

## **School of Education and Michigan State University discuss collaboration**

The School of Education, College of Education and External Studies (CEES) and the Department of Teacher Education, Michigan State University (MSU), have entered into discussion on possible collaboration. This was revealed when MSU's Prof. Patricia Edwards paid a courtesy call on the Vice-Chancellor, University of Nairobi.

During the meeting, it emerged that the two institutions are exploring different areas of interest for possible collaboration. Some of the areas of collaboration include teaching practice structures, curriculum, early childhood education as well as collaborative research in different areas.

Presiding over the meeting on behalf of the Vice-Chancellor, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic Affairs, Prof. Henry Mutoro welcomed the move noting that training of teachers key as they play an important role in shaping the future leaders of a nation. He noted that through collaboration the two institutions will develop tailor-made programmes that will improve the quality of education. He reiterated the University management's commitment to the implementation of partnerships in place. Already, UoN has entered into collaboration with 46 American Institutes of higher learning.

On her part, Prof. Edwards said that a lot can be achieved through collaboration with the School of Education. She pointed that the Department of Teacher Education was keen on teacher training and research training. To this end, the Department has in place a five-year teacher preparation program, tailor made to produce professional teachers. During her visit, Prof. Edwards gave a public lecture entitled 'Literacy, Globalization and Value Based Education' at the College, attended departmental lectures and assessed teaching practice at Alliance Girls School.

Prof. Isaac Jumba, Principal, College of Education and External Studies, Prof. Samson Ngunga, Dean, School of Education and Dr. Paul Odundo, Chairman, Department of Educational Communication and Technology are among those present during the meeting.



(Left) Prof. Patricia Edwards receives a gift from DVC, Prof. Henry Mutoro.