

Providing graduate education to Liberia

The University of Nairobi is educating the next generation of Liberia's technocrats and leaders.



Liberian Business Technocrats during the orientation at the School of Business.

In January 2011, a group of 33 Liberian students enrolled in the MBA programme at the School of Business.

Speaking to Varsity Focus, Mr Janga Kowo, the Chief Financial Officer of the General Auditing Commission of the republic of Liberia, who accompanied the students said that they had been attracted to the University of Nairobi because of its high ranking. Most of the students are from the General Auditing Commission and the knowledge acquired will go a long way in enhancing the services provided by the commission.

The MBA office held an

orientation afternoon to welcome the new students and ensure that they settled as fast possible in their new environment. In admitting these students, the University of Nairobi is helping to rebuild Liberia after two civil wars. The students will provide a critical mass of new technocrats needed to rebuild the country.

In addition, such students will enrich the intellectual and cultural life at the University making it a truly global university. The Liberians are joining several other nationalities that have made the University of Nairobi their intellectual home. They include Uganda, Rwanda, Malawi,

Sudan and other nationalities. Mr. Kowo observed that more Liberians will be coming to join the highly ranked programs.

During the orientation, the Dean, School of Business, Mr. Stephen Nzuve noted that admitting international students is the best evidence that the School has grown embraced globalization and is up to the task. He noted that students from other countries bring a different perspective, helping the School to evaluate its benchmarks, curriculum and best practices.

Bomo Whargar, one of the students noted that the UoN academic programs are challenging, despite the difference in accents which he is overcoming, he confessed that the rigour of the program has not given him any time to sample 'nyama choma'.

Internationalizing our programs through student diversity and curriculum reviews is one way to ensure that our flag ship programs such as the MBA will play their role in making University of Nairobi a truly global university, notes Dr. WN Iraki, the MBA program coordinator. Educating the next generation of Liberian technocrats and leaders is one way the University of Nairobi can play her role in making this small planet a better home for all of us.

Varsity Focus welcomes all our International students; feel at home.