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**19<sup>TH</sup> KENYA SCHOOL OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION  
(KESRA) GRADUATION CEREMONY**

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**Commissioner General**

**KRA Board Members**

**Management and Staff of KRA**

**Distinguished guests**

**Parents and Guardians**

**Esteemed Graduands**

**Ladies and gentlemen**

Good morning.

On behalf of the National Treasury and Planning and the entire Government I wish to start by congratulating the KRA Board, the Commissioner General and the leadership of KESRA for this auspicious occasion of KESRA's 19<sup>th</sup> graduation ceremony.

I also congratulate most sincerely the close to 1,000 graduands who are graduating here today.

Graduation ceremonies are generally very happy events. However, they can also be sources of anxiety for graduands, especially as they ponder their next moves in their journeys of life.

## **Esteemed Graduands**

To allay the anxieties that some of you might be going through, I am happy to report that many of us here have gone through several graduation ceremonies as graduands and we ended up just fine. So, if our journeys turned out well, why would yours not turn out well?

I wish to confirm that the future is even brighter now for you than it was during our time. The opportunities open to all of you are immense. You just need to approach life with courage and with a spirit of service and you will be fine.

Today, as we celebrate your academic achievements with you today. I think it is important for you to spare a few moments to reflect on your previous journey and on the journey ahead and pick some lessons from your past journey and see how these lessons can be applied to improve the journey ahead.

CG, since my appointment as Cabinet Secretary of the National Treasury a month ago, I have spent time to gain a deeper understanding of the work and dynamics of KRA and I can confidently say that I am appreciative of the work that the KRA team continues to do for this country.

## **To the KRA management**

As the National Treasury we shall continue to support KRA with necessary resources so that you can enhance your capacity to mobilize even more revenue for the country.

We shall also continue to work with KRA to identify other ways of supporting the work that you do in other spheres outside revenue including in the areas of trade facilitation and market protection.

I am also greatly appreciative of the work that KESRA is doing. Training close to 7,000 out of about 8,500 staff in one year is not a small achievement. Indeed, very few private and public entities are able to train even half of their work-force every year. Going by these numbers KRA is already training over 80% of her staff per year. I must congratulate you CG and your team for this achievement.

I believe time has come for KESRA to support Government ministries and agencies even more in capacity building that has direct bearing on tax compliance within Government. For example, there might be scope for a training program for parastatal boards and senior Government officers who are agents of Government in tax mobilization. I will be happy to discuss this possibility with the view to move it forward to implementation

I take note of the rapid growth achieved by the School in the last few years. I particularly note with satisfaction the footprint that KESRA has already built around the Continent in the areas of Tax and Customs Administration.

I am informed that KESRA is the largest of the four Regional Training Centers for WCO in East and Southern Africa, the host of the OECD-African Academy for tax and financial crimes investigations and the regional training partner for ATAF.

The national Treasury shall continue to support KRA as it invests to enhance the capacity of KESRA. In particular, am aware of the need for land within Nairobi to establish KESRA's main campus, even as we cement the position of the School as Africa's premier tax and customs academy. I commit to work with the Board and the Commissioner General to find some land for this important project in the coming days.

As I close my remarks, may I take this opportunity to thank the guardians of all those that are graduating today for the support that you have given these graduands throughout their studies.

May I also once again congratulate all of you graduands for successfully completing your studies at KESRA. It is my hope that you will find it useful to further your studies to keep growing yourselves.

Congratulations to you all