

ORIENTATION OF FIRST YEAR STUDENTS 2013/2014 ACADEMIC YEAR

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Let me take this opportunity to join my fellow colleagues in congratulating you for having been admitted to the University of Nairobi. You have definitely made a good choice to join this premier institution in the region.

The centre for international programmes and Links [CIPL] is a unit within the office of DVC [RPE] and is located on 2nd floor, Mahatma Gandhi wing, Main Campus, room 231. CIPL has been the main facilitator in supporting, initiating, marketing, promotion and coordinating all activities pertaining to international programmes and links.

In this regard, the Centre works very closely with all the other units of the university and it has been the focal point where foreign students and scholars are provided with information pertaining to admission requirements, courses offered programme registration, credit transfer, staff/ students exchange programmes, regulatory government requirements like pupils pass and any other information about the University of Nairobi.

Currently the University of Nairobi has more than 850 foreign students representing nationalities within North America, Europe, China, Japan and African countries. The Centre will be more than happy to offer some services as deemed necessary.

The University of Nairobi has had collaborations with many universities, organizations and industry nationally, regionally and internationally and these collaborations have been in the areas of research and students/ staff exchange programmes. Collaborations with local institutions and industries have been established where our students go for industrial attachment.

It is worth noting that these collaborations and exchange programmes give a lot of exposure to staff and students in addition to internationalization of the university and its programmes.

The experience of studying in a university in a foreign country is one of the most invaluable benefits that a student can acquire during his/her university studies.

During your studies at University of Nairobi, you will not only benefit from experiencing a different cultural environment but also from a different mode of lecture delivery and intellectual discourse than the one you, may have been used in the home institution.

The interaction with other international students in such exchange programmes helps in widening the academic and cultural horizons of the students participating in such programmes.

I am therefore encouraging both international and local students to visit our website **[www.international @uonbi. ac.ke](http://www.international@uonbi.ac.ke)** or visit our Centre situated in Gandhi Wing for more elaborate details of the services we offer.

In conclusion I am wishing each one of you a wonderful stay at the University of Nairobi.