

Benchmark with the best, Chris Kirubi Tells UoN Graduate Business School.

The University of Nairobi , School of Business has been challenged to benchmark with the best Universities in the world like Harvard as they seek to establish a Graduate Business School.

Speaking during a breakfast meeting at the Norfolk Hotel, hosted by the University of Nairobi , School of Business , Dr. Chris Kirubi challenged the University Management to avoid reinventing the wheel and instead borrow from the best practices. Dr. Kirubi pledged to support the University Management in the establishment of the Graduate School.

Dr. Kirubi , who heads many big companies in Nairobi, further challenged University dons to publish, patent their research work and prosper. He urged the professors to collaborate more with industry as this would help them in producing quality graduates who will be more experienced upon graduation. He noted that most graduates lack work experience and this forces most companies to spend huge sums of money on training new employees.

It was also noted that the University management needs to improve on agility and quick response when working with the corporate world as they have in the recent past lost deals due to slow response to queries from industry experts.

On his part, University of Nairobi Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Peter Mbithi said that the march towards world class status has started in earnest by the establishment of the Graduate School. He noted that the School of Business has played a key role in producing celebrated business executives in the country and it is now time to re-engineer the programs.

Other stakeholders at the breakfast meeting expressed willingness to work with the University of Nairobi to establish the best graduate school on the continent. The University management was therefore encouraged to work closely with the media as they share their innovations, findings and research outputs with the Kenyan public.

Stakeholders present were from various organizations like Safaricom Limited, Cooperative Bank, Equity Bank, Barclays Bank, IBM, Kenya Revenue Authority, Kenya Power among other corporate bodies.

Going forward, it was evident that the University will adopt digital learning platforms even as it seeks to tap into the international students market. The School will as well engage industry experts in fine tuning the various programs and in the establishment of the endowment chairs.