

African Development Bank supports UoN projects

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Some of the equipment donated by the African Development Bank to the School of Engineering.

The African Development Bank (ADB) is supporting various projects within the University of Nairobi to strengthen the quality of education.

Among the projects, the Bank has supported is the School of Engineering in acquiring modern laboratory equipment worth KShs. 257 million. The Bank will also support the construction of Wangari Maathai Institute building to the tune of KShs. 560 million whose designs are now complete. ADB will also give KShs. 3 billion towards the setting up of the East Africa Kidney Institute at the College of Health Sciences. ADB supported the setting up of the Centre for Open and Distance Learning at the College of Education and External Studies.

Speaking during a meeting with the University management, Ms. Ruth Chalo, Human Capital In-Charge, ADB, said the Bank aims at supporting and strengthening the quality of higher education in engineering and applied sciences across the country and expect UoN to play a leading role in training TIVET trainers in engineering and applied sciences through collaboration and support to the project. She challenged the members of the University management to take advantage of the opportunities availed by the Bank including more than 750 scholarships tenable in local universities but with a provision for collaboration with foreign universities.

ADB support is complemented by the World Bank Project in supporting centres of excellence in Africa through initiatives such as Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) working in West Africa and now extending to East Africa and the Partnership in Applied Sciences in Engineering and Technology (PASET).



The Vice-Chancellor Prof. Peter Mbithi welcomed the projects which he said were in tandem with the current strategic plan. He thanked ADB for supporting the Schools of Engineering and Education through procurement of modern laboratory equipment and for pledging support to assist in constructing the Wangari Maathai Institute headquarters. He also welcomed the proposal for the University of Nairobi to mentor young institutions through mentorship and staff training and announced that soon the University will have a centre for pedagogy and andragogy to inbuilt experiential learning within its ranks.

The team visited the School of Engineering to view some of the new equipment financed by ADB. Those who attended the meeting included the Prof. Crispus Kiamba, Deputy Vice-Chancellors and Principal College o Architecture and Engineering, Prof. Bernard Njoroge among others.