

The Principal, Prof. Daniel Mugendi,

The Deputy Principals present,

Deans and Directors present,

Principals of Secondary Schools and Colleges present,

Chief Librarian Embu Library Services present,

Embu University College Fraternity,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

As the a representative of the Governor of Embu County and on behalf of the great people of Embu County I feel humbled as the CEC in charge of Education as I participate in this noble gesture. Today I join the Embu University Fraternity in yet another great occasion of donating books to support teaching and learning in 24 secondary schools, 3 Colleges and National library (Embu branch) all drawn from the county. This is line with your Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) strategy and your philosophy of enhancing human capacity for societal development. The total cost of your CSR today is Kshs 2.2 million.

We note with appreciation the various CSR activities your university has undertaken in Embu County over the years which directly touch the lives of our people. These include;

- i) Participated in cleaning of Embu city
- ii) Trained Vocational Training Centre managers and instructors
- iii) Trained Farmers during various farmers training days
- iv) Participated during various county education days
- v) Donated trophies to highly performing learning activities
- vi) Trained form four candidates on careers days
- vii) Trained county youth on career choices and opportunities
- viii) Provided mentorship to our learning institutions

- ix) Helped establish libraries in 5 high schools namely; Moi high, Kangaru Boys, Siakago Girls, Mayori Schools and Jeremiah Nyaga Technical Training Institute

I note your actions resonates well with our county's vision to empower our youth to acquire necessities skills and knowledge for self reliance. Sir, your University is envy to the other learning institutions in the county and thank you for providing a leading role in education provision.

Ladies and gentlemen, Education and Training are a shared function between the National and County governments as contained in Schedule 4 of the constitution of Kenya 2010. In the Constitution Articles 43 (1), 53 (1 b) and 55 (b) makes education a right of every Kenyan. Vision 2030: Underscores the importance of Education for relevant human and social capital development. In SECOND MEDIUM TERM PLAN 2013-2017: in the Social Pillar, it underscores the importance of "Investing in the people of Kenya" through Education and training. Education and training therefore, is envisioned to as a primary means of upward social mobility, national cohesion and socio-economic development. The County government places great premium on education, in this regard the vision we have is to make the county "A globally competitive county in education, training, research and innovation for sustainable development"

In the last almost three years, my government has invested a lot towards this end. This is through

- i) Provision of clean drinking water through provision of 12000 litres capacity water tanks to each public primary and Secondary school in the County. This will assist in rain water harvesting. Clean water will reduce water borne disease to our students, improve health and learning.

- ii) Provision of Bursary to needy bright student from Embu county in Secondary, Colleges and Universities at a tune of Kshs 122 million of which Kshs 4,291,535.00 was awarded to University students
- iii) Through a signed MOU with HELB, in the financial year 2015-16 we will give loans to regular and self sponsored University students to top up on what HELB gives to resident University student from Embu County
- iv) To support Embu University College and taking care of the needs of EUC students and employees, my government with National have installed Solar Street Lights along the highway up to Mutunduri and the project complete. This will enhance security, and allow student to freely move into and out of the University during the night as well as enjoy their social life as they are young Kenyans.
- v) My Ministry of lands in corroboration with EUC and KARLO management is in the final stages of providing access road to residents of Kangaru village and students. My government will co-work with all stakeholders in making the road motorable
- vi) We are in process of developing Embu county Embu Master plan

To the schools in Embu County I call upon you to encourage your students to use the correct language and inculcate the culture of reading in your students. This can be realized through expanding the existing new library facilities and putting up libraries in the schools. Buying of buses is good but, I think if our school managements can invest in library establishment with the same Zeal/motivation we would release better academic improvement.

The government will co-work with the Embu University and other learning institutions in advancing education to our people

Thank you and God bless you all