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STAFF MOVES

New Appointments

The following staff also took up appointment at Dedan Kimathi University of Technology:

Cecilia D. Halaike
Marsabit Campus Admin Coordinator

Dr. Moses M. Ngugi
Senior Lecturer
IGGRes

Chancellor's Visit

DeKUT's Chancellor Prof. Shellemiah O. Keya paid a courtesy visit to the University on Thursday, 28th November, 2013.

During his busy one-day visit to this university, Prof. Keya met with Governor's representatives Mr. Elijah Nguyo and Wamweya, County Executives for Education and Finance respectively.

The Chancellor, Prof. Keya had a tour of DeKUT Nyeri town campus, where he was shown various lecture rooms, video conferencing facility, library and computer laboratory at the Prestige Plaza.

The Chancellor also had a meeting with Deans, CoDs and Heads of Department at the boardroom in the afternoon. Prof. Keya shared with the team from DeKUT, the various activities he was engaged in for the last year after becoming the Chancellor of this University.



Prof. S..O. Keya Chancellor with the Management, Deans, Directors and Heads of Department pose for a group photo after a meeting.

DeKUT staff in the meeting appreciated the work of the chancellor and acknowledged that a chancellor's day should be in place to give students and staff an opportunity to interact with him. They expressed that it was very thoughtful and kind for the Chancellor to visit the university.

Greening DeKUT

"It is not merely that the world is bettered by saving, replacing, and multiplying trees. It is that an aim of this kind becomes an impulse towards developing a mood and an outlook which will increasingly make it natural to think for the future, for other people, for generations yet unborn. Planting a tree is a symbol of a looking-forward kind of action; looking forward, yet not too distantly."
—Richard St. Barbe Baker (1889–1982)

Dedan Kimathi University of Technology (DeKUT) has once again accomplished its greening mission through its Tree Planting Programme. This December season, tree planting was conducted at DeKUT main campus on 19th December, 2013.



"This year, we decided to make it a priority to plant trees to the vast land that will be developed to a golf course. This is an exceptional motivation and a caring attitude towards these environmental restoration projects," stated Prof. P. Wambua who presided over the ceremony.

Prof. P. Wambua- DVC (RTMCL) who was flanked by Andrew Muriuki- Ag. Registrar (A&F), staff and students commended the National Bank for participating with the University in the greening and environmental conservation campaign at DeKUT.



Prof. Wambua, DVC-RTMCL with Patricia, PRO– National Bank, Nyeri Branch during the tree planting ceremony at Dedan Kimathi University of Technology

DeKUT Pictorial of GIS Day



Prof. Kioni, VC address the participants drawn from a number of schools.

The Institute of Geomatics, GIS and Remote Sensing (IGGReS) is one of the Institutes recently established in the University. It hosts the department of Geomatics and Geospatial Information Science (GeGIS) and two research units: the Remote Sensing Unit (RSU) and the Spatial Information Science and Systems Unit (SISSU). DeKUT IGGReS team hosted a GIS Day event for GIS co-workers and students, at the university and for the community at large. This was an opportunity to demonstrate how to use GIS technology in daily work, and demonstrate how this powerful technology plays a role in making the world a better place and to discuss career opportunities with high school students.



Dr. Kuria listening to the ongoing presentations during the GIS Day on 8th November, 2013

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year 2014

DeKUT representation in Bangkok

Rev. Fr. Dr. Donatus Mathenge Githui attended an International Conference in Bangkok, Thailand where he gave a Keynote Address.

The International Conference on Energy, Environment and Sustainable Economy, (EESE) 2013, which was held **from 1st to 4th December, 2013** was jointly organized by Australian Society of Commerce, Industry and Engineering (SCIE) and the EESE. The topic of his speech was**: "*Living more humanely and sustainably: A framework to embracing environmental ethics as a driver to stable, just and self-sustaining societies and Economies of the world*".**

The conference brought scholars from all corners of the world with presentations on solutions to the problems of climate change, energy emissions and safeguarding human dignity for the present generation and posterity.
The scholars appreciated the role of ethical values as a key driver of innovation, economic development and societal sustainability.

Dr. Mathenge was able to make some useful contacts with leading scholars from South Korea, Austria Bangkok, Malaysia, Philippines, USA, and the Netherlands. Some of these could translate into International linkages with Dedan Kimathi University of Technology. While at the conference he was also invited by other college academicians to attend other Conferences and also to give public lectures in some leading Universities because of the strategic positioning of Ethical Value and Virtues in all spheres of the academic programs and the societal life in our modern world.

His research paper under the same title was published in the Journal of Energy Technologies and Policy. (ISSN 2224-3232) print (ISSN 2225-0573) online Vol3 No 11 (2013) Special for ICEESE, pp 320 to 333.

Book Donation Kagumba's family Pictorials





Prof. Kioni, VC receives books from Mrs. Mary Njeri Kagumba. She was accompanied by her children and grandchildren

Prof. P.N. Kioni, Vice Chancellor receiving engineering books donated by the family of the late Eng. Samuel Kagumba's family on 19th December, 2013. Eng. Samuel Kagumba was the first indigenous Kenyan Mechanical Engineer. He was an active supporter of the institution in the early days when it operated as Kimathi Institute of Technology. The books were a selection of a lifetime collection from the late Engineer's library.