



NOTICE TO ALL GRADUANDS OF THE 15TH GRADUATION CEREMONY

Dear Graduands of the 15th graduation, reference made to our earlier communication of August 10th, 2021 which provided you with information about the 15th graduation schedule, it is indicated that the graduation ceremony is scheduled on October 14th, 2021.

As the due time is on our door, I am pleased to inform all candidates who have successfully completed all the academic requirements that the graduation ceremony for the conferment of your respective degrees will be held at Nyanza Campus, in the Southern Province, Nyanza District on October 14th, 2021 at 10.00 a.m.

This notice aims at providing you with all the needed information regarding your Graduation Ceremony.

1. Participation in the 15th Graduation

As our 15th graduation ceremony is going to be held amid COVID-19 pandemic, the event will be celebrated by respecting all preventive measures.

Therefore, UNILAK management has decided to use online channels whereby a sample of few graduands who have completed their studies with 1st class will represent physically their colleagues.

The parents who will attend the ceremony are those whose children have scored the highest grade in their respective faculties and who will be rewarded.

2. Media to be used

The graduation ceremony will be live streamed on UNILAK YouTube channel and Igihe.com YouTube channel. Links will be communicated in due time. It will also be live via social media platforms of UNILAK and Igihe.com, that is, Facebook and Twitter.

3. Respect of preventive measures against covid-19

People who will physically attend the event will be requested to comply with the following:

- ✓ Presenting COVID-19 test results taken within 72 hours;
- ✓ Having taken at least 1st vaccination dose of COVID-19;
- ✓ Keeping the required social distancing;
- ✓ Wearing properly face mask;
- ✓ Washing hands.

4. Procedures for issuance of academic gowns

Even though the graduation ceremony will be live streamed, graduands who will not attend physically the event are allowed to be given gowns for their celebrations in their respective families. Gowns will be distributed from 07th to 12th October, 2021. Gowns will be returned to UNILAK not later than 22nd October, 2021. Failure to return them in due time, a fine of 1000 RWF will be charged on a daily basis.



5. Distribution of the degrees

The degrees will be available in the registrar' office from 14th November and you are advised to take them as soon as possible.

6. Graduating class motto

"In our hands we hold today, in our dreams we hold tomorrow"

7. Agenda of the day

- 8:30 A.M: Arrival of the Graduands and Parents
- 9:30 A.M: Arrival of Invited Guests
- 9:45 A.M: Academic Staff, Graduands, VIPs assemble for procession;
- 9:50 A.M: Arrival of VIPs
- 10:00 A.M: Procession
- 10:10 A.M: National and UNILAK Anthems
- 10:20 A.M: Choir, Scripture reading and Opening Prayer
- 10:30 A.M: Official Opening of the Graduation Ceremony by the Chancellor
- 10:35 A.M: Speech by the Vice Chancellor
- 10:45 A.M: Gospel Music
- 10:50 A.M: Speech by the Chairman of the Board of Directors
- 10:55 A.M: The Deputy Vice Chancellor of Academics invites the Deans to present the Graduands for the conferment of Degrees and presentation of awards.
- 11:25 A.M: Speech by the Representative of Graduands
- 11:30 A.M: Gospel Music
- 11:35 A.M: Speech by the Legal Representative of UNILAK
- 11:45 A.M: Speech by the Guest of Honor
- 11:50 A.M: The Chancellor dissolves the congregation
- 11:55 A.M: Choir and Closing Prayer
- 12:00: End of the Graduation Ceremony

🌟 *Congratulations on your graduation and best wishes for your next adventure!* 🌟

Done at Kigali 10th October, 2021

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