REMARKS BY THE VICE CHANCELLOR, PROF. PETER M.F. MBITHI DURING THE 2018/2019 MITSUBISHI CORPORATION INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS AWARD PRESENTATION CEREMONY TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY JANUARY 30, 2019 AT 3.00 P.M IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, UoN TOWERS, 19TH FLOOR.
The General Manager, Mitsubishi Corporation,

Mr. Ichiro Sugane

Other guests from Mitsubishi Corporation

Deputy Vice Chancellors

Staff and Students

Ladies and Gentlemen
Welcome to the University of Nairobi

I am indeed honoured to officiate the annual Mitsubishi Corporation International Scholarship presentation ceremony for the year 2018/2019.

May I take this opportunity to thank Mitsubishi corporation, and in particular the General Manager Nairobi Liaison Office, Mr. Ichiro Sugane for the continued corporation between the two institutions that has made it possible to nurture this very noble corporate social responsibility. I wish to thank the Mitsubishi Corporation international for renewing our MOU for 2018/2019 academic year.
I am informed that the scholarship scheme has been benefiting 14 students annually from BA/B.Ed degree in Geography and BSc degree in Environmental Conservation and Natural Resources Management since its inception in 2009. We thank you dearly for the financial support.

The University is pleased, encouraged and confident that the Nairobi Liaison Office participates in the final selection of students to be awarded this scholarship scheme together with the Department of Geography and Environmental Studies and that you
make follow up progress interviews, as well as asking for the students yearly academic transcripts.

The total number of beneficiaries of this scholarship since its inception is now 124, including the 2018 group. Am happy to note that the number of female students has significantly increased from 28% in 2017 to 50% in 2018. Equally I acknowledge the national representation of the beneficiaries according to the data presented today.

To you students who have benefited from this financial support, I urge you to work hard and be good ambassadors in propagating the mission, vision
and core values of your University, the University of Nairobi and your sponsor Mitsubishi Corporation who have demonstrated and maintained a very strong collaborative commitment.

Am informed that the students have been participating in environmental conservation programs such as cleaning exercise, tree planting, environmental awareness campaigns among other activities which are in line with the Department of Geography and Environmental Studies’ mandate on environmental conservation and management.
I wish to thank Mitsubishi Corporation for their continued support and appeal, through your good office Mr. General Manager for consideration of enhancing the support to include postgraduate scholarships.

Thank you.

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AND
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