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DeKUT Honoured with the Presidential Golden Award



The Republic of Kenya, through the President, H.E. Dr. William S. Ruto, CGH, conferred the prestigious Golden Award to Dedan Kimathi University of Technology (DeKUT) during the Presidential Award Ceremony held at State House, Nairobi. Prof. Eng. Peter N. Muchiri, Vice-Chancellor of DeKUT, received the award on behalf of the University.

The Gold Award represents the culmination of a demanding personal development journey that challenges participants to grow in character, leadership, service, and resilience. As the highest level of recognition requiring the longest commitment and the highest standards of participation compared to the bronze and silver levels, the Gold Award reflects exceptional dedication and sustained impact.

This recognition underscores DeKUT's unwavering commitment to community service and holistic student development, which continue to guide the University's service delivery and institutional mandate.

The award celebrates individuals and institutions that have left a lasting impact on their communities and beyond, while providing an inspiring platform to encourage young people to pursue self-development through discipline, service, and meaningful contribution to the transformation of institutions, communities, and the nation.

The University extends its sincere gratitude to His Excellency the President for acknowledging DeKUT's contributions to national development, further cementing its role as a leading institution dedicated to excellence in education, innovation, and societal impact.

DeKUT and IPOA Launch Strategic Research Partnership

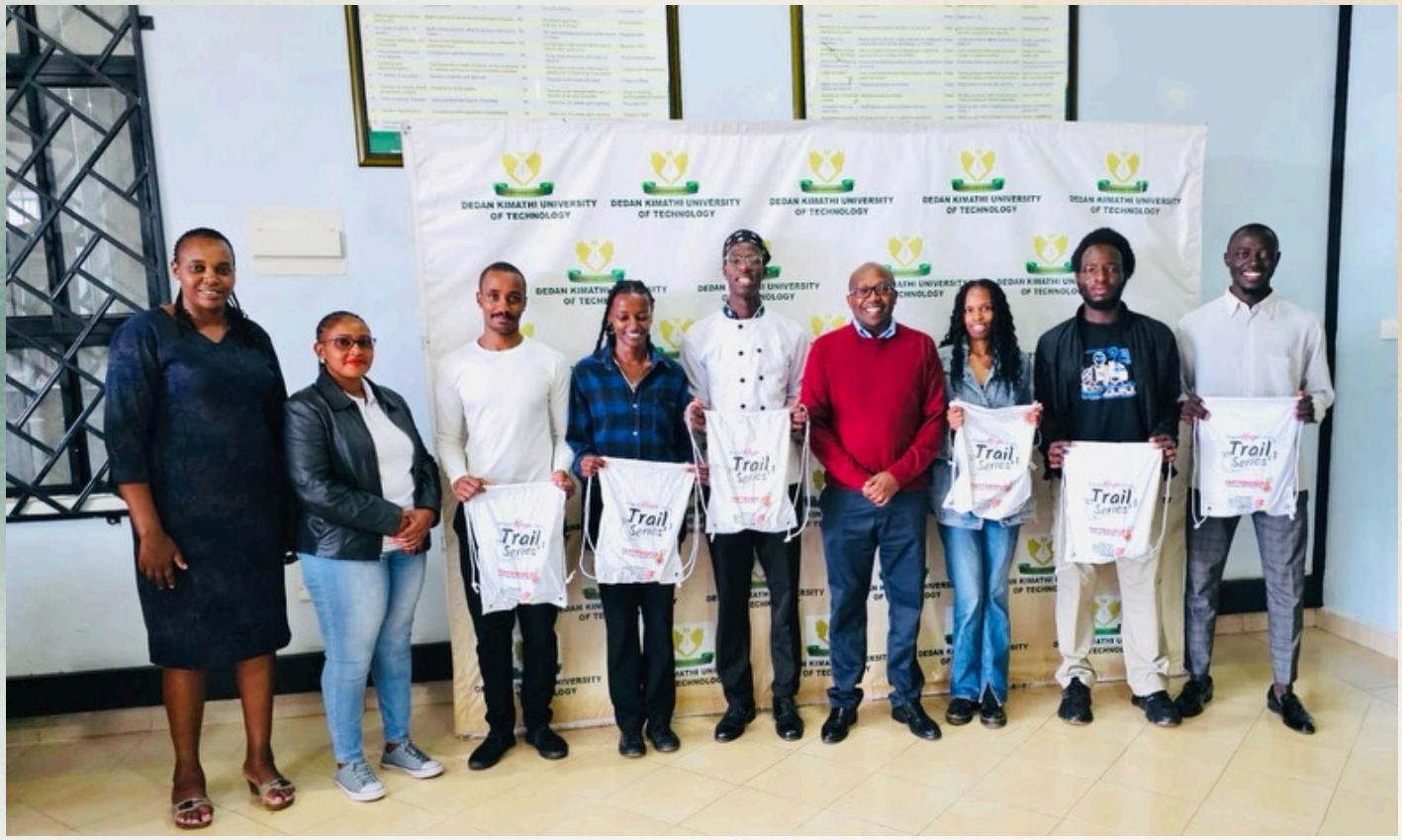


Dedan Kimathi University of Technology (DeKUT) has formalized a strategic research partnership with the Independent Policing Oversight Authority (IPOA), reinforcing the University's commitment to leveraging research, innovation, and technology in support of effective police oversight. The milestone engagement was led by Prof. Eng. Peter N. Muchiri, EBS, Vice-Chancellor of DeKUT, and took place in a meeting hosted by IPOA Chairperson Ahmed Issack Hassan, alongside members of the IPOA Board and Management. The discussions focused on identifying key areas of collaboration, knowledge exchange, and research initiatives that will strengthen the capacity of IPOA while promoting evidence-based policing oversight strategies.

Through this partnership, DeKUT aims to contribute its expertise in technology, data analysis, and innovation to support IPOA in enhancing transparency, accountability, and operational efficiency within policing institutions. The collaboration also opens avenues for joint research projects, student engagement, and training programs that align with national development objectives and good governance practices. This strategic alliance underscores DeKUT's dedication to fostering meaningful partnerships with public institutions, using academic research and technological innovation to address societal challenges and promote sustainable development.



DeKUT Excels at the Kenya Tourism Board Hackathon 2026 – Tinderet Edition



DeKUT marked a strong presence at the Kenya Tourism Board Hackathon 2026 – Magical Kenya Series, Tinderet Edition, co-hosted by Konza Technopolis in Tinderet. The University was represented by teams from the Institute of Tourism and Hospitality Management, who brought creativity, technical skill, and innovative thinking to the national platform.

The hackathon challenged participants to develop solutions that advance Kenya's tourism sector, with a focus on Culture & Heritage, Tourism, and Sports Development. Over the course of the event, seven participating teams showcased forward-thinking approaches, leveraging technology and practical insights to create ideas aimed at enhancing visitor experiences, preserving cultural heritage, and promoting sustainable tourism initiatives.

DeKUT's teams, who participated virtually, stood out for their ingenuity and professionalism. In recognition of their exceptional performance, Ms. Ruth Muriithi, Konza Technopolis Manager for Knowledge Economy and Innovation, presented appreciation awards to the DeKUT team.

Additionally, Dr. James Wakiru, Director of the University's Startup and Incubation Centre, was also recognized for his role as one of the hackathon's facilitators and coaches, guiding participants and supporting solution development throughout the event.

The University's involvement in the hackathon reflects its commitment to experiential learning, innovation, and national development. By engaging students in real-world challenges and promoting collaboration with industry stakeholders, DeKUT continues to nurture practical skills that prepare graduates to drive Kenya's tourism, hospitality, and cultural sectors forward.

Participation in initiatives such as this also underscores DeKUT's strategic focus on building partnerships with key national institutions, encouraging research-driven innovation, and promoting solutions that address Kenya's socio-economic development goals.

Through its active engagement in national competitions and innovation challenges, DeKUT reaffirms its dedication to producing creative, skilled, and socially conscious graduates, while contributing meaningfully to the growth and sustainability of Kenya's tourism sector.

DeKUT Hosts the Transient Electromagnetic Geophysical Training Workshop



Dedan Kimathi University of Technology (DeKUT)'s Geothermal Training and Research Institute (GeTRI) hosted a specialised Transient Electromagnetic (TEM) geophysical training workshop, designed to equip participants with advanced skills in groundwater exploration and mapping. The workshop was facilitated by Prof. Ivanka Bekkevold and Prof. Peter Thomsen from Copenhagen, Denmark, and offers a balanced combination of theoretical instruction and hands-on practical sessions. Participants gained in-depth knowledge on the use of sTEM (Transient Electromagnetic) geophysical equipment, an advanced tool for accurate groundwater detection and mapping.

By providing both technical expertise and practical experience, the workshop aims to strengthen the capacity of professionals and researchers in geophysical exploration, supporting effective water resource management and sustainable development initiatives. This training underscores DeKUT's commitment to applied research and innovation, ensuring that participants are well-equipped with the latest methodologies and technologies in the field of geophysics. Through initiatives like this, the University continues to advance knowledge, build technical expertise, and contribute to addressing critical water resource challenges in Kenya and beyond.



Some of the participants during the workshop learning



Some of the participants listening to the session



Some of the participants during a practical session



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Feedback from the practical session

DeKUT Strengthens Role in Smart Manufacturing Education at SME²KE Conference



DeKUT actively participated in the Smart Manufacturing Engineering Education for Knowledge Economy (SME²KE) Conference, held at Diani Reef Beach Resort & Spa, with representation from academic and management staff, including Dr. Moses Ollengo and Dr. Esther Nthiga. As a key African partner in the SME²KE consortium, DeKUT contributes significantly to curriculum development, quality assurance, project governance, and dissemination activities, ensuring that the initiative aligns with both regional and international best practices.

During the conference, Dr. Ollengo delivered a presentation on project performance, quality assurance, and implementation progress, providing a platform for knowledge sharing, informed decision-making within the consortium, and strengthening collaboration with both regional and European partners.
The SME²KE project, an Erasmus+ Capacity Building in Higher Education (CBHE) initiative, seeks to strengthen postgraduate manufacturing engineering education in Africa. The project emphasizes modernising curricula through the integration of laser-based manufacturing, digitalisation, artificial intelligence, machine learning, and data-driven manufacturing approaches, with the goal of enhancing industry relevance, innovation, sustainability, and graduate employability.

Through its active participation, DeKUT continues to enhance institutional capacity in smart manufacturing education, contributing to the development of a skilled workforce capable of supporting sustainable industrial growth and driving knowledge-based economic transformation in Kenya and across the region.

DeKUT Holds a Successful Open Day, Attracting Over 5,000 Participants



DeKUT recently hosted a highly successful Open Day, welcoming over 5,000 participants including Form 4 leavers, parents, secondary school students, and other stakeholders interested in higher education opportunities. The event was graced by Dr. Agnes Wahome, CEO of the Kenya Universities and Colleges Central Placement Service (KUCCPS), who served as the Chief Guest.

In her remarks, Dr. Wahome commended DeKUT for organizing the Open Day and for its efforts in guiding Form 4 leavers on career choices and degree programs available at the University. She highlighted the importance of such initiatives in helping students make informed decisions about their academic and professional futures. During the event, Dr. Wahome, accompanied by Prof. Eng. Peter N. Muchiri, EBS, Vice-Chancellor of DeKUT, toured various departmental and institute exhibitions. She engaged with innovations in areas such as leather technology, food technology, virtual reality, and geomatics information systems, among others.

Dr. Wahome also visited University facilities, witnessing firsthand the substantial investments DeKUT has made in well-equipped laboratories for teaching and research, underscoring the University's commitment to providing quality education and fostering innovation. The Open Day not only showcased DeKUT's academic offerings and research initiatives but also reinforced the University's mission to empower students through knowledge, innovation, and practical skills, preparing them to thrive in a rapidly evolving world.



The CEO, KUCCPS Dr. Agnes Wahomeduring an interview session at the Open Day 2026



The CEO, KUCCPS Dr. Agnes Wahome touring some of the exhibitions during the Annual Open Day 2026



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Shaping Futures Together Highlights from DeKUT Academic Open Day 2026



DeKUT wishes to express its sincere gratitude to all students and Form Four leavers who actively participated in the DeKUT Academic Open Day 2026. Their engagement and enthusiasm were key to the success of this important event. The University also extends heartiest appreciation to parents and guardians for their unwavering support and for granting their learners the opportunity to attend. By participating in the Open Day, students gained valuable insights that will help shape their future educational and career decisions.

Furthermore, DeKUT acknowledges the invaluable contributions of its partners and sponsors, whose support played a crucial role in the smooth execution of the Academic Open Day 2026. The University looks forward to continued collaboration and partnership, as it remains committed to fostering academic excellence, innovation, and opportunities for students to thrive.

Through events like the Academic Open Day, DeKUT continues to demonstrate its dedication to empowering students with knowledge, practical skills, and guidance, reinforcing its mission to nurture the next generation of leaders and innovators.



Some of the participants listening
to the address by Vice Chancellor Prof.
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DeKUT Hosts Benchmarking Delegation from University of Kabianga



Dedan Kimathi University of Technology (DeKUT) recently welcomed a benchmarking delegation from the University of Kabianga, led by Dr. Raymond Kemboi, Managing Director of University of Kabianga Enterprise and Services Limited (UKES).

The visit provided a valuable platform for exploring potential areas of collaboration between the two institutions, fostering knowledge exchange and sharing best practices in university enterprise management and services. Through such engagements, DeKUT continues to strengthen its partnerships with other universities, promoting innovation, institutional growth, and enhanced service delivery in higher education.





From Peaks to Classrooms, Join DeKUT's Fundraising Trek for Education



DeKUT invites students, staff, adventure enthusiasts, and the public to take part in an exciting day trip trek to Old Moses via the Sirimon Route, in support of the Climb to Educate initiative.

Scheduled for Saturday, 14th March 2026, this fundraising adventure aims to mobilize resources to help keep students in school and improve access to quality education. Participants will enjoy the breathtaking scenery of the Sirimon Route while contributing to a cause that transforms lives through learning. The Climb to Educate initiative reflects DeKUT's commitment to community engagement, youth empowerment, and social responsibility, showing how adventure and service can come together to create a lasting impact. Be part of the journey! Lace up your hiking boots, embrace the spirit of adventure, and support education for all.

📌 Register now via the DeKUT website (www.dkut.ac.ke). Together, we can turn every step into a brighter future for students.

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