



## **SPEECH BY THE VICE CHANCELLOR**

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**OPEN DAY WELCOME SPEECH**

The Deputy Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs- Prof. Gerald Muthakia

The Deputy Vice Chancellor, Administration & Finance- Prof. Moses Gachari

The Deputy Vice Chancellor, RTMCL- Prof. Eng. Paul Wambua

Members of the Management Board

Academic and Administrative Staff

Teachers and Students

Ladies and Gentlemen

Good morning!

I would like to welcome you to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Open Day Ceremony at Dedan Kimathi University of Technology (DeKUT).

Principals, Parents, Students and teachers, we are proud to have you here during this ceremony. I also take this opportunity to congratulate the KCSE class of 2013 for their hard work and sacrifice which has ultimately earned you a position either in this University or any other institution of Higher Learning.

These two days, Ladies and Gentlemen, features DeKUT facilities, programmes and innovations from various Schools and Institutes for instance: Business, Engineering, Science, Health Science, Food Bio-resources Technology, Geomatics & Remote Sensing, Technical & Professional Studies, and Sustainable Tourism & Hospitality among others.

I must report with significant pride that this is a University of Technology. This is a time to not only seized opportunity that has presented itself but seize this opportunity by being creative, innovative; doing something that only you can do better than anybody else. Please create a niche in the world for yourself. This is what innovation is about at Dedan Kimathi University of Technology.

As you go round touring the Campus;

### **1. Find out about your chosen subject**

Check out our Departmental Programmes for talks and one-on-one sessions running. Make sure you take time to review the programme in advance to ensure you fit everything in and that you prepare any questions you might have.

### **2. Learn more about life at DeKUT**

Attend our talks on topics from Accommodation to Finance. Don't forget to speak to the staff and students assisting on the day as they will be able to tell you all about life at DeKUT.

### **3. Take a look at our facilities including accommodation**

Guided tours of our campus will be on offer throughout the day. Remember to tour our facilities that include: accommodation, student centre, catering, library, computer laboratories, engineering workshops and machine shops to find out more.

### **4. Have a guided tour of campus**

Staff and Students will be on hand to help and show you around campus. Alternatively you can explore the beautiful campus in your own time by following a self-guided walking tour.

## **5. Lets to do on and around our campus**

The University and its surrounding areas are full of fun and exciting things to do, from visiting our Wildlife conservancy, to the beautiful scenery of Mt. Kenya. Our campuses boast plenty of opportunity and activity and the town centre is just a 10-minute bus ride away too. In addition, we have campuses in Nyeri Town at Prestige Plaza and a center in Nairobi at Union Towers.

Once again welcome to DeKUT! May you have a fruitful day with various professors and lecturers from various schools and institutes!

Come and study at DeKUT! Go out there and be great! Thank you and God bless.

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