

**UoN hosts WWAMI delegation**



*A photo session for WWAMI delegation and their hosts from CHS.*

A delegation from University of Washington, Wyoming, Alaska, Montana and Idaho (WWAMI) visited the University of Nairobi (UoN) to share experiences towards implementation of decentralized Medical Education by both universities.

The three days' visit, from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> September, provided an opportunity for both universities to share experiences including successes, lessons learnt, best practices and challenges towards implementation of decentralized Medical Education.

The decentralized Medical Education was implemented by UoN through Partnership for Innovative Medical Education in Kenya (PRIME-K) program for the last five years.

PRIME-K's goal is to strengthen and build the clinical and research capacity Kenya, hence improve human resource capacity for health and health outcomes in Kenya.

The delegation led by Prof. Carey Farquhar, was welcomed to UoN by Prof. Isaac Mbeche, who represented Vice Chancellor, Prof. Peter Mbithi.

Mbeche appreciated the collaboration and support of US government and University of Washington, WWAMI program to UoN through PRIME-K.

Other members of WWAMI delegation were; Prof. Michael Chung, Prof. William Bremnar, Prof. Thomas Norris, Prof. Misbah Keen and Prof. Stephanie Page.

The team was also hosted at the College of Health Sciences (CHS) by the College Principal, Prof. Isaac O. Kibwage. Prof. Kibwage is also the Principal Investigator for PRIME-K. PRIME-K Director, Dr. Onesmus Gachuno was also present during the meeting.

The decentralized medical education by the University of Nairobi which has 18 training sites was modeled on the 44 year old University of Washington's WWAMI program where one medical school serves 5 states in the USA and students do their clinical rotations in public and private health facilities within these states under mentorship of the honorary lecturers.