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Madam Chancellor, Chief Guest, Ladies and Gentlemen,

In many years of my university engagement, I have learnt that Life Long Learning is no longer a concept, but a reality of the modern world. This way, knowledge creation and application remains cornerstone in the history of a university. It is in this regard that I would like to make some remarks touching on Mount Kenya University as a pursuant of frontier knowledge.

The notion of pursuing the frontiers knowledge can in its simplistic form, mean *expanding the boundaries* of knowledge. To pursue means you are not running aimlessly but there is a target of your pursuit. It is like you are hunting for a catch or following something desirable, in this case the frontiers of knowledge. In this context, knowledge is seen as the ability to adapt to any situation and never being caught unawares. Others refer to it as the information and skills one acquires through experience or education; both theoretical and practical. Knowledge is what is known in a particular field or in total about facts relating to a particular subject. Thus put together it means that Mount Kenya University is now focusing on *expanding the boundaries* of knowledge. This way, introduction

as well as exploration of new programmes and pedagogical intercourse that generate new knowledge and its application are inevitable.

The knowledge pursued and sought at Mount Kenya University should be geared towards making a difference in the world we live in today and the days to come. This means that Mount Kenya University fraternity should aim for cutting-edge knowledge coupled with country, continental and global engagement to contribute to positive change to lives of individuals and our communities. As we expand globally, this should be our focus. As someone once said, basically we will be taking the best of our university to the global village and the best of the global village back to our university and country.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

As Samuel Kobia once said, there is no greater fulfillment than equipping others for success and thereby adding value to their lives. It is equally fulfilling to see how those who are equipped for success are in turn bringing transformation and empowerment to their societies through commitment inspired by genuine spirit of service and focus on productive, people centered creative engagement. I find happiness to see Mount Kenya University realize this.

To end my remarks, I would like to say that graduation is such an important milestone for graduands and their families, and I congratulate you all on your achievement. The completion of your degree is a great personal accomplishment, and is also a

milestone shared by parents, siblings and friends who contributed to your success. Staff are also proud of your achievement, and wish you well in your chosen career as you leave Mount Kenya University as one of our valued ambassadors.

Thank you, God bless you, God bless Mount Kenya University