

UON MARKS 55TH GRADUATION CELEBRATION

It was a joyous occasion for the more than 4,000 graduands who graduated today Friday, 2nd September 2016. This was the 55th Congregation for the Conferment of Degrees and Award of Diplomas.

A total of **4,448** graduands were conferred with degrees and awarded diplomas by the University of Nairobi Chancellor, Dr. Vijoo Rattansi. The graduands were drawn from the Colleges of Agriculture and Veterinary Sciences, Architecture and Engineering, Biological and Physical Sciences and Education and External Studies.

Presiding over the occasion, the Chancellor Dr. Vijoo congratulated all the graduands for their achievement. In her opening statement the Chancellor said, "I am happy to be here with you today to celebrate yet another joyous milestone in the lives of University of Nairobi achievers. Dr Vijoo also urged all the University stakeholders to uphold teamwork which constitutes of the 5c's; contribution, collaboration, cooperation, communication and commitment so as to deliver the best services to all its constituents. She concluded by advising the graduands saying "Have the courage to follow your heart and shall be well with you. Now go into the world in peace. Make mistakes, break a few rules, push frontiers and leave the world a better place than you found it."

It was great jubilation when Mr. Peter Kahara Munga was conferred a Doctors of Letters Honorary Degree. Mr. Munga is a recognized entrepreneur in Kenya. He is also the group chairman and founder of Equity Building Society now Equity Bank.

The graduating class of 2016 consisted of: **996** Diploma award, **2812** Bachelor degree awards, **20** Postgraduate diploma Awards, **564** Master degree Awards, **57** Doctor of Philosophy degree Awards and **1** Doctor of Letters.

The graduation theme for this year was: "Transformative and Innovative Education for Sustainable Industrial Growth".

The event took place at the Chancellor's Court. The Master of Ceremony of the event was the DVC AA Prof. Henry Mutoro. It was attended by the Vice Chancellor Professor Peter Mbithi, representatives from the Ministry of Education, university staff, and invited guests among others.