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UNIVERSITY OF EMBU MOURNS THE PASSING OF DR. VIJOO RATTANSI, OGW, FOUNDING CHANCELLOR OF EMBU UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

The University of Embu community has received with profound sorrow, the sad news of the passing of Dr. Vijoo Rattansi, OGW, former Chancellor of the University of Nairobi, on Thursday, 30th July 2026.

Dr. Vijoo Rattansi occupies a distinguished place in the history of the University of Embu as the **First Chancellor of Embu University College**, then a **Constituent College of the University of Nairobi**, serving from **2012 to 2016**. Her wisdom and commitment to the advancement of higher education helped shape the University of Embu's culture of excellence in service delivery and innovativeness. As one of our institution's pioneer founders and leaders, she provided visionary leadership during its formative years, laying a strong foundation for its growth.

Beyond her exemplary leadership in higher education, Dr. Vijoo Rattansi will be fondly remembered as an accomplished philanthropist and humanitarian whose unwavering dedication to improving lives through education, healthcare, social welfare and community empowerment left an indelible mark on countless individuals and institutions across Kenya. Through her selfless generosity, compassion and steadfast commitment to uplifting the less fortunate, she championed initiatives that promoted equity, opportunity and human dignity, inspiring hope and transforming lives. Her remarkable legacy of service to humanity stands as a shining testament to the enduring values of compassion, integrity, servant leadership and the profound impact that one individual can have on society. As we mourn this great loss, we also celebrate a remarkable life devoted to service, leadership and the pursuit of knowledge.

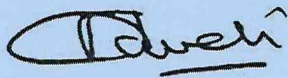
During her tenure, Dr. Vijoo Rattansi presided over significant milestones that shaped the institution's growth, including the inaugural Graduation Ceremony held on 30th September 2016, the attainment of the College's ISO 9001:2008 Certification and the launch of its First Strategic Plan on 23rd March 2015. Her visionary leadership, wisdom and unwavering commitment to academic excellence laid a strong foundation for the University's transformation into the vibrant institution it is today.

On behalf of the University Council, Management, Senate, Staff, Students and Alumni, I extend our heartfelt condolences to Dr. Vijoo Rattansi's family, relatives, friends, the University of Nairobi community and all those whose lives she touched.

We pray that the Almighty God grants the family strength to overcome the grief and peace during this difficult time of mourning.

May Dr. Vijoo Rattansi's soul rest in eternal peace, and may her enduring legacy continue to inspire generations to come.

Yours *Sincerely,*



Prof. Daniel Mugendi Njiru, Ph.D., EBS
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