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The French Ambassador to Kenya, H.E. Antoine Sivan, has commended the University of Nairobi on her achievements in terms of creativity and innovation.

“Creativity and innovation are the sole basis for scholar education for the new generation,” said Amb. Sivan. He was speaking at UoN when he paid a courtesy call on the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Peter Mbithi. “It is also important to have a sustained interconnection between universities and industry. A student should be able to use that degree in a company.”

The Ambassador revealed that the embassy is seeking to have Kenyan students secure internship opportunities in French companies operating in the country. There are more than 70 French companies operating in Kenya and the number is expected to grow to more than 100 soon.

On his part, Prof. Mbithi said that securing collaborations with industry is a key mandate for UoN.

“There are renewed efforts in enhancing experiential learning at the university. We are keen in technology and innovation initiatives as they not only expose our students to creative ideas but also encourage entrepreneurship hence job creation.”

The Vice-Chancellor called for the continued cooperation between UoN and French universities and companies.

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Present during the meeting was the Principal, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Prof. Enos Njeru, Director, Center for International Programmes and Links, Prof. William Ogara, Director, UNES, Mr. John Kenduiwo, Finance Officer, Peter Busienei among others.

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