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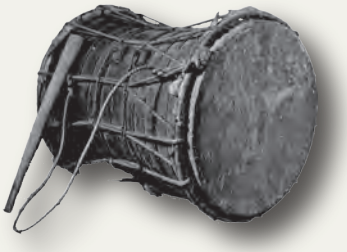

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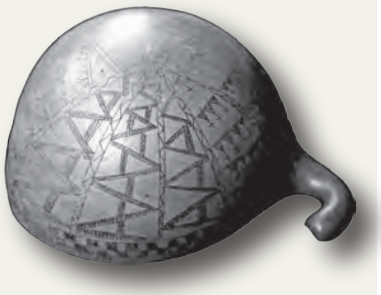

ISO 9001 BUREAU VERITAS Certification

WE ARE
ISO 9001: 2008 CERTIFIED

NMK Director General Dr. Idle O. Farah (centre) receives the ISO 9001:2008 Certificate from the Bureau Veritas representative. With the Director General are members of the ISO technical committee from the National Museums of Kenya.

NMK now ISO 9001: 2008 certified!

The National Museums of Kenya is now ISO 9001:2008 Certified.

After a long and rigorous journey of aligning the Museums operations with the requirements for this certification, the certifying body, Bureau Veritas presented the ISO 9001:2008 Certificate to the NMK management at a colorful event held on 4th September 2009 at the Nairobi National Museum .

By this certification the NMK commits to sustained and continued improvement of its Quality Management Systems. The certification applies to all activities involved in the collection, documentation, research, conservation and dissemination of information on Kenya's heritage. The decision to acquire ISO 9001:2008 certification is a strategic move that is part of the Museum in Change and Public Sector Reforms initiatives.

In a separate message appearing in a local daily the Minister of State for National Heritage and Culture Hon. William ole Ntimama described this achievement as the crowning glory for his ministry as well as the Nation as a whole. He paid tribute to the tireless efforts of the National Museums of Kenya Board of management, the Director General and staff for making the Certification possible.

The guest of honor during the launch ISO 9001:2008 Certification was the Permanent Secretary for the Ministry of State for National Heritage and Culture Dr. Jacob ole Miaron and in his message, he reminded all that "Whereas the acquisition of ISO 9001:2008 is a milestone, the challenge is ensuring that the NMK works continually to be an efficient, customer-focused, productive and results-oriented heritage institution that contributes to a globally competitive and prosperous Kenya. Therefore, the certification is not an end in itself but a means to guide the NMK in its endeavour to realise its vision of becoming a world-class heritage institution".

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