



FORGET MADAMS, MR SECRETARIES ARE THE NEW FAD IN TOWN

They have not only brought muscles and hoarse voices to the front office but also taken secretarial job to a whole new level and gone ahead to win awards and commendations.

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Since time immemorial, being a secretary has been almost synonymous with being a woman. Encountering a male secretary at the front office in 1970s, 80s and 90s was almost taboo. Not anymore. More and more men are venturing into this 'feminine' profession.

Take Mr Ignatius Namuju, the Personal Secretary to the Chief of Staff in the Executive Office of the Deputy President, for example. He is suave. He is smartly dressed in a black-stripped suit, striped shirt and a tie to match.

He exudes confidence, speaks eloquently and with authority. He would easily pass as a top manager of a blue-chip company.

The holder of Head of State's Commendation (HSC), Mr Namuju, 35, doubles up as the National Secretary of the Kenya National Secretaries Association (KENASA).

He warmly welcomes me in his office on the Third Floor of Harambee House Annex. He first takes me back to the date that has remained etched in his memory—December 12, 2013—when he was honoured by President Uhuru Kenyatta.

"This was in recognition of my outstanding and exemplary performance in service