



**SPEECH BY HON KALONZO MUSYOKA ON THE OCCASION OF
THE 5TH GRADUATION OF SOUTH EASTERN KENYA UNIVERSITY
HELD ON 27TH FEBRUARY 2018 AT THE GRADUATION SQUARE**

The Chancellor of South Eastern Kenya University, Dr. Titus Naikuni,
Principal Secretary, University Education and Research, Prof. Micheni
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The Governor of Kitui County, Hon. Charity Ngilu

Governor, Makueni County, Hon. Kivutha Kibwana,

The Senator, Kitui County, Hon. Enock Wambua

Area Member of Parliament and other political leaders

The Chairman of Council, South Eastern Kenya University

The Vice Chancellor South Eastern Kenya University, Prof. Geoffrey Muluvi,

Area Member of Parliament and other political leaders present

Distinguished guests

Ladies and gentlemen



I take this opportunity to congratulate the 2018 graduands of South Eastern Kenya University, who are set to get their degrees and diplomas today. This graduation marks a major milestone not just for the University, but for the entire Lower Eastern region of Kenya. I am informed that this is the 5th graduation ceremony since we met here for the first graduation in 2013.

Mr. Chancellor



We in this region are very proud to be associated with this University, which we consider as one of the key pillars of development in this region. Already, the impact of this University is being felt in the entire region through the collaborative work it is doing with a number of state and non-state agencies in areas such as water, health, agriculture and general food security programmes.



It is for this reason that we in the political leadership will continue to give unwavering support to SEKU so that it meets its development objectives and fulfil its mandate to the people of Kenya.

Such support has been clearly manifested through donation of land by the people in nearly all parts of Ukambani: including Mwingi Central, Mutomo, Makueni, Kitui Central, Kitundu, Migwani among others.



We are deeply gratified that the University has already started developing some of these parcels of land into campuses. Already massive construction works are going on in Kitui and Wote towns for the development of modern campuses in those areas. This is a welcome development, which will open up opportunities for our people not only in education but also in employment opportunities.



I urge the University Council and Management to keep up the good work. Please do not stop there because the people of this region are still thirsty for education which has eluded them for long.

Further, I urge the University to continue to collaborate with the Kitui County Government and other County Governments in this region in research activities that target the local communities in terms of poverty alleviation.

Hon. Stephen Kalonzo Musyoka