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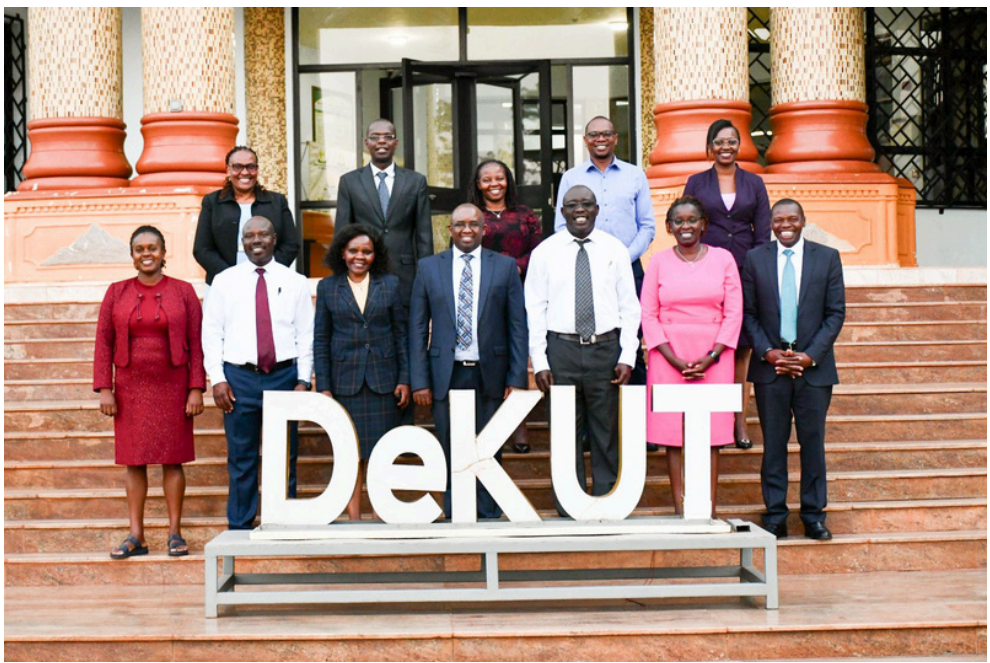
Prof. Eddy Owaga Appointed as DeKUT Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic Affairs and Research)



DeKUT is pleased to announce the appointment of Prof. Eddy Elkana Owaga by the University Council as the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic Affairs and Research).

Prior to his appointment, Prof. Owaga served as the Director of the Coffee Technology Center at DeKUT and previously as the Director of the Institute of Food Bioresources Technology (IFBT).

Prof. Owaga was welcomed by the University Management Board led by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Eng. Peter N. Muchiri, EBS and the DVC Administration and Finance, Prof. Esther Magiri.



Chuka University Robotics Students Gain Hands-On Experience at DeKUT-Siemens Centre



DeKUT had the pleasure of hosting Robotics and Control students from Chuka University for an insightful visit to the DeKUT-Siemens Centre. The visit provided an immersive experience into the centre's operations, offering students a deeper understanding of mechatronic systems and advanced automation technologies.

The DeKUT-Siemens Centre is a hub of innovation, dedicated to bridging the gap between academic learning and industrial application. During the visit, the students engaged in practical sessions that exposed them to cutting-edge automation systems, robotics, and control mechanisms. This hands-on experience complemented their academic curriculum, reinforcing theoretical knowledge with real-world applications.

By interacting with state-of-the-art mechatronic systems, the students gained invaluable insights into modern engineering solutions, problem-solving strategies, and industry best practices.

This exposure is crucial in preparing future engineers for dynamic career opportunities in automation, robotics, and industrial technology.

The visit underscores DeKUT's commitment to fostering collaborative learning experiences that enrich technical education and promote innovation. By opening its doors to students from other institutions, DeKUT continues to play a pivotal role in advancing engineering education and technological expertise across the region.

As industries increasingly adopt smart technologies, such experiential learning opportunities equip students with the skills and confidence needed to thrive in the evolving engineering landscape. The Chuka University students left the DeKUT-Siemens Centre with enhanced knowledge and a renewed passion for exploring the limitless possibilities within robotics and automation.

Fostering Positive Masculinity: DeKUT Hosts Men's Empowerment Sensitization Forum



The Counselling Department at Dedan Kimathi University of Technology (DeKUT) recently hosted a Men's Empowerment Sensitization Forum, an initiative aimed at promoting positive masculinity and inspiring men to be role models in upholding fundamental societal values. The forum provided a platform for open discussions on critical issues affecting men, focusing on key topics such as relationships, financial literacy, and mental health. Through expert-led sessions and interactive discussions, participants gained valuable insights and essential life skills to support their personal and social growth.

One of the highlights of the forum was the conversation on mental health, which emphasized the importance of emotional well-being and breaking societal stigmas surrounding men seeking support. Attendees were encouraged to embrace self-care, build supportive networks, and seek professional guidance when needed.

Additionally, the session on financial literacy equipped participants with practical strategies for managing finances, making informed investment decisions, and planning for long-term financial stability. These insights aim to empower men to achieve financial independence and security. The forum also addressed the dynamics of healthy relationships, emphasizing effective communication, emotional intelligence, and mutual respect in personal and professional interactions.

By creating a safe space for dialogue and self-reflection, the Men's Empowerment Sensitization Forum reinforced the importance of shaping a generation of men who lead with integrity, responsibility, and empathy. The Counselling Department remains committed to supporting holistic development and fostering a balanced and progressive society through similar initiatives in the future.

Unlocking Blockchain Potential



In collaboration with KRNL Labs, we recently hosted an engaging blockchain session with the School of Computer Science and Information Technology. The session featured a hands-on demonstration led by Upalaj Svavasu, Thawat Jarupenpat, and Sheila Wanjiru, providing students with practical experience in deploying cross-chain smart contracts using KRNL's Operating System.



This interactive session not only deepened students' understanding of blockchain technology but also equipped them with essential skills for the rapidly evolving digital landscape. As we continue to strengthen our partnership with KRNL Labs, we remain committed to fostering technological innovation and preparing our students for success in the Web3 era.



The future of blockchain holds immense potential, and we are proud to play a role in its advancement.

Strengthening Global Health Through Collaborations





We had the privilege of hosting Prof. Richard Wamai, a distinguished Professor of Cultures, Societies, and Global Studies at Northeastern University, Boston, USA. Guided by the theme "Strengthening Global Health Through Collaborations," the event brought together students and staff for insightful discussions on global and public health.

Prof. Wamai shared valuable perspectives on the critical role of partnerships in advancing healthcare worldwide. Through engaging conversations, participants explored key issues shaping the global health landscape and the power of interdisciplinary collaboration in driving meaningful change.

The session provided a unique opportunity for students and faculty to exchange ideas, broaden their understanding of public health challenges, and reflect on innovative solutions. As we continue to navigate the complexities of global health, such interactions remain essential in fostering knowledge-sharing and strengthening networks that contribute to a healthier world.



DeKUT Hosts Skills Initiative for Africa (SIFA) Team





Dedan Kimathi University of Technology (DeKUT) was honored to host a delegation from the Skills Initiative for Africa (SIFA) Secretariat Country Office, led by Mr. Carlton Aslett and Mr. James Wamwangi. Accompanying them were project partners Mr. Joseph Nyaisa from the Swiss Factory Group and Mr. Japhet K. Ngeno from the Technical and Vocational Education and Training Authority (TVETA).

The visit focused on evaluating ongoing projects, tracking key milestones, and addressing challenges to ensure the initiative's long-term success. Through insightful discussions and collaborative engagement, the team explored strategies to enhance project impact, strengthen skills development, and align training programs with industry needs.

DeKUT remains committed to fostering partnerships that empower students with industry-relevant skills, ultimately contributing to a more skilled and competitive workforce. We look forward to continued collaboration with SIFA and its partners in advancing technical and vocational education.

DeKUT Shines in KUSF Central League, Men's Hockey Team Advances to Nationals



DeKUT had the pleasure of hosting a thrilling edition of the KUSF Central League, bringing together Universities from across the region. The participating institutions included Chuka University, Meru University of Science and Technology, Kenya Methodist University, Tharaka University, South Eastern Kenya University, Kenyatta University Kitui Campus, Murang'a University, University of Embu, Kirinyaga University, and Karatina University.

DeKUT competed in Men's Handball, Men's Hockey, and Women's Rollball. The Men's Hockey team delivered an outstanding performance, securing 2nd place and earning a well-deserved ticket to the Nationals. The Women's Rollball team placed 4th, while the Men's Handball team finished in 5th position. The top two teams in each category will progress to the Nationals, scheduled in Nairobi North from March 28th to 30th, 2025. With a few games still to be played, we are optimistic that more DeKUT teams will qualify for the national stage.

Congratulations to all participants for their dedication, perseverance, and stellar performances!



DeKUT Hosts Its Inaugural Cultural Day



DeKUT recently held its first-ever Cultural Day, a vibrant celebration of heritage, traditions, and inclusivity. The event, in line with the University's core values of embracing diversity, provided students with a platform to showcase their rich cultural backgrounds through traditional dishes, attire, artistic performances, and expressive displays of heritage.

The occasion not only fostered mutual respect and appreciation for different cultures but also strengthened the sense of community within the University. Attendees experienced the beauty of diverse traditions, reinforcing the importance of unity in cultural expression.

A key highlight of the event was the crowning of cultural ambassadors who embodied the spirit of DeKUT's diversity:

Cultural Day Winners

- Mr. Culture DeKUT: John Muchai
  - 1st Runners-Up: Alex Kimani
  - 2nd Runners-Up: Morrison Njagi
- Miss Culture DeKUT: Nicole Kahendi
  - 1st Runners-Up: Melinda Muthoni
  - 2nd Runners-Up: Dorcas Waithera
- Miss Curvy Culture: Esther Wanjiru
  - 1st Runners-Up: Brenda Wanjiru
- Mr. Flex: Brandon Jabari

As DeKUT continues to champion cultural appreciation and innovation, this milestone event marks the beginning of a tradition that will inspire future generations. The University remains committed to fostering an environment that celebrates diversity, promotes shared identity, and encourages cultural exchange.







Some of the participants showcasing the Meru culture



Participants showcasing the Kikuyu Culture

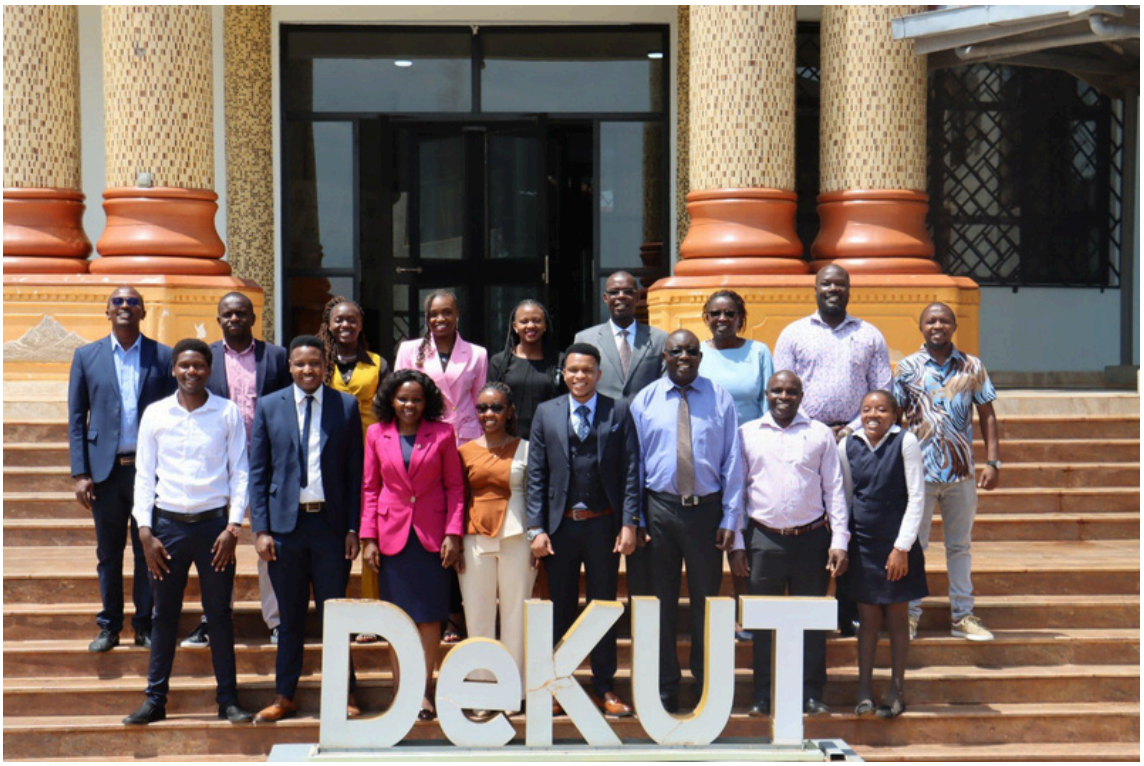


Some of the Kalenjin participants pose for a photo



Some of the participants pose for a photo with the DVC A&F
Prof. Eddy Owaga

DeKUTAA Swears in New Executive Committee



The Dedan Kimathi University of Technology Alumni Association (DeKUTAA) recently held a swearing-in ceremony for its newly elected Executive Committee, marking the beginning of a new leadership term.

The newly appointed leaders, who will serve for three years, include:

- Chairperson: Mr. Markfelix Kihonge Kagiri
- Vice Chairman: Mr. Joshua Mutahi Gatheru
- Treasurer: Ms. Sharon Mukami Nyaga
- Organizing Secretary: Mr. David Kimathi Nyaga
- Assistant Organizing Secretary: Ms. Irene Kavele Mbithi
- Secretary General: Mr. Dancan Mumo Kyalo
- Assistant Secretary General: Charity Cherono Langat
- Chapter Secretary: Ms. Maureen Kagwiria Karaituma

We extend our congratulations to the newly sworn-in team and wish them success in their respective roles. Their leadership, vision, and commitment will be instrumental in advancing DeKUTAA's mission, strengthening alumni relations, and fostering meaningful engagement within the University community.

Dr. Susan Ngure Donates Essential Supplies to Student Mums at DeKUT



Student mothers at the University recently received a generous donation of essential supplies from Dr. Susan Ngure, a Lecturer in the School of Business Management and Economics (SoBME). This initiative aimed to support and empower student mums, ensuring they have the necessary resources to balance their academic and parenting responsibilities. The donation highlights the University's commitment to fostering an inclusive and supportive environment for all students.

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