I wish to take this opportunity to thank the Government of Kenya for upgrading South Eastern University College into a fully-fledged University. I also wish to acknowledge the excellent job done by the members of Management, staff, students and other stakeholders in transforming the University into an excellent center of teaching, research, innovation and community service. The University Council under the able leadership of Prof Raphael Munavu played a key role in providing guidance to the management and making available the necessary resources required in upgrading the infrastructure, development of academic programmes and recruitment of qualified staff to support teaching and learning.

The South Eastern Kenya University has been upgraded as a successor to the South Eastern University College (SEUCO). The South Eastern University College (SEUCO) was previously the Ukamba Agricultural Institute (UKAI) that was established through Legal Notice No.102 of 15th July 2008, as a Constituent College of the University of Nairobi.

The Government has invested heavily in the development of SEKU. There are projects worth hundreds of millions which are at different stages of development while others have been completed. The University has three hundred and twelve (312) employees consisting of professors, lecturers and non-teaching members of staff. South Eastern Kenya University has a student population of about 3,300 pursuing Certificate, Diploma and Degree programmes registered in the following 10 schools:

- School of Agriculture and Veterinary Sciences
- School of Earth Sciences
- School of Water Resources, Science & Technology
- School of Environment & Natural Resources Management
- School of Pure and Applied Sciences
- School of Education
- School of Humanities & Social Sciences
- School of Business and Economics
- School of Engineering
- School of Information and Communication Technology

According to the University Strategic Plan, the School of Law and Health Sciences will also be established soon.

The student population is expected to reach 10,000 in the next 6 years. The University is laying the necessary foundation to ensure quality teaching, learning, research and community service are catered for in its expansion programme.

Finally I wish to thank the University of Nairobi Management led by the Vice – Chancellor Prof. George Magoha for the excellent mentorship role it played during the period that SEUCO was a Constituent College of the University of Nairobi. The senate was very supportive and prioritized approval of academic programmes for the University College. It is because of this support the South Eastern Kenya University has been able to increase the student population to the current level.

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