

THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KISUMU



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

PRESS STATEMENT;

23/10/2020

THANK YOU MR. PRESIDENT:

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Fourth Estate;

1. Over the past two days, Kisumu played host to the President of the Republic of Kenya and the Commander-In-Chief of the Armed Forces H.E Uhuru Muigai Kenyatta; who was accompanied by the African High commissioner for Infrastructure the Rt. Hon. Raila Amolo Odinga and a host of cabinet secretaries and high ranking government officials.
2. The President was here to inspect various development projects being implemented by the National Government; Jomo Kenyatta International Stadium, Uhuru Business Park and the Port.
3. We cannot forget the cabinet approvals for the construction of the Koru-Soin Multipurpose dam and the 63 kilometer Mamboleo – Miwani – Muhoroni road not to mention the upcoming Special Economic Zone in Miwani, Muhoroni Sub County.



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4. Let me take this opportunity to graciously thank the president, one for the visit and most importantly for identifying Kisumu for these priority projects.

5. We are indeed very humbled and encouraged by his commitment towards the speedy and successful delivery of these initiatives.

6. It is not lost on us that these projects will not only revolutionize the economic landscape of Kisumu alone but will be game changers for the whole western sector.

7. We are excited that although the port is due for opening soon, several activities have been going on there. So far, MV Uhuru has transported 20 million litres of petroleum to Uganda. We expect more business from the port once the jetty in Jinja is inaugurated by the government of Uganda.

8. We look forward to the opening of Jomo Kenyatta International Stadium by April next year. We acknowledge the goodwill of the president for adding my government 100 million shillings towards Jaramogi Oginga Odinga Sports Complex. With this support, we are sure to have the complex ready for opening by the next Easter holidays.



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9. The future indeed looks bright. This bright future has been nurtured and cultured by the good relationship cultivated with the National Government.

10. This good relationship has created a conducive environment for planning, both infrastructural and logistical towards hosting of **Afities Kisumu 2021**. This conference will open up latitudes of opportunities for the people of Kisumu and beyond. I want to assure the nation that the planning is progressing well under National Steering Committee commissioned by the President.

11. We are also delighted that this atmosphere has given us the opportunity to host the second Nation Media **KUSI IDEAS FESTIVAL** in December this year; following the inaugural Kigali event that Kisumu co-hosted.

12. With all these initiatives, we know that Kisumu will be able to generate a lot of new jobs for the growing young and tech-savvy population. We look forward to commence enrollment of start-ups youth firms to our Innovation and incubation Centre which is 90% complete.

13. Let me also appreciate the president's concern and directive to KeNHA that the unfinished section of Kisumu Boys – Mamboleo road up to and



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including the Mambleo – Jomo Kenyatta Stadium be completed by April of next year.

14. I cannot forget to thank the Rt. Honorable Raila Amolo Odinga for his unflagging commitment to the economic growth of this region, always going out of his way to ensure interception and facilitation of our requests to the national government. His contribution in the achievement of these projects shall forever be etched in our history books.

15. Finally, let me thank most sincerely, the leaders and the people of Kisumu for coming out in droves to help me welcome and host our guests. Thank you!

Thank you. God bless Kenya, God bless Kisumu.

H.E. PROF. PETER ANYANG' NYONG'O EGH
GOVERNOR, KISUMU COUNTY

