



UNIVERSITY OF EMBU

REMARKS BY THE PROF. DANIEL MUGENDI, VICE-CHANCELLOR, UoEm DURING THE EMBU COUNTY PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (ECPDA) ANNUAL BONDING SESSION

Day: Saturday, 17th July, 2021

Time: 10.00 a.m.

Venue: Charter Hall

- The Speaker of the National Assembly, Hon. Justin B. N. Muturi,
- Embu County Professionals
- Invited Guests
- Ladies and gentlemen,

Good Morning,

First, I want to welcome you all to the University of Embu. I know many of you have been to this University many times and we cannot tire to welcome you again and again because this is your home, this is your institution. Specifically, I thank the Speaker of the National Assembly, Hon. Justin Muturi, for visiting the University of Embu once again. Mr. Speaker, just last weekend you were in the University for the Youth Kikao Forum and also you graced our previous Graduation Ceremony as Chief Guest and today, we are glad to have you at the University once again. Please feel much welcome and fully at home whenever you visit.

Secondly, I also pass our regards to the Embu County Professional Development Association (ECPDA) for choosing to hold your Annual Bonding meeting at the University yet again. We are grateful for your recognition that the University is indeed the cradle and home of professionals. It is the most ideal place to meet for professionals because our business is to train and produce professionals to join your association. Our role as an institution of higher education does not stop there, it also goes further to offer your members and their employees professional development opportunities through post-graduate training, refresher and retooling courses. I note with gratitude that the University of Embu has signed an MoU with the Embu County Professional Development Association whose objectives we are continuing to focus on and implement jointly.



As you may have heard and seen in the news lately, the University of Embu has recently featured prominently in all media channels all for the good reasons. We as the University are indeed very proud that our University was ranked the best performing State Corporation in the just released 2019/2020 Financial Year public service Performance Contract evaluations. The University attained a composite score of 2.1250, putting it at the top among all the 223 State Corporations, No. 1 among all the 37 Public Universities and indeed No. 1 overall out of the 366 Ministries, Departments and state agencies evaluated.

I call upon you to spread this good news in your personal and professional forums so that the University of Embu image and influence can continue to grow across all counties and regions both nationally and internationally. Remember when the status of the University is enhanced it impacts heavily on enrollment and expansion thus boosting economic opportunities for the community.

I therefore would like us to continue as per our MoU;

1. Engaging more with University so as to grow new professionals and new business leaders through mentorship programmes, internships, attachments and career advising.
2. Sourcing for resources to help our needy students to access higher education through provision of scholarships, bursaries and grants.
3. Assisting the Association members to further their knowledge in partnership with the University of Embu for continuous professional development at the postgraduate level.
4. Sharing knowledge in your areas of practice with the students in various programmes in the University as visiting mentors.
5. Organizing seminars, conferences and forums for sharing ideas and networking.

In conclusion, I believe that the collaboration between Embu County Professional Development Association members and the University of Embu will continue to grow from strength to strength for the benefit of our youth, the community and the future generations.

I wish you all the best in your meeting today.

Thank you.

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Vice-Chancellor

