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**Prof. Lixia Chen, Director of Confucius Institute Division from BLCU**

The Director of Confucius Institute Division from BLCU, Prof. Lixia Chen paid the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Peter Mbithi a courtesy call at his office. During the meeting, the Director announced that the Confucius Institute in Beijing Language and Culture University (BLCU) in China and the College of Humanities and Social Sciences are set to strengthen partnerships through more training programs, educational conferences, an international cultural festival, African youth forum, among others.

The Director from Beijing said that the University of Nairobi is among the world class Universities where the Confucius Institute has been successful.

The institute has fostered exchange programs for students and promotion of Chinese language and culture in Kenya.

She thanked the University for its support and for the short term programs that have allowed the Chinese students to come to Africa, specifically Kenya for studies.