

Welcome Speech by Director CIPL to Incoming new students

The Academic year at the University of Nairobi has commenced and I would like to take the opportunity to welcome you all.

Education can be likened to a great big canvas and this year we would like our students to throw as much paint as they can on the canvas of their education. I appeal to the students, the parents and the teachers to value and uphold the importance of intrinsic motivation.

This year I have no doubt that our students will throw themselves into their education, they will make the most of the canvas of opportunity that they are offered and they will paint the goals that they aspire to. I have no doubt that if they remain motivated in the lecture room, then they will achieve their goals. Their education is sound, creative and innovative and the University of Nairobi, together with the parents and the students themselves, will *help* to make this as a reality.

The Lecturers at the University of Nairobi will take action and help the students to achieve academic, sporting, cultural and life-long learning. May I take this opportunity to thank the teaching staffs for their continued professionalism, excellence and dedication. It is your lecturer motivation and motivation in the lecture room that will help to create a year that is bright with embraced opportunities.

However, even more importantly, the students themselves will have to take action to further their education. Our young ladies and gentlemen too are beginning to realize that they cannot merely sit back and expect the greater University community to do everything for them - they are realizing the importance of self-motivation and are prepared to help themselves.

It is an appeal that we make to our young charges today. Help yourselves! Make the most of the fantastic educational opportunities that you have. Throw as much paint as you can on to the canvas of your education this year. If you can do that, then one day, you will be in a position to respond to the pleas of others who may need your help!

Help! Four letters that mean so much. You must help yourselves so that ultimately you can help others. Each young lady and gentleman here today, in their own way, will need to help. You will

need to help your family. You will need to help the environment. You will need to make sense of the world when sense and reason go missing. You will need to help solve problems through innovation and invention. And, you will need to help turn indifference into motivated, helpful action.

This is our goal as the year at the University of Nairobi commences! Let's continue to work together to help each other to be our best for the world!