

UoN honours best performing Colleges and Units



Prof. Charles Omwandho receives the winners' prize from the Chancellor, Dr. Vijoo Rattansi, for CHS.

The University of Nairobi has released the performance results of various Colleges and Central Administration Departments.

The results are for 2011/2012 and 2012/2013 performance contract years in which management honoured best performers.

In the results released by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Administration and Finance, Prof. Peter Mbithi, for the 2012/2013 year, the College of Health Sciences emerged first, followed by the College of Education and External Studies and College of Humanities and Social Sciences in position two and three respectively. The most improved College is that of Agriculture and Veterinary Sciences. Among the Central Administration Departments, ICT Centre took first position followed by Finance Department in position two and Administration Department in position three. The most improved Unit is the Legal Office.

In the previous year, 2011/2012, the College of Education and External Studies was ranked position one, College of Health Sciences position two and that of Biological and Physical Sciences position three. The most improved was the College of Architecture and Engineering. In the same performance year, among the Central Administration Departments ICT Centre was still ranked position one, Finance Department attained position two and Estates in position three. The most improved was the University of Nairobi Press. The Colleges and Units are evaluated on academic improvement, infrastructure and best human resource practices.

The Chancellor, Dr. Vijoo Rattansi, congratulated the management for being pacesetters in performance contracting among public agencies. In the last performance contracting results released by the Government in March 2012, the University of Nairobi was the only public agency that was ranked 'Excellent' - the only institution to score the excellent mark since the inception of performance contracting over ten years ago.

While congratulating the best Colleges and Units, the Chairman of Council Dr. Idle Farah challenged the Management to raise the level of performance and maintain a leadership position locally and regionally. In order to continue to be the best the University must embrace quality control, retain the best people and mobilize additional resources.

Speaking during the function held at Taifa Hall, the Vice-Chancellor, University of Nairobi, Prof. George Magoha, said that the University's improvement in the PC is reflected in many areas among them student enrolment, which currently stands at 70,000 and graduations which has increased to about 14,000 graduands per academic year with over 100 PhDs. On infrastructure, over the last 10 years, the University has completed several stalled projects acquired others in Kisumu and Mombasa which led to the establishment of fully fledged campuses in those regions. At the moment, there are ongoing constructions in: Kisumu, School of Pharmacy and at the Main Campus, flagged by the state-of-the-art University Towers that will house the increasing academic activities.



UoN's ranking has also improved greatly courtesy of performance contracting. For the last 10 years, since the web ranking began, the UoN was for the first time in January 2014, ranked the best University in the region and the ninth in Africa.

Mr. Ibrahim Otieno, Director, ICT, receives the winners' prize from the Chairman of Council, Dr. Idle Farah, for ICT for emerging the best performing Unit during the performance contracting exercise at the University of Nairobi for the 2012/2013 year.