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WORKSHOP ON MOLECULAR BIOLOGY APPLICATIONS

AT

KAVI-INSTITUTE OF CLINICAL RESEARCH

The Vice -Chancellor University of Nairobi, invited guests, participants to the workshop, ladies and gentlemen. I take this opportunity to welcome you to the University of Nairobi, College of Health Sciences - Molecular Laboratory Workshop at KAVI-Institute of Clinical Research.

The University of Nairobi is well known internationally for the research activities that we undertake and one of our flagship research projects is the quest to develop a preventive HIV/AIDS vaccine. KAVI-Institute of Clinical Research at the College of Health Sciences, continuous to be at the forefront of this quest. As a University we are very proud of KAVI -ICR for its commitment to high impact research.

Over the last few decades, there has been tremendous growth in technology in life sciences research as well as disease surveillance and investigation techniques. Molecular biology has been highly embraced for its level of sensitivity, specificity and speed. However, many African countries and institutions have shied away from establishing this technology due to the high costs involved. To this end many of these lag behind in research and training with use of molecular biology technology.

Let me take the opportunity to congratulate KAVI-ICR for initiating a partnership with Bio-ZEQ Kenya and QIAGEN of Germany. This partnership has brought about the establishment of the Molecular biology applications laboratory at the KAVI-Institute.

The newly established molecular biology laboratory is a welcome development at the University of Nairobi, as it will enhance the training of molecular biology skills in Kenya and within the East African region, foster research using molecular biology techniques and make the technology available for diseases surveillance and diagnosis.

In line with the University of Nairobi, Mission, Vision and core values, my Office will continue to support research and training activities within the College of Health Sciences. KAVI-Institute of Clinical Research has shown that they are able and willing to forge

ahead in research and that by fulfilling most of the goals set by the Institute, the University will by extension improve the quality of education and research.

Ladies and gentlemen let me now invite the Vice-Chancellor, University of Nairobi to officially open the workshop.