

## University of Nairobi Towers Now In Use

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The iconic University of Nairobi Towers which was officially handed over by the contractor, China Wu Yi to the University of Nairobi Management in November 2016 is now occupied and in use.

A key Vision 2030 project of the University, the building was completed on schedule and within the budget at a cost of 2.3 billion. The University Council has applauded the contractor, China Wu Yi and the lead architects, Waweru and Associates for completing the job within the set timelines. The Tower was fully financed by internally generated resources without external support or loan.

On his part, the University of Nairobi Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Peter Mbithi, has thanked the contractor for a job well done. He also thanked the Council for their continued support over the years, pointing out that the University Council had been very supportive of University endeavours to improve infrastructure and academic quality.

The construction of the building took three years, the ground breaking having been done on June, 17, 2013. The project was successful courtesy of several teams that worked tirelessly to see it through. Key among them being quantity surveyors, electrical engineers, structural engineers, among others. The building will hold a student population of 3,500 and is 89M high.

The University of Nairobi towers has a 24 hour security surveillance system. The structure also boasts of a water recycling system. It uses solar energy and hence the concept of 'green building'. The building will be used by the Graduate School, School of Business, School of Engineering, Confucius Institute together with the members of the University Management, University Council and Senate who take up the upper floors.



The building which has space for a restaurant also houses an ultramodern auditorium with a capacity of 600 at the Chandaria Centre for performing Arts on the 6th floor. There also several seminar and conference rooms to facilitate the University core business of teaching and learning. The building has a helipad which has been gazetted as Aerodrome class D. The building has state of the art ICT services and firefighting equipment.

The University of Nairobi Towers is one of the infrastructural projects recently undertaken by the University and is expected to further smoothen the business of teaching, learning and conducting research.

The University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Mbithi has appointed a team to develop a concept for marketing the facility with a view to taking advantage of the increase interest in conference tourism in Kenya.

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