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KIBABII UNIVERSITY 8TH SOKU PRESIDENT ACCEPTANCE
SPEECH

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Isaac Ipara Odeo, DVC's present, Dean of students, comrades all protocol observed distinguish ladies and gentlemen, I greet you in the name of the Lord.

'The incredible Kibabii university family, all the schools and faculties from that of Education to the School of Nursing.... it is my profound privilege and gratitude that I stand before you today, **I Victor Koech Kipchumba** The President Elect of the **GREAT KIBABII UNIVERSITY** to bring you the popular voices of the unheard majority.(comrades power)

First, I want to thank the Almighty God for the grace and gift of life he has given us. Secondly is to thank the powerful comrades of Kibabii University for the magnificent love they showed to us through their huge number that came out to vote. I would also wish to thank the Kibabii University Electoral Commission for their acute concern about the seriousness and integrity of the 2024/2026 elections which resulted to most successful elections in our history.

Comrades, for many years a narrative has been anchored to our conscious and our minds, a narrative that the position I have taken only belongs to a certain sect of individuals. That all of us who have extremely merited

joining here through passing of KCSE are lesser comrades than a few minority. It is shameful that in the 2021st century as of today we still have skeptic and backward mentalities that drags us behind time.

Nevertheless, Fellow comrades, I am elated by the devouring spirits displayed and proved by the support you have shown me and the team behind, that **YOU, YOU COMRADES** are more intelligent than yesteryears. Looking at the basis of this year's call for leadership, it is evident that every comrade is calling and advocating for competency and proper representation. Those are not just mere grievances as some people have always taken it. These inspiring voices require the attention of my leadership together with the leadership of the university.

As a result, distinguished ladies and gentlemen, we have laid down a strategic plan that we hope it will address most of these challenges if not all. These ideas are not just fantasies; they are real issues, which bears the empirical of practicalities. Putting in mind the standard in which Kibabii University is holding both nationally and internationally, it is essential that we sustain and ultimately improve even further the set status quo. My administration together with the team in SOKU will bring forth and work ourselves in the areas we feel require attention. This should include the following areas, which I have summarized with letter C.

THESE ARE MY THREE C's

COMMUNICATION: communication is the only instrument through which humanity and particularly in such environment get to understand each other well. With my regime, the Secretary General being the communication director, I want to promise you comrade that we shall foster timely communication so that information reaches your hostels and anywhere you will be in time. We shall use available platforms including the religious congregations in Saturdays and Sundays to update you on matters that concerns you. Additionally comrades, Kibabii University is blessed with talented individuals who have ventured into media practicing, including the KIBU TV, we shall use those platforms to communicate to you using media pressers and eventually boosting our digital growth.

COLLABORATION: As you know, comrades *kidole kimoja hakivunji chawa*. Additionally, as we all know, in *unity we stand greater chance to succeed*. This platform is meant to collaborate and unite with all the stake holders to ensure service delivery, our state of roads that we use while coming to the campus area are in dire state, some of us here are living in very dark place during the night which poses security issues. Comrades it is possible if my administration, the University leadership and the local leadership starting with area MCA, MP and even the Governor sits down and correct that state of infrastructure. We are contributing greatly to the economic status of this region and that should not be taken for granted.

CONVERSION: comrades it is evident that we are living in the world where technology and skills are more powerful than even the certificates we have. Many youth here in Kibabii University are multitalented with various skills including artistic, entrepreneurship, scholarly and sports. I believe that as the President of the University I have the assignment to unearth more of these talents and convert them into value addition attributes. It is possible for us to convert these skills and talents into skills that makes more meaning to the comrades. I am particularly grateful to individual such as Yvonne Otunga for the immense efforts they are making in their strides that has earned her a space in Germany for the world Universities Athletics games in July. I will ensure that as your leader we provide more platforms and recognition for you comrades to highlight your talents.

Campus nights are not for the Lords or generals, such activities are made for students. We will therefore ensure that we give it the maximum attention it deserves so that comrades enjoy what they want.

Lastly, in the previous semester a memo circulated indicating that both special and supplementary exams will be taking place alongside the main exams, I wish to promise you that, it will not be possible under my watch. We shall involve the long-term comrade wisdom to discuss with the relevant authorities and provide the feedback. Comrades have various challenging circumstances that might pose challenges to the expectations. Dear students, our main aims here in the university are stamped on

academics, not once not twice but many times comrades have had disappointments in various stages when reaching to spots of academic services. This includes lecture hall chairs, white boards and even accessing services in offices. We have had much conversation with most of you comrades about these issues and we promise to use our power to correct the shameful gaps that should have been forgotten long time ago. We will follow up the 1500 chairs promised by the administration to cover up for the deficit being experienced in lecture halls.

I want to take these opportunity comrades to thank you immensely for the support you have shown us. We shall stand in solidarity with comrade spirits of the present age to ensure that our university experience is improved.

GOD BLESS YOU, GOD BLESS KENYA.

VICTOR FOR VICTORY!

THANK YOU VERY MUCH. GOD BLESS YOU