

**VICE CHANCELLOR'S SPEECH ON THE OCCASION OF THE AWARD
OF THE CHARTER TO KABARAK UNIVERSITY BY HIS
EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT MWAI KIBAKI – FRIDAY, 16 MAY 2008**

1. Your Excellency President Mwai Kibaki, the President of the Republic of Kenya and Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces of Kenya; Your Excellency Mr. Chancellor Sir; The ^{Asst} Minister for Higher Education, Science & Technology Hon. ^{Asman Kamama} ~~Dr. Sally Kosgei~~; The Chairman of CHE, The Secretary of CHE, Your Excellencies the Ambassadors; distinguished guests, staff and students. ^{Fellow VCs}

2. First, I wish to take this opportunity to formally welcome Your Excellency, Mr. President to Kabarak University. I also thank your Excellency for coming to Kabarak University and presiding over

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today's Charter Award ceremony. Your presence here affirms your commitment to education in this nation.

3. Your Excellency Mr. President, let me also welcome our Chancellor, the ~~2nd~~ President of the Republic of Kenya, His Excellency, Hon. Daniel Toroitich Arap Moi, the second President of the Republic of Kenya and founder of this institution. *We are grateful for his generosity and willingness to share the future with others.*

4. Last but not least, I wish to extend my warm welcome to the many dignitaries who have joined us today; government ministers, the Commission Higher Education, Vice Chancellors from other universities, the Board of Trustees, the Governing

Council, Parents, Staff and Students. Their presence makes this occasion all the more memorable. We are particularly grateful to our parents and partners who have supported us over the years. I am sure that this occasion also fills them with much joy.

5. As the Kabarak University community, today's occasion marks the culmination of the great vision and foresight of H.E. Hon. Daniel Arap Moi the 2nd President of the Republic of Kenya. He has tirelessly worked to shape the rich legacy that Kabarak University has today. We are therefore humbled that the time which God chose for us to be awarded the charter has come.

6. Your Excellencies, I wish to begin my remarks by thanking the Almighty God for His faithfulness to our institution. I also wish to acknowledge the hard work and tremendous effort of men and women who have been part and parcel of the achievements that we are celebrating today. I also wish appreciate the creativity and tireless work by our Lecturers as well as the non-teaching staff. It is my joy to also pay tribute to our dear students and our ALUMNI who have done us proud by their hard work and exemplary character in the work place.

7. Kabarak University started as Moi high school Kabarak in 1979 and it quickly became a popular and excellent school of choice and

