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VICE-CHANCELLOR’S REMARKS AT THE 5TH SYMPOSIUM ON TRAINING AND RESEARCH ON PAN-AFRICAN MATHEMATICS OLYMPIAD (PAMOSTR - 2006) NAIROBI KENYA 10TH – 15TH APRIL 2006 AT THE KENYA INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION (NATIONAL CENTRE FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION - NACECE
The Minister for Education Hon. Dr. Noah Wekesa,
Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Education
Officials from the Ministry of Education,
Deputy Vice-Chancellor, (Academic Affairs),
Principal, College of Biological & Physical Sciences,
President, Pan African Mathematics Olympiad
The Director, School of Mathematics, UON
The International Mathematical Organization (IMO),
The African Mathematical Union (AMU),
African Regional Mathematics Representatives,
Students of Mathematics in Kenya at all levels,
Distinguished Guests,
Ladies and Gentlemen.

Mine is first to take this opportunity to welcome the Honorable Minister to this extremely important annual African Mathematics event organized by African Mathematical Union and hosted by the School of Mathematics, University of Nairobi in collaboration with other Mathematics Departments of Universities in Kenya. Sir, I wish to thank you for kindly accepting to officiate in this Pan African Mathematics Symposium on Training and Research.
Honorable Minister Sir, the School of Mathematics at the University of Nairobi is committed to be a leading centre of excellence in pursuit of development, dissemination and preservation of mathematical knowledge. It is with this in mind that the School took the mantle to spearhead the hosting to the 5th Symposium on Training and Research on Pan African Mathematics Olympiad (PAMO).

It is, indeed, worth noting that the University in its mission is committed to opening new horizons in education possibilities by engaging in demand-driven
programmes and activities that respond to the needs of our society. This Symposium aims at strengthening the level of mathematics in harmony with international standards, a concept that is in line with our University’s strategic objectives.

The University is implementing a new course of action of reaching out to the industry and society with an aim of developing programmes that are responsive to our needs. This fits well with the PAMO’S activity in view of the enhancement of Mathematical standards in Kenya. We are therefore keen to see our beloved
country, Kenya, represented in future Pan African Mathematics Olympiad and we are committed to supporting such initiatives whenever possible for the sake of our future young Mathematicians, who are well represented here.

Ladies and Gentlemen, I take this opportunity to welcome you all to this event and request you to tour the University of Nairobi despite your heavy work schedule.
I now hand you back to the organizers for further deliberations.

THANK YOU.