



UNIVERSITY OF EMBU

SPEECH BY THE CHANCELLOR, PROF. PAUL MUSILI WAMBUA DURING THE CELEBRATIONS TO MARK THE ATTAINMENT OF EXCELLENT RANKING AND NUMBER ONE (1) POSITION IN PERFORMANCE EVALUATION FOR THE 2019/2020 PERFORMANCE CONTRACTING CYCLE

Thursday, 8th July 2021

4.00 pm

Charter Hall

- The Chairperson, University of Embu Council, Dr. Kennedy Okong'o
- Members of the University of Embu Council
- Former Chairperson of the University of Embu Council
- The Vice-Chancellor, University of Embu, Prof. Daniel Mugendi
- Members of University Management and Senate
- Invited Guests
- Staff and Students
- Ladies and gentlemen,

Good afternoon,

I am extremely happy and delighted to be at the University once again to celebrate a major milestone achievement by the University of Embu. I know many of you are used to seeing me in the University during graduations; but today we are not graduating any candidates, rather we are here to congratulate ourselves for the role each one of us has played

in the excellent performance in the 2019/2020 financial year Performance Contracting Cycle. Congratulations to us All!

Let start by expressing my sincere gratitude to the Chairperson and the members of the University Council for the commitment that you have put to get this University to where it is today. In its short history, the University of Embu has built a solid reputation as an institution to reckon with, and one that is committed to excellence.

We have established a tradition of providing students with an outstanding educational experience. This new ranking acknowledges the University's commitment to delivering high quality programmes, fostering excellence in research and scholarly work, and providing unique and transformative learning experiences that put our graduates on the path to success.

This is the 6th year running that the University of Embu has attained the excellent ranking in performance evaluation. We have been ranked the top performing institution in all the Public Universities and further scooped the overall top performer among the State Corporations. We have even been ranked above the larger universities in Kenya. This is indeed a reason for celebrating and dancing to our achievement.

I must convey my deepest gratitude to the Vice-Chancellor (our Vision Carrier), the University Management team and the Senate and all the Staff of the University for your love for the University, your foresight, dedication to duty and your unwavering commitment to see this University shine. You have dedicated yourselves to the full realization of the University mandate as well as the University of Embu Mission and Vision. This achievement is, therefore, a recognition of our collective

efforts as a family to providing a transformative university experience for our staff, exceptional scholarship and the development of our unique student potential.

I would also like to commend our key stakeholders, who are our students for being the best students that the University could ever have. Our students are among the best brains that we have in this country. They are disciplined and hard working. This is the reason why our student population has been increasing over the years because, our current students are the key ambassadors of the University of Embu brand and the drivers of success in the University. I commend you all and encourage you, the students to keep it up.

Let me also thank our stakeholders; the Government of Kenya through the Ministry of Education, the County Government of Embu, Suppliers, Parents, Guardians, the Local Community, Service Providers and all our partners and collaborators for the role you have played in making us Number One. We do not take it for granted. Thank you and may God bless you all.

Lastly, I would like to offer a word of advice or caution to all of us.

We all know that getting to the top in any undertaking is not so easy, and yet when you get to the top, the expectations suddenly shift. More is expected of you because you have to do more to stay ahead when everyone else wants to dislodge you.

When you are leading, there is no one ahead of you to follow. You are the one to cut a new trail through the jungle and this can be daunting. You may be discouraged, feel tired or even walk in the wrong direction again and again. This is the reason it is said that it is easier to get to the

top than to remain at the top. Let us work even harder to sustain our excellent performance and prove to the whole world that we did not get there by chance. The consistency we have demonstrated by attaining the excellent ranking **MUST** be sustained at all costs.

I once again thank you all for this wonderful performance, and wish you the best as you continue to enjoy the splendor of greatness in performance contracting. Let's keep the fire burning and we will continue to climb to even higher heights of success.

Long live the University of Embu.

Thank you and God Bless you

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