

The Government Increases Capitation to the University of Nairobi by Kshs. 100M to Promote Innovation

Hon. Uhuru Kenyatta, the President of the republic of Kenya and the commander-in chief of the defense forces announced the increase when he officially launched the 2nd annual Nairobi Innovation Week at Taifa Hall on Wednesday, August 3, 2016.

The president applauded the university of Nairobi for remaining top in innovation and leading as an example to other institution of higher learning, in his speech he asked the heads of other institution of learning to borrow a leaf from the set example at Innovation week. He acknowledged the importance of innovations citing that through innovation and creativity such as MPESA, Kenya has received two awards in Africa, Kenya continues to lead in East Africa region in innovations. The head of the state also noted that Kenya needs more innovations from sectors like Agriculture, Security, Health among others.

The President also noted that there is need to be better link between Academia, Researchers, Private Sectors and Financial Service Sectors. He said, "If we ever hope to get full value, there is still a lot of work that needs to be done to see people's lives improved or changed by innovations." The head of state challenged the youths to be part of the innovations because the government wants to support young skills and imaginations. He also noted that there was need to improve teaching science based courses.

Mr. Joseph Mucheru, CS, Ministry of Information, Communication and Technology in his remarks said it the work of the government to work with all partners to enhance and see all startup businesses grow, he said such innovations have the ability to grow the economy and partnership is the key for any innovation to impact change in the society.

Prof. Peter Mbithi, Vice Chancellor, University of Nairobi, in his opening remarks noted that innovation has been one of the pillars of his leadership since he assumed office. He said as an institution, University of Nairobi will not only sustain its performance but also improve in innovations and leadership.

Cabinet secretaries, Principal Secretaries, Ambassadors, Chancellor, Chairman of council, Deputy Vice Chancellors, Principals and Directors of the University, The University Community, and the general public were in attendance.