

Rongo University and Hebei University China to support joint research

Rongo University and Hebei Academy of Agriculture and Forestry Science in China have signed a deal to undertake joint research and demonstrations on drought tolerant and disease resistant maize hybrids for arid and semi-arid areas. Hebei Academy invited the delegation from Rongo University led by the acting Vice Chancellor Prof. Samuel who is also the Principal Investigator, Dean of the School of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Studies Prof. Peter Kisinyo and a lecturer from the same school Dr. Evance Ouma for a 14 day visit to china where the deal was fine tuned.

As part of the collaboration, the University also received laboratory equipment comprising of microscopes, electrophoresis apparatus, power supply, centrifuge, gel photographic imaging equipment, a computer and printer from the Chinese University, all valued at 2.6 million Kenya Shillings.

Lauding the initiative during the official unveiling of the equipment, the university council led by the Chair Mr. Julius Kolil thanked Hebei for the support. He underscored that the donations will greatly help Rongo University to undertake research geared at promoting the livelihoods of farmers within the region and beyond.