

ICIPE Hands Over 40-million Building to UoN

THE INTERNATIONAL CENTER OF INSECT PHYSIOLOGY AND ECOLOGY (ICIPE) formally handed over its building at Chiromo Campus to the University of Nairobi.

The Building estimated at Kshs 40 million was donated by ICIPE to the University after ICIPE moved to its new headquarters at Duduville, Kasarani.

Presiding over the handing over ceremony, the acting Minister for Education Hon Noah Wekesa who is also the Minister for Science and Technology said the donation of the ICIPE Building to the University signified a strong bond that existed between the two institutions and also ICIPE's acknowledgement of the contribution UoN made to its development.

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. George Magoha traced the origin of ICIPE from the University of Nairobi dating back to 38 years. ICIPE was actually mooted, nurtured and prospered under the watchful eye of a former University of Nairobi don, the late Prof. Thomas Odhiambo. Prof. Magoha thanked ICIPE for the generous gesture to UoN and promised to



Minister for Education, Science and Technology, Hon. Dr. Noah Wekesa. cuts the tape to the ICIPE building. Looking on is Prof. O. ole Moi Yoi, Deputy Director General ICIPE and UoN Management team.

maintain strong ties between the two institutions.

In the initial agreement between the two institutions, ICIPE was to sell the building to the University when the time to move came. ICIPE however decided to donate the building to the University when it re-located to its current headquarters in 1999.

The Deputy Director General of ICIPE, Prof. Onesmo ole Moi Yoi said that they are delighted to continue the association with the University of Nairobi because the two institutions play complimentary roles to each other in numerous aspects.

The ceremony marked a major historic event as ICIPE made its contribution to the development of infrastructure at the University of Nairobi.

The ICIPE building was officially designated as the Centre for Biotechnology and Bioinformatics, (CEBIB) of the University of Nairobi. The Centre for Biotechnology & Bioinformatics is a University-wide Postgraduate training program with a multidisciplinary institutional participation approach. Thus, the University shall always strive to keep the Vision and Mission of ICIPE alive through this training program.



The Minister officially receives the dummy-key for the building from ICIPE Deputy Director General.