



## **UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI**

**REMARKS BY THE CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL, DR. IDLE  
FARAH ON THE OCCASION OF THE PRIZE  
PRESENTATION CEREMONY AT TAIFA HALL ON  
FRIDAY AUGUST 2, 2013 AT 9.00 A.M.**

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**Prof. George A.O. Magoha, Vice-Chancellor**

**Distinguished donors**

**Deputy Vice-Chancellors**

**Principals of Colleges**

**Members of Staff**

**Prize recipients**

**Parents & Guardians**

**Distinguished Guests**

**Ladies and Gentlemen**

**I am delighted to join you on this important day to award prizes to our outstanding students. This is the first time I am presiding over the prize ceremony at this University and I believe that it is among many that I will be joining you in celebrating. I take this opportunity to thank the Government for appointing me as the Chairman of Council, for this prestigious University and I assure you of my diligent passionate service.**

**On behalf of the University of Nairobi Council, I would like to congratulate the prize recipients' for their outstanding performance. I also wish to thank the parents and guardians for their support and continued association with this University. It would have been so easy for you to select another University for your children. But you had hope and value in us. Thank you.**

**Ladies and Gentlemen, the history of the University of Nairobi is full of success stories. The success of the prize winners represents these stories. We remain committed to continue the restructuring of our systems for service delivery which will not only serve us in meeting challenges but also improve our public rating. In this regard, I would like to challenge the prize winners to maintain high standards because there are still many other challenges to deal with. Do not**

**rest on your laurels because the competition is stiff and aggravating.**

**Ladies and gentlemen, I wish to pay tribute to the donors, who have continued to support the University of Nairobi prizes, as testament of the importance they attach to this institution. This gesture is a firm statement that you value academic excellence, and specifically that you have faith in the brand of the University of Nairobi. I salute the donors for continuing**

**to enhance the prizes to reflect the changing economic realities and request those who have not done so to increase their prizes. I also wish to appeal for more donors to come forward to support this cause and to motivate students to excel in their studies.**

**Ladies and gentlemen, allow me to pay tribute to members of academic staff who have, without wavering nurtured the students to excel. Your mentoring and understanding of the academic potential in the**

**students has been without fault. I am confident that you will continue to raise the potential of students, in the challenging times we face. I wish to request the prize recipients' to remain focused and disciplined. Let not your studies end here, please advance to other frontiers of knowledge and continue to be felt as a brand. I wish you the best in your undertaking.**

**Thank you.**