

University of Nairobi and Texas University discuss partnership



A team from Texas University and National Instruments, an American tech company visited the University of Nairobi Vice-Chancellor Prof. Peter M. F. Mbithi today, Monday, 16 March 2015 at the Vice-Chancellors Committee room to discuss how to use technology to solve everyday problems Kenyans face, especially water.

On his part, the Vice-Chancellor noted that "if you can take water back home, the village will be eternally grateful," he said. Prof. Mbithi was grateful that the University of Nairobi was in partnership with the America University to deliver on the precious commodity that millions of Kenyan households cherish - water.

Mr. Malcom Morris, the head of the delegation recounted his experience of Kenya and how for several years, he has been doing everything with former Presidents to deliver on this basic human need.

National Instruments, the American tech company, has been harnessing technology to provide solutions to humanity. For nearly 40 years, National Instruments has worked with engineers and scientists to provide answers to the most challenging questions. In Kenya, in partnership with School of Computing and Informatics and C4D Lab, the company will use technology to harness water to Kenyan households.

The partnership will also involve financing of business start-ups, leverage entrepreneurs access to markets, capacity development among students and staff among other things.

The Vice-Chancellor pledge management support of the partnership and advised that a Memorandum of Understanding should be developed. The writing of the MoU will be championed by Dr. William Ogara, the Director, Center for International Programs and Links, who was also present during the meeting.

Also present during the meeting was Prof. Henry Mutoro , Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic Affairs).