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COLLEGE**

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Executive Director and Chairman of The Board Dr. G. M. Kiruhi, Directors present, Deputy Regional Commissioner, Principal Mrs. Lydia Githinji, Principals present, visiting minister, Reverend Dr. Edward Karanja, Invited guests,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good Morning,

Today marks a significant day in our lives and in the lives of our graduands as we all gather here to celebrate our graduation from this esteemed medical institution. It is an immense privilege to address this gathering and speak on an important aspect of our journey- the profound significance of dual training and collaboration between technical institutions and medical institutions.

As healthcare professionals, we are well aware that the field of medicine is an ever-evolving domain, characterized by rapid advancements in technology and its applications. The complexities of healthcare necessitate a multidisciplinary approach, where medical knowledge intertwines with technical expertise. And this is where the collaboration between technical and medical institutions becomes instrumental.

Firstly, allowing a seamless blend of technical training within the medical curriculum enables future healthcare providers to develop a diverse skill set.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Secondly, the collaboration between technical institutions and medical institutions fosters an environment of innovation and research. When engineers, scientists, and medical professionals unite their expertise, we witness remarkable breakthroughs that transform healthcare practices. Interdisciplinary projects and research initiatives have the potential to revolutionize diagnostics, treatment modalities, and patient outcomes. Such collaborations allow us to constantly challenge

assumptions, push boundaries, and create groundbreaking solutions to some of the most complex health challenges.

Technological innovations in medical imaging, robotics, artificial intelligence, and telemedicine have revolutionized the way medical diagnoses are made, surgeries are performed, and patient care is delivered. By integrating technical education within our medical training, we become adept at harnessing these breakthroughs and providing our patients with the most advanced and efficient care available.

Moreover, dual training and collaboration opens doors to immense career opportunities for medical graduates. The integration of technical skills equips us to explore diverse career paths beyond traditional medical practice. We can contribute to medical device manufacturing, healthcare information technology, biomedical research, and many other exciting fields that lie at the intersection of medicine and technology. By diversifying our skill set, we fortify our professional horizons, ensuring that our contributions to healthcare extend beyond the traditional realms.

However, for this collaboration to thrive, it is essential that both technical and medical institutions foster an atmosphere of mutual respect and understanding. Bridging the gap between our disciplines necessitates effective communication, shared goals, and a shared vision of advancing patient care. Opening avenues for dialogue, joint research projects, and exchange programs will enable us to develop lasting partnerships that benefit both the patients we serve, and the fields we represent.

In closing, let us reflect upon the immense potential that lies within the collaboration between technical institutions and medical institutions. As we embark on our professional journeys, may we embrace the power of interdisciplinary cooperation, understanding its significance in transforming the face of healthcare. By uniting medical knowledge with technical proficiency, we become catalysts for innovation, champions for change, and healers for a better tomorrow.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Finally, as we celebrate the achievements of our 443 graduands today, let me urge them not to stop at that point. Even as you purpose to join the world of work and medicine, purpose to continue learning. Be confident that you have received the requisite skills to fit in the job market. It is now your time to use the skills you have attained to positively impact the world.

Do your best to quickly get to the world of work, or venture into entrepreneurship and practice your skills so that you create employment for yourself and for others.

Parents, guardian and sponsors of the graduands, receive a hearty appreciation for the overwhelming support that you have given to these graduands.

Thank you and God Bless You!