

UoN Towers Official Handover

The University of Nairobi towers was officially handed over to the University Management by the contractors, China wu Yi, on Monday, December 5, 2016.

The ceremony, which took place at the State of the art, Chandaria arts centre was moderated by Prof. Isaac Mbeche and presided over by Dr. Idle Farah.

In an emotional speech, Dr. Idle Farah applauded all that were involved in the construction of the towers. Going down memory lane, he mentioned the first time the foundation was dug by the previous chancellor, Dr. John Njue in 2013. He said that the previous management and the current one have been dedicated in the details of the construction.

He assured the University community that the towers were constructed within the stipulated time, within the budget and with no controversy. He said that the UoN towers are a legacy project that many generations to come will benefit from.

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Peter Mbithi said that the building provides the much needed space the University needs to run its programmes. The Towers can hold up to 3,500 students at the same time. He said that the Towers will accommodate increasing academic activities and administrative services. The facility will be a place where users shall be proud to undertake world-class scholarly work, receive global leaders, scholars, the private sector, as well as other prominent guests. Prof. Mbithi thanked the Council for the support accorded throughout the project.

Waweru and Associates, the lead consultants, made a presentation on the architecture of the building. Speaking on behalf of the firm, Mr. Waweru Gathecha, the project architect, gave an overview of some of the features of the magnificent tower. The University of Nairobi Towers is expected to be an inspiring and attractive show case of “green” buildings and once realized, the final facility should attain signature status in all aspects of cutting-edge architecture.

The 22-storey building will not only provide the much-needed teaching space but also assert and affirm the position of the University of Nairobi as the leader of architectural thought, innovation and champion towards the provision of environmentally friendly solutions.

The handover was from the contractors, China wu Yi to the University council. The Chairman, Dr. Idle Farah received the ceremonious key and handed it over to the Vice Chancellor. The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Peter Mbithi handed over to the Ag. Deputy Vice Chancellor, Administration and Finance (DVCAF), Prof. Isaac Mbeche, who then handed it over to the Estates Manager, Mr. Tracisio Thuita.