

## **Capacity building MoU signed with Wuhan Textile University of China**

Rongo University has signed a memorandum of understanding in yet another ground breaking partnership with the China based Wuhan Textile University. The MoU which will last for a period of three years, also enjoins the county government of Migori. The collaboration is intended to build capacity for the county government and Rongo University in silk textile technology, cotton research and fashion design through the use of 3D-CAD/CAM technology.

The university was the first to benefit from the pact having already received 11 partial scholarships for its staff to pursue masters degree in the Chinese University. The agreement envisions building capacity for the University in the field of textile sciences, technology and engineering to enhance the dormant textile economy in Migori county as a whole. It will also develop a strong staff and student exchange programme which will provide a firm science-based platform for technology transfer and scientific incubation. Wuhan University also pledged to award a full scholarship to the best overall student of Rongo University in 2016. Ms. Phoebe Owiti, a lecturer in the Fashion Design and Textile Section has also secured a three month fellowship under the MoU to train in the 3D CAD technology in China beginning May Next year.