Alumni project receives support from KPMG

The setting up of an Alumni Centre by the University Of Nairobi Alumni Association (UONAA) received its first major boost when KPMG Kenya made a Kshs. 1 Million contribution towards the project.

The cheque which was presented to the Vice Chancellor, Prof. George Magoha by KPMG Kenya's Corporate Social Investment manager, Mr. Philip Muema is the first corporate contribution towards the Alumni Centre project. The estimated cost of constructing the Centre is Kshs. 1 Billion.

In his remarks, Prof. Magoha said that the Alumni Association needs to be strengthened and that areas of growth for the Association should be identified and worked on. He said that the University should tap the power of its alumni as it has over 142,000 alumni. Prof. Magoha challenged the Association to benchmark its activities with world class universities where alumni associations are contributing immensely to the development of their alma mater.

On his part, Mr. Muema commended the University for its contribution to the nation. In order to build a strong association, Mr. Muema said that the Association needs to increase its capacity of networking, hold interesting alumni sessions and conferences where people can share knowledge and experiences. According to him, 60 per cent of KPMG Kenya's human resource is alumni of UoN and this advised the company's decision to partner with <u>UONAA</u> on the Alumni Centre project.

The Alumni Centre is a viable project which the alumni can identify with and act as a means of pooling resources towards development activities at the University through partnerships. The Centre will be on a two-acre land along Arboretum Drive which the University gave the Association as its contribution towards the project.

Present during the ceremony was Prof. Jacob Kaimenyi, Deputy Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs. UONAA was represented by Vice Chairman, Prof. R.A. Obudho, Treasurer, Mildred Owuor and the Executive Driector, Johnson Kinyua.