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Commonwealth Scholarship Commission
Woburn House, 20-24 Tavistock Square,
London WC1H 9HF, United Kingdom.

Dear Members of the Selection Committee,

RE: RECOMMENDATION LETTER FOR MR. STEPHEN MUTETI

It is my pleasure to recommend Mr. Stephen Muteti for the Commonwealth Master's Scholarship. I supervised Stephen directly in my capacity as Technical Director for Mobile Money at Huawei Technologies (Kenya) during his tenure as Solutions Architect on the Safaricom Mobile Money 2.0 project, one of the largest financial inclusion platforms in Africa.

Stephen demonstrated exceptional technical competence and leadership on a platform capable of supporting 10,000 transactions per second. He designed and implemented the Privileged Identity Management (PIM), Data Access Management (DAM), and Log Management subsystems, ensuring top-tier performance, reliability, and compliance with stringent security and regulatory standards. These contributions directly advanced digital financial inclusion for millions of users.

Beyond his technical depth, Stephen excelled as a collaborative leader. He coordinated teams across backend engineering, security, and operations, ensuring architectural designs translated into resilient production systems. His initiative in automating incident response workflows reduced operational costs and enhanced system uptime, strengthening Kenya's national digital financial infrastructure.

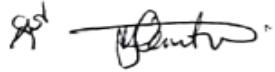
What distinguishes Stephen is his commitment to technology for inclusive development. His work beyond Huawei, particularly BlazeAlert, adopted by Nairobi City County for emergency fire response, and Ozonelead, a platform improving housing accessibility, illustrates how he transforms advanced engineering into sustainable social solutions.

Stephen embodies the spirit of the Commonwealth Scholarship: technical excellence, civic-minded leadership, and a vision for public impact. He has already demonstrated the ability to convert innovation into measurable development outcomes. I am confident that postgraduate study in the UK will deepen his expertise and equip him to design scalable, equitable digital systems across Africa.

I recommend him wholeheartedly and without reservation. Should you require additional information, please contact me at chen.zhihao1978@gmail.com.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,



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