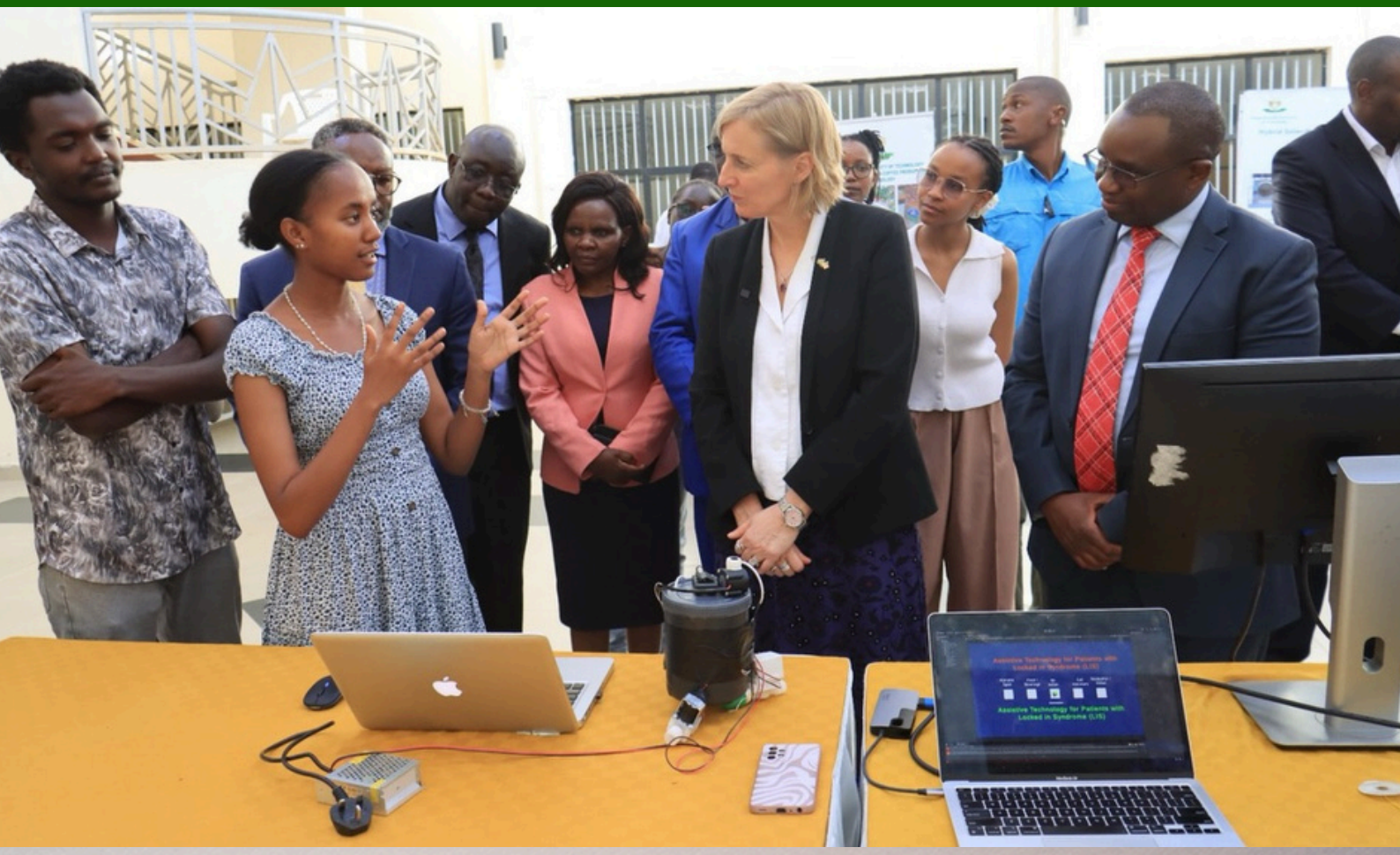
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DeKUT Hosts U.S. Chargé d'Affaires Ms. Susan Burns, Affirms Kenya's Growing Role in the Global Semiconductor Industry



DeKUT had the honor of hosting the Chargé d'Affaires of the United States Embassy in Kenya, Susan Burns, for a visit focused on innovation, research, and industry collaboration.

During her visit, Ms. Burns toured the University's state-of-the-art facilities and engaged with faculty, researchers, and students on a range of groundbreaking innovations and projects championed across various Departments, Schools, and Centres. The visit underscored DeKUT's growing reputation as a hub of technological advancement and applied research in Kenya and beyond.

A key highlight of the visit was a tour of Semiconductor Technologies Limited, the anchor client of the Dedan Kimathi Science and Technology Park. The collaboration between the University and Semiconductor Technologies Limited represents a bold step toward strengthening Africa's participation in the global semiconductor value chain. Ms. Burns expressed her admiration for the strategic partnership and the University's forward-thinking approach to research, innovation, and commercialization. Notably, she affirmed her confidence in the country's potential, remarking that "the future of semiconductors should be in Kenya".

The visit reinforces the University's commitment to driving transformative innovation, building strategic alliances, and contributing meaningfully to the Nation's and Africa's technological and economic development.

DeKUT Joins the National Drive to Transform STEM Education Through HEST II



DeKUT was represented by the Council Chairman Dr. James Kariuki and Vice-Chancellor Prof. Eng. Peter N. Muchiri, EBS, during the signing of the Implementation Agreements for the Higher Education, Science and Technology Phase II Project (HEST II). The event, held at the Ministry of Education offices, was led by Cabinet Secretary Hon. Julius Ogamba and Principal Secretary Dr. Beatrice Muganda Inyangala, with participation from Council Chairpersons and Vice-Chancellors from 19 public Universities.

HEST II is a five-year flagship government initiative designed to transform Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) education across Kenyan universities. The project focuses on strategic investments in infrastructure, laboratory equipment, academic capacity building, research, and governance systems, ensuring that Universities are well-prepared to receive learners from the Competency-Based Education (CBE) pathway.

Through HEST II, universities like DeKUT are poised to produce graduates with relevant skills, enhanced innovation capacity, and global competitiveness, contributing to Kenya's vision of a knowledge-driven economy.



DeKUT Vice Chancellor Champions Innovation and Applied Research at Nyeri Polytechnic Conference



DeKUT Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Eng. Peter N. Muchiri, EBS, joined Hon. Julius Migos Ogamba, Cabinet Secretary for Education, at the 3rd International Research, Science and Innovation Conference and Skills Expo hosted by Nyeri National Polytechnic.

Themed "Applied Research and Innovation as Catalysts for Skills, Employment and Sustainable Development," the conference and expo showcased how applied research and innovation in technical education can drive skills development, create employment opportunities, and contribute to sustainable development aligned with national and global priorities.

During the event, the Vice-Chancellor participated as a panellist in a high-level discussion on the adoption of research and engineering in advancing affordable housing, sharing insights on how innovation and technical expertise can address national housing challenges.

DeKUT's participation underscores the University's commitment to research, innovation, and applied solutions that advance sustainable development and societal impact.

Students' Recognition & Awards Ceremony 2024/2025



Dedan Kimathi University of Technology held the Students Recognition and Awards Ceremony for the 2024/2025 Academic Year, to celebrate students who have demonstrated exceptional achievement in academics and co-curricular engagement. The ceremony reaffirmed the University's unwavering commitment to holistic student development by recognizing excellence not only in academics, but also in leadership, innovation, service, talent, and community impact.

In recognition of outstanding academic performance, the University honoured the top three students in each course for their exemplary academic achievement. Beyond academic distinction, the ceremony also celebrated students who have made remarkable contributions through co-curricular activities, community service, entrepreneurship, sports, and club leadership.

The award categories included: Sports Award, Extra Mile Award, University Ambassadors Award, All-Round Award, Entrepreneurial Award, and Leadership/Organizational Award.

These honours reflect DeKUT's mission to provide an academically stimulating, culturally diverse, and quality learning environment that fosters research, innovation, and technology development. Through this commitment, the University continues to produce graduates who are academically competent, socially responsible, innovative, and globally competitive.

In his address, the Vice Chancellor challenged students to anchor their lives on self-belief and a relentless pursuit of excellence, stating:
"Number one in your life's blueprint should be a deep belief in your own dignity, your own worth and your own somebody-ness. And if it falls your lot to be a street sweeper, sweep streets like Michelangelo painted pictures… sweep streets so well that all the hosts of heaven and earth will have to pause and say, here lived a great street sweeper who swept."

DeKUT Hosts IPOA Delegation for a Courtesy Visit



Dedan Kimathi University of Technology (DeKUT) hosted a delegation from the Independent Policing Oversight Authority (IPOA) during a courtesy visit to the Vice Chancellor.

The delegation, led by Commissioner Dr. Annette Mbogoh and accompanied by members of the Board and management team, was received at the University for high-level engagements focused on research, innovation, and data governance.

During the visit, the delegation toured several DeKUT innovation hubs, gaining firsthand insight into the University's cutting-edge facilities and research capacity. These included the Software Development Centre, the Virtual Reality Lab, the Mechatronics Lab, the Centre for Development of Electronic Devices (CDED), and the Centre for Data Research and Cyber Security (CeDReCs). The tour showcased DeKUT's growing role as a centre of excellence in technology-driven solutions and advanced research.

A key highlight of the visit was the signing of a Data Use Agreement between DeKUT and IPOA. The agreement sets the framework for structured, ethical data sharing and collaborative research, reinforcing both institutions' commitment to accountability, innovation, and evidence-based decision-making.

DeKUT Hosts Day One of the KUSF Central Conference League





DeKUT hosted the opening day of the Kenya University Sports Federation (KUSF) Central Conference League, bringing together universities from across the region for a thrilling display of competition and sportsmanship.

The matches featured teams from DeKUT, Kirinyaga University, the University of Embu, Meru University of Science and Technology, Chuka University, Karatina University, Tharaka University, and Murang'a University of Technology. The institutions faced off in a series of exciting fixtures across Men's Soccer, Men's Basketball, and Women's Netball, delivering a competitive and energetic start to the conference league.

DeKUT teams registered commendable performances throughout the day, demonstrating strong coordination, tactical discipline, and resilience in their respective matches. The encounters were marked by impressive teamwork, determination, and a high level of sportsmanship from all participating institutions.

The University extends its appreciation to all participating universities, match officials, and supporters whose presence and cooperation contributed to a well-organised and successful match day.

Earlier in the season, during the KUSF Central 2025/2026 League, DeKUT athletes also proceeded to Kabarak University to participate in the national competitions. The University was represented in several disciplines including chess—where the men's team defended its National Championship title—women's chess, men's and women's darts, men's and women's roll ball, men's badminton, women's scrabble, men's and women's swimming, women's taekwondo, and men's karate.

Through skill, discipline, and exemplary sportsmanship, DeKUT athletes demonstrated resilience and excellence, proudly representing the University on the national stage and continuing to uphold its strong tradition in university sports.

DeKUT Enhances Research and Innovation Capacity Through STI Certification Training



Dedan Kimathi University of Technology (DeKUT) is participating in the Science, Technology, and Innovation (STI) Certification Course hosted by the National Commission for Science, Technology & Innovation (NACOSTI) in Naivasha. The five-day training, themed "Mainstreaming Research, Science, Technology and Innovation in Rapidly Changing Times," is designed to strengthen the University's capacity to remain at the forefront of global STI trends.

The initiative aligns with DeKUT's mission to foster research, innovation, and technology development, while producing technical and managerial faculty who contribute to national development goals. By equipping faculty with the skills to integrate STI into development agendas, the University reinforces its role in shaping science and technology policies, fostering collaboration with government, industry, and research institutions, and empowering DeKUT to contribute meaningfully to Kenya's socio-economic growth and security.

This participation underscores DeKUT's commitment to excellence, innovation, and strategic engagement in advancing science, technology, and research for sustainable development.



MSc Students at DeKUT Showcase Practical Skills Through Event Management





The MSc students in the Institute of Tourism and Hospitality Management at Dedan Kimathi University of Technology (DeKUT) recently demonstrated their expertise in event planning and management by successfully conceptualizing, planning, and executing a major event as part of the core unit TTH 6108: Event Management.

This initiative provided the students with a practical platform to bridge theory and practice, managing every aspect of the event from inception to completion. Their responsibilities spanned sponsorship acquisition, marketing and promotion, programme coordination, guest speaker engagement, entertainment planning, and logistical management. Through this hands-on experience, the students showcased creativity, leadership, professionalism, and teamwork, all essential skills for success in the hospitality and tourism industry.

Guided by the theme “Elegance and Strength", the event celebrated the resilience, excellence, and leadership of the DeKUT lady, while simultaneously highlighting the students’ ability to deliver a strategically planned and impactful programme.
This initiative exemplifies experiential learning in action and reinforces DeKUT’s commitment to producing competent, innovative, and industry-ready graduates who are equipped to make meaningful contributions in their respective fields.

DeKUT Hosts Coffee Extension Champions Training – Cohort 3



The National Government, through the Coffee Revitalization Program, continues to strengthen Kenya's coffee value chain by training ward-level extension officers under the Coffee Champions Training Initiative. Coordinated by the Ministry of Cooperatives & SME Development in partnership with the New Kenya Planters Co-operative Union (N-KPCU), the program equips Coffee Champions with practical, field-based skills to directly support coffee farmers across the country.

DeKUT, serving as a Centre of Excellence for this initiative, has successfully trained 110 Coffee Champions under Cohorts I and II. The University recently hosted the 3rd Cohort, bringing together trainees from various coffee-growing counties nationwide. The program culminated in a closing ceremony attended by Mr. Isaac Kiara, representing the Director of the New Kenya Planters Co-operative Union; DeKUT Farm Manager Dr. Peter Mwirigi; CPA Beatrice Mwangi; and Mr. John Gathirwa.

As a mark of appreciation and recognition for their dedication, the Coffee Champions were presented with gifts during the ceremony, symbolizing the University's support and encouragement as they return to empower farmers in their respective counties.

Together, we continue to nurture knowledge, strengthen extension services, and secure a brighter, more sustainable future for Kenya's coffee farmers.

DeKUT Student Secures International Internship Through Kenya Space Agency Collaboration





The strategic collaboration between the Kenya Space Agency (KSA) and Dedan Kimathi University of Technology (DeKUT) has yielded yet another milestone, with one of our student, Mr. Peter Ndiritu Thuku securing a three-month international internship at STAR.VISION Headquarters in Hangzhou, China.

Mr. Thuku has been instrumental in advancing projects under the Remote Sensing Research Group (RSRG) within the Centre for Spatial Information Science and Systems (CSISS). Notably, he played a key role in the implementation of the rideshare project initiated by STAR.VISION a project that provided a platform for demonstrating his technical expertise, innovation, and commitment to excellence. It is through his outstanding contribution to this initiative that his skills and potential were recognized by the STAR.VISION team, culminating in this prestigious international opportunity. DeKUT takes great pride in this achievement, which reflects the University's commitment to fostering industry linkages, research excellence, and global exposure for its students.

The University congratulates Mr. Thuku and wishes him continued success as he represents DeKUT on the global stage.

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