

Staff and students in a successful tree planting exercise

The University of Nairobi (UoN) marked this year's annual tree planting ceremony by planting 11,000 indigenous trees at the College of Agriculture and Veterinary Sciences (CAVS) Veterinary Farm- Kanyariri.



Participants at this year's UoN Annual tree planting.

Themed 'Creating Greener and Cleaner Environment' the exercise was done in partnership with the Kenya Tea Development Agency (KTDA), ILRI, Kenya Agricultural Research Institute (KARI) and Kenya Forestry Research Institute (KEFRI) who not only donated indigenous tree seedlings but also participated in the planting. The University Library, Procurement Department, the University of Nairobi Press, staff and students and a team from the Kenya Air Force- Moi Air Base also took part. The chief guest

was KTDA Foundation Manager, Ms. Jackie Mathaga.

In her remarks, Ms. Mathaga commended the University for its efforts in conserving the environment through planting trees. She said that it was important for Kenyans to contribute in different small ways and reverse the damage already done to the environment.

Prof. Agnes Mwang'ombe,

Principal, CAVS, thanked those present for their generous contribution towards tree planting and called on Kenyans to plant trees in large numbers in order to increase the country's forest cover which stands at less 10 per cent.

This month alone, CAVS is targeting to plant a record 15,000 indigenous trees in an intense tree planting programme in various University stations. Last year, the University planted about 9,000 trees.