



UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI

**VICE-CHANCELLOR'S REMARKS DURING THE
CONSULTATIVE MEETING BETWEEN THE
UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI AND
KPA BANDARI COLLEGE ON JANUARY 30, 2014 AT
BANDARI COLLEGE**

The Principal, Bandari College & his Management
University of Nairobi Management
The School of Business Coordinator
Ladies and Gentlemen

I am happy to lead the University of Nairobi management team in a meeting with our counterparts of the Bandari College. I also wish to thank Bandari College management for the hospitality that you have extended to us and for agreeing to host such a high level meeting within a short time.

Ladies and gentlemen our two Institutions have a great history in training high quality manpower in various disciplines at different levels to meet the development needs of our country. While UoN has

remained at the pinnacle as the best university in the country and among the best in Africa, according to world rankings, Bandari College remains the leading College in training high quality personnel for port management in the region and the rest of the world.

The relationship between these Institutions has strengthened over time especially since signing a joint Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) which paved way for UoN to start offering School of Business degree programmes in 2004 at the Coastal

region. Since then, a formal cordial relationship has prevailed that has ensured the successful launch of other programmes. We now have programmes from the School of Law, Faculty of Arts, School of Education, School of Continuing and Distance Education, being offered from our City Centre Campus, Uni Plaza, which we acquired slightly over five years ago.

Despite the acquisition of the new property, we note that Bandari College has remained key to successful management of our School of Business programmes,

and providing accommodation to our staff whenever they come to offer tuition. This has been possible through our MoU which both parties have honoured for over ten (10) years now.

Reflecting on our relationship, it has been good and actually fruitful in cementing our ties. As currently structured, the MoU only deals with teaching space and the responsibilities of the two parties. The relationship is not structured to grow Bandari College and scale it up the ladder of academics. Rather, it is more of a lessor and lessee arrangement.

The University of Nairobi management proposes a new approach to our budding relationship. We propose to accredit Bandari College so that it can begin offering degree programmes in Maritime, Business and Information Communication Technology (ICT). This proposal, if successfully implemented will have a positive impact on the growth of Bandari College making it a University of Nairobi College in the medium term, and in the long run, possibly within four years, upgraded to the first Maritime and Business Management University in the country. The University of Nairobi will nurture the

College and ensure that it meets the requirements of the Commission for Universities Education as stipulated in the Universities Act 2012 and the Senate will ensure that academic programmes meet the expected high standards. We will help you in improving staffing capacities and upgrading some of your diploma programmes into degree programmes.

My team has appraised your facilities in readiness for the accreditation, and will also hold discussions on your earlier proposal of reviewing rent in view of this latest development.

Our proposal which has been captured in a revised joint MoU, envisions vibrant academic programmes for the two Institutions, reviewed administrative arrangements especially in regard to academics and administrative structures. It also spells out ownership of intellectual property rights among other issues of mutual concern. If we proceed as projected, we should be able to launch the first degree programme in May 2014.

It is our considered view that this approach will strengthen the capacity of the two institutions in

discharging their mandate and prepare Bandari College for eventual elevation to full university status in the later future.

Thank you.