

UON 1st Annual Sports Day

The University of Nairobi community engaged in different sporting activity on the first annual sports day. The activities took place at the University sports grounds on Wednesday, February 28, 2017. The theme of the day was ‘Enhancing cohesiveness and wellness through sports’.

The college of health sciences was the overall winner and received trophies and awards at the end of the day. The college of Humanities and Social Sciences emerged second followed by the College of Biological and Physical Sciences.

The different teams from the different colleges and departments comprised of students and staff. The teams competed in playing Basketball, football, volleyball, netball, hockey, handball, swimming, athletics among others. There was a baseball demo that saw different participants learning how to play the game.

Speaking during the event, Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Peter Mbithi, observed that the University of Nairobi is a power house in academics and sports. The College of Education and External Studies continues to lead in physical education training of teachers. He urged the government and policy makers to put in more efforts to nurturing sports in the country by setting up more sports academies.

The Vice-Chancellor also urged private sector players to support the development of sports in the universities. Prof. Mbithi thanked the sports day corporate sponsors, namely; Tecno Mobile, Infinix, Kwese Television, Kericho Gold, Primewood Limited and the University of Nairobi Alumni Association.

The chief guest, Mr. Haron Komen from the Ministry of Sports called upon institutions of higher learning to establish sports scholarships that will encourage more students to pursue sports as a career as they nurture their talent. He revealed that plans are underway to establish Annual Sports Awards by the government, where sportsmen and women will be celebrated. Mr. Komen was speaking on behalf of the Cabinet Secretary, Sports and National Heritage, Mr. Rashid Mohammed.

Prof. Isaac Mbeche, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Student Affairs, noted that the university will continue to partner with many organizations in the country to promote sports.