



DIRECTORATE OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS

REMARKS BY THE DIRECTOR OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS MR. MOHAMED AMIN, EBS, OGW, 'ndc' (K) DURING THE OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY OF BASIC FINGERPRINT TECHNOLOGY COURSE HELD AT THE DCI ACADEMY ON 12TH APRIL, 2023.

The commandant, NPS DCI Academy Miss Gatiria Mboroki,

Instructors and course facilitators,

Course Participants,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good morning.

It's with great pleasure that I am here today to participate and officiate the commencement of the basic fingerprint technology course comprising of 40 DCI officers newly recruited to join the Forensic Fingerprint Identification Bureau, and 20 officers from KDF. I feel honored to be part of this program that will ensure the officers acquire enhanced knowledge and skills that will enable them discharge their constitutional mandate in the national security continuum.

I sincerely convey my appreciation to the facilitators of this training for the timely preparations you have made to receive these trainees and more so the reception of the guests that you have here today. I also wish to extend my sincere acknowledgement to the course men and women who have endeavored to improve their skills and professionalism through this course.

At the onset, let me point out that the training you are about to be taken through is a key for your career progression, as it enhances your expertise and competencies as officers.

Apart from learning effective ways of supporting criminal investigations through fingerprints services, this course will also emphasize on the history of fingerprints, identification of bodies, analysis of questioned fingerprints documents, collectively with developing and recovering latent fingerprint impressions through the use of powders, forensic light sources, and fuming among others.

Police officers, crime scene investigators and others in the justice system all over the world rely on forensic science techniques to ensure that the right people are punished for law violations and to keep people safe.

Apart from fingerprints being the starting players in the criminal offense and defense lineup, they are also very important to criminalistics that justice officers still use fingerprint systems over a hundred years after scientists developed them. This, ladies and gentlemen, demonstrates just how important fingerprint identification is to us as officers and thus, all of you need to capitalize on this course.

Participants, during your training period, you will meet experts in this field who have done a good job in imparting knowledge and skills that are essential in the daily execution of duties. In this case, they will be there to ensure all of you leave this facility with more knowledge in fingerprint technology and specialization.

The world is changing with every sunrise. The order of crimes we were used to handling has advanced and escalated with advancement in technologies and magnified levels of literacy. This shouldn't however dampen our spirits and change our core mandate of fighting crime for a safe and secure nation.

Whereas your trainers will do better in orienting you to the depths of this course, may I call upon all participants to maximize your attention and acquire as much knowledge as possible from this program.

Ladies and gentlemen, I don't wish to say much. My assurance to you is that this program will indeed provide an interactive forum for all participants to share, explore and discuss concepts in addition to issues related to good and precise investigations.

I want to be optimistic that we will be receiving positive feedback about you and your conduct within the period you will be in this facility. Our trainers are up-to the task and with adequate knowledge.

I encourage you to embrace healthy interactions amongst yourselves and your trainers. Bond and share widely on your experiences and keep the groups that you will form here. The networking will come in handy when you need consultations and assistance.

Having said that, allow me to wish you all the very best as you embark on this important training. It is now my pleasure to declare this course officially opened.

Thank you and best wishes.

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