

SPEECH BY THE DEAN, SCHOOL OF EDUCATION DURING THE LAUNCH OF MASTER OF EDUCATION IN SPECIAL NEEDS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI IN THE LECTURE THEATRE II, EDUCATION BUILDING MAIN CAMPUS ON THE 30TH JUNE, 2014, 2.30PM

The Principal College of Education and External Studies, Prof. Isaac Jumba, all protocols observed.

I am happy in this occasion of the launch of Master of Education in Special Needs. This is a culmination of a long journey that we started after the government of Kenya launched Special Needs Education Policy in 2009 through the Ministry of Education. It is notable that the School of Education has been offering special needs education in it Bachelor of Education as just one taught unit. It has become evident that the University of Nairobi has to participate in the implementation of special education policy by training special needs education human resource and sensitization of citizens on the plight of persons with special needs.

Just as the Chairman of the Department of Psychology has reiterated, I see a future in which we shall have an undergraduate degree in special needs education and also create a unit in the University of Nairobi that deals exclusively with academic and non-academic issues of persons with special needs.

I wish to thank the Vice Chancellor, the University Senate and members of the Department of Psychology for their support this far, and which has seen the launch of Master of Education in special needs today.

To all of you who have found time to be with us this afternoon, I thank you so much.

Thank you