

REMARKS BY DAYSTAR COMPANY CHAIR REV. DR. MACMILLAN KIIRU DURING THE INSTALLATION CEREMONY OF THE 4TH VICE-CHANCELLOR OF DAYSTAR UNIVERSITY HELD ON 29TH MARCH, 2019 AT DAYSTAR ATHI RIVER CAMPUS

Our Guest of Honour, Prof. Kivutha Kibwana, the Governor, Makueni County;

Your Excellencies Ambassadors, High Commissioners and Diplomats;

The CEO of the Commission on University Education, Prof. Mwenda Ntaragwi;

Founders of Daystar University, Prof. Donald Smith & Mrs. Faye Smith;

Former Chancellor, Daystar University, Dr. Florence Muli-Musiime;

Members of the DU Company and Council;

Outgoing Ag. Vice Chancellor, Prof. James Kombo;

Former Vice Chancellors of Daystar University;

Vice Chancellors of other Universities;

Representatives of various Universities and Organizations;

Church Leaders and Distinguished Members of the Clergy;

Members of Daystar University Alumni Association (DUAA);

Parents & Guardians;

Faculty, Staff and Students of the Daystar University Community;

Distinguished guests, Ladies and Gentlemen...

The Daystar Company and its Board is honoured to be part of this occasion of installing the 4th Vice-Chancellor of Daystar University.

The Daystar Company is a Trustee body that sponsors the University and its role is to appoint the University Council which directly supervises the University.

The journey towards the leadership transition taking place today began in April 2018 when the Daystar Company appointed a special Taskforce to help us understand the challenges that were facing the University.

The Taskforce completed its work within the stipulated three months and presented its findings and recommendations to the Company.

In July 2018, the Company appointed a transitional University Council, chaired by Prof. Henry Thairu, to spearhead the implementation of the recommendations of the Taskforce report.

The appointment of the 4th Vice Chancellor of Daystar University was among the first priority assignments that the Council undertook immediately it was commissioned on July 31, 2018.

On behalf of the Trustees of Daystar University, I wish to thank the entire Daystar University Council for the detailed manner in which you carried out this very critical assignment of searching for and appointing the Vice Chancellor.

May I take this opportunity to congratulate the 4th Vice Chancellor Prof. Laban Peter Ayiro as you assume Office.

Daystar is a non-denominational Christ-centred institution that God has gifted to Africa for the transformation of our society through the students who train through us.

May the Lord grant you the grace necessary for the task ahead. Welcome to the Daystar Family and Community, and once again Congratulations!

Thank you.

Rev. Dr. Macmillan Kiiru
Chair of the Daystar Company.