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Distinguished Guests
Ladies and Gentlemen**

I am delighted and feel greatly honoured to join the Ministry of Education in congratulating Laikipia University and the over 2,000 graduands on this auspicious occasion of the 6th Graduation Ceremony. Indeed, this is a show case of hard work and determination from the graduands, University Council, staff and parents. Dear graduands, the conferment and award of various titles is a great achievement that inspires yourselves and youthful Kenyans who are still pursuing university education.

Ladies and Gentlemen

The Ministry commits to walking with Laikipia University as it strives to realize its mandate on higher education, research and innovation. The Ministry will continue to provide resources and necessary infrastructural support to see to it that the university attains its goals. The Ministry has total conviction that the University is on the right track in playing a critical role in Higher Education, and to a larger extent on transforming our society. I humbly beseech the university to take advantage and exploit the opportunities that manifest themselves in the President's "Big Four" Agenda.

Ladies and Gentlemen

I encourage universities to strive to regain their status as centres of excellence in Academics, Research and Innovation. They should be innovative enough to provide solutions to challenges facing our dear country since they have the best brains that the country can tap into to spur the desired development. Actually, they are the crème-de-la-crème of knowledge in the society. Laikipia University should not be left behind on this. More importantly, I wish to urge universities to put in place systems and strategies that will ensure prudent utilization of the scarce resources and grants given by the Ministry.

Cases of corruption and misuse of public resources will not be tolerated. Corruption is a vice that must never be condoned if we have to provide Kenyans with quality services.

Dear Graduands

I would like to wish you all a prospective future in the labour market. To all of us, I wish you God's Blessings as we go into celebrating Christmas and as we cross into the year 2019.