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JKUAT gets book donation

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AN organisation based in New Jersey, USA, has donated books worth Shs 370 million to Jomo Kenyatta University of Science and Technology.

The last consignment of the assorted books, which is worth US\$ 5 million, is expected at the university any time this week.

It contains journals, books and abstracts such as Dairy Science Abstracts, Molecular Immunology, Environment and Molecular Mutagenesis, American Journal of Sociology, Journal of Pharmacokinetics and Biopharmaceutics and Plant Diseases.

Other reading materials in the consignment include Weed Technology, Journal of Immunology, Insect Science, American Society for Horticultural Science and Journal of Environmental Pathology, Toxicology and Oncology, among others.

GLP Inc President Professor Olubayi was speaking at the university when he met Vice-Chancellor Prof Nick Wanjohi and his deputy in charge of Academic Affairs Prof Henry Thairu.

The Project's Kenya chairman Albert Ekirapa, who is a former assistant minister for Trade, flanked him.

While complimenting JKUAT's efforts in providing quality education in the region, Olubayi said his organisation would strive to meet the university's demands

as the institution was run in a more transparent manner. He commended the institution's record in upholding a genuine partnership with his organisation.

However, he cautioned JKUAT administration against drastic expansion of students' intake if the quality of education has to remain high.

Said Olubayi: "Quality Science is not enhanced by an institution admitting many students. Science just like Engineering require high standards and the fewer the students, the better the quality."

Wanjohi who was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor in charge of Admission, Planning and Development Prof Stephen Agong commended GLP Inc. for the donation terming it quite deserving as most institutions of higher learning needed learning books:

He said good reference materials were ideal and necessary for effective research and training. He reiterated his appeal to strengthen the partnership.

Ekirapa noted that the collaboration with GLP would equally benefit American students as the exchange would enable them learn more not only about JKUAT but also about other local universities.

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2003 Global Literacy Project Volunteers Visit JKUAT Science and Agriculture Library

As part of the Global Literacy Project's 2003 "Global Learning Expedition" (supported by the Rutgers University Paul Robeson Cultural Center, the New Brunswick Rotary Club, the Alumnae and Faculty of Douglass College and the Rutgers Political Science Department), several students and a faculty member from Rutgers University spent six weeks in Kenya where they worked to advance literacy in several local schools and created a community library in Teso District of the Amagoro Constituency in Western Kenya.

The volunteers also visited the Jomo Kenyatta University of Science and Technology where past Global Literacy Project donations created a science and agriculture library.

