THE SPEECH OF THE REV. PROF. JONES
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KABARAK UNIVERSITY DURING
HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT
DANIEL T. ARAP MOI C.G.H.,
90<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION
ON 2<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER 2014

**Your Excellency President Daniel T. Arap Moi** 

Distinguished Members of His Excellency's Family present

**Members of Kabarak University Trustees present,** 

**Members of University Governing Council Present** 

**Members of Kabarak University Management** 

**Members of the Senate** 

**Deans and Heads of Departments present** 

Staff and Faculty Members, Teachers of Moi High School Kabarak and Moi Primary Schools

## **Pupils and students**

## **Ladies and Gentlemen**

Good morning

I take this opportunity to invite you to this venue on this special day of His Excellency 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration.

Your Excellency I begin my remarks by first thanking God who according to Ecclesiastes 3:11 "makes everything beautiful in its time".

Jehovah God knew that we would be gathered here today to celebrate Your Excellencys' 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday. For this historic day we give God the Glory.

We thank you, Your Excellency for gracing this ceremony with your presence.

This celebration began with planting the Voldo Tree near President D.T. Arap Moi Library which marks God's Faithfulness upon His Excellency's life for nine decades.

The planting of the commemorative tree was followed by the unveiling of the 4 meters high pillar located infront of the Kabarak University Administration Building.

As you all can see this pillar or monument captures the Vision and Mission of Kabarak University. His Excellency envisioned and purposed in his heart to build a private university which would provide academic education from a Biblical Perspective.

His Excellency's vision is not only captured in the Kabarak University Charter, and registered as such by the Government of Kenya but his vision is now displayed for all to see on this magnificent pillar. The emblem on the top of the pillar weighs six hundred and fifty kilograms. In order to be molded to its present shape, the Bronze was subjected to 3000 degrees heat. Mr. Rajinder Anand (who worked on the sculpture) has been working on it for four continuous months and told us that emblem will last for 600 years! (would Mr. Rajinder and his team stand for us to appreciate his work).

The rest of the pillar including the water fall at the back of what you are looking at was done by Green Assignment with Mr. Collins Korir incharge (stand for appreciation.)

Your Excellency Thank you Sir, for being so sure and firm on your convictions all down through the years. By building this pillar on this spot, you have placed for all present and future students, their parents, their friends, all members of Kabarak Family, and all visitors to the university what Kabarak University Vision is all about.

On the Eastern side of the pillar, we have ingrained in granite the Kabarak University Moral Code which states "As Members of Kabarak, We purpose at all times in all places to set apart in one's heart, Jesus Christ as Lord" 1 Peter 3:5.

On the Western side of the pillar we have ingrained in granite stone a statement which captures your love for God and for humanity. It states "This pillar symbolizes H.E. President Daniel T. Moi's love for God and humanity, his tremendous foresight, devotion and faithful selfless service to the people of Kenya". On this Your 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration, the members of Kabarak Family are grateful to God for giving to you many years of excellent health.

Sir, you are an amazing example in displaying before all people your life of love to God and your sacrificial love to humanity.

Your humility and generosity has blessed not only the Kabarak Institutions but also thousands of Institutions across this land.

It is our prayer that Kabarak Family Institutions will be centers of molding character in accordance with evangelical faith that is founded on Biblical Christianity. It is our prayer that all these institutions will continue to be centers of academic and professional excellence as long as time lasts.

On this 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday, we thank God for His gift of life to you for nine decades and pray that God's favour and blessing continues to be upon you for many years to come.

With these remarks Your Excellency allow me to read the words in the birthday card from Kabarak Family. It is now my most humble privilege to request His Excellency, President Daniel T. Arap Moi to greet and address the congregation.

REV. PROF. JONES1 KALELI.

<u>VICE CHANCELLOR</u>