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DeKUT-KFC Film Hub: Where Imagination Takes Flight



The entertainment and creative industry is a vibrant landscape where imagination takes centre stage. It offers a spectrum of experiences, but gaming, filming, and animation stand out for their unique level of engagement. Gaming lets us become active participants in the story, films transport us to other worlds through a powerful blend of acting and visuals, and animation breathes life into the fantastical in ways static forms of entertainment simply can't. In entertainment, these three redefine how we experience entertainment.

One such vibrant space is the DeKUT-KFC Animation, Gaming and Film Hub, a collaborative venture between DeKUT and the Kenya Film Commission born in May 2020.

This partnership fosters innovation in animation, video games, and African filmmaking. Situated within the DeST-Park ecosystem, being at the forefront of establishing a Digital Media City, the DeKUT Film Hub is a testament to the power of imagination and collaboration to push the boundaries of this ever-evolving industry.

Our core mission revolves around capacity-building, technological innovation, and industry collaboration. We have conducted various training and mentorship programs through industry collaborations with entities like the Nyeri County Government and the Kenya Film Commission, including animation boot camps, film production workshops, and script-writing classes.

Celebrating Achievement: The 16th Graduation Ceremony



Graduation day is one of the most anticipated and memorable moments in a student's life, marking the culmination of years of academic hard work. This year, Dedan Kimathi University of Technology (DeKUT) celebrated its 16th Graduation Ceremony with grandeur and joy.

Held on Friday, 26th April 2024, at the Freedom Hall on the Main Campus in Nyeri, the event was a testament to the dedication and perseverance of the graduating class. The ceremony was conducted physically, allowing students, faculty, and families to gather and celebrate in person. For those unable to attend, the event was aired live on DeKUT's Web TV Channel (dekutchannel.dkut.ac.ke) and the University's official YouTube Channel (Dedan Kimathi University of Technology), ensuring that the excitement and pride of the day could be shared with a global audience.

We are immensely proud to be releasing more graduates to join the ranks of DeKUT alumni, who are known for their contributions to the development of our nation and beyond. The education and experiences gained at DeKUT equip our graduates to face the challenges of the future with confidence and skill.

Congratulations to the Graduating Class of 2024! As you step into the next phase of your lives, we are confident that you will continue to achieve great things and uphold the values and excellence that DeKUT embodies. Your success is our pride, and we look forward to witnessing the positive impact you will make in the world.

Congratulations Graduating Class of 2024!



The Chancellor DeKUT, General (Rtd) Dr. Julius Waweru Karangi EGH, CBS, DCO, LOM, , DeKUT Council Chairman, Dr. James Kariuki and the VC Prof. Peter Muchiri pose for a photo with the graduating class.



Conferring of the graduates by the Chancellor



Some of the graduates posing for a photo



Graduates listening to the procession

Fostering Innovation: USTDA Director Enoh T. Ebong Visits DeKUT's Science and Technology Park





We are thrilled to have welcomed Enoh T. Ebong, Director of the U.S. Trade and Development Agency (USTDA), during her visit to Semiconductors Technologies Limited. This company, a prominent tenant of Dedan Kimathi University of Technology's (DeKUT) Science and Technology Park, represents a major advancement in enhancing Kenya's semiconductor ecosystem.

Director Ebong's visit is a significant milestone in our efforts to promote innovation and capacity building in semiconductor technology and manufacturing. The presence of Semiconductors Technologies Limited within our Science and Technology Park highlights our dedication to fostering technological progress and industrial growth.

During her visit, Director Ebong toured the facilities and interacted with key stakeholders. They discussed the crucial role of semiconductor technology in the modern economy and explored opportunities for collaboration and development. Her insights and USTDA's support are invaluable as we continue to enhance our capabilities and strengthen our position in the global semiconductor industry.

The DeKUT Science and Technology Park aims to provide a platform for collaboration between academia, industry, and government to drive technological innovation and economic development. Hosting prominent figures like Director Ebong emphasizes our commitment to this mission and showcases the potential of our initiatives to significantly impact Kenya's technological landscape and beyond.

We look forward to the continued growth and success of Semiconductors Technologies Limited and other enterprises within our Science and Technology Park. Director Ebong's visit not only acknowledges our achievements but also inspires us to further our efforts in driving technological innovation and excellence.

Building Cyber Resilience: Empowering Entrepreneurs at DeKUT Start-up & Incubation Centre



In today's digital age, cyber threats are real and can affect anyone. Recognizing this, the DeKUT Start-up & Incubation Centre is committed to empowering entrepreneurs to stay ahead of these threats. Through targeted training sessions, we provide start-ups and SMEs with the knowledge and tools they need not just to defend against cyber-attacks but to bounce back stronger, embracing a philosophy of cyber resilience.

Our comprehensive approach to cyber security education focuses on six critical steps to enhance digital safety and ensure continued success in today's fast-paced digital world:

- Understanding Your IT Environment: A robust cyber defence starts with a thorough knowledge of your IT environment. It involves keeping an inventory of all hardware and software assets, recognizing all entities on your network, and determining who requires access to different resources. It is essential for spotting vulnerabilities and enhancing security measures.

- Updating Your Defenses: Keeping software up-to-date is a fundamental aspect of cyber security. Regularly installing updates and patches, employing encryption techniques, and performing routine website checks help protect against known vulnerabilities and reduce the risk of cyber-attacks.

- Beyond Simple Passwords: Using strong, unique passwords for each account and enabling two-factor authentication (2FA) adds an extra layer of security. This reduces the likelihood of unauthorized access, even if a password is compromised.

- Backup & Recovery: Regularly backing up data and having a robust recovery plan in place is essential for mitigating the impact of a cyber-attack. This ensures that critical information can be restored quickly, minimizing downtime and operational disruption.

- Protecting Your Email & Reputation: Email security is vital, as it is often the entry point for cyber-attacks. Implementing advanced email security measures, such as spam filters and email authentication protocols, can help protect sensitive information and maintain the organization's reputation.

Unveiling Elegance: A Talent Showcase at DeKUT's Fashion Design & Interior Decoration Section



We recently had the privilege of joining our talented students, pursuing a Diploma in Fashion Design and Interior Decoration, as they introduced the future trendsetters ready to take over the runway and redefine elegance. The event was a display of creativity, with students captivating the audience through a stunning fashion modelling showcase. Every garment, accessory, and movement showcased their hard work, dedication, and artistic vision.

A highlight of the event was the presentation of work from the TCF 1232 Apparel Accessories & Modeling unit, a crucial part of the Stage II course curriculum. This unit focuses on the intricate details of fashion, teaching students to blend functionality with aesthetic appeal in their creations. Every stitch and every stride on the runway were meticulously executed, showcasing the high level of skill and creativity cultivated within the program.

It showcased their ability to turn theoretical knowledge into practical, striking designs. The garments, ranging from avant-garde pieces to elegantly tailored creations, reflected various styles and influences, each a testament to the student's growth and potential. In addition to the fashion show, the event highlighted the importance of interior decoration, with students presenting innovative concepts that seamlessly combined functionality with artistic expression. Their designs showed a profound understanding of space, form, and colour, proving their talent extends beyond fashion into interior design.

Our Fashion Design & Interior Decoration Section nurtures creativity and excellence. The recent showcase is a powerful testament to our students' potential and the comprehensive education they receive. It equips them not just to meet the demands of the fashion and interior design industries but also to set new trends and standards, sparking excitement for the future of these industries.



Students and lecturers
posing for a group photo



Some of the students on the runway
showcasing their outfits

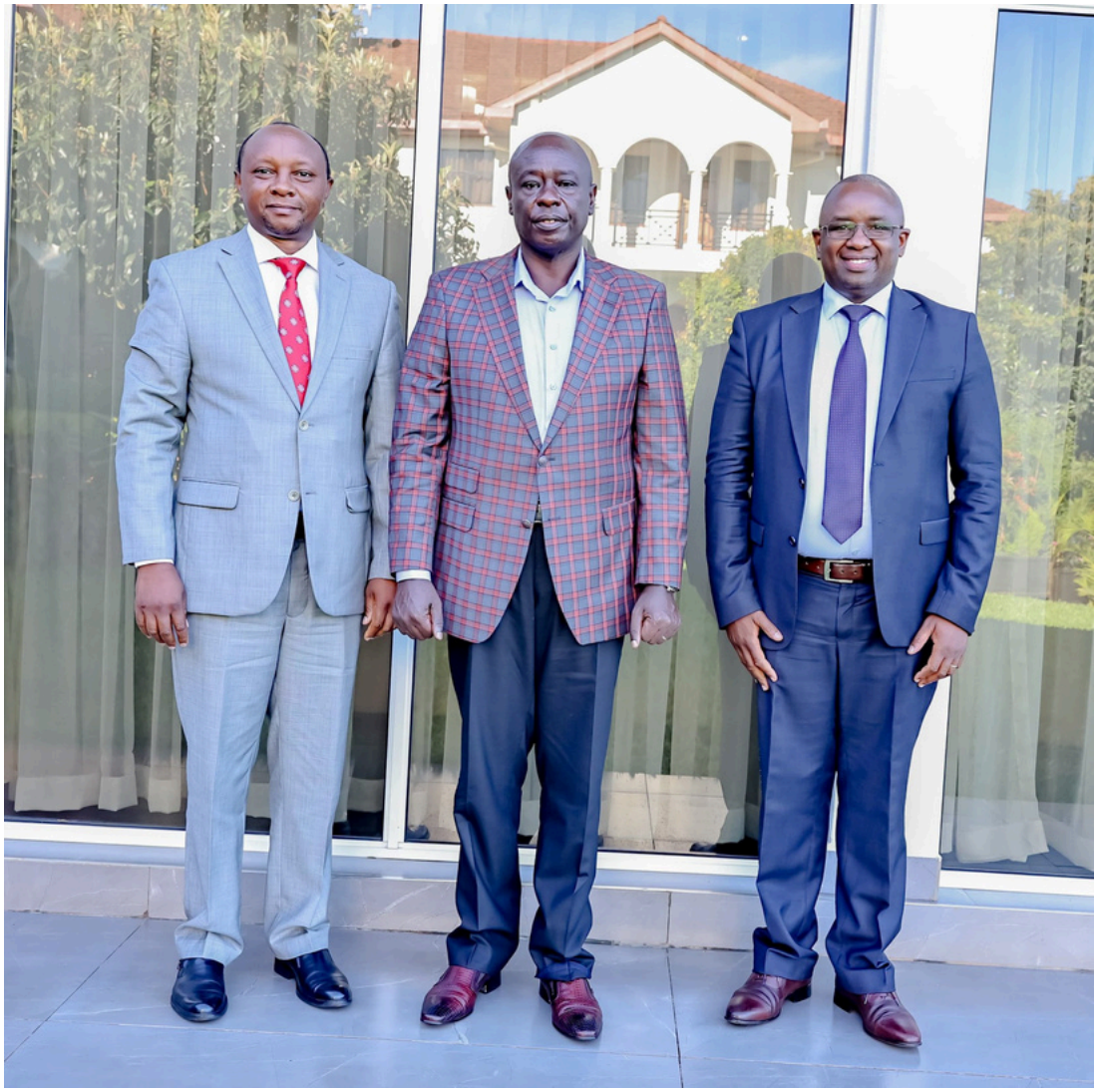


Students following the procession



Students and lecturers
posing for a group photo

A courtesy visit to the Deputy President of the Republic of Kenya, His Excellency Rigathi Gachagua.



The DeKUT Council Chairman, Dr. James Kariuki and the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Eng. Peter. N. Muchiri paid a courtesy visit to the Deputy President of the Republic of Kenya, His Excellency Rigathi Gachagua.

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