

## **President lays foundation stone for construction of Koitalel Samoei University**

President Uhuru Kenyatta laid the foundation stone for the construction of Koitalel Samoei University College. The university college located in Nandi Hills is a constituent college of the University of Nairobi (UoN).

The ceremony which was held on June 12, 2017 was also graced by the Deputy President William Ruto. The Chancellor, Dr. Vijoo Rattansi and the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Peter Mbithi led the UoN delegation.

The President called on the youth to take advantage of access to education to achieve progress.

“The university will bring economic growth to Nandi Hills town. Let us all strive to expand our economy because no one else will come to develop our country,” said the President. “This new university will be opened in two years time.”

The Deputy President William Ruto, said that the leaders of the region had insisted that the first course the university college offers should be law to represent the freedom and justice that Koitalel stood for.

“We want the university college to produce people who will defend our freedoms and the sovereignty of our nation,” he said. The university will also offer business and sports related courses.

While thanking the President for the President for appointing UoN to mentor the new university college, the Chancellor, Dr. Rattansi pledged to donate books worth Kshs. 18 Million.

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Mbithi said that UoN will do its best to ensure the new new university college thrives.

“You have given us a duty and we are going to do it to the best of our ability, to make this institution a world class facility,” he said. “This new institution will be center of excellence in business studies, legal studies and sports discipline to serve the needs of both the local and global community. The Sports faculty shall include sports medicine and a research laboratory that will serve the needs of

our athletes in conducting doping tests which are currently done only in South Africa at very expensive costs to our athletes.

The community has donated 100 acres to the proposed university college from the Samoei Secondary School.

The foundation stone of the Koitalel Samoei University College was laid at the spot where Koitalel was tricked and killed in 1905. Koitalel was the supreme chief of the Nandi and is revered all over Kalenjin land.