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SUB: Prof. Laban Ayiro Finally installed into Office as 4th Daystar Vice Chancellor

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[Nairobi. March 30, 2019...] It is a new dawn for Daystar University as Prof. Laban Ayiro was yesterday installed into office as the 4th Vice-Chancellor of Daystar University.

The colourful installation ceremony took place at the University's Athi River campus on March 29, and was graced by the Governor of Makueni County, H.E. Prof. Kivutha Kibwana; who gave the keynote address.

The official installation involved robing of Prof. Ayiro with the Daystar University Vice-Chancellor's academic gown and a hand over of the University's instruments of authority. These included the University Seal, Mace, Logo, Charter, Statutes, the Star, Order of the Towel, and the Strategic Plan 2016/2021.

The inauguration ceremony was presided over by the Chair of the University Council Prof. Henry Thairu assisted by the Daystar Company Chair Rev. Dr. MacMillan Kiiru, Daystar co-founder Rev. Dr. Donald Smith, Bishop Emeritus of Makueni County Rev. (Rt) Joseph Kanuku, Prof. Ayiro's Pastor Rev. Wesley Sang, and Canon Rev. Dr. Rosemary Mbogo of the Anglican Church of Kenya.

Prof. Kibwana congratulated Daystar University for churning out more than 20,000 graduates who have continued to make significant contributions in the marketplace by transforming the organizations and communities they serve, and for allowing Christ to shine where otherwise human failure and biases would dominate. He noted that "the quality rather than quantity of transformed leaders is what counted".

"I'm informed that the testimonies of Daystar Alumni who have refused to be compromised under the pressure of corruption continue to strengthen Daystar's resolve to pursue its purpose through its core values of excellence, transformation and servant-leadership," said Governor Kibwana.

He added that the installation of the Fourth Vice-Chancellor should be a moment of reflection and renewal of the purpose and ability of Daystar University to move forward with determination and courage, tenaciously holding onto its Christian values.

In his inaugural speech soon after installation, Prof. Ayiro promised to work stand on the shoulders of the Founders to make Daystar University the best Christian institution in Kenya.

Against the backdrop of a national culture laden with ethnicity Prof. Ayiro assured faculty and staff that they will be evaluated based on performance, love for God and love for the University. He further emphasized on the need to work together to bring Daystar back to its former glory and committed to serve the Daystar fraternity with utmost dedication.

On his part, the Council Chair, Prof Thairu thanked Prof. James Kombo for his sacrificial service to Daystar University over the last 24 years. He expressed confidence in Prof. Ayiro's ability to give the University a new strategic direction even as it remained true to its vision, mission and purpose.

"Daystar is a Christ-centred University meant to serve Kenya and the continent of Africa. I strongly believe that with the coming of the new Vice Chancellor, this will be accomplished," said Prof. Thairu.

Making reference to King Uzziah in 2 Chronicles 26:4-26, Bishop Emeritus of Makueni Diocese, Rev. Joseph Kanuku encouraged Prof. Ayiro to cultivate righteousness and integrity for success to follow.

Prof Ayiro's appointment as the fourth Vice Chancellor of Daystar University follows rigorous recruitment process that culminated with a stakeholders Forum for the top three candidates on February 15. He was appointed on February 22 and began work on March 1, 2019.

Also in attendance was the Chairman of the Commission for University Education Prof. Chacha-Nyaigotti-Chacha, Ambassadors and High Commissioners, Former Dyastar Chancellor Dr. Florence Muli-Musiime, Former Chancellor of Moi University Prof. Miriam Were, Vice Chancellors of other University, members of the Clergy and representatives of public, , private and non-governmental institutions.

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