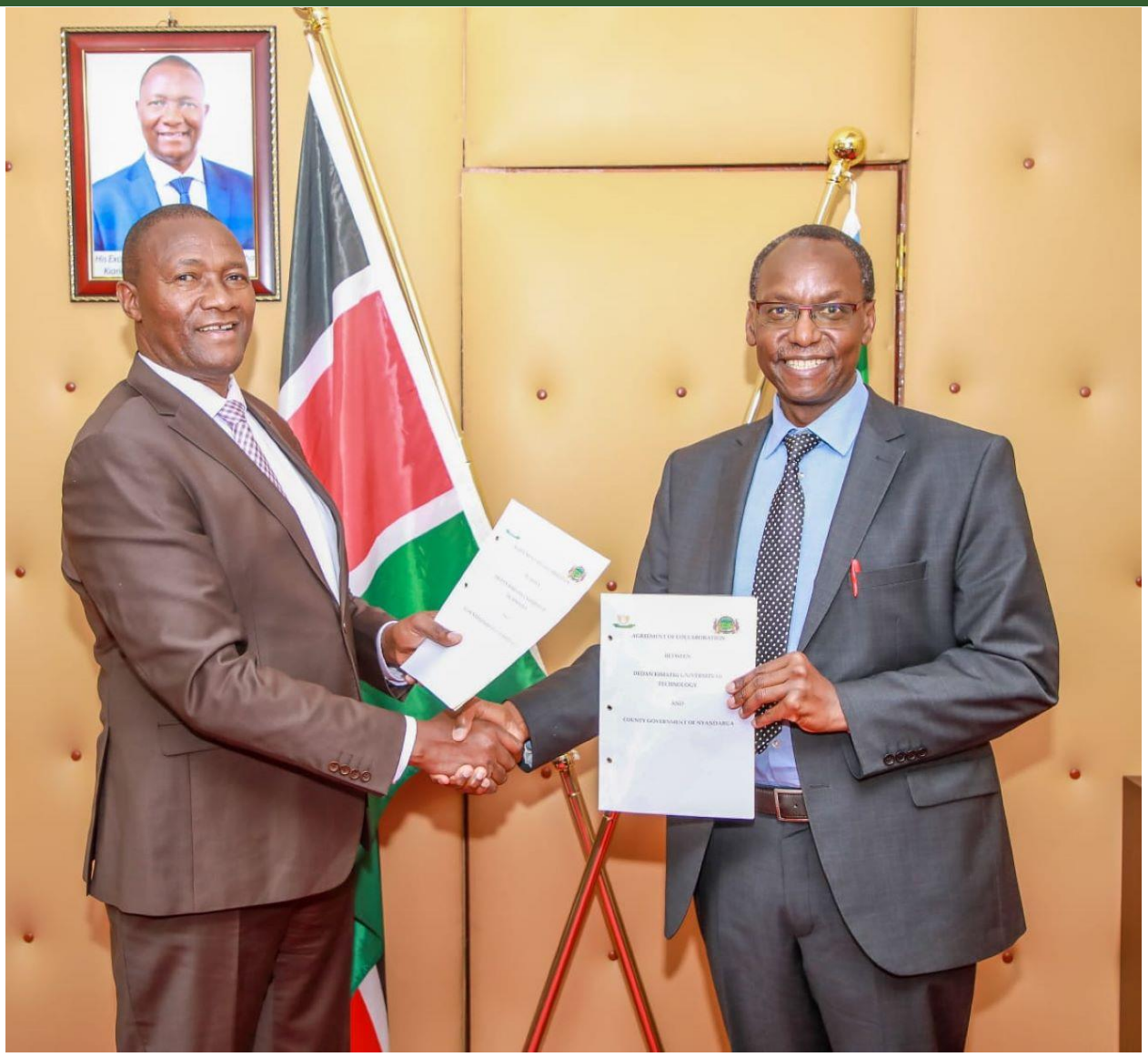
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DeKUT Signed an Agreement with Nyandarua County





Dedan Kimathi University of Technology signed an agreement with Nyandarua County on Thursday, 9th February 2023 in Nyandarua County Headquarters. Both institutions recognize the need for combined forces and actively cooperating to bring together competencies and skills and contribute towards the achievement of the respective objectives which include capacity-building, conduct research cooperate and collaborate in science technology innovation and technology transfer, how to grow the leather industry in the County, value edition for pyrethrum amongst other projects. The parties further recognize the need to combine forces and actively cooperate such that each party will bring its special competencies and skills to contribute to the achievement of their respective objectives.

DeKUT Career and Open Day Program





Career days are important events held by Universities and colleges worldwide to encourage students to gain first-hand knowledge and insights into different career paths. Recently, DeKUT held a career day on 9th June, 2023 where a vast array of professionals from various fields were invited to share their experience with the students. It was held at the Freedom Hall in Dedan Kimathi University of Technology, main campus, Nyeri. The annual career day event was organized by the marketing department at DeKUT. The target audience was high-school leavers. It was an opportunity for them to learn about different courses available at DeKUT.

The event featured over 700 students from high-schools around Nyeri and also students who had just finished high school. Each speaker shared their expertise, experiences, and challenges they faced in their respective industries. The speakers also highlighted the skill sets required for various jobs in their respective industries.

One of the most exciting aspects of the career day event was the chance to hear from alumni and current students of the university who had completed internships or secured job placements in different companies. They shared their experiences and offered advice on how they had navigated the job market and identified various job opportunities in their career paths.

The panelists also highlighted how consistency, networking, persistence and hard work are necessary to achieve success in their respective fields. They shared their top tips for navigating the intricate and complex job market through hard work and detailed planning. Furthermore, the speakers encouraged students to expand their skill sets beyond their chosen career paths and continually update themselves on the latest industry trends, advancements, and best practices to remain relevant.

Students also had the opportunity to ask questions during the event – allowing them to get answers from seasoned professionals in their respective industries. This was especially helpful for students who were unsure about what career paths to pursue and the best approach to breaking into their preferred industries.

DeKUT was very categorical on engaging the students and having them get all the information about the courses offered at DeKUT. There were stands, where the different schools and institutions had displayed their courses. The high-schoolers had the opportunity to visit the various stands and ask questions exhaustively.

There was also an entertainment session where the Marketing Champions engaged the High-schoolers. This happened as the students went round the various stalls that were there.

Overall, the career day event was an informative, educational and entertaining experience for students who were looking to begin their careers. It enabled them to gain first-hand knowledge on what it takes to be successful in various industries.

Launching Ceremony for Admission of Muringato Primary School Beneficiary to EFAC





The launching ceremony took place in DeKUT on 7th February 2023 and was presided over by the DVC A&F, Prof Magiri. In attendance were EFAC officials and the Principal of Muringato Primary School. DeKUT entered into a cooperation agreement with Education for All Children (EFAC), in which EFAC committed to funding education for talented but financially disadvantaged students under EFAC sponsorship and admitted to pursue courses in DeKUT. The financing model of EFAC is that they admit their beneficiaries into the program from secondary school through to university or college, whichever applies. DeKUT and EFAC also share a common interest in transforming the community through providing quality education, mentorship, and community linkages. On this ground, EFAC committed to sponsoring at least one pupil who scored 370 marks and above from three primary schools nominated by DeKUT. DeKUT nominated three surrounding primary schools. A pupil from Muringato Primary School scored 373 marks in the 2022 KCPE examination. She was admitted into EFAC sponsorship. The sponsorship will cover tuition fees and will run for eight (8) years from secondary school through to university or college education.

Reproductive Health Talk

In honor of fallen hero Field Marshal Dedan Kimathi, the University observed Dedan Kimathi Week. Following a general concern about an increase in abortion cases, the Directorate of Students, Welfare, in collaboration with the ladies and gentlemen; sector, organized a reproductive health talk on the 10th February, 2023 from 3.30 pm to 7.00pm.





Seven staff members and over 160 students attended. Sexually Transmitted Infections, Contraception, and Abortion were also extensively discussed.

Participants were informed that we have ladies and gent's wardens to help both genders with issues that affect them and to create a forum for them to interact. Dr. Florence Mbuthia, Dean School of Nursing, guided students through the "Human Sexuality Reproductive Health" curriculum, which included topics such as Sexual Health, Sexual Behavior/desires, and the influence of psychosocial and sexual orientation, sexual disorders, and treatment. Sexually transmitted diseases and their consequences were also discussed, as were symptoms and treatment. Abortion was addressed, and consequences were imposed. Students were educated on preventative measures and life skills. They were told that if they became pregnant, they should accept responsibility.

Commemorating our hero during Dedan Kimathi Week



Dedan Kimathi week is conducted in commemoration of Kenya's Liberation hero, Dedan Kimathi Wachiuri, who the University is named after. 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 13th to 17th February 2023.

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