



# MUKUBA UNIVERSITY

REMARKS BY THE VICE CHANCELLOR

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*FOR THE 2024/2025 FIRST YEAR'S ORIENTATION*

ON THURSDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> OCTOBER IN THE UNIVERSITY LECTURE THEATRE AT 10:00 HOURS

I WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE PRESENCE OF

- PRINCIPAL OFFICERS OF MUKUBA UNIVERSITY
- A/ DEPUTY – VICE CHANCELLOR
- REGISTRAR
- CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
- CHIEF LIBRARIAN
- DEAN OF STUDENTS
- DEANS, DIRECTORS AND HEADS OF UNITS
- MEMBERS OF STAFF
- STUDENT LEADERS
- FIRST YEAR STUDENTS

GOOD MORNING!

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

IT IS MY PLEASURE TO WELCOME YOU ALL TO MUKUBA UNIVERSITY. I WISH TO **CONGRATULATE YOU** ALL FOR HAVING SECURED YOUR ADMISSION TO THIS UNIVERSITY AND FOR CHOOSING TO STUDY AT MUKUBA UNIVERSITY.

I TRUST THAT THE ORIENTATION PERIOD HAS ACCORDED YOU KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY RULES, REGULATIONS AND WAY OF LIFE AND THE LESSONS LEARNT WILL HELP YOU THROUGH YOUR STAY HERE AT THE UNIVERSITY.

**MY DEAR STUDENTS,**

YOUR ARRIVAL AT MUKUBA UNIVERSITY MARKS A NEW CHAPTER IN THE STORY OF YOUR LIFE; THEREFORE, I IMPORE YOU TO MAKE THE MOST USE OF THIS OPPORTUNITY, GAIN KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS AND BE A PART OF A PEOPLE THAT WILL ADD VALUE TOWARDS OUR COUNTRY'S DEVELOPMENT.

TODAY YOU ARE THE PRIMARY AUTHORS OF THE NEXT CHAPTER OF YOUR LIVES – YOU HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DETERMINE THE RHYTHM OF YOUR LIVES FROM THE CHOICES YOU WILL MAKE. THIS CAN SOUND A LITTLE SCARY, HOWEVER IT IS ALSO EXCITING, CHALLENGING AND EMPOWERING.

MUKUBA UNIVERSITY PUTS THE STUDENTS AT THE CENTER OF EVERYTHING. YOUR EXPERIENCE AND YOUR SUCCESS IS IMPORTANT TO EACH AND EVERY MEMBER OF STAFF WHO WORKS AT THIS UNIVERSITY.

HERE AT MUKUBA UNIVERSITY, YOU WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN NEW THINGS, ACQUIRE NEW KNOWLEDGE, DEVELOP NEW SKILLS, AND ENHANCE YOUR PERSONAL ATTRIBUTES IN INTENSE WAYS THAT WILL EQUIP YOU FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIVES.

**MY DEAR STUDENTS,**

NOW THAT YOU HAVE BEGAN YOUR UNIVERSITY JOURNEY; YOU ARE EXPECTED TO BE SMARTER AND ALWAYS REMEMBER WHERE YOU ARE COMING FROM AND WHAT YOU HAVE SET TO ACHIEVE!

MAKE SURE YOU ATTEND YOUR LECTURES AND LABS, DO THE ASSIGNMENTS AND READ ALL THE MATERIALS RECOMMENDED BY YOUR LECTURERS. I WOULD LIKE TO URGE YOU TO MAKE ENOUGH TIME FOR PRIVATE STUDY; DEVELOP A STUDY PLAN; GO TO THE LIBRARY AND MAKE USE OF THE LEARNING RESOURCES PROVIDED.

**MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR TIME AT THE UNIVERSITY**

THERE WILL BE OPPORTUNITIES COMING BY, SUCH AS; INTERNSHIPS, FIELD TRIPS, SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS, COMMUNITY PROGRAMS AND VOLUNTEERING PROGRAMS; BE PART AND HELP OUT IF YOU CAN.

AS STUDENTS; YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO BE CREATIVE AND TO COME UP WITH INITIATIVES EITHER THROUGH THE ACADEMIC PROJECTS, STUDENT

ASSOCIATIONS, YOUR SCHOOL CLUBS OR, YOU CAN PIONEER AN INITIATIVE YOURSELF. WE NEED MORE OF ENTREPRENEURIAL AND INNOVATIVE INITIATIVES IN THE UNIVERSITY THAT ARE PIONEERED BY STUDENTS.

**MY DEAR STUDENTS,**

AS STUDENTS OF THIS UNIVERSITY, YOU MUST UPHOLD THE CORE VALUES OF MUKUBA UNIVERSITY. SOME OF THESE INCLUDE: RESPECT AND EQUITY, TEAM WORK, HONESTY AND INTEGRITY, INNOVATION, PROFESSIONALISM, ACCOUNTABILITY, PURSUIT OF NEW KNOWLEDGE, ACADEMIC FREEDOM AND EXCELLENCE.

WHEREAS YOU ARE FREE TO MAKE DECISIONS WITH NO ONE POLICING YOU ANY MORE BECAUSE YOU ARE NOT AT HOME, I MUST REMIND YOU THAT CHOICES HAVE CONSEQUENCES. YOU SHOULD ALWAYS MAKE DECISIONS THAT YOU WILL NOT LIVE TO REGRET.

**MY DEAR STUDENTS,**

I URGE YOU TO BE AWARE OF THE NEGATIVE ACTIVITIES THAT MAY LEAD YOU INTO BEING SUSPENDED OR EXPELLED FROM THE UNIVERSITY; YOU SHOULD RESIST ANY ATTRACTION TOWARDS EXAMINATION MALPRACTICE, THEFT, DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE. THESE ARE REAL THREATS TO YOUR CAREERS AND HAVE HARSH PUNISHMENTS MAY CAUSE YOUR DREAMS TO BE CUT SHORT.

AGAIN, I STRONGLY ADVISE YOU TO AVOID ENGAGING IN ANY CRIMINAL ACTS. ANY STUDENT FOUND GUILTY OF DISRUPTING THE NORMAL ACADEMIC BUSINESS OF THE UNIVERSITY WILL FACE THE CONSEQUENCES. IN ADDITION, ANY STUDENT WHO BREAKS THE LAWS OF THE LAND WILL BE TREATED LIKE ANY OTHER CITIZEN AND WILL BE HANDED OVER TO THE UNIVERSITY DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE OR THE POLICE.

YOU SHOULD ALSO BE AWARE THAT HIV/AIDS IS STILL IN OUR MIDST. NOW THAT YOU ARE IN A FREE WORLD, DON'T BE TEMPTED TO COMPENSATE FOR THE TIME YOU WERE UNDER "LOCK AND KEY" AT HIGH SCHOOLS AND AT HOME TO ENGAGE IN IRRESPONSIBLE SEXUAL BEHAVIORS.

WE SHALL BE HAPPY AND PROUD OF YOU WHEN YOU WALK OUT OF MUKUBA UNIVERSITY AT THE END OF YOUR STUDIES AS UPRIGHT INDIVIDUALS EQUIPPED WITH KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS AND READY TO SERVE.

WITH THESE FEW REMARKS, I WISH YOU SUCCESS AND A FULFILLING EXPERIENCE AT MUKUBA UNIVERSITY.

MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

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