



KENYA SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT

**Remarks by the Director General, Prof. Ludeki Chweya, Ph.D., CBS,
During the Second Graduation Ceremony for the
Award of Diplomas at Lower Kabete on
March 6, 2019**

The Chief Guest,

Prof. Margaret Kobia, Cabinet Secretary for Public Service, Youth & Gender

Dr. Fred Matiang'i, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Interior and Coordination
of National Government

Prof. Francis Kibera, Chairman, Kenya School of Government Council

Members of the Council of the Kenya School of Government

Kenya School of Government Directors

Government officers present

Distinguished Graduands

Management and Staff of the Kenya School of Government

Distinguished Guests,

Ladies and Gentlemen

This day stands out prominently in the academic calendar of the Kenya School of Government, for on this occasion, we take a break from the very demanding and even depressing routine of lectures, seminar presentations, group work, assignments and, what is more – examinations.

Today, we graduands receive the assurance that this rigor has come to an end – at least for some time. Today, we assemble in this Great Hall to celebrate successful completion of a long process of learning. Needless to say, many find learning that is realized spontaneously in

the course of professional career or social life generally to be a lot easier than the structured, compressed, and compulsory Diploma in Social Work and Diploma in Public Administration programs that have, moreover, taken you away from family, friends and the community for such a long period of time.

Congratulations therefore for successful completion of the programs of study and for the award of Diploma in your respective professional fields. Well done in the search for new knowledge and in sharing with others that which you already knew. Congratulations for the readiness you displayed to unlearn that which you

erroneously believed to be the ultimate knowledge and your readiness to supplant it with new, more current ideas and perspectives on different aspects of your professional field.

I have been impressed by your quick appreciation that knowledge is truly transitory and that a learner is well advised to keep abreast with ever-shifting knowledge trends. Such shifts have become even more routine in the face of the ever-increasing complexities in human society, particularly in the Governance realm. Public servants are responsible for management of societal affairs and they will invariably find it compelling to run ahead of the population whom

they serve in respect of appreciation of societal phenomena and invocation of appropriate initiatives or responses as the case may be.

Couldn't one say therefore with much certainty that a public servant who remains fixated in old knowledge and old workways thereby locks up oneself in a voluntary servitude of ignorance and irrelevance, inflicting much harm to one's own professional reputation and to citizens in their prospects for high-level delivery of public service.

But there is also the matter of where to excavate the new knowledge from, for we have to be weary of false prophets: one faces the formidable risk of exposure to knowledge of tenuous credibility.

Thankfully, in this regard, the Kenya School of Government has been and will remain on hand to fulfil its obligation to transform the Kenyan public service into the most efficient and capable engine for service delivery and implementation of Government agenda for social and economic transformation and progress. We have therefore realigned all our programs to match Government priorities defined in the Big 4 Agenda, the Kenya V2030, SDGs and Africa

Agenda 2063. Further, we have taken all necessary measures to underwrite the quality standards of our skills and competency development programs. We are now on the same.

In conclusion, I confirm that the graduands before you have successfully completed the prescribed program and have the necessary knowledge, skills, and competencies to discharge their duties to the satisfaction of the expectations of their Ministries and the citizens.

Thank you