

New Programmes Developed in pursuit of excellence

OVER THE LAST FIVE YEARS the University has expanded dramatically not only in terms of student numbers, staff and physical facilities but also, significantly, in its core business of providing quality education and training. Being the oldest and largest institution of learning in Kenya for a long time, the University of Nairobi had been charged with the responsibility of providing academic leadership. This responsibility was made all the more challenging by the need to increase access to quality education, meeting market demands and preferences and a highly competitive environment.

Consequently, the University had to review, repackage or develop new programmes in order to align them to the changing market demands and in line with the University vision to be a world class institution. The aggressive campaign has resulted in the development of new exciting programmes at all levels. The University has also reviewed some of its programmes and repackaged others.

Speaking to Varsity Focus, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic Affairs), Prof. Jacob T. Kaimenyi, stated that "the University is in the process of revamping the quality assurance programme with a view to ensuring that the university continues to offer quality education in line with market demands and our aspirations".

The University has increased programmes on offer at all levels to include three new PhD programmes, twenty two masters, Sixteen bachelors, six post graduate diplomas, three diplomas and two certificates in floriculture and negotiations.

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Tremendous growth in student enrollment

THERE HAS BEEN TREMENDOUS GROWTH IN enrolment of students between 2005 and 2010. New students joining UoN have increased from 37,046 to 49,548. During the 2009/2010 academic year for instance, 11,059 students were admitted to pursue various programs. During the same period, enrolment for female students increased by 30 percent while male students increased by 10 percent. The increment is also reflected in postgraduate enrolment which increased by 35 percent and a massive 80 percent increment being realized in PhD enrolment.

The growth is reflected in the number of graduates – in the last five years UoN has graduated 37,655 students at various levels in different professions. This can be broken down as follows. PhD 161, masters 5,545, postgraduate diploma 641, undergraduate 25,898, and diploma 5,386. On top of this there were three honorary degrees and one doctor of Science.

5 YEAR CUMULATIVE ENROLMENT

| Academic year | No. Enrolled |
|---------------|---------------|
| 04/05 | 37,046 |
| 05/06 | 39,686 |
| 06/07 | 38,456 |
| 07/08 | 42,927 |
| 08/09 | 45,548 |
| 09/10 | 49,548 |