



**Guide Notes**

**for**

**Prof. Mabel Imbuga, PhD, EBS**

**Vice Chancellor JKUAT**

**during**

**BASCO Products (Kenya) Limited Prize giving ceremony**

**to JKUAT- SABS Students**

**Tuesday October 11, 2011**

**New Boardroom**

Mr. Kamlesh Shah, the Chief Executive Officer of BASCO Products Ltd (K)

Deputy Vice Chancellors

Deans of Faculties

University Registrars

Prize recipients

Ladies and Gentlemen

- I am pleased to welcome Mr. Shah and his entourage to JKUAT to the annual occasion of the BASCO awards of excellence. I also send my warm congratulations to the winning students for their hard work that has enabled them to be decorated today. The University is grateful to BASCO for sponsoring the awards now in the fourth year of implementation.

- Since inception, the project has continued to benefit outstanding final year students in the four departments of Architecture, Construction Management, Landscape Architecture and Civil Engineering. I am pleased to inform our donors that this lucrative award has increased competition among our students. The award offers our students the opportunity to be recognized by their peers, faculty, their parents and the industry. I also expect that the monetary gift presents the winners with the prospect discipline in terms of budgeting. I urge you to use the money wisely to advance your career and other forms of goodwill. It is also appropriate to inform you Mr. Shah that your gesture has for the years been instrumental in fostering our Vision which is to be *A University of Global Excellence in Training Research and Innovation for Development*.
- As a University, we appreciate the gesture by BASCO to JKUAT particularly in inspiring our students to focus on hard work and competition. The collaboration too is useful as it promotes exchange of staff and in providing our students with the opportunity for industrial attachment and research.

- We do recognize and appreciate the expertise that the industry possesses and in providing an opportunity for industry and university to compare notes. I can assure you that we at JKUAT seriously consider this kind of collaboration as central in our operations. We for instance factor in some of the new developments arising from such collaborations into the curriculum. There is nevertheless room for us to explore other opportunities that may be there for our two institutions to further exploit to enhance the partnership.
- I am aware that the current MoU between JKUAT and BASCO comes to an end next year. On behalf of the University Council, I appeal for the extension of the agreement for another period of five years.

- Finally, I would urge today's recipients and indeed the entire students' fraternity and alumni, to emulate this example set out for you by BASCO K Ltd, by actively participating in the work of philanthropy. I would greatly encourage you to provide similar incentives to your alma mater. As I conclude, I wish to reiterate here that JKUAT will continue collaborating with industries that are keen in supporting the best brains from among our country's youth. It is my hope that this partnership will open more areas for further collaboration for our mutual interests.

Thank you