

Thousands sample UoN programmes during fifth Open Day

Dr Vijoo Rattansi, signs the visitors' book during the Open Day. Looking on is Prof. Peter Mbithi, DVC, Administration & Finance

The University of Nairobi hosted a successful Open Day that attracted thousands of prospective students, parents, private sector players and the general public.

The three-day event that was held on 8th and 10th May 2014, at the Great Court, Main Campus, provided an opportunity for the University to share information with its stakeholders on its programmes and services.

The well attended event was officially opened by the Chancellor of the University of Nairobi, Dr Vijoo Rattansi who challenged prospective students to sample the University of Nairobi's unique offering and choose a University that will help them not only meet their needs but also develop interests into a career thus achieving their goals.

Dr. Rattansi noted that the university is crucial in molding young minds, "it is the place where many future leaders spend their formative years gaining intellectual exposure and leadership skills, where those first crucial professional networks are made and where professionals return to for seminars, debates and advanced studies."

In his brief remarks, the University of Nairobi Vice-Chancellor, Prof Geroge Magoha noted that in the last 50 years, the University of Nairobi has produced thousands of graduates, many of whom have gone forth to make significant contributions to Kenya, the continent and the world over. The University takes pride in arming whoever walks in through her gates with the requisite knowledge, skills and the right attitude.

In his welcome address, the Chairman of Council, Dr. Idle Farah expressed the commitment of the University to providing holistic education that guarantees success, noting that this was call to arms for the public, for all to take advantage to pursue knowledge wherever it may be found.

Since the inception of Open Day, the UoN has opened its doors to public scrutiny and accountability given its mandate as a public service entity. Further, the University has been able to interact with stakeholders to discuss the changing face of higher education in Kenya. This Open Day therefore, brings together University of Nairobi staff and students in addition to key players in the education sector which includes the Kenya Universities and Colleges Central Placement Service (formerly known as JAB), Higher Education Loans Board (HELB), and Commission for Universities Education (CUE). Also participating were Safaricom, Retirement Benefit Authority, Nation Media Group, Kenya Revenue Authority, Media School Africa, Bird Communications and Vita 500.

Prospective students, parents and guardians have the advantage of interacting with faculty, and receiving information on holistic education provided by the University of Nairobi.