

A thumbs up from the Governor!!

The Kajiado Governor has reiterated his best wishes to Tangaza for the charter award that elevated her to university status. Achieving this new milestone, he said expands the university's mission of preparing ethical servant leaders for both the society and the church.

He praised Tangaza University for her allure of the Social Transformation mission. The Kajiado Governor said he has not heard of this aspect from any other institution of higher learning. Hon. Ole Lenku explained that this characteristic struck a chord in him, the first time he heard about it mid-last year.

In a speech as the chief guest during celebrations to welcome the university's achievement of the charter award, H.E Joseph Ole Lenku congratulated to the Tangaza University fraternity on the achievement of the charter. He indicated that he was aware what a long and torturous journey the quest for this charter had been.

He exemplified three key characteristics that make Tangaza unique; traits which, he stressed, must make the founders and pioneers of the university proud. He expounded that these genetic properties are the hallmarks of Tangaza, and so must not be lost as the college becomes a full-fledged university.

The Governor described the university as simultaneously both large and small, which he further explained as awesomely large in spirit, ambitions, and grand intellectual pursuits as well as its impact in the world. Despite being this outstanding, he clarified that TU is relatively small

in size of campus and population of students, researchers and faculty, which gives her that of feel of intimacy where students and faculty get to know each other and form sustainable friendships.

Hon. Lenku added that this is a quality that contributes to what defies a precise definition of why Tangaza is so great.

A second key characteristic that loudly announces the institution's uniqueness is her ability to combine intellectual pursuits with almost evangelical rigour with an agenda to change the world with missionary zeal.

He envisioned the university as a place where the search for knowledge and meaning is robustly central to its mission. A place where that academic mission takes its pride of place alongside the search for the social usefulness of higher education.

Much as students and faculty at Tangaza thoroughly pursue academics, relentlessly question theories, and endlessly advocate for new ones – they tether it to the ability to affect the world in ethical and moral ways. He added.

He noted that it is obvious that a contemporary commitment to academic excellence and social transformation is at the centre of the university's mission. He prayed that as Tangaza evolves into a university, that that mission; that genetic code; will maintain its pride of place in the Tangaza culture.

The third key characteristic that the Governor hoped that the university will amplify as she becomes a university, is the urgent imperative to engage with the world both locally and internationally.

Hon. Ole Lenku pointed out the importance of the institution's eagerness to be in conversations with the outside world. He credited sending many faculty and students for exchange programs to universities outside Kenya, as what marks her as one of the best destinations for upward looking undergraduate or postgraduate students.

He expressed his confidence that the university accomplish this high goal.

We are Tangaza University!!!!

The Tangaza University is one of the two youngest universities in Kenya today. This, after the Charter award by the President H.E. Dr. William Samoei Ruto to the university a few days ago. She stands with her head held high, basking in the glory of her achievement.

In a speech during the celebrations to mark this great achievement at the university's Main Hall, the Vice Chancellor, Rev. Prof. Patrick Mwanja, CSSp conveyed his deepest gratitude to the Almighty God for the far He has brought Tangaza as an institution.



He quoted the psalmist "Indeed unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain; unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain" ... (Psalm 127:1)

"And the psalmist is right." The VC emphasized.

He described the award of charter as a great milestone and a testament of the credible quality education that takes place at Tangaza. He expressed his conviction that with this honor conferred on the university, she will endeavor more to sustain and improve quality culture in the teaching, knowledge creation through research and community transformation.

Fr. Mwanja explained that over the years, the college has evolved and grown, expanding its academic offerings and embracing a broader mission of education, research, and service to society. The Vice Chancellor expressed his joy at the growth, from an institution that started as only a theological center with about 20 seminarians to now a university with over 2000 learners from over 40 countries.

The journey towards the charter has been one of dedication, resilience, and collective effort. It is a testament to the unwavering commitment of our faculty, staff, students, and partners who worked tirelessly to uphold the highest standards of academic excellence and integrity.

The Vice Chancellor acknowledged his predecessors who worked hard at the start of the charter process. Rev. Prof. Steven Payne, a member of the Carmelite Order, Bro. Tom Kerney, Rev. Prof. Steven Mbugua, Prof. David Wang'ombe and Rev. Prof. Appollinaire Chishugi of the Missionaries of Africa.

He also appreciated the team that spearheaded the accreditation and charter process led by Dr. Daniel Kitonga. A lot of effort was put in to ensure that Tangaza conforms to all the requirements of the Commission for University Education for it to be awarded a charter he observed.

As Vice-Chancellor, Professor Mwanja expressed how deeply honored he is, to serve as the Chief Executive Officer and head of Tangaza University. The award of charter is not an end in itself, but the beginning of a relentless and honored challenge as Tangaza works hard to establish a name for herself in the higher learning world he added.

"I willingly embrace the responsibility ahead." He affirmed.

Fr. Mwanja committed that, with the help of God and the support of the Tangaza fraternity, he would ensure that the university grows in excellence in all aspects to become the pride of everyone associated with her. He vowed to uphold the principles of good governance for best practices in management. He acknowledged his responsibility to ensure that Tangaza University remains at the forefront of academic innovation and continue to make a positive impact on the lives of the students and broader community.

Apart from Tangaza's commitment to academic and institutional excellence, research, innovation and community engagement, Fr. Mwanja explained that Tangaza programs as a Catholic institution, are value-based, and inspired by the Gospel and social teachings of the church.



Other areas in which the university excels in are its inclusive educational culture and policies exhibited by an extraordinary drive to recruit and care for students with disability through the Inclusion office.

Tangaza also shines in service-learning activities, and takes pride in being the Africa hub for service learning. We consequently take the lead and mentorship of the African Catholic universities in for service-learning programmes in Catholic Higher education.

He expressed gratitude to the faculty, staff, students, alumni, and partners of Tangaza University, for their dedication, passion, and unwavering support. He emphasized that their contributions were instrumental in shaping the identity and success of our institution.

Present during the celebrations were His Excellency Rev. Hurbertus Van Megen, Apostolic Nuncio to Kenya and South Sudan, His Grace, Archbishop Philip Anyolo, Metropolitan Archbishop of Nairobi and the Tangaza University pro-chancellor, H.E. Joseph Ole Lenku, the Governor, Kajiado County, Hon. George Peter Kaluma, VCs from neighbouring universities, DVC Administration and Finance, and Deans and Directors from schools and institutes within Tangaza.

40 Years to the Charter

The Apostolic Nuncio to Kenya and South Sudan, H.E. Rev. Hurbertus Van Megen has likened Tangaza University's journey towards the charter to several life examples.

With her inception in 1986 when the first students entered this compound as the pioneers of Tangaza. The Archbishop took into account the preparations and the development of this kind of institution. One might assume, the Nuncio pointed out, that it must have been in 1984 that the first idea of establishing the then theological institute emerged.

He observed that 1984: would therefore mean 40 years. His Excellency likened this journey to part of the history of the Jews. It took the Jewish people 40 years to merge into that one people of God, as they were wandering through the desert.

It took 40 years in which God was teaching minds, touching hearts and transforming lives. It took 40 years for Tangaza to develop into what she is today. Her founding fathers would have loved to see this day, from her feeble beginnings to a full-fledged university.

The Archbishop described the number 40 also as the standard for 40 weeks of pregnancy. It takes time for a child to grow and to become viable, he explained, and to withstand the challenges and dangers of this world. This, he said, is also true for Tangaza: she took time to grow to full maturity.

Tangaza has grown up. She is not a child anymore, he added. She is a mother now herself, an "alma mater", taking young people by the hand, leading them into mature adulthood. He termed the university as accompanying young people to become mature men and women in Christ.

The Nuncio described God's ways as inscrutable. Tangaza got the charter on May 2, 2024, the day the orthodox churches celebrate Holy Thursday, the day on which Christ opened His Sacred Heart for universal salvation. In view of this, the evening is a special evening, the evening in which Christ gave into the hands of the Church the sceptre of his power, the instruments of his salvation: the paten with his body, the chalice with his blood. He wrote the charter of the salvation of humanity in his own blood.



The day is also a special day. It is the day Tangaza University College received the instruments of maze, emblem and seal: the official symbols of her recognition as a University. The Archbishop defined this recognition as a mysterious way Tangaza has grown deeper into the salvific work of Christ.

She has received the Charter, he clarified, making Tangaza a true instrument of wisdom, not only in the eyes of the civil authorities, but also in the eyes of Christ himself. As the university credo says; "Tangaza fumbo la Imani" the Nuncio implored the gathering that the University would truly contribute to the announcement of the mystery of faith to all the world.

He passed his Best wishes and God's blessings to the Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor, the University Council, Staff, both Teaching Staff and non-teaching, and the entire student community.

Congratulatory Messages to Tangaza on Attainment of University Charter

John Paul Ngeso Aketch – Principal Administration Officer, KNQA: Congratulations to Tangaza as a university begins today. I am honored to be part of this incredible community.

VC St Paul's University: Congratulations Lukenya University congratulates Tangaza and MUA as both prepare to receive their charters. May the almighty drive the entire process to conclusion.

KCA University: joins the Kenya Association of Private Universities (KAPU) family in congratulating Tangaza.

Baraton University: Congratulations Prof. Patrick Mwanja, this is indeed a big milestone. We celebrate with you.

Leiden University Medical Centre: Hearty Congratulations

Umma University: Congratulations VC Tangaza on attainment of this milestone.

Zetech University: Attainment of charter Prof. Mwanja is the best a University can achieve. Congratulations for the achievement.

University of Kabarak: Congratulations Prof. Mwanja and Tangaza. We at Kabarak University rejoice with you and look forward to celebrating with you.

Strathmore University

Amref International University: We in Amref International University celebrate you for the great milestone.

VC Kampala International university: Hearty Congratulations

Sr. Jane Wakahiu, LSOSF, Ph.D. Associate Vice President of Program Operations & Head of Catholic Sisters Initiative, Conrad N. Hilton Foundation Hearty Congratulations from Conrad N. Hilton Foundation. I am thrilled to recognize with gratitude Tangaza University College's attainment of a charter to become a fully-fledged University. Congratulations!

Sr. Josephine, Kagongo AOSK Chair: I congratulate Tangaza for this great milestone. Be assured of our support.

Director, Chemi Chemi: Congratulations VC and Tangaza community.

University of Applied Sciences: Hearty Congratulations

Sr. Dr. Patricia M. Bombard, BVM, Director Vincent on Leadership: The Hay Project DePaul University, Chicago, IL USA, I wish you all the best for the future as you continue to transform lives for the good of Kenya and the world.

From Sr. Loretta Brennan: Dear Prof. Mwanja, Congratulations to Tangaza on receiving the University Charter. Congratulations

The Africa University Network on FAIR Open Science: Congratulations Tangaza University on obtaining its charter.

African Sisters Education Collaborative (ASEC): On behalf of the Board, staff and students of the Congratulations Tangaza University!!!

DePaul University Chicago: we extend our warmest congratulations to you, your administration, faculty, staff, and students on the momentous occasion of receiving your university charter.

President of Makelle University Hearty Congratulations

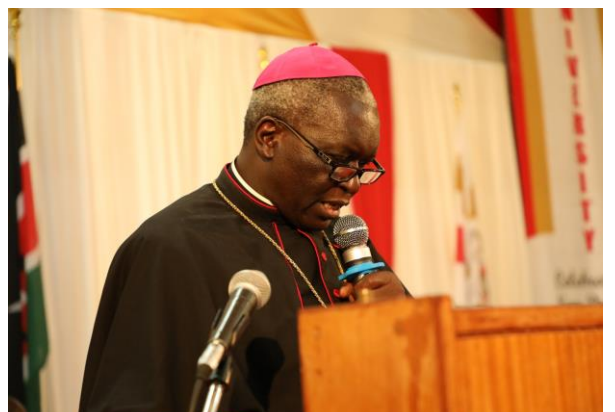
Virus Outbreak Data Network (VODAN)-Africa: Congratulations on obtaining a Full Charter

Thomas Adewumi University, Nigeria: Congratulations to you and the entire Tangaza University College on obtaining full charter.

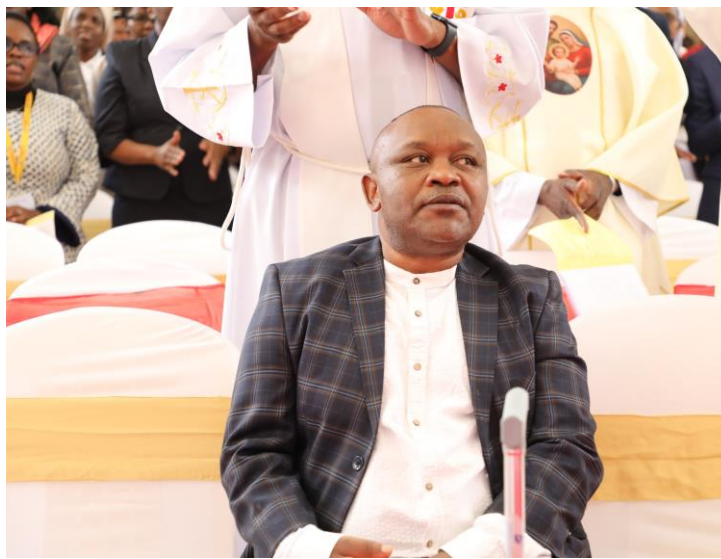
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