

## **University of Nairobi celebrates its 56<sup>th</sup> Graduation Ceremony.**

It was all joy at the University of Nairobi as a total of 8,500 graduands were conferred with degrees and diplomas at the 56<sup>th</sup> graduation ceremony at the Chancellors court.

Speaking during the graduation ceremony, the Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Education, Science and Technology, MOEST, Dr. Fred Matiangi, urged universities to deal firmly with the challenges of graduates' employability, student financing and efficient delivery of services to the members of the public. He urged University staff to ensure that proper records are kept and cases of missing marks resolved to enable as many students to graduate in record time.

On her part, the Chancellor, Dr. Vijoo Rattansi congratulated the graduands, Class of 2016 and urged them to stay the course though the journey may be long. She as well urged them to lead by example and always learn from the University of Nairobi logo 'unitate et labore' by working together and they will achieve great success. In her concluding remarks, she urged the scholars to exercise academic freedom free from political interference.

The Chairman of Council, Dr. Idle Farah took the opportunity to thank the government for their continued support. The government has been very supportive of the University of Nairobi projects like the Nairobi Innovation Week and the Wangari Maathai Institute. The Innovation Week received Kshs. 100 Million while Wangari Maathai Institute received Kshs. 800 million that will go towards development of the campus that stands for peace and environmental sustainability . This is the last graduation that Dr. Idle Farah will attend as Chairman of University of Nairobi Council, as his term comes to an end by February, 2017.

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Peter Mbithi took the opportunity to congratulate the University of Nairobi doctors together with Kenyatta National Hospital doctors for their exemplary service in separating the co-joined twins. He as well urged the graduating class to be goodwill ambassadors and represent the University of Nairobi having been equipped with the right skills to conquer the world.

University of Nairobi is happy to have produced holistic graduates, well equipped to serve Kenyans.

The 56<sup>th</sup> Graduation ceremony was presided over by the Chancellor, Dr. Vijoo Rattansi