Varsity to collaborate with Israel on dairy farming

The University of Nairobi is in talks with the Israeli Embassy in Kenya, on improving its dairy farming outputs.

In a meeting between, H. E. Yahel Vilan, Israeli Ambassador to Kenya, Mr. Oded Chakim, SCR Technology, an Israeli based company that specializes in dairy farming and a team from the University led by the <u>Vice-Chancellor</u>, Prof. Peter Mbithi, it was established that the University needs to improve on its dairy farming and boost yields. It was agreed that a taskforce will be established and a concept note developed for implementation.

Mr. Chakim, who had an opportunity of touring the dairy farm in Upper Kabete, noted that the University needs to upgrade the technology used in the farm. He said that the framework laid out by the University in the farm can be improved on.

While welcoming the initiative, Prof. Mbithi noted that the new technologies will improve on productivity of the farm. He said that students pursuing veterinary sciences will be exposed to modern technologies in dairy farming.

Among those present during the meeting was Ag. Principal, <u>College of Agriculture and Veterinary Sciences</u>, Prof. Charles Mulei, Dean and <u>Faculty of Agriculture</u>, Prof. John Kimenju.