

## **University of Nairobi discuss collaboration with International Youth Fellowship, IYF.**

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The University of Nairobi is considering collaboration request from the International Youth Fellowship (IYF), an international organization that aims at mentoring the youth, by shaping their mindset.

Speaking during the meeting, William Kim, Chairman, IYF Kenya noted that the University is bound to benefit greatly, from the collaboration. Possible areas of collaboration that were identified include : student internships, training of staff and students on mind-set education, support in the establishment of University of Nairobi television and radio stations, free advisement of university programs on GBS television among others.

Prof. Isaac Mbeche, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Students Affairs and acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Administration and Finance, welcomed the request for collaboration and pledged that University management will support the establishment of the two institutions working together to the benefit of staff and students.

The IYF team took the opportunity to invite University of Nairobi staff and students to the upcoming global youth conference in South Korea from July 31- August 4, 2017. The youth camp will give students an opportunity to learn leadership skills and also experience cultural exchange. Students will network with other students as they seek solutions to the problems facing young people. Medical students will get an opportunity to volunteer their skills in medical camps during the international youth camp.

Several Vice-Chancellors from Kenya have attended previous youth camps. They include Prof. Olive Mugenda, former Vice-Chancellor, Kenyatta University. Other Vice-Chancellors who have attended previous youth camps are from KCA University, Machakos University among others. Over 30 countries attended previous youth camps.

With the forth-coming general elections in Kenya scheduled in August, the forthcoming youth camp is about world peace will be in harmony with the wishes of many Kenyans who seek peace and not violence as has been witnessed before.

Mindset training has been credited for helping South Korea emerge from a third world country to developed country and is now among the top ten richest nations in the world. Unlike many nations that are endowed with natural resources like gold, coal, diamonds or wildlife, South Korea has nothing and one third of the country is covered by mountains.

Also present during the meeting were: Prof. Henry Mutoro, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic Affairs and Prof. William Ogara, Director, Center for International Programs and Links, Johnson Kinyua, Director, University Advancement and John Orindi, Director, Corporate Affairs among others.

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