

UoN hosts 23rd African Human Rights Moot Court Competition

The University of Nairobi's School of law is hosting the 23rd edition of the African Human Rights Moot competition.

This is the first time a Kenyan university is the hosting the event following the establishment of the competition in 1992. The African Human Rights Moot Court competition is an annual gathering that brings together lecturers and students of law from all over Africa to participate in simulated court proceedings and oral arguments.

Speaking during the launch of the event at Millennium hall in Chiromo campus, the Chief Guest, Mr. Charles Nyachae who is also the Chairman of the Commission for the Implementation of the Constitution said that young people were the hope of Africa. Mr. Nyachae challenged university students and other young people to embrace a culture of constitutionalism and champion for the rights of the oppressed. On his part, the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs, Prof. Henry Mutoro said that it was a great honor for the University of Nairobi to host the highly remarkable event. Prof. Mutoro also urged young people to help Africa achieve social, economic and political development by participating in meaningful activities. College of Humanities and Social Sciences (CHSS), Principal, Prof. Enos Njeru officially welcomed the participants of the Moot competition to the University of Nairobi and the college of humanities and social sciences .At the same time, Prof. Njeru thanked the participants for having taken time to participate in the Moot competition. The dean School of law, Prof. Kameri Mbote congratulated this year's participants for having made it to the competition. Prof. Mbote said that the moot court competition was the right avenue for students to sharpen their legal skills. At the same time, the dean also said that although there will be one winner eventually, there will be nothing to lose for the rest because everyone will principally remain winners.

A total of 23 countries are represented in this year's African Human Rights Moot Court Competition which officially started yesterday, 1st September and is expected to end on 6th September, 2014. The event is organized by the University of Nairobi's School of Law and the Center for Human Rights, University of Pretoria.

