

# Our Alumni Association is the richest in Kenya - Julius Kipng'etich



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The University of Nairobi Alumni Association (UNOAA) boasts of the richest membership in the country who are helping develop facilities at the institution as well as mentoring students among other activities. Kenya Wildlife Service Director, Julius Kipng'etich, an alumnus reveals that one feels proud and satisfied when he or she either mentors a student or helps improve facilities at his or her former school. Kipng'etich who joined KWS as Director in 2005 notes that the alumni are a valuable resource which, the university must fully exploit for the benefit of all Kenyans

The KWS boss is proud to be associated with the University of Nairobi and is looking forward to the institution coming up with more projects for his organization to offer a helping hand. He notes that it is time the university came up with a structured engagement between it, alumni and the private sector to foster growth at the institution. Kipng'etich says KWS is ready to offer more students from the university internship to mould them to fit in the competitive job market. He hails the University for recognizing and appreciating its alumni citing the putting up of the Wangari Maathai Institute for Peace and Environmental Studies in honour of the late Nobel laureate, Prof Wangari Maathai.

*"Let us do more for the University than it did it for us"*

Before Joining KWS, Kipng'etich was the Managing Director, Investment Promotion Council (now Kenya Investment Authority). His tenure at the KWS has seen him transform the parastatal into a serious business outfit. In a bid to ensure World Class Parks, he has greatly improved the management of the parks, while giving conservation a strong scientific approach. All these measures have resulted in safer and more pleasurable experiences within Kenya's wildlife protected areas.

A Starehe Boys' Alumni, Kipng'etich has over 17 years experience in Business Process Re-engineering and Change Management. He was Director of the Student Welfare Authority, University of Nairobi, where he also lectured in the Department of Management Science. His parting shot: 'let us do more for the university than it did for us'.



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