

## **SoE 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize Giving Gala Dinner**

The School of Engineering (SOE) held its 2<sup>nd</sup> annual prize giving gala dinner on Tuesday, March 07, 2017 at the Intercontinental Hotel. The event is subsequent to SOE open day which is also an annual event and in which the best student's projects to be awarded, are picked from three categories, namely; social, economic and political pillars.

The dinner which was sponsored by Hon. Dr. Patrick Mweu Musimba, the Member of Parliament (MP) for Kibwezi West Constituency, is meant to motivate students in the College of Architecture and Engineering (CAE) to come up with innovative ideas and projects that will bring about a lasting solution to a given problem in the society. While giving his remarks, he informed the students that while they transited through institutions of higher learning, they needed to come up with innovations that are aligned with the vision 2030. He urged them also to fully utilize facilities at the university to come up with great and inspiring innovative solutions. He noted that Kenyans in general were bright with a lot of talents comparable with other developed nations. He promised to bring on board other partners to fund the next prize giving gala dinner with the aim of making it even more bigger and better.

The guest of honor who is the current MP for Rarieda Constituency, Hon. Eng. Nicholas Gumbo, on his remarks thanked Hon. Musimba for his kind gesture for having sponsored the event again. He challenged the students to bring out the best in them in any opportunity, whether great or small to create an innovation.

The Principal, Prof. Peter Ngau relayed that our countries economy is now moving even at a rapid pace toward industrialization. He emphatically noted that the key component in moving toward industrialization is infrastructure and that engineers will be the key personnel who will play a great role in this, as opportunities for them will be astronomical.

The dean, SoE, Prof. Jackson Mbuthia, informed the attendees that innovation in itself inspires the future, improves the lives of the people and helps eradicate illiteracy. He said that "innovation is a great achievement on its own". He concluded by saying that innovation truly provides an opportunity to get ideas out of one's mind.