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 **Managing Director’s Speech**

***Mr. Josephat Moses OCHIENG***

 **DURING THE**

**MACMILLAN TECHNICAL COLLEGE 2ND GRADUATION**

**CEREMONY**

**GRADUATION THEME:**

**“Equipping the World with Competent Workforce”**

**ON**

**FRIDAY, 26th, 2024**

**AT**

**KENYA INSTITUTE FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION**

* 1. **Salutation**
		+ To the Chief Guest, H.E. Dr. Ida Betty Odinga, *represented;*
		+ The Board Chairman, Mr. Matthew Cruise, *in absentia*
		+ The Counsel, Cameroon Ambassador to Kenya / Dr. Vivian NAIN KUMA,
		+ Hon. Timothy Wanyonyi, Westland MP
		+ Dr. Ooyi Omondi Otieno, CHASP Global Director & World Bank Consultant

Dr. Makhoha Kibaba, Chair, Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, Kenyatta University

* + - Dr. Josphat Oyigo, *Guest of Honor of our Innaugural Graduation* of 2023
		- Ms. Monica Adogo, Registrar Academics, 1st ever employee
		- Ms. Sarah Oganda, *Dean of Students*
		- Members of the College Board of Directors present,
		- Members of the College Management and the Teaching Staff,
		- Distinguished Guests,
		- Parents and Guardians,
		- Graduands,
		- Ladies and Gentlemen.
* I wish to begin by expressing how delighted I am to host this graduation ceremony as the Secretary to the Board and the Acting Principal of Macmillan Technical College.
* Today marks a significant milestone in your lives and a start of a new dawn believing that you are equipped with knowledge, new experiences, and long-life memories from your time at Macmillan College.
* As we gather here today, we celebrate not only your academic accomplishments but also the journey of growth, perseverance, and discovery that has brought you to this joyous moment.
* True to the theme of this graduation, that is ***“Equipping the World with Competent Workforce”;*** Which is in line with our Matra ***“Training Effective Workforce for the Global Market”*** ; We Commit to uplifting our contemporaries, giving hope to our students, while creating a hub of knowledge to posterity.
* To our guests, I would wish to walk you through the memory line and the motivation behind our initiative;
* 1st Macmillan Technical College was and is registered as Macmillan University in the year 2022; later because of the legalities and capacity, upon advise, we were forced to start up as a Middle Level Training College, which we are now;
* Our Mandate is to offer Artisan, Certificate, Diploma, and Higher Diploma Courses;
* Effectively we Started offering Certificate Courses in January 2023 where we registered only 10 Students in our Nairobi Campus
* Steadily, in the same year, we established Mombasa Campus in Nyali, Eldoret Campus in Eldoret Town, and the number of our Students grew steadily to 250 and on the 20th of December 2023, we had our 1st graduation, celebrating the success of 130 graduants who took the Certified Nursing Assistant Course.
* This year we have managed to establish a campus in Nakuru, and now we are holding our second graduation ceremony celebrating 219 Students.
* This progress and growth is informed by our sharp focus to change lives by offering alternatives and responding to needs of the the world by creating effective workforce that the world desperately needs;
* Ladies and gentlemen in the year 2021; I founded Global Health and Immigration Consultancy firm in which we collaborated with Health and Safety Group UK, we trained Care Workers of whom 27 are now working in the United Kingdom;
* Under the program, we started German Language training for Nurses, Clinical officers, and different cadre of healthcare professionals with the aim of linking them to opportunities in Germany; today, 7 of our trainees are working in Germany
* Under Macmillan Technical College, we are about to see the 1st group of our CNA students, some of whom are graduating here today move to Germany either under apprenticeship program of to direct employment.
* We intend to partner and collaborate with different companies and agencies in USA, UK, Germany, Middle East and Broadly in Europe to ensure that we have expansive employment alternatives to our students;
* Our Board Chair Person Mr. Matthew Cruise, based in the US is currently pursuing contracts with care homes in Carlifonia USA for our CNAs, this too shall be a success;
* Why are we pursuing these opportunities?
* As you are aware, 75% of the  51 million Kenyans are under the age of 35 according to the Kenya National Bureau of Statistics as of 2023.
* According to the same agency, Kenyans without jobs increased to more than 2.97 million in the quarter to December, 2023 underscoring the labour market woes in the wake of elevated inflation and reduced activity in multi- sectoral industries.
* Young people below the age of 29, mainly secondary school and college graduates, are the hardest hit by joblessness in an economic setting that is plagued by reduced hiring on the back of sluggish corporate earnings.
* With these facts glaring at us in the eye, I would like to assure my country and our students that we shall continue to model Hands-on-Skills Training in the Fields of ICT and Healthcare that equip our trainees gain skills that are needed in the Global Work-Space.
* I want to further appreciate Macmillan Technical College Teaching and non-teaching staff for taking bold steps in moulding these graduands so that they can fit into the World’s competitive Economy.
* Macmillan Technical College is also keen in giving back to the society through its clubs. The College has reached out to Communities in Mombasa, Nairobi Slums, Eldoret, and Nakuru with charitable donations and Community Services.
* Through the Humanitarian Brigade Club-Mombasa, the College offers counseling services, book donations, offering psycho-social Support Services in the elderly and children’s homes.
* Other than that, the college also offers scholarship opportunities focusing on helping girls from less privileged families without neglecting boys who also deserve help by offering full or partial scholarships.
* These we shall continue doing;
* To our students graduating today, remember that, as you step out into the world beyond these College walls, carry with you the values we instilled in you. Let integrity, perseverance, and empathy be your guiding principles.
* Remember, success is not solely defined by wealth or accolades but by the lives you touch, the differences you make, and the values you uphold. Your journey does not end here; it merely takes a new direction filled with opportunities waiting to be seized.
* As you embark on your individual paths, don’t forget the lessons learned, the friendships made, and the memories cherished during your stay here. Strive to be compassionate leaders, ethical professionals, and agents of positive change in whatever you choose to pursue.
* To the graduands, parents, and other stakeholders, I congratulate you for all your efforts that have led to the graduands’ timely completion of their studies at Macmillan Technical College; an effort that has culminated in this colorful ceremony.
* In conclusion, I wish to mention that I am a philanthropist in the making, an entrepreneuers, a leader, and above all, a father. As a father, I am dedicated to supporting education, creating opportunities for all, mentoring young people, and creating pathways for success.
* I wish you all graduands the best in your lives hoping that you will uphold the values of intergrity and hard work and strive to be Effective in the Global arena. Do not forget, **“Service to People is Service to God”**.

Thank you.

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