



EMBU UNIVERSITY COLLEGE
(A Constituent College of the University of Nairobi)

**SPEECH BY THE CHIEF GUEST – DR. VIJOO RATTANSI – CHANCELLOR,
UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI; DURING THE EMBU UNIVERSITY COLLEGE ISO
9001-2008 CERTIFICATION CELEBRATIONS AND LAUNCH OF STRATEGIC PLAN
HELD ON 23RD MARCH 2015**

- Vice-Chancellor, University of Nairobi – Prof. Peter Mbithi
- Chair of Council, Embu University College – Dr. Margaret Gikuhi
- Principal, Embu University College – Prof. Daniel Mugendi
- Embu University College Council members
- Embu University College Management
- Staff and Students
- Distinguished Guests
- Ladies and Gentlemen,

It gives me great pleasure to join you today during this important ceremony marking the attainment of ISO 9001:2008 certification and launch of the Strategic Plan 2014-2018 by Embu University College.-

Please accept my sincere appreciation to the Vice-Chancellor, the Principal and the Embu University College Council and Management for honoring me with the invitation to be part of you in celebrating the success that you have achieved.

I am also delighted to be in such a beautiful University College set in a wonderful, serene and green environment. Indeed being in this environment is refreshing and relaxing I am sure it is also a conducive environment for learning.

I am confident that, you have all it takes to make this University a beacon of knowledge and innovations in Kenya and beyond.

As we celebrate with Embu University College today, I note with appreciation that the ISO 9000:2008 standard is based on several quality management principles that the University College management has decided to adopt and apply across the institution for organizational improvement: The following are among the most important principles of a quality management system

1. Customer focus

2. Quality Leadership
3. Involvement of people
4. Process approach to management
5. System approach to management
6. Continual improvement and
7. Factual approach to decision-making

I commend the University College Council, Management, staff and students for their vision and the great achievements you have recorded so far. It is a sign of sacrifice and commitment by all the stakeholders of the College towards ensuring that the institution's management systems and processes are fully harnessed for quality service provision and also meet internationally accepted standards.

As Chancellor of the University of Nairobi, I am truly delighted to be associated with these new developments and achievements.

Ladies and Gentlemen

As you are well aware, the government has consistently cited higher education as the most suitable vehicle for the realization of the nation's development agenda as envisaged by the Kenya Vision 2030.

It is my prayer that the Embu University Strategic Plan will complement the efforts by the government especially as stated the Kenya Vision 2030 Social pillar whose main objective is to invest in the people of Kenya. This is in order to improve the quality of life for all Kenyans by targeting a cross-section of human and social welfare projects and programmes in the following six areas:

1. Education and training
2. Health
3. Environment
4. Housing and urbanisation
5. Gender, children and social development
6. Youth and sports

The EUC Strategic Plan (2014-2018) marks the beginning of the implementation of a new framework that will enable Embu University College to continue doing what it has done well in the past and at the same time make the University College even better over the coming years. In my view, the new Strategic Plan reflects the priorities of an upcoming academic giant as well as the aspirations of an academically ambitious nation and the mother University.

As you implement the Strategic Plan we have launched today, I challenge the EUC community to;

1. Diversify sources of income by looking for alternative funding to avoid over reliance on the Exchequer

2. Conduct more research to inform policy in both the private and public sector
3. Increase partnerships and linkages with industries and other institutions of learning both nationally and internationally.
4. Encourage more community development initiatives
5. Increase collaborations especially with the County Government and other development partners.
6. Encourage innovations from both students and staff

Lastly, I once again take this opportunity to thank you most sincerely for inviting me to be the chief guest at today's celebration. I am humbled to be among you. I look forward to future visits and interaction with Embu University College.

Thank you all for listening to me.

May GOD Bless you abundantly.

CHANCELLOR, UoN



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ISO 9001:2008 CERTIFICATION & STRATEGIC PLAN 2014-2018 LAUNCH

Message by the Chief Guest – Dr. VijooRattansi – Chancellor, University of Nairobi

I wish to extend my warm congratulations to Embu University College during this important occasion as we celebrate Embu University College's ISO 9001:2008 Certification and the launch of its Strategic Plan 2014-2018. I commend the University College Council, Management, staff and students for the great achievements we have recorded at the new College so far.

This is indeed no mean feat; it is a sign of sacrifice and commitment by all the stakeholders of the University College towards ensuring that the Institution's management systems and processes are fully harnessed for quality service provision and also meet internationally accepted standards.

In addition, today's launch of the EUC Strategic Plan (2014-2018) marks the beginning of the implementation of a new framework that will enable Embu University College to continue doing what it has done well in the past and at the same time make the University College even better over the coming years. In my view, the new Strategic Plan reflects the priorities of an upcoming academic giant as well as the aspirations of an academically ambitious nation and the mother University.

As Chancellor of the University of Nairobi, I am truly delighted to be associated with the new developments and achievements at Embu University College.

Congratulations!

Dr. VijooRattansi, Chancellor, UoN