

# JAPANESE FOUNDATION AIDS VARSITY

The Japan Shipbuilding Industry Foundation has granted University of Nairobi one million U.S. dollars as the endowment of the Ryoichi Sasakawa Young Leaders Fellowship Fund.

The grant follows a pledge made to the Chancellor of the University of Nairobi, His Excellency President Daniel arap Moi by the chairman of the foundation Mr. Ryoichi Sasakawa on February 25, 1989.

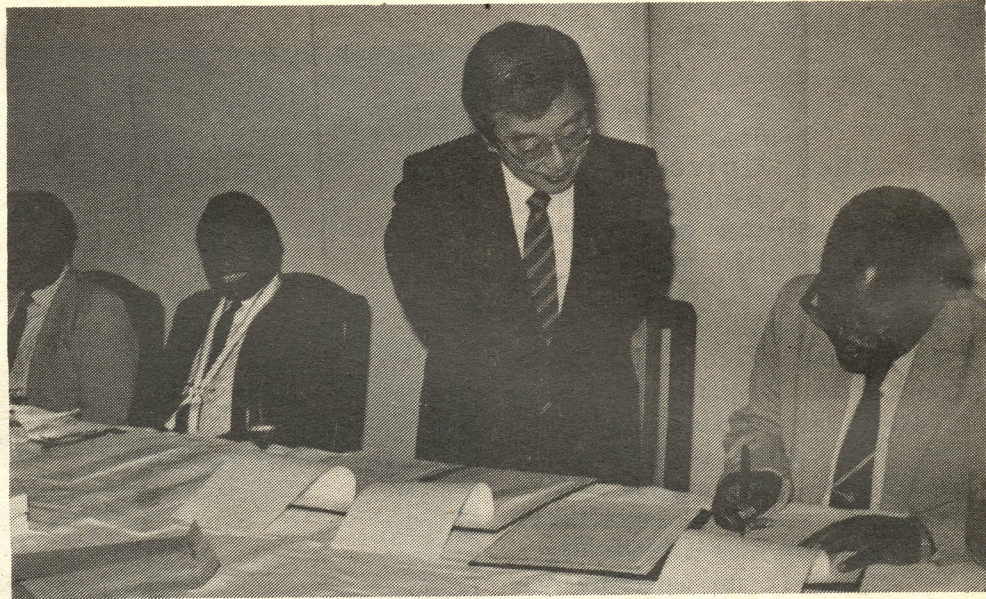
The Foundation supports 25 universities worldwide and Nairobi University is the first in Africa to be singled out by the foundation for assistance.

During his recent visit to Japan, to attend the state funeral of Emperor Hirohito, President Moi took time off his busy schedule to transact business for the University of Nairobi

While in Tokyo, Japan, President Moi held talks with the leader of Soka Gakkai International (SGI), Mr. Daisaku Ikeda. Soka Gakkai is a non-governmental organisation (NGO) founded in 1930 in Japan to promote world peace, the development of an international culture and education.

It runs Soka University in Japan with which Nairobi University established exchange programme in May last year. Soka University is the first Japanese University with which Nairobi University has established an exchange programme.

During the talks, President Moi



*Vice-chancellor, Prof. P.M. Mbithi signs the agreement linking Soka University (Japan) and the University of Nairobi.*

and Mr. Ikeda stressed the need to reinforce the link arrangements between the two universities.

They expressed satisfaction with the progress made since the link was established and said the exchange between the two universities are being conducted smoothly. They added that the exchange programme offers "a bridge of hope connecting Kenya and Japan".

Since the signing of the exchange programme, the SGI has donated more than 1000 English textbooks to the

University Library valued at U.S. dollars 110,000. Soka University also dispatched two visiting lecturers, one to the School of Journalism and the other to the Literature Department. The two Universities are expected to start a student exchange programme at the beginning of the next academic year.

Nairobi University Press in collaboration with Seikyo Press is publishing the Swahili version of president Ikeda's Book - *Life an Enigma, a Precious Jewel*.