

Chiromo Campus Alumni Chapter is Launched



Chief guest, Prof. Fred Sigor, joins University of Nairobi management in celebrating launch of the 12th Alumni Chapter, Chiromo Campus Alumni Chapter, at the College of Biological and Physical Sciences.

The 12th Alumni Chapter of the University of Nairobi (UoN) has been launched. Chiromo Campus Alumni Chapter was officially launched on December 10, 2014 by Prof. Fred Sigor, Permanent Secretary State Department of Livestock.

While presiding over the launch, the chief guest Prof. Sigor, urged College of Biological and Physical Sciences (CBPS), Chiromo Campus alumni, to be part of the solutions in managing health problems through research. The UoN alumni and a gold life member of University of Nairobi Alumni Association (UONAA) implored the scientists to curb cancer, which is a major problem in the health sector. Prof. Sigor acknowledged the high quality of education at UoN and called upon the University to ensure its curriculum targets producing wholesome graduates, suitable for both regional and worldwide employment markets.

In his speech, Deputy Vice Chancellor Administration and Finance and designate University of Nairobi Vice Chancellor, Prof. Peter Mbithi, noted that alumni are the pillars of growth in world class excellence of UoN. He also commended the most active alumni class, class of 1990, for their coordination and initiation to establish Chiromo Campus Alumni Chapter. He urged class of 1990 to move forward to great heights of success and to be a catalyst for alumni platform for the future.

Vice Chancellor, Dr. Vijoo Rattansi applauded Chiromotes for their bright minds, noting that alumni is the heartbeat of the University. On his part, Dr. Idle Farah, Chair UoN Council committed that the council would provide full support to the alumni chapter.

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Prof. Obudho, UONAA Chair, informed Chiromo Alumni- *Chiromites*, on the objectives of the alumni association; to generate Ksh. 1 Billion towards building Alumni Center through Public-Private Partnership, to enhance the scholarship fund and to create Ksh. 1 Billion endowment fund.

On his part, Prof. Mwabora, Chair Chiromo Campus Alumni Chapter, informed Chiromites on the developments in the College since 1970, where undergraduate programs increased from 1 program to current 26 programs. Graduates also increased from 65 to 545 from the year 1970 to 2014. The college has also graduated a total of 15,360 graduates. Prof. Mwabora called upon alumni to take part in provision of scholarships and internships opportunities as well engage in improving infrastructure in the College.

Representing the most active alumni, Class of 1990 Chair, Mr. Davis Thuo Research and Development Manager at Delmonte Kenya Limited reiterated that alumni chapter would create a forum to network, bond and give back to the alma matter.

Dr. Wilson Songa, Permanent Secretary Industrialization and Enterprise Development was among the distinguished who witnessed the launch.

Already launched chapters include School of Pharmacy, School of Computing and Informatics, College of Architecture and Engineering, School of Journalism, Masters Business Administration, Human Medicine, Agriculture, Veterinary Medicine, Range Management and Institute of Diplomacy and International Studies.