

Bureau Hosts Top Government Officials as Board is Inaugurated



The Cabinet Secretary (CS) - Ministry of Education, Hon. Ezekiel Machogu (5th right), Principal Secretary Dr Belio Kipsang' (5th left) with the Board and Senior Management at KLB headquarters.



The Cabinet Secretary (CS) - Ministry of Education, Hon. Ezekiel Machogu, signs the visitor's book at KLB offices. Besides him is the Board's chairperson, Dr. Rispah Wepukhulu (c), Managing Director, Victor Lomaria (l) and Principal Secretary, Dr. Belio Kipsang'.

Kenya Literature Bureau's (KLB) Managing Director, Mr Victor Lomaria, led staff in hosting the Cabinet Secretary for Education, Hon. Ezekiel Machogu and the Principal Secretary of State Department for Basic Education, Dr Belio Kipsang'. Hon. Machogu was making his maiden trip to the Bureau to inaugurate the newly appointed Board Members and tour the printing press.

While inaugurating the Board, Hon. Machogu praised KLB for the tremendous efforts made in spearheading productivity in the publishing and printing industry. He asked the team to improve on areas of weakness and leave KLB at an admirable level, emphasizing that the

Bureau has to maintain its leading position as a Semi-Autonomous Government Agency (SAGA) under the Ministry of Education, while its operations remain above board.

Hon. Machogu led Ministry officials on a tree-planting drive at the KLB grounds. In his remarks, he asked members to support government initiatives such as the ongoing planting and growing of 15 billion trees. He

encouraged the Bureau to set up a tree nursery to nurture seedlings, which KLB stakeholders can then plant. The Bureau team was encouraged to work hand in hand with the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources to acquire seedlings to start off the project. The Cabinet Secretary said this would serve as one of the measures to prevent drought in the country and reduce carbon emissions.



Hon Ezekiel Machogu plants a tree on the sidelines of the Board Inauguration. With him are the Principal Secretary- State Department for Basic Education, Dr Belio Kipsang (behind him), the Board Chairperson, Dr Rispah Wepukhulu (r) and Managing Director, Victor Lomaria (l).

Earlier, the Bureau hosted the Principal Secretary- State Department for Broadcasting & Telecommunications, Prof. Edward Kisiang'ani, who was accompanied by various Heads of State Agencies under his Department. Prof. Kisiang'ani paid a courtesy call to the Managing Director to establish government-to-government business linkages.

The various delegations toured the Bureau's printing press, where they were shown several printing operations ranging from plate making to final printed products. The government officials were happy to note the steps the Bureau had made to finance the modernization of its printing press.

The Bureau recently acquired a Web offset printing machine that provides a short turnaround time for four colour printing solutions. The machine, which runs at a speed of up to 35,000 impressions per hour [iph], can print copies ranging 50,000 to over one [1] million efficiently in a short turnaround time. This state-of-the-art machine will help improve turnaround time and increase the output of books and other institutional printing works while producing quality finished products. This will help manage timely printing of books and address delays in delivering the same to institutions.



KLB's Assistant Production Manager, Mr. Joseph Emojong', giving a brief demonstration to Prof. Kisiang'ani led team on seamless operations between Computer to Plate(CTP) and web offset printing machine at the Bureau.