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We are pleased as a University to implement the Ministry's vision for establishing offices of career services at Universities and Tertiary Institutions. DeKUT Office of Career Services, officially launched on Friday, February 4th, 2022, by the Principal Secretary, State Department for Post Training & Skills Development, Mr. Alfred Cheruiyot, seeks to offer career guidance to students and Alumni.

The Office of Career Services looks to cater to several stakeholders in the Universities and tertiary institutions sectors, namely students, faculty, administration, employers/ staff, and alumni. To achieve its mandate, the office of career services will offer services such as; academic advising, career services, counseling services, graduate tracker services, the linkage between industries and students, intra-institutional exchanges, high school recruitment, establishing an alumni network, among others.

Some of the major goals that the office of career services plans to attain following its operationalization are:
(i) To support students realize their full academic potential and have good results at the end of their studies.
(ii) To produce graduates prepared for the world of work and whose character reflects DeKUT core values and philosophy.
(iii) To enhance the rate of paid employment and self-employment achieved within the first 12 months of graduation of DeKUT graduates.
(iv) To build the career guidance capacity of the staff and the University.
(v) To enhance DeKUT's graduate life-long learning and life-long employment.

"The job market is a very competitive space, and only the best-skilled candidates make it. The office of career services will also provide students with soft skills such as interpersonal skills, communication skills, listening skills, and time management skills which are crucial to career development and growth. These skills are not only professional but also soft skills such as communication which includes listening, writing, and speaking; problem-solving; teamwork; professionalism; leadership skills; being detail-oriented, among others. Such skills, while critical, are not taught in the classroom. They are acquired through mentorship, coaching, and experience." stated the Principal Secretary, State Department for Post Training & Skills Development, Mr. Alfred Cheruiyot, during the launch. He also urged the youth to take advantage of the available opportunities in the digital space, such as the Ajira Digital Programme, which is a partnership between the Kenya Private Sector Alliance (KEPSA) and the Ministry of Information, Communication and Technology, Innovation that seeks to address unemployment by bridging the gap between skills demanded by offering training and mentorship to the youth. He concluded by applauding the University for establishing the Office of Career Services and congratulating the office for the milestones it has made so far.





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DeKUT, in collaboration with ASYTECH, has developed a Public-Private Joint Partnership project aimed at manufacturing laptops. ASYTECH is an international company that deals with assembling electronics, laptops, computers, and other ICT-related components was set up in April 2020 to address the issue of over-dependence on global products and platforms that stifle socio-economic growth in Africa.

The two have set up an assembly plant to provide African solutions for African problems. The partnership intends to exploit the ability to develop products and solutions that are specifically suited for the income levels and tastes of the African market and create an entire ecosystem that allows from design up to local manufacturing of Made in Kenya for Africa.

The computers, which have the model name Six Look Above, have the following specifications;

- 11th Generation IntelliSense Intel Core TM i i3,15 and i7 processor
- Intel Array Plus brand 655
- 256GB M.2 Solid State Drive
- 8GB SODIMM DDR4 SDRAM
- Windows 11
- 15.6 Diagonal Full HD IPS LED Display
- Battery: 11.4V, 600mAh

Why you should consider purchasing Six Look Above

1. It's not refurbished but a new laptop at the price of a refurbished one in the market
2. It has a high operating speed
3. Laptop Financing is available
4. It comes in different versions for different target groups
5. Water-resistant keyboard and touchpad up to 500cc
6. Drop test is 80cm (military standard)
7. 6 hours battery life
8. 360 hinge in the screen

The computers are now available for sale from a range of 350USD-800USD and delivery is also available countrywide.

For more details and purchase contact 0710 888 669/0719 311223



Mr. and Miss Kimathi Beauty Pageant



Years down the line we still honor the custom of Mr. and Miss Kimathi. On Friday, February 18th, 2022 we held the Mr.& Miss Kimathi 2022/2023 pageant. The purpose of the pageant is not only for the participants to showcase their glamorous modes of dressing but also to enhance the promotion of the welfare of students, ensuring the development of academic and social life skills as well as inculcating a sense of responsibility to the society by molding its students to attain intellectual excellence. This is an annual event in Kimathi campus and this year was no exception. The pageant generally ventured on various issues affecting the youth that touch on creativity and innovation, the position of youth in the society and other issues towards sustainable development goals. Miss Prisca Arek and Mr. John Miano were crowned Miss and Mr. Kimathi, Sheila Murigi, and Gabriel Wanyonyi were named first runners up, while Lesepe Zainab and Brian Mutethia were named second runners up.





Commemorating our hero in the Dedan Kimathi Week



Every year in the week that falls February 18th (the date that the hero was executed), we celebrate Dedan Kimathi Wachiuri, after whom our institution is named. We call it Kimathi Week to commemorate his courage and bravery that saw Kenya achieve its independence. Dedan Kimathi's vision, ideas, actions, and outcomes are attributes this University strongly identifies with to pursue its mission to improve society. This year's Kimathi Week took place from February 14th to 20th, 2022.

The University organized various activities involving students and staff members within and outside the University to commemorate our hero. As part of the Corporate Social Responsibility activities, we visited the Huduma Children's Home, Nyeri Children's Remand Home among others.

We winded up the week with a hike to the Nyana Hills from the Climb to Educate Team, led by Mr. Mwai and a number of students and staff members. The Team was educated on land utilization, conservation, human-wildlife conflict, environmental ethics, and the relevance of the Mt. Kenya forest to the Mau Mau during their struggle for independence. The team also visited Mahiga Children's Home as part of giving back to the society.



Swearing in the new Dedan Kimathi University of Technology Alumni Association (DeKUTAA) Executive Council



University Alumni Association across the world play an integral role in not only supporting Universities but also supporting their members through their professional and entrepreneurial journeys. Dedan Kimathi University of Technology Alumni Association (DeKUTAA) was created with an aim of bringing together graduates of the University to participate in governance and development of their alma mater as they socialize and network.

On 1st February 2022, DeKUTAA held their annual general meeting where the new executive council was sworn in. The Vice Chancellor, Prof Ndirangu Kioni, who was the Chief Guest encouraged the new executive board to explore opportunities for its members by hosting career fairs, social events like dinners to encourage professional development and networking among members as this will help members grow together and reach the highest possible career and entrepreneurial heights and in return, they will help more members grow. He also encouraged them to seek complementary partnerships in order to grow its members and also take a leading role in creating initiatives to support the needy students.

We congratulate the new executive council and wish them all the best in this journey.



Courtesy visit by the Kenya Vision 2030 Delivery Secretariat (VDS)



On February 8th, 2022, we hosted the Kenya Vision 2030 Delivery Secretariat (VDS) to acknowledge the significant progress made by the Centre for Material Science and Nanotechnology under the Flagship Project "Nano-sciences, Material Science and New Production Technologies Programme.

The Centre, which falls under the Department of Mechanical Engineering, deals with Research and Innovation on the design and development of nanomaterials for various applications such as microelectronics. The Nano-sciences, Material Science, and New Production Technologies Programme aims at building a state-of-the-art infrastructure for high-quality research and technology development.



Center for Industrial Productivity & Engineering (CIPE) Introduces New Short Courses

The DeKUT Center for Industrial Productivity & Engineering (CIPE) has built expertise in Industrial Engineering and Management to plan, design, implement and manage integrated production and service delivery systems to ensure performance, reliability, maintainability, schedule adherence, and control. The center leverages on this expertise to support industrial sustainability through training, industrial project development, and consultancy. The Center also offers a sample of short courses such as; Maintenance Engineering and Management, Engineering Safety, Quality Engineering, Productivity & Quality Improvement, Lubricant and Lubrication Technology, and Maintenance Data Analysis.

For more information about the short courses and bookings email: peter.muchiri@dkut.ac.ke or call 0717 877044 /0722 803504

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Center for Industrial Productivity & Engineering (CIPE)

CIPE Center for Industrial Productivity & Engineering

SHORT COURSES SCHEDULE

QUARTER	SHORT COURSE	DURATION	PROPOSED DATES
Q1	Maintenance Engineering & Management	3 days	March 23rd, 24th and 25th
	Lubrication Technology	3 days	March 29th, 30th and 31st
Q2	Lubrication Technology	3 days	April 20th, 21st and 22nd
	Maintenance Engineering & Management	3 days	June 15th, 16th and 17th
	Productivity Engineering & Management	2 days	July 7th and 8th
Q3	Quality Engineering & Management	2 days	August 18th and 19th
	Maintenance Engineering & Management	3 days	Sept 14th, 15th and 16th
	Lubrication Technology	3 days	Sept 28th, 29th and 30th
Q4	Productivity Engineering & Management	2 days	October 20th and 21st
	Maintenance Engineering & Management	3 days	November 16th, 17th and 18th
	Facility layout design and optimization	2 days	November 24th and 25th



Productivity Consultancy Maintenance management

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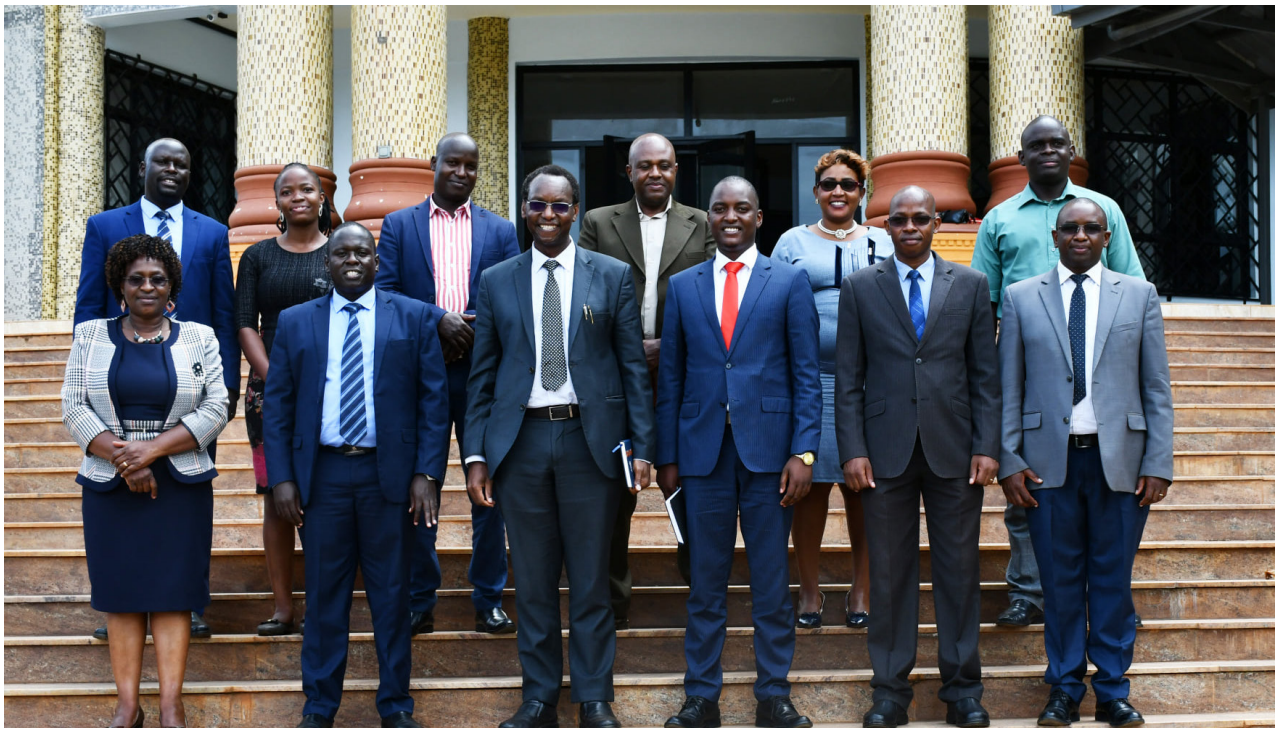


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The Centre for Innovation and Entrepreneurship Management (CIEM) is an initiative of Dedan Kimathi University of Technology and is located at the University Main campus. It was established to address the needs of pre-startups, startups and practising entrepreneurs, as well as entrepreneurship enthusiasts, within and without the University.

Experience shows that entrepreneurs require training and business support services to initiate and grow their business enterprises. Given this, CIEM exists to help entrepreneurs develop the critical skills and attitudes necessary to set up and run business enterprises sustainably. The centre aims at contributing towards the University accomplishing her philosophy (transforming into an Entrepreneurial University) by providing high-quality entrepreneurship training, business support services and data repository for entrepreneurs to enhance business performance and sustainability. On 17th February 2022, the centre held a consultative meeting with a team from the Micro and Small Enterprises Authority - MSEA to discuss future collaborations and partnerships such as collaborative agreements. Get to know more about the center here; https://www.dkut.ac.ke/.../centre-for-innovation-and...



In Other News;



Michael Oluwatosin Bodunrin (Ph.D.), a Senior Lecturer from the University of the Witwatersrand, visits the Mechanical Engineering department to interact with students and staff and also discuss potential collaborations with the faculty. He also gave them a talk on maximizing research outputs through collaboration and contract research; lessons from high throughput experimentation and macro-scale modeling.



The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) Regional Office for Africa Director, Mrs. Beate Schindler-Kovats educates students and staff members on DAAD opportunities



Dedan Kimathi Innovation and Incubation Hub (DeHUB) holds a Design thinking Experience Session to discuss the crucial items to identify while setting up a startup.



Counselling Department holds a Men's empowerment talk dubbed as 'The Men's conference' with the aim of calling on men to be role models as a foundation for fundamental values in the society as well as galvanizing positive masculinity.

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