



SPEECH BY DR. SABAH AHMED OMAR, CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL, SOUTH EASTERN KENYA UNIVERSITY DURING THE UNIVERSITY'S 6TH GRADUATION CEREMONY TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY, 27TH JUNE 2019 AT THE GRADUATION SQUARE

Dr., the Chancellor South Eastern Kenya University,

Prof. George Magoha, Cabinet-Secretary-Ministry of Education, Chancellors of other universities present,

Chairpersons of Council of other Universities present,

The Vice-Chancellor – Prof. Geoffrey Muluvi

The Vice Chancellors of other Universities Present
Graduands

Parents

Distinguished guests

Staff and students

Ladies and gentlemen

I join the Vice-Chancellor in welcoming you all to this auspicious occasion of the 6th graduation ceremony of South Eastern Kenya University. To the graduands, my sincere congratulations on this day which marks a major milestone in your academic career when, after years of hard work, you are finally graduating.

I wish on the onset to thank the Government of Kenya and in particular, the Cabinet Secretary for Education, Prof. George



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Magoha for honouring me with the appointment as chair of the South Eastern Kenya University. I am indeed delighted to be associated with this promising university, which has made significant strides in its contribution towards fostering academic excellence in our country. I previously served as the Vice-Chairman of this University and I am happy to be back at the Institution. I undertake to do my utmost to work with others to steer the Institution towards achieving the vision of being a globally competitive centre of excellence in teaching, research, innovation, and service

In this regard, let me express our appreciation to the government for its continued support to the University. I also take this opportunity to thank the parents and guardians of our graduands for their overall physical, emotional and financial support that they have given to the graduands. I would also like to thank the University Management and staff, who have worked tirelessly to make sure that the graduands received quality education.

Mr. Chancellor Sir,

I am indeed delighted to report that the University has aligned its strategic plan to the government's big four agenda and is currently working towards the realization of the same. In addition, the SEKU-Kwa Vonza road is currently being tarmacked by the Kenya Rural Roads Authority and it is envisaged that once completed it will greatly improve access to the University.



To address the challenges of accommodation for our students, the University is in the process of constructing hostels through the Public Private Partnership model.

Mr. Chancellor,

I am happy to report to you that the Council has ensured that the University operates within its budget despite the financial challenges that it has faced in the recent past. We shall ensure that all resources – human, financial and physical - are utilized in a prudent and responsible manner.

I indeed note that the growth of any institution is mainly determined by the kind of human resources it has. As a University we have strived to invest in a competent and industrious workforce that is totally committed to assisting the University achieve its vision and mission. In this regard, we shall continue to improve the terms and conditions of our members of staff as guided by the Salaries and Remuneration Commission (SRC).

Mr. Chancellor,

I would like to conclude by, once more, congratulating our graduands and wishing them all the best in their future endeavours.

Dear graduands



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To the graduands, I wish to take this opportunity to congratulate you on this achievement. You have all worked very hard to get to this point. The knowledge and skills you have acquired should prepare you well in your individual career goals and ambitions. I further urge you to pursue your dreams and aspirations with zeal and dedication with a view to improving your wellbeing and the economy of this great Nation. I congratulate you once again and wish you well.

Ladies and gentlemen, it is now my pleasure and honour to invite our Chief Guest, Dr....., the Chancellor of South Eastern Kenya University, to address the Congregation.

DR. SABAH AHMED OMAR
CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL