

OPENING REMARKS

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DURING THE MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY-TIANJIN CITY VOCATIONAL COLLEGE JOINT VIRTUAL SEMINAR ON CLOUD COMPUTING AND INFORMATION SECURITY ACADEMIC PROGRAMM

ON 13TH, NOVEMBER, 2020

- Prof. Li Yan, the Vice-Chancellor, Tianjin City Vocational College
- Mr. Zhang Lin, the Tianjin City Vocational College, Secretary of the Party Committee and members of your delegation;
- Members of Machakos University Management Board;
- Other Guests Present;
- Ladies and Gentlemen.

Let me start by conveying my warm greetings to you all and thank you for finding time to participate in this seminar. As we are all aware, the world continues to experience the challenges of COVID~19 Pandemic, which has deprived us the joy of physical interaction. Nonetheless, partnership between Machakos University and Tianjin City Vocational College is built on the domains of technology that enables our engagements go on seamlessly.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Since the signing of our memorandum of understanding on the 14th of December, 2019, both parties have remained committed to its letter and spirit. In less than a year, this collaboration has seen the construction of Luban Workshop, training of our faculty at Tianjin City Vocational College and in addition, Machakos University has received numerous equipment and teaching resources from China.

It is worthy noting that every effort is being made towards stream lining the syllabus and curriculum for a 3 year diploma and 4 year Bachelor degree in Cloud Computing and Information Security for Kenya Students. It is also pleasing to inform you that the Machakos University is working hard and following up with various arms of Government to ensure a speedy approval of these programmes.

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

As I conclude, allow me to thank the leadership of Tianjin City Vocational College for the trust, cooperation and interest that remains inherent in Machakos University. I hope this seminar will cement the partnership between Machakos University and Tianjin City Vocational College and explore all options that would ensure proper utilization of the Luban Workshop to actualize the intended benefits and desires of our governments.

It is my pleasure to officially open today's seminar and I now invite Prof. Li Yan, The Vice-Chancellor, Tianjin City Vocational College, to make her opening remarks.

Thank you.