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## MOTTO

Better Life through  
Technology

## VISION STATEMENT

A Premier Technological  
University Excelling in  
Quality Education,  
Research, and Technology  
Transfer for national  
development.

## MISSION STATEMENT

To provide academically  
stimulating, culturally  
diverse and quality  
learning environment that  
fosters research, innovation  
and technology  
development towards  
producing relevant  
technical and managerial  
human resource and  
leaders to contribute to  
attainment of national  
development goals.

## Quote of the month

"Intelligence plus character.  
That is the goal of true  
education" Martin Luther  
King Jr.

### Siemens Certification Program 1st Cohort

Last year, Dedan Kimathi University of technology successfully started a partnership with Siemens, as the first in Africa, to enhance her training in Mechatronic Engineering through Siemens Mechatronic Systems Certification Program (SMSCP). The 1st cohort of 21 students was admitted to the two months program in January this year. The feedback from the students has been positive; the program is indeed adding value to their engineering training. This training has also given way to understanding industrial gap and need in matters training and Dr. Jean Bosco has rolled out a plan to train the personnel in the industry. On board for negotiations is KENGEN, East African Portland, Savanna Cement and Coca Cola Bottlers Companies

Application is open for the March intake. Get more information about the program here <http://www.dkut.ac.ke/index.php/notices/siemens-mechatronic-systems-certification-program-apply-now-for-march-intake>

### Commissioning of DeKUT Post Office



DeKUT opened her doors to Postal Corporation of Kenya on 10th February this year in an event that saw Posta Corporation of Kenya officially open a Post Office at the University (DeKUT Post Office). During the commissioning, the Postmaster General, Mr. Daniel Kagwe, confessed to having personal interests in Dedan Kimathi University; interest in the development of DeKUT. The Vice Chancellor affirmed this by pointing out that Mr. Kagwe's relationship with the University goes way back. The post office will serve the wider university community. Among the services will be banking, Mpost (posta mkononi), posta cargo, travel lite, courier services, posta parcels among others. We hope that this new development will bring mutual benefits; to both Posta Kenya and DeKUT fraternity as well as the community around.

## Kimathi week 2017



We, at DeKUT, acknowledge the struggle by our forefathers to gain the freedom we enjoy today and it's in honor of our heroes who fought selflessly for the independence of this country that we celebrate Kimathi week every 7th week of the year, in February. Having been named after one of the most renowned freedom fighter, Dedan Kimathi Wachiuri, we have more reason to.

This year's Kimathi week was celebrated between 13th and 18th February 2017. Students did gaming activities together as a way of enhancing cohesion among them. They also took time to check their health status through various services offered by the University Clinic. The week was culminated through a hike to Nyana hills with both the staff and students. This hike marked the end of Kimathi week 2017 and served as continued excursion towards Climb to Educate 4th Edition.

### Preparation towards "Climb to Educate" 4th Edition

"Climb to Educate" is an initiative started under DeKUT Endowment Fund- a fund established with the goal of supporting talented and financially disadvantaged students to access and successfully complete the highly competitive programmes offered by the University through provision of scholarships and bursaries. So far, there has been three editions (1 in 2015 and 2 in 2016) that have seen 564 participants make it to the mountain and back. In the month of January and February, efforts have been made in preparation towards Climb to Educate 4th Edition; evening workouts and weekend excursions.

For more information visit:

<http://dkut.ac.ke/endowment-fund/>

<http://www.dkut.ac.ke/index.php/notices/climb-to-educate-4th-and-5th-editions>

## Appointments

In January this year, the following appointments were made:

NAME			DESIGNATION	DEPARTMENT
Joash	Ondieki	Ombati	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	DEAN SCHOOL OF SCIENCE
Moses	Abednego	Ollengo	LECTURER	CHEMISTRY
Esther	Wanja	Nthiga	LECTURER	CHEMISTRY
Paul	Kiptoo	Tanui	LECTURER	CHEMISTRY
Nancy	Nyambura	Maingi	LECTURER	NURSING
Fauziya	Kassim	Abdallah	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

## Bereavement

We are saddened by the demise of George Opiyo Otieno, Reg. No. S080-0294/2012. George passed on on 21st February, 2017 at 1.30am in Sayid Fatima Hospital Mombasa due to kidney problems. The late Otieno was admitted to Dedan Kimathi University in September 2012 to pursue a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Chemistry. By the time of his death, George was out of the university but was to resume in May 2017. We join his family, relatives and friends in prayer during this difficult moment.

## DeKUT Travelling Theatre Win



DeKUT Travelling Theatre, drama club, emerged as 2nd runners up in the Central Region Universities drama festivals held on 25th and 26th March, 2017 at Mt. Kenya University in Thika. The national festivals are scheduled for 8th April in Kisumu. They were performing "Vuyanzi". Vuyanzi is a luhya word meaning love. The dance explored how love is a vital value not only in a community but nationwide and among humanity.

## Crime Si Poa Event

This is an annual event that started last year and organized under the Directorate of Students Welfare with the full support of the Vice Chancellor. The move was inspired by the many visits by DeKUT students to the prison and the institution felt it better to establish a two-way relationship between the University and King'ong'o Maximum Prison. This is towards sensitization and encouragement to live a crime free life. This year's event was held on 29th March 2017.

## **It's a new year, 2017**

The year begun just fine with the following plans underway in matters construction:

### **Construction of Engineering laboratory Annex**

The Engineering Laboratory Annex will house Structures and Material Laboratory, Geotechnical Laboratory, automotive workshops and Highway engineering laboratory for electron microscope. The construction is a single storey building with a mezzanine floor which will harbor half of the offices. The project is expected to be completed and handed over by the end of March, 2017.

### **Academic block**

The above project involves construction of phase 2A and B of the Academic Block. Once completed, this block will become a nerve centre for the main academic programmes of the University. These programmes are in engineering, geothermal energy technology, Geospatial and geotechnical sciences, Industrial chemistry and leather technology, ICT and the innovation Centre (DeHUB), Tourism and Hospitality Sciences, Nursing and Food Engineering. The project will also entail installation of the kitchen equipment to serve as a lab for the Institute of Hospitality and Tourism Management. Phase 2A of the project will be completed and handed over by the end of April, 2017 while phase 2B is expected to be completed by July, 2017.

### **Construction of Resource Center Phase 3**

This will house the university main library and offices. The current library space - 100-seater capacity- was constructed during the university college era and is not sufficient due to rapid growth in student numbers. An expanded Library will ensure that the University is in compliance with CUE standards and required ratios of seating capacity to total student population. Once complete, the building will house a 700-seater modern library, e-learning facilities, the digital school and specialized Africana section.

### **University main lecture theater**

The theatre will have a sitting capacity of 1500, a stage, audio visual services and offices. The hall will be used by students and staff to hold meetings, conferences and examinations that involve huge number of participants. The Vice Chancellor on Monday 27th March officially handed over this project to the engineers and contractors for the construction work to begin.

### **University Frontage**

As a way of enhancing the university corporate image, the department has proposed construction of university frontage at the main entrance. This will go a long way to make the university visible to visitors.