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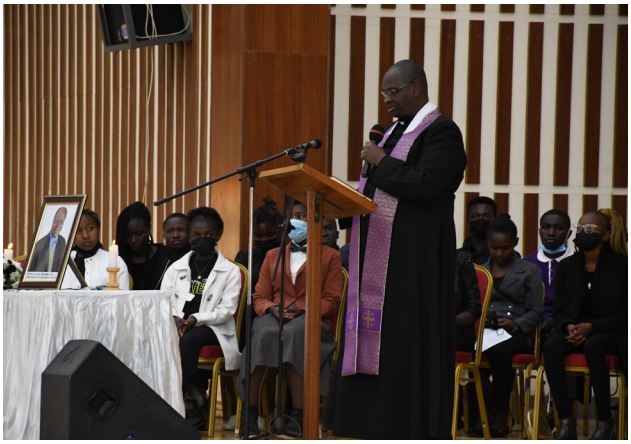
Honoring the Late President Mwai Kibaki, the Third President of the Republic of Kenya



His Excellency Mwai Kibaki's public career spans more than fifty years. During his time, he dedicated his skills and abilities to the development of society and the improvement of Kenyans' lives. In December 2002, he was elected the third President of the Republic of Kenya, a position which he held until April 2013 when he oversaw a peaceful transition of power to his successor, His Excellency Uhuru Kenyatta. His life demonstrates an active commitment to achieving the noble idea of bringing about significant positive change in humankind. The transformative effect of his leadership on the Kenyan society, the region, and the world deserves recognition and honor.

We joined the rest of the country in honoring the late President Mwai Kibaki, the third President of the Republic of Kenya, through an Ecumenical Memorial Service on April 28, 2022, held at the University. His Excellency Mwai Kibaki was an instrumental figure in developing this great Institution. H.E Mwai Kibaki was one of the founders of our Institution and a longstanding Chairman of the Board of Trustees, having served from 1972, when Kimathi Institute of Technology (KIT) was founded, up to 2007. In 2007, he oversaw the transition of KIT from an Institute of Technology to a Constituent College and finally to University in 2012. He personally presided over the Award of Charter ceremony in December 2012. H.E Mwai Kibaki was the University's first awardee of the Honoris Causa award in 2013 in celebration of his leadership and contribution to the country's growth. His visionary leadership laid the foundation for the development and economic transformation of the country, whose fruits we eat today. His Excellency Mwai Kibaki was born in Othaya, Kenya, in 1931. He went to Gatuyaini for his early education, then Nyeri High School, and ultimately Mang'u High School, where he studied from 1947 and 1950. Later on, he proceeded to Makerere University to pursue a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics, History, and Political Science. He then graduated in 1955 with a First Class Honours Degree in Economics. He was soon awarded a scholarship to study at a university of his choice in Britain. He was selected to pursue a Bachelor of Science degree in Public Finance at the world-renowned London School of Economics, from which he graduated with honors.





During his time, the higher education sector was expanded considerably, resulting in the current 22 national public universities and 16 private universities, all of which saw enrolment at universities rise from 75,000 in 2002 to more than 251,554 students currently.
This University is a good testament to His Excellency Mwai Kibaki's commitment to expanding educational opportunities. The Institution is the culmination of his vision, together with other leaders, who, way back in 1972, decided to establish a technical institution that would impart important skills to young Kenyans to enable them to find employment or set up businesses. These vision carriers hoped that one day, the Institution they were establishing would develop into a world-class University of technology with an impact on national, regional, and international development. The granting of the Charter and the establishment of this University is a significant leap towards attaining this noble goal.

In naming the University after the celebrated liberation hero, Field Marshall Dedan Kimathi Wachiuri, His Excellency immortalized this national hero and linked this Institution with the spirit of the independence struggle in which the Kenyan people sought to be masters of their destiny.
We are proud to be associated with this great and important leader whose ability to do that which was right and just to the people was demonstrated by his performance as a public servant. We pass our sincere condolences to his family and the entire nation.

Members present were; Governor Nyeri County, Hon. Mutahi Kahiga, Governor Laikipia County, Hon. Ndiritu Muriithi, Vice Chancellor, DeKUT, Prof.Ndirangu Kioni, Deputy Vice Chancellor, Prof. Esther Magiri, Laikipia First Lady Maria Mbeneka, MPs Hon. Ngunjiri Wambugu (Nyeri town) , Hon. Jeremiah Kioni (Ndaragwa) among others.

May his soul rest in eternal peace.







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During the 11th ICT Connected Summit 2022 held in Kwale County, our very own Ruth Muriithi, Head of the DeKUT Science and Technology Park (DeST-Park), was named the best in the Women in Tech category. The four-day conference guided by the theme 'Accelerating Digital Transformation' was organized by the ICT Authority. The forum brought together a broad range of industry players from the private and public sectors and academia. It deliberated on issues shaping the ICT landscape and the transformational role it plays in all sectors of the economy.

The conference covered a broad range of topics such as digital infrastructure growth, emerging and smart technologies, ICT as an economic accelerator, open data and data protection, digital currency, cyber security, and catalyzing e-commerce for employment and wealth creation, among other relevant topics.

The Connected Summit deliberated on a master plan anchored on four pillars: digital infrastructure, digital services, data management, digital skills and innovations, and enterprise and digital business. The master plan seeks to provide the roadmap for the structured delivery of ICT in Kenya and create a digital society and economy that can exploit the dynamic sector's national, regional, and global opportunities.

ICT and Innovations Principal Secretary (PS), Jerome Ochieng, who presided over the official closing ceremony, said the annual summit offers a platform where industry players, government, innovators, and other key stakeholders share and exchange on how 'ICT can continue to be a catalyst of service delivery. The P.S. further stated that this year's 'connected summit' came when Kenya is fast transforming into a regional ICT hub courtesy of huge investment in the sector, propelling the country into a 'globally competitive digital economy.

He acknowledged the importance of modern technology in policy and informed decision-making, noting that ICT is at the 'heart of many sustainable development issues globally.'
Ochieng said he hopes the summit will adopt a permanent stature and become a vibrant showcase not only in Kenya but also become an 'African spectacle with lasting impact beyond our borders. "By going continental, we will be able to showcase Africa's capabilities, build better cooperation among industry players and open new markets and spur socio-economic development," he said.

Ochieng concluded by saying that these ambitions are strongly echoed in Africa's Agenda 2063 and African Continental Free Trade Area strategic framework, which aims to accelerate intra-African trade and boost Africa's trading position in the global market by strengthening its familiar voice and policy space in global trade negotiations.



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Dedan Kimathi University of Technology and the County Government of Nyeri Department of Trade, Tourism, Culture, and Cooperative Development signed three Memorandums of Understanding on March 3, 2022.

The three MOUs encompassed animation and creativity training for Nyeri County Tourism and Visual Artists, cooperative society capacity-building services, and training for Nyeri County Tourism Mountain Tour Guides, porters, and cooks.

From April 6 to April 21, 2021, DeKUT hosted a Capacity Building Training Workshop for mountain tour guides, porters, and cooks as part of the MoU. The training's theme was promoting professional service delivery in Nyeri County for long-term mountaineering tourism.

The training brought together 161 mountain crew who were trained on the following topics;
1. Professional customer care management in mountain guiding and porting
2. The principles of team leadership
3. Principles of guiding for the mountain crew
4. Basics of entrepreneurship and innovation
5. Principles of book keeping
6. Environmental sustainability
7. Basics of high-altitude catering
8. Fundamentals of marketing (e-marketing)
9. Health and safety in mountain guiding and porting

After extensive training, the participants were awarded with certificates of participation by Nyeri Governor, Hon. Mutahi Kahiga. The closing ceremony was graced by the Deputy Vice Administration and Finance Prof. Esther Magiri, Nyeri County Executive Committee Member, Department of Trade, Tourism, Culture, and Cooperative Development Ms. Diana Kendi.

The training culminated with a trip to Mt. Kenya, where the trainees were obliged to put what they had learned in class into practice.



Get to know about Dedan Kimathi University Of Technology Financial Aid Office (DeFAO)



Students receiving awards during the 3rd Charity Golf Tournament held at the Nyeri Golf Club

Dedan Kimathi University of Technology (DeKUT) is committed to timely completion of studies. One of the challenges that hinder students from completing their studies is finances. To address this challenge, the University has developed Financial Aid Office to assist needy students. Before the formation of Dedan Kimathi University of Technology Financial Aid Office (DeFAO), these activities were being managed from different offices within the University, which posed a challenge of coordination. DeFAO was established in Mid-September, 2021 as a one-stop-shop for attending to students facing financial challenges. The Office explores the possible opportunities available for assisting needy students in bridging their financial gaps. The core mandate of the Office is to ensure those with genuine financial challenges are assisted through the financial aid programs available both internally and externally.

Financial Aid Programmes Available within the University

i. Work-Study: This is a robust programme that provides students with an opportunity to work as they pursue their studies. The programme does not only provide them with an opportunity to earn money that contributes to their financial well-being but also provides them with an opportunity to gain work experience for their future careers. This is achieved by placing students in departments of their specialization. Students with diverse interests and talents are also given an opportunity to nurture their ideas into products and services that provide solutions to the problems facing the society, e.g Students with interests and talents in scriptwriting are placed in the University Film Hub. As we advance, the University seeks to explore more work study opportunities from outside the University.

ii. University Bursary: This is money paid by the University on behalf of needy and deserving students towards fee payment either fully or in part, depending on the student's circumstances. Advertisement is done, and applicants undergo a due diligence process before the Bursary Award's Committee awards deserving cases. The process is done once a year.

iii. Subsidized Meals. The University Students' Mess sells fresh meals at subsidized prices on a pay-as-you-eat model.
iv. Subsidized Accommodation. Internal hostels are not only serene but also charged at subsidized prices.

v. Staff Donations: University staff members have supported needy students with cash for meals, accommodation, and fees in some instances. Some have forfeited their part-time earnings for this course.

vi. Financial Literacy Training: DeFAO has increased financial literacy training for all students through student forums such as coffee hours, even though it is not a financial aid forum. According to an observation, many students who present themselves as needy have adequate support but lack responsible money management skills.

Financial Aid Programmes from External Sources

i. HELB Loans and Bursaries.: Higher Education Loans Board is a key source of finances for the needy students. DeFAO serves as a liaison between the students and HELB. Individual students are responsible for applying and providing the relevant information needed for assessment and awarding.

ii. CDF and County Bursaries: CDF and County Bursaries contribute substantially towards the funding of students. The Office is in contact with over 35 counties countrywide for updates.

iii. Sponsored Accommodation: Accredited private hostel providers support DeKUT by providing free accommodation to needy students. On average, 30 students benefit from this program annually.

iv. Other Sponsors: A number of students are also receiving support from individual and corporate sponsors. The Office is working towards sourcing more sponsors for both restricted and unrestricted funding.







