmat suits, reusable masks and is currently developing ventilators to assist the government in fighting the emerging coronavirus pandemic.

The education sector in Kenya plays a pivotal role in the development and progress of the country. The Kenyan job market is very competitive and requires that students are equipped well

with relevant skills. The university natures and shapes leaders and managers to become change agents through knowledge transfer by transforming organizations, governments, and communities.

To the graduands,

The world is competitive and tough; as a university, we have given you the best skills and equipped you with tools to take it on. Be good ambassadors of the university; carry yourself with dignity, discipline, and hard work as you build strong careers to build the nation.

I wish you well.