

**WELCOME REMARKS BY THE CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL**

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**AT THE 43<sup>RD</sup> CONVOCATION FOR THE AWARD OF  
CERTIFICATES AND CONFERMENT OF CERTIFICATES  
NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF LESOTHO**

**YOUR MAJESTY AND CHANCELLOR**

**YOUR MAJESTY, QUEEN MASENATE**

**THE RIGHT HONOURABLE THE PRIME MINISTER**

**HONOURABLE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER**

**HONOURABLE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE**

**HONOURABLE SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**HER LORDSHIP THE CHIEF JUSTICE**

**HONOURABLE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING –  
PROF RAPAPA**

**HONOURABLE CABINET MINISTERS – ESPECIALLY THOSE  
HERE PRESENT**

**THEIR LORDSHIPS AND LADYSHIPS JUDGES OF THE HIGH  
COURT**

**YOUR EXCELLENCIES, MEMBERS OF THE DIPLOMATIC  
CORPS AND HEADS OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIATIONS**

**MEMBERS OF THE 13<sup>TH</sup> UNIVERSITY COUNCIL**

**VICE CHANCELLOR**

**PRESIDENT OF THE SRC AND THE STUDENT UNION**

**DISTINGUISHED GUESTS AND GRADUANDS**

**LADIES AND GENTLEMEN**

**ON THIS AUSPICIOUS OCCASION, ALLOW ME TO EXPRESS MY PLEASURE IN WELCOMING ALL OF YOU TO THE 43<sup>RD</sup> CONVOCATION FOR THE CONFERMENT OF DEGREES, AWARD OF DIPLOMAS AND CERTIFICATES. IT IS WITH A GREAT SENSE OF HUMILITY THAT I STAND IN FRONT OF YOU AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE 13<sup>TH</sup> COUNCIL TO EXTEND A VERY SINCERE WELCOME AND INVITATION TO JOIN IN THE CELEBRATION OF OUR ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS.**

**YOUR MAJESTY, DISTINGUISHED GUESTS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THIS OCCASION PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO PAUSE AND DO A BIT OF INTROSPECTION TO REFLECT ON THE RICH HISTORY THAT SURROUNDS THIS INSTITUTION. IN THAT RESPECT ONE MAY HIGHLIGHT JUST BUT A FEW ASPECTS OF SIGNIFICANCE WHICH WE SHOULD BE MINDFUL OF, THAT MAKE US WHO WE ARE. FIRSTLY, GRADUATION CEREMONIES AT THIS UNIVERSITY FORM PART OF THE NATIONAL CALENDAR, SO TO SPEAK. SECONDLY, HIS MAJESTY PRESIDES OVER SUCH CEREMONIES AS THE ONE WHO SITS AT THE HELM OF**

**THE ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE OF THE UNIVERSITY; AND LASTLY, OF COURSE, THE UNIVERSITY HAS PLAYED A PIVOTAL ROLE IN ADVANCING THE FRONTIERS OF KNOWLEDGE IN OUR COUNTRY, AND INDEED IN THE SUB-REGION. ALL THESE FEATURES, AND MANY MORE, MAKE THIS INSTITUTION SO SACROSANCT THAT ALL OF US ARE CALLED UPON TO PROTECT ITS INTEGRITY, AS WE SHOULD WITH ALL OTHER INSTITUTIONS OF STATE. THIS THEN BECOMES A CALL TO THE NEW GRADUANDS TO JOIN THE CRUSADE TO UPHOLD AND JEALOUSLY GUARD THE IMAGE OF THIS UNIVERSITY.**

**MAY I CONCLUDE BY EXTENDING MY APPRECIATION FOR THE GOOD WORK DONE BY EVERYONE ACROSS ALL SPECTRUM OF THE UNIVERSITY STAFF IN THE FACE OF CHALLENGING CIRCUMSTANCES THAT PLAY THEMSELVES OUT IN A VARIETY OF WAYS, MOST NOTABLY IN THE INADEQUACY OF RESOURCES. ON THIS DAY, ESPECIALLY, MY CONGRATULATORY REMARKS ARE DIRECTED AT THE GRADUANTS AND THEIR FAMILIES.**

**YOUR MAJESTY, DISTINGUISHED GUESTS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MAY I THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION.**