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OPENING REMARKS BY THE VICE CHANCELLOR DURING THE WORKSHOP ON PEER-TUTORING IN THE TEACHING OF READING HELD ON JUNE 4, 2015 AT KENYA SCIENCE CAMPUS
It gives me great pleasure to be here today to officially open this inaugural workshop on peer tutoring on reading among cross-age pupils in Standards 4 to 6. I feel most honored to welcome you all to The University of Nairobi, Kenya Science Campus.

I am especially delighted that the collaboration between College of Education and External Studies, University of Nairobi and Effective Education Institute of The University of York has begun to bear fruits. Indeed, you have remained true to your commitment to make the collaboration active, as
agreed during the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding.

I affirm our commitment to support rigorous scientific research in line with our vision and mission as “A World Class University Committed to Scholarly Excellence” mandated “To provide quality university education and training, and to embody the aspirations of the Kenyan people and the global community through creation, preservation, integration, transmission and utilization of knowledge.”
I congratulate the UoN-York Team for securing a very competitive grant from ESRC-DFID to implement the innovative service delivery program that will, undoubtedly, re-ignite in our pupils a love of reading for pleasure and for information.

The team must continue to look out for more opportunities for improving the quality of literacy education in this country through scientific and technological innovations through the newly approved Early Grade Reading Institute, which will be held accountable in this respect.
I wish you well in this three-day workshop in which you will acquire knowledge, skills, values, techniques and strategies. It is my pleasure now to declare this workshop officially opened. Thank you.

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