

The Vice-Chancellor Prof F. Gichaga (second right) listen as an Israeli Irrigation expert explain the finer details of his trade. On the extreme left is the Israeli Ambassador to Kenya Dr A. Obed and the D.V.C. Academic Prof O. Mutungi (in hat)



Israelis Lending Manpower Resource

The Israel government is ready to share its experience, skill and know-how in a wide range of spheres with the developing countries by sending experts to concerned countries and organizing courses in Israel. This was said by the Israel ambassador to Kenya Mr. Arye Obed, who spoke at the inauguration of Kibwezi Irrigation Project, a project of the university of Nairobi in co-operation with USAID and the Government of Israel.

The ceremony also marked the closure of an on-the-spot course which trained farmers, ministry technicians, KARI technical personnel and University people on irrigation concepts. The course had 20 participants.

The Ambassador said though Israel cannot offer grants in money, she has experts and know-how in fields like agriculture, medicine and community development which she can share with her friends. He wished Kenya more success as demonstrated by the Kibwezi Irrigation Project. Israel

has an expert, Mr Ali Barak, on the Kibwezi Irrigation Project and two on-the-spot irrigation instructors, Mr Elimeleck Sapir and Yernham Levin.

The Kibwezi project can now produce 10 tons of sweet corn per acre valued at Kshs. 100,000, the principal of the college of Agriculture and Veterinary service, Prof D.M. Mukunya said at the inauguration.

This is testimony of the determination of the University community's desire to descend from the ivory tower and serve the people, he said.

"The university has worked with the people of Kibwezi in seeking solutions to both social and technical problems with an aim of assisting people tame the fragile environment", the Prof pointed out.

The university has established a school, a domestic water project, a new health Clinic and an irrigation project at Kibwezi.

The Kibwezi irrigation project collaborates closely with KARI, Ministry of Agriculture, the Ministry of Arid, Semi-Arid and Wasteland, the People of Kibwezi and Non-Governmental Organisations.

LUNCH TIME SEMINARS

The following seminars are scheduled for the respective Wednesdays from 1.00 p.m. to 2.00 p.m. at the Agricultural Engineering Building, Kabete Campus. A snack lunch will be served from 12.30 p.m. to 1.00 p.m. for a nominal charge of 25.00.

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