

**Remarks by Dr Florence Oloo (PhD), Deputy Vice Chancellor –
Academic Affairs, Strathmore University on the occasion of granting of
a Charter to the University**

Your Excellency President Mwai Kibaki, the President of the Republic of Kenya and
Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces of Kenya;

The Prime Minister, Hon. Raila Odinga;

The Minister for Higher Education, Science and Technology, Hon. Dr. Sally Kosgei;

Your Excellencies the Ambassadors;

Monsignor Dr Albert Pampillon, the Vicar of Opus Dei in East Africa and the Pro-
Chancellor of Strathmore University;

The Archbishop of the Catholic Archdiocese of Nairobi, His Eminence John Cardinal
Njue;

Dignitaries; Distinguished Guests, Faculty, Staff and Students.

I take this opportunity to welcome you to Strathmore University on this very joyous day
for the university community. We feel very honoured by your presence here. Karibuni
sana!

Since the granting of the Letter of Interim Authority in August 2002, the university has
expanded tremendously. Student enrolment has gone from 2400 to the current 4300. The
number of undergraduate degrees is now four while we have four masters degree
programmes and one postgraduate Diploma.

We have established two postgraduate schools: the Strathmore Business School, to be the
centre of excellence for executive business education; and the School of Graduate Studies
to co-ordinate graduate studies in the University. We now have three faculties (Faculty of
Commerce, Faculty of Information technology and Faculty of Hospitality and Tourism);
three schools (Strathmore Business School, School of accountancy and School of
Graduate studies) and two institutes (Institute of Humanities, Education and development
Studies and Institute of Continuing Education).

The University continues to lay emphasis on staff development by promoting and supporting studies for higher degrees, professional development and human formation. Many of our young lecturers have enrolled for higher degrees here in Strathmore and in other Universities that we collaborate with in Kenya and abroad. We have a Certificate Course in Lectureship for all our lecturers and a course for all the Student Mentors, to prepare them for mentoring our students. We now have 21 Ph.D holders, 8 undergoing Ph.D studies, and 31 Master holders in the different disciplines.

Your Excellency, it has taken a lot of hard work to arrive at today's occasion. We have invested in providing good learning and teaching facilities to our students and staff. The Commission for Higher Education has taken the University through a rigorous accreditation process. We passed the test and today we are waiting eagerly to receive the Charter from the hands of your Excellency. It is an opportunity to thank all the members of the University Management and the Academic Council, all our staff and students for working tirelessly to meet the conditions for the award of the Charter.

Your Excellency, it is a pleasure to have you here and we hope you will enjoy your stay with us.

Thank you.