

**SPEECH BY THE KENYA MEDICAL TRAINING COLLEGE (KMTC)
BOARD DIRECTOR AND CHAIRPERSON OF THE FINANCE,
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MR. FRED
WAMWAKI, DURING THE LAUNCH OF A KMTC SIMULATION
LABORATORY, HELD AT KMTC NAIROBI CAMPUS ON 28TH JULY,
2021 AT 10:00 AM**

Chief Guest, Health Principal Secretary Ms. Susan Mochache, CBS

KMTC Chief Executive Officer Prof. Michael Kiptoo

Representatives of various Government and Private entities

Development Partners

Members of the Fourth Estate

Staff and students

Online audience

Distinguished Guests, Ladies and gentlemen

On behalf of the Kenya Medical Training College Board of Directors, it is my honor to welcome you **Madam PS** to KMTC.

It gives me great pleasure to witness this auspicious occasion, when the College launches its first ever Simulation Laboratory to enhance teaching and learning in the College. Indeed, today marks a new chapter in the history of KMTC.

I take this early opportunity to thank Gradian Health Systems, who have partnered with the Ministry of Health and KMTC to make this day a reality. The Company recognizes that investments in anaesthesia, critical and emergency care equipment can only lead to improved services with long-term and strategic investments in healthcare workforce development.

Madam PS

As the Government invests in national healthcare systems which will enhance access to medical services, the College continues to strategically complement these efforts by bridging the identified Human Resource for Health gaps.

Being the training arm of Government and the biggest trainer of middle level health professionals, the KMTC Board of Directors is committed to supporting the Government achieve the Universal Health Coverage (UHC) Agenda.

For this reason, the College's 2018-2023 Strategic period is aligned with the Government's agenda of UHC for all Kenyans by 2022, and sets KMTC on a path to ensure contribution to better healthcare.

The simulation Laboratory we are launching today, will undoubtedly go a long way in meeting this goal.

Further to this, **Guest of Honor Madam**, we are directing efforts on meeting objectives that will sustain our leadership position in the training of competent health professionals.

Towards this end, the KMTC Board of Directors has put in place various policies and frameworks to foster innovations that will offer cost effective solutions to health problems and ensure alignment of our internal processes and procedures with existing Laws and regulations.

Guest of Honor Madam,

The above Policy directions have resulted to efficiency driven innovations such as:

- i. Implementation and use of Enterprise Resource Planning, which has automated our systems, streamlined and increased efficiency in operations.
- ii. Setting up an institutional repository which allows our Students to access digital publications and journals to facilitate research.
- iii. Embracing E-learning mode of teaching and learning to ensure our Students continue with their studies without interruptions even during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- iv. Introduction of an online admissions system to enable seamless applications, screening, shortlisting and admission of prospective Students to various courses.
- v. Investing in a secondary data centre to ensure business continuity in the event of disaster.

Madam PS,

The Simulation laboratory we are launching today is in line with the objective of innovatively sustaining our leadership position in the training of competent health professionals. It is envisioned that this new addition will provide the missing link of bridging identified skills gap among healthcare providers, students and technicians in our health facilities, to support the optimal functioning of our medical equipment and efficiency in service delivery.

Madam Ps,

In regards to COVID-19 management, we continue to uphold Presidential directives as well as the Ministry of Health's protocols in supporting the Government combat the Coronavirus epidemic as well as ensuring compliance with the Head of Public Service circulars on workplace guidelines.

To our esteemed partners, we owe you immense debt of gratitude and sincerely thank you for supporting the College in attainment of its mandate.

Allow me to thank the College Management Team and Staff led by the CEO for their dedication in the day to day running of the College and for organizing this event.

I thank my fellow Board Directors for providing leadership to steer the College towards achieving its mandate.

Special appreciation to you Madam PS for always being available whenever we need to consult with your Office.

Please convey our gratitude to the Ministry of Health led by the Cabinet Secretary Sen. Mutahi Kagwe, for the support and guidance, enabling us achieve our Vision of “Being a Model Institution in the Training and Development of Competent Health Professionals”.

Guest of Honor Madam,

As I conclude, on behalf of the KMTC Board of Directors, Management, Staff, Students and stakeholders, I thank H.E President Uhuru Kenyatta, for the support towards growth of the College, enabling us realize our mandate.

It is now my honor and duty to welcome you Madam PS to address us.

Thank you.
