

KABARAK UNIVERSITY

Speech by the University Governing Council Chairman, Prof. John Lonyangapuo on the Inauguration Ceremony of Prof. Dankit Nassiuma on 7th August 2007

Your Excellency Mr. Chancellor Sir, The Board of Trustees, Fellow Members of the Governing Council, Chancellors of other universities, Vice-Chancellors, Permanent Secretaries, Deputy Vice-Chancellors, Principals, Parents, members of Staff, Students, Friends, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen!

On behalf of the Governing Council and my own behalf, I wish to formally invite you to Kabarak University and to this Inauguration Ceremony of our Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dankit Nassiuma. We are all very delighted that you found time from your busy schedules to grace this occasion.

Prof. Nassiuma joins us after a rigorous recruitment exercise and we are confident about his ability to manage the affairs of this University. Mr. Vice Chancellor, congratulations and welcome on board. Do your very best to shepherd Kabarak University to greater heights.

Though young as a University, Kabarak has quickly taken the lead in many areas of academic affairs. Within the last five years, our population has grown from **109** to the current **1,000** plus. We have already had two graduations and are looking forward to the third one later this year. A total of **118** students have graduated and most have been absorbed in the various sectors of our economy while a significant number have proceeded for further studies both abroad and locally.

These successes are indicative of the quality learning that is offered here as well as the confidence with which the public holds this institution. So Mr. Vice Chancellor, one of your responsibilities will be to ensure that very high academic standards are maintained.

The Governing Council, on its part, together with all other arms of the University will continue to create an enabling environment for quality learning. We shall ensure that our students receive the best training possible while their parents and guardians receive the best value for their money.

It is therefore up to our students to make the best of their time while they are here.

I wish to thank our well wishers, partners, parents and guardians for the support that we continue to receive from them. We do not take your support for granted.

For our parents and guardians, the challenge that lies ahead of you is to support our students even more, and the University, by paying all fees owed to the institution.

The Governing Council, on its part, will continue to ensure that very high standards are maintained. We will also provide all the necessary infrastructure to support learning activities. The on-going recruitment of staff is part of this process.

Mr. Chancellor Sir, allow me to conclude my speech by reminding our students and the Kenyan youth in general to seek refuge in the word of God. In a world of degenerating into moral decadence, we all need an anchor whose name is Jesus Christ.

Finally, let me congratulate Prof. Dankit Nassiuma again on his inauguration as Vice Chancellor.

Thank you."