

# UoN and Chinese government to strengthen partnership

The University of Nairobi (UoN) and Chinese government have entered into discussions on the possibility of strengthening the existing partnership.

In a meeting between [Vice-Chancellor](#), Prof. Peter Mbithi and Chinese Ambassador to Kenya, Dr. Liu Xianfa matters collaboration, student scholarships and establishing new partnerships with Chinese universities were discussed.

Already, the Chinese government has supported the establishment of the Confucius Institute at the University. In addition, the Chinese have set up a scholarship fund which has benefitted over 100 UoN students.

The Ambassador noted that the University has been instrumental in training professionals in both the public and private sectors. He assured the University of the government's support especially in student scholarships and skills enhancement through mentorship and internship opportunities with Chinese companies. To this end, the Ambassador invited the Vice-Chancellor to the upcoming 6th China Africa Business Summit. He said that the summit will be an opportunity to network with Chinese businessmen and create internship opportunities for students.

On his part, the Vice-Chancellor thanked the Ambassador for support the Embassy in Kenya has given to the University. He noted that many students have benefited from the scholarships with some of them getting opportunities to study in China. Prof. Mbithi said that the University will benefit from the exchange programmes as it seeks to bring in professors to boost the academic muscle especially for new programmes such as the Bsc. Petroleum Engineering.