

## **Former Dean Gowning the new VC during his installation**

### **Former Dean Prof L. Njenga (right) gowning the new VC during his installation**

It is the beginning of a new era as the University of Nairobi Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Peter M. F. Mbithi was installed as the 7th Vice-Chancellor, in a ceremony attended by dignitaries, at Taifa Hall, on Wednesday, January 14, 2015.

Prof. Jacob T. Kaimenyi, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Education Science and Technology congratulated Prof. Mbithi on his appointment as the 7th Vice-Chancellor of the University of Nairobi. Prof. Kaimenyi noted that Prof. Mbithi is equal to the task ahead.

The Chancellor, Dr. Vijoo Rattansi on her part wished the new Vice-Chancellor well even as she prayed for God's support as the new VC carries out his duties.

Chairman of Council , Dr. Idle Farah, thanked all the Universities for their support. He noted that it is the time to celebrate our universities for their creativity. On behalf of the Council members, he pledged his support for the incoming Vice-Chancellor. He challenged the Vice-Chancellor, to treat his job as a calling, as an opportunity to contribute to the making of our university. He challenged the Vice-Chancellor that he will be judged not by what he says, but by what he does.

The new Vice-Chancellor, commended Prof. Magoha for exemplary achievement. "You will be remembered for many structural developments among them University of Nairobi Towers", he said. Among the things the new Vice-Chancellor, will prioritize include; making the University a world class university, research funds mobilization, graduate skills enhancement, university research, university image and competitiveness, university alumni association and community service.

"My priority is to ensure that we produce quality and diverse graduates. We will review academic processes, we will upscale ICT into teaching and learning, we will ensure all round student mentorship. We will enhance quality and quantity of research. My administration will increase staff research funding. I will increase academic facilities; construct student hostels. We shall construct School of Law Tower and it will be a leading school of law in the region. University of Nairobi Referral Hospital will be built, Alumni Center will be constructed and University of Nairobi Towers completed," he said.

Kenyatta University Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Olive Mugenda was among the dignitaries who congratulated the Prof. Mbithi for his appointment. She urged staff members to support the new Vice-Chancellor.

Other dignitaries present were : Speaker of the Senate, Mr. Ekwe Ethuro, Attorney General Prof. Githu Muigai, Ambassador Francis Muthaura, Chancellors and Vice-Chancellors from all Public Universities, Members of Parliament, Governors of various counties, among others.

Before the event ended by cutting of cake by both the incoming and the outgoing Vice-Chancellor, the outgoing Vice-Chancellor was presented with gifts from various colleges and departments.

This is the first inauguration and commendation ceremony of its kind in the history of the University of Nairobi.