## Varsity Focus collaboration

## Collaboration with University of Manitoba reach 32

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MANITOBA have renewed the Memorandum of Understanding for another five years. The signing ceremony marked the continuation of a productive partnership that begun 32 years ago.

Prof. George Magoha, Vice-Chancellor, UoN and Prof. David Barnard, President, University of Manitoba, signed the MOU at the University of Nairobi extending the partnership. Speaking during the ceremony, Prof. Magoha said that by renewing the MOU, the operations and management of the UNITID facilities will proceed as planned. He noted that the Institute has made tremendous strides in research in infectious diseases. Prof, Barnard singled out the collaboration with UoN as one of the most successful ventures and pledged more support from Manitoba.

The collaboration between the two institutions has been sustained over the years as evident in the establishment and growth of the University of Nairobi's Institute for Tropical and Infectious Diseases (UNITID). UNITID was established in 2003 with the mandate of harnessing research activities and initiating training programmes towards the management and control of infectious diseases. The Institute houses two Biosafety Level 3 Laboratories which are run through joint partnership between the two universities and the National Microbiology of Canada.

Prof. Isaac Kibwage, Principal, CHS, Prof. S. Mitema, Director, Centre for International Programmes and Linkages and Prof. Walter O. Mwanda, Director, UNITID witnessed the signing of the MOU.



Prof. David Barnard President, University of Manitoba presents a gift to the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. George Magoha.

