

## **UoN students receive DAAD Scholarships**

Ten University of Nairobi students are the beneficiaries of this year's DAAD scholarships.

The students drawn from various African countries are pursuing their masters' degrees in German studies at the University of Nairobi's Department of Linguistics and Languages.

Presiding over the awards ceremony, the Vice-Chancellor, who was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic Affairs, Prof. Henry Mutoro, thanked the Federal Republic of Germany and DAAD for the continued cooperation in diverse fields.

"We are indeed grateful for the continued support that the German government has given to us in training members of the academic staff in various fields in our University and also for training other professionals working in various sectors of the Republic of Kenya," he said.

Prof. Mutoro noted that the German studies programme has become attractive to many young African scholars. He attributed this to the thematic areas covered, and the competent teaching staff in the Department of Linguistics and Languages. The thematic areas include linguistics, literature, didactics and translation.

"You may not be aware of this but the University of Nairobi is the only university in Sub-Saharan Africa offering such a variety of topics in its German Masters programme," he said.

The Cultural Attaché, German Embassy, Mr. Uwe Koppel, congratulated the scholarship recipients and urged them to work hard in their studies. He highlighted the importance of learning a foreign language and the opportunities that come with it.

"With the world becoming a global village, it is important for us to learn and appreciate that different languages and cultures that exist," he said.

The DAAD Regional Director, Dr. Helmut Blumbach, also commended that students on their achievements and called on others to take advantage of the many opportunities presented to them.

The University of Nairobi has been hosting the DAAD funded German Masters programme in the Department of Linguistics and Languages since 1994.