UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI

REMARKS BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR, PROF. GEORGE A.O. MAGOHA DURING THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE FIFTH ANNUAL UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI, OPEN DAY AT THE GREAT COURT ON THURSDAY MAY 8, 2014 AT 10.00 A.M.
• Dr. Vijoo Ratansi, Chancellor, University of Nairobi
• Dr. Idle Farah, Chairman, University of Nairobi Council
• Deputy Vice-Chancellors
• Principals of Colleges
• Deans and Directors
• Members of Staff
• Students
• Parents
• Prospective Students
• Partners from various Organizations
• Distinguished guests
• Ladies and gentlemen
It gives me great pleasure to welcome you all to the University of Nairobi particularly to our fifth open day whose theme is “University of Nairobi: providing holistic education that guarantees your success”.

Ladies and gentlemen, the University of Nairobi management has maintained a chapter in the management of academic activities by organizing this academic open day. This event provides an opportunity for the University to
interact with its prospective students, parents and other stakeholders.

In the last six years, during Open days faculty staff have interacted with prospective students and the public at large; sharing the University’s academic programmes, research outputs and services.

Ladies and gentlemen, some of our partners from industry are also participating in this Open day. I wish to thank you for being part of the
University of Nairobi offering holistic information to our stakeholders.

Since its inception in 1956, the University of Nairobi has contributed to the social, economic and political development of Kenya with several outstanding achievements in academia, research and corporate social responsibility. Indeed, these efforts have seen the University gain recognition locally and internationally.
Ladies and gentlemen, in recent rankings, the University of Nairobi has been confirmed as the best University in the region and among the top ten in Africa, we believe therefore that through the open day, we will make a statement about the quality of services we render to the public and our readiness, to stand clear in for public scrutiny of our products, goods and services.

Ladies and Gentlemen, the University of Nairobi has embraced change, it has not been business as usual but rather we have instituted a culture of reform in
the management of the institution, registered more students, increased the courses on offer and expanded our operations to other regions. I wish to assure all our stakeholders that we shall keep to the momentum and improve access to quality of higher education, access and retention of students.

Ladies and gentlemen, this is not the only event that offers opportunity for interaction between the University of Nairobi and its prospective customers; indeed we have been having other forums that include international discourse, inaugural and public
lectures; these forums thus have not only enabled us to grow, but also made us proud members of the University Community are another indication of the robust role that we continue to play.

I wish to thank the Ministry in charge of education, and the government for the support it has continued to provide to the university to enable it discharge its mandate. We assure you the University will not relent from the course of excellence.
With these few remarks, it is my honor and privilege to welcome the Chairman of Council, Dr. Idle Farah to address this gathering.

Thank you.