

Education: Kenya seeks China Aid

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EDUCATION and Human Resource Development Minister Kalonzo Musyoka yesterday appealed for greater co-operation and assistance in the education sector from China.

He said the Chinese government had been co-operative in the past, noting that it had the material to help promote the quality of education in Kenya.

Mr Musyoka recalled that China had contributed to Kenya's infrastructural development, citing the Moi International Sports Centre (MISC) as a landmark to the country's contribution.

The Minister was speaking in his office yesterday when he received a delegation from China led by their local ambassador Mr An Yongyu.

The delegation presented, through the Minister, laboratory equipment and teaching material worth Sh10 million meant for Egerton University, Kenya High and Westlands Primary schools.

Mr Musyoka noted that through numerous visits by President Daniel arap Moi to China and the visit to Kenya last year by Chinese President Jiang Zemin, the two countries had been able to share common ideas that have resulted in major useful programmes.

He said that the government of China annually gave three study scholarships to Kenyan students, adding that Kenya will increase her scholarships for Chinese in local universities.

Mr Yongyu said the two countries were brothers in development and needed total co-operation for economic growth.

He said the presentations yesterday were a fulfilment of an agreement with the Chinese Minister for Education who visited Kenya last year and vowed to assist the three institutions.

Mr Yongyu said the presentation was an expression of friendship which will go a long way in contributing to teaching and research.

● Nine primary schools in Bunyala East Location, Navakholo Division of Kakamega District yesterday received 90 boxes of chalk from area councillor Joshua Khaemba.

Donating the chalks at Lutaso market, Coun Khaemba who has also dug up 36 toilets for the nine schools said the chalk programme that started last term will run for the next five years, with the schools receiving chalks every term.

Coun Khaemba said leaders should sacrifice to improve hygiene in school and also by buying learning facilities.

He called on residents to buy additional pipes to extend clean water to Sivilie area, inhabited by nearly 2,500 people.

He also appealed to parents to buy desks for their children to avoid sitting on the floor while learning. He pledged to donate 10 desks to each of the nine primary schools in his ward.