

THE UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI CHANCELLOR TOURS THE COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE AND ENGINEERING

On 5th August 2014, the University of Nairobi Chancellor, [Dr. Vijoo Rattansi](#) paid a visit to the College of Architecture and Engineering. This was the first time she was visiting the college since her appointment in December 2013. The Chancellor was accompanied by the members of the Executive University Management Board (UMB), the Chairman of the University Council, Dr. Idle Omar Farah, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. George Magoha, DVCs for Academic Affairs, Student Affairs, and Research, Production and Extension, Principal, College of Architecture and Engineering, and other senior university and college management members of staff. In her visit, she had an opportunity to visit various College units, sampling some of the Colleges facilities and activities in place. The visit included visits to the respective departments within the Schools of Engineering, Art and Design and the School of the Built environment. In addition, she toured extensively the college facilities which included the Lecture Theatres, Lecture Rooms, Laboratories, Studios and Workshops.

Her tour to the college started at the School of Engineering in American Wing, where she was introduced to the staff and faculty. Dr. Rattansi and Dr. Farah were able to see the facilities available for teaching and research available to the students and staff of the school during their comprehensive tour to the Institutes and Departments.

She then proceeded to the Architecture Design and Development Building (ADD Building) that houses the School of Art and Design and School of the Built Environment (SBE). The first stop was at the School of Arts and Design Director's office then to the studio which had exhibitions of students' projects. Dr. Rattansi then proceeded to the [School of Built Environment Dean's office](#), [Architecture and Building Science Chairman's office](#) then the [Real Estate and Construction Management Chairman's office](#). Her last visit was to Architectural studios on Level 4 where she was treated to students' project displays from the [Departments of Urban and Regional Planning](#) and Architecture and Building Science. She also visited the publications stand for the [Centre for Urban Research and Innovations \(CURI\)](#).

The Chancellors visit to CAE was concluded with a brief assembly for refreshments and remarks by the members of the college at Level 4. The chancellor was pleased with the dedication in the members of the staff of the college and pledged her support for the college and the university at large. She particularly enjoyed interaction with faculty and students. She challenged the students to work hard, in order to acquire skills hence contributing to national development.

Dr. Rattansi thanked the University of Nairobi fraternity for their commitment and dedication in service in her remarks to the College Academic Boards. She concluded by congratulating the University for maintaining the lead position among universities in the region and for emerging position 9 in Africa and 907 in the world in the just released July 2014 edition of the Web Ranking of Universities. Dr. Rattansi called on all to work diligently and steer the University to the top.

The Chancellor crowned her tour by planting a tree at the ADD Gardens. A good gesture it was and the College of Architecture and Engineering looks forward to more engagement with the Chancellor in future to address challenges and explore opportunities in producing human capacity for the country.

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