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SPEECH DELIVERED ON TUESDAY 5TH JANUARY 2021 BY THE VICE CHANCELLOR, PROF. NDIRANGU KIONI DURING THE UNVEILING CEREMONY OF MURINGATO PRIMARY SCHOOL

Acknowledgements and Greetings

- **Member of Parliament, Nyeri Town Constituency, Hon. Ngunjiri Wambugu,**
- **Council chairman, Dr. Jane Nyakang'o**
- **Deputy Vice Chancellor, Prof. Esther Magiri,**
- **Students, staff and invited guests,**

Good morning,

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to the unveiling ceremony of the newly 8 constructed classrooms and a solar powered borehole at Muringato Primary School.

Ladies and Gentlemen,
Last year, Dedan Kimathi University of Technology and NG-CDF Nyeri Town Constituency signed a Memorandum of Understanding to support the development of Muringato Primary School. This was presided by the assessment of the physical facilities of the school and the establishment of the infrastructural needs of the school since the previous structures no longer supported the educational needs of the students and failed to meet the current standards of a modern primary school.

A brief history of the school, Muringato Primary School started as a school for the coffee plantation workers. Later, in 2006 the school was moved to the c handball fields. However, the site was not conducive for the school and in 2009 when the University was established, it was moved to its current location. This location was picked because it had an ideal learning environment and better road access.

The University approved the production of the architectural designs that incorporated the classrooms from Kindergarten, to Primary school and later on to University. Over the years, the University has supported the school in creating income-generating activities as well as food security activities such as the establishment of a greenhouse. This was through the University's partnerships with other universities and Rotary clubs that saw the school benefit in various ways including a grant of 400USD from a Canadian Rotary club as well as books from the Rotary Club of Nyeri.

Our students have over the years adopted the school, coached and mentored students through clubs like the Rotaract Club of DeKUT. These clubs have undertaken projects in the school such as computer literacy, hygiene and sanitation programs and sport development program.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The University Council has also supported the school through the approval of space and the allocation of funds. This has facilitated the school development over the years. Furthermore, the University has been closely engaged in the governance of the school and has through the years placed a nominated DeKUT staff member in the Board of Management (BoM). This has helped in ensuring that the school is geared towards growth of the school and best outlook of the students.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The future looks bright for Muringato Primary School as the University continues to expand. As the Cancer center and Science and Technology Park (STP)grow, we envision that the school will cater to the educational needs of the children of the people who will be working in these institutions. These children will be able to transition from Kindergarten, to primary school through to secondary school then to University.The University commits to supporting the school.

Thank you for coming and for your support.