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DeKUT Hosts CS Hon. Kabogo for the Office of the Data Protection Commissioner's Second Strategic Plan Launch



Dedan Kimathi University of Technology was honored to host the Cabinet Secretary for the Ministry of Information, Communications, and the Digital Economy, Hon. William Kabogo, during the official launch of the Office of the Data Protection Commissioner (ODPC) Nyeri Regional Office. This milestone event also marked the unveiling of ODPC's Second Strategic Plan, a significant step toward strengthening Kenya's commitment to data privacy and advancing the digital economy.



The Cabinet Secretary was accompanied by the Data Commissioner, Ms. Immaculate Kassait, who has been instrumental in driving the country's data protection agenda. The high-level delegation was received by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Eng. Peter N. Muchiri, EBS, and University leadership.



As part of the visit, the delegation toured the Semiconductor Technologies Limited (STL) facility located within DeKUT, a pioneering hub for high-tech manufacturing and one of the few of its kind in Africa. The tour highlighted Kenya's potential in advanced technology production and DeKUT's role in shaping the country's digital transformation journey.

Rtd. Gen. Dr. Kibochi Delivers a Public Lecture on "The Role of Leadership and Technology in Global Security Management: Lessons from the Military," at DeKUT



DeKUT had the distinct honor of hosting Rtd. General Dr. Robert Kibochi, EGH, CBS, PhD, former Chief of the Kenya Defence Forces, for a visit that combined a tour of the University's innovation and research facilities with a highly engaging public lecture.



During his visit, Dr. Kibochi explored several of DeKUT's cutting-edge centres, including the Data Science and Artificial Intelligence Lab (DSAIL), Advanced Manufacturing and Training Centre (ADMATC), Semiconductor Technologies Limited, the Centre for Development of Electronic Devices (CDED), Virtual Reality and Mechatronics Labs, and the DeKUT Centre for Energy Studies (DeCES). These visits showcased the University's growing role as a hub for research, technological innovation, and entrepreneurship.





This engagement underscored DeKUT's commitment to bridging the gap between academia and industry by exposing students to real-world perspectives from accomplished thought leaders. By hosting such forums, the University continues to enrich its academic programs and strengthen its position as a centre of excellence in technology, innovation, and leadership, preparing graduates to contribute meaningfully to national and global development.

The highlight of the day was Dr. Kibochi's public lecture titled "The Role of Leadership and Technology in Global Security Management: Lessons from the Military." The event attracted an enthusiastic audience of students, staff, and distinguished guests from diverse sectors. Drawing from his illustrious military career and academic expertise, Dr. Kibochi offered compelling insights on the evolving global security landscape, emphasizing the importance of ethical leadership, strategic decision-making, logistics coordination, and technological integration in addressing complex security challenges.



His reflections resonated deeply with attendees, particularly students aspiring to roles in public service, security, and leadership, providing them with valuable lessons on adaptability, innovation, and ethical governance in a rapidly changing world.



DeKUT Honoured at the USAWA Awards for Gender Inclusivity





Dedan Kimathi University of Technology was honored at the USAWA Awards organized by the National Gender and Equality Commission for its commitment to promoting gender equity and inclusivity. The University received recognition for achieving compliance with the Two-Thirds Gender Rule, a significant milestone in advancing equitable representation within its governance structures.

The Council Chairman, DeKUT, Dr. James Kariuki, and the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Eng. Peter N. Muchiri, EBS, represented the University at the prestigious event, which was officiated by Hon. Hanna Wendot Cheptumo, Cabinet Secretary for Gender, Culture, and Children Services.

This recognition underscores DeKUT's dedication to fostering diversity, inclusivity, and equal opportunities, aligning with its broader mission of advancing social and institutional transformation.

European Film Festival Campus Edition at DeKUT



DeKUT had the honor of hosting the European Film Festival (EFF) Campus Edition, a vibrant celebration of cinematic excellence, creativity, and cross-cultural dialogue. The event brought together students, filmmakers, creatives, and development partners to explore the transformative power of film as a tool for storytelling, cultural exchange, and societal change.

In attendance were H.E. Ondrej Šimek, Deputy Ambassador of the European Union to Kenya, and Ms. Marie Ottosson, Head of Development Cooperation and Acting Chargé d'Affaires at the Embassy of Sweden, whose presence underscored the strong partnerships between DeKUT and international stakeholders in promoting youth empowerment, creative expression, and sustainable development.

The festival featured a dynamic program, including a film pitching workshop designed to equip students with practical skills in storytelling and concept development, the screening of thought-provoking films Triangle of Sadness and Murder Camp, and a panel discussion with industry experts. These sessions provided valuable insights into the art of filmmaking, its role in shaping societal narratives, and the potential for young creatives to drive meaningful change.



The event also created a networking platform for students, emerging filmmakers, and stakeholders from the creative and development sectors, fostering mentorship opportunities and professional connections.

By hosting the EFF Campus Edition, DeKUT reaffirmed its commitment to nurturing creativity, innovation, and global citizenship, positioning itself as a hub for intellectual engagement and cultural transformation.

DeKUT Conservancy Set to Launch a Giraffe Centre



Dedan Kimathi University of Technology is proud to announce the addition of new wildlife species to its Conservancy, courtesy of a donation from the Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS). The newly welcomed animals, including a herd of giraffes, zebras, warthogs, and impalas, mark a significant milestone for the Institute of Tourism and Hospitality Management (IToHM) and the University at large.

This development goes beyond enriching the Conservancy's biodiversity; it underscores DeKUT's commitment to integrating hands-on, experiential learning into its academic programs. By providing students with direct access to a diverse range of wildlife, the University is enhancing practical training in critical areas such as wildlife management, eco-tourism, and conservation.



For students of IToHM, the expanded Conservancy offers a unique opportunity to engage in applied learning within a dynamic, living laboratory. By bridging academic learning with real-world experiences, the University continues to prepare graduates who are not only industry-ready but also committed to sustainable development and environmental conservation.



DeKUT Explores Strategic Partnership with KEFRI



DeKUT Vice Chancellor, Prof. Eng. Peter N. Muchiri, EBS, led a University delegation to the Kenya Forestry Research Institute (KEFRI) headquarters for a collaborative meeting aimed at exploring areas of mutual interest and strategic partnership.

The engagement focused on identifying opportunities for joint initiatives in forestry research, environmental conservation, and capacity building, aligning with DeKUT's commitment to advancing sustainable development through research, innovation, and community-focused programs.

This visit marks the beginning of a potential partnership that will enhance academic collaboration, support applied research and strengthen DeKUT's role in promoting environmental stewardship and sustainable resource management.

Fostering an Alliance with Mwai Kibaki Teaching and Referral Hospital



DeKUT was pleased to host a delegation from Mwai Kibaki Teaching and Referral Hospital (MKTRH), led by CEO Dr. Patrick Muiruri, for a strategic meeting aimed at fostering collaboration in line with Legal Notice No. 148 of 2024, which formally cojoins the two institutions.



The engagement set the stage for a vibrant and mutually beneficial partnership, with key focus areas including student attachments, joint research initiatives, and technological innovation. This collaboration is poised to provide DeKUT students, particularly those in health sciences and related fields, with invaluable hands-on experience through clinical attachments and internships, while also creating opportunities for faculty to engage in impactful, multidisciplinary research.



This partnership marks the beginning of a shared journey between two centres of excellence, committed to advancing healthcare, education, and research for societal transformation.

The DAAD Alumni Workshop



DeKUT had the privilege of hosting the DAAD Alumni Workshop themed "The Role of Emerging Technology in Quality, Inclusive, and Sustainable Education in Higher Education." The three-day workshop brought together DAAD alumni and education stakeholders to reflect on the evolving role of digital technologies in transforming higher education in Kenya.

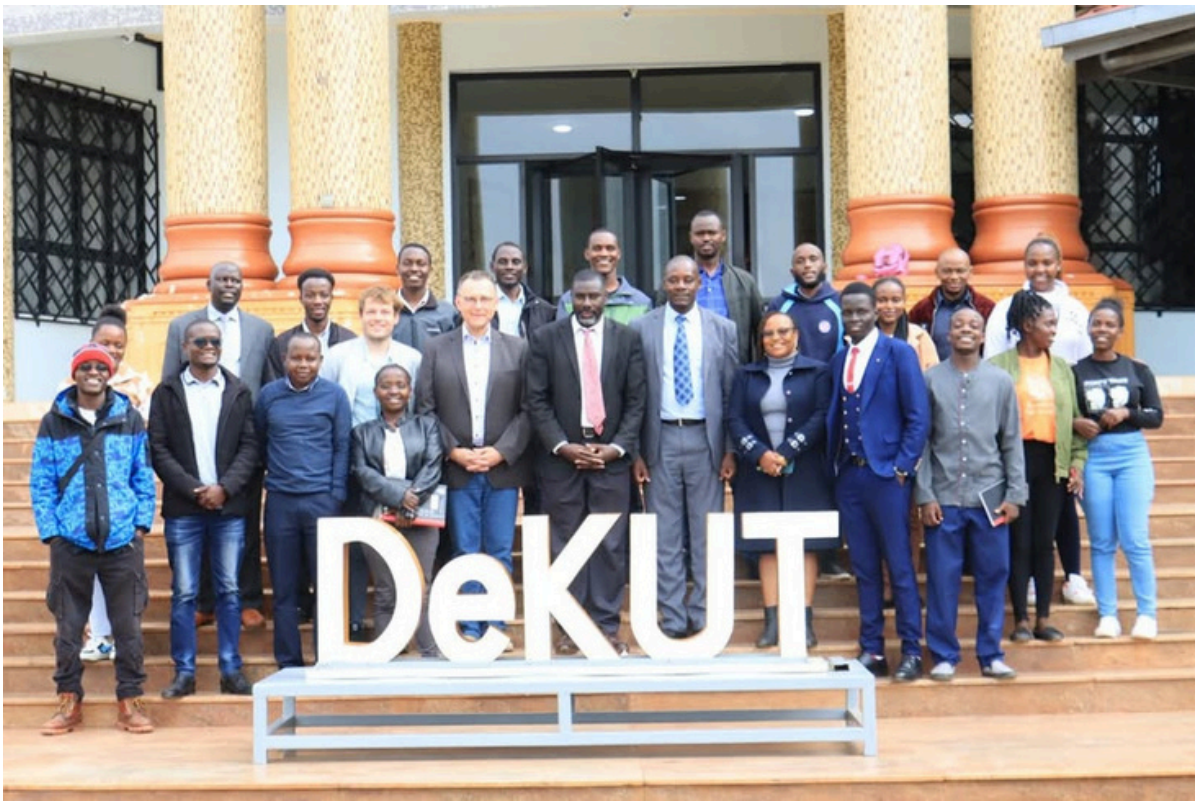
Key objectives included evaluating technology's influence on quality and inclusivity, showcasing AI and other technologies for sustainable practices, aligning teaching with modern student behaviors, and creating actionable, technology-driven initiatives for inclusive learning in Kenyan institutions.





The workshop addressed the role of AI in sustainable education, generative AI for content creation, and the use of e-learning platforms to enhance inclusivity. It facilitated idea exchanges, innovative solutions, and partnerships aimed at making higher education a driver of sustainable development in Kenya. The event highlighted DeKUT's commitment to integrating advanced technologies into teaching and research, reinforcing its role as a center for innovation and capacity building, while equipping students and faculty with essential skills for a digital future.

DeKUT Strengthens Erasmus+ Collaboration with Johannes Kepler University



Dedan Kimathi University of Technology was honored to host Professor Gernot Wallner from Johannes Kepler University Linz, Austria, as part of the ongoing Erasmus+ exchange programme in Polymer Chemistry. The initiative, jointly coordinated by Professor Wallner and Dr. Onyancha, has already enabled five DeKUT students to participate in a six-month academic exchange at Johannes Kepler University, enhancing their exposure to international research and advanced learning opportunities.

Professor Wallner was accompanied by his PhD student, Mr. Thomas, and Dr. Wekesa from Multimedia University of Kenya, who co-hosts the Erasmus Mobility grant in Kenya. Their visit marked a significant step in strengthening academic collaboration and fostering knowledge exchange in Polymer Chemistry, further positioning DeKUT as a hub for impactful global partnerships and cutting-edge scientific research.

Enhancing Collaboration: DeKUT and NTHU, Taiwan



DeKUT was honored to host a delegation from National Tsing Hua University (NTHU), Taiwan. This visit marked an important step in deepening the long-standing partnership between the two institutions.

The collaboration between DeKUT and NTHU has been instrumental in fostering student and staff exchange programs, offering valuable opportunities for academic advancement, cultural exchange, and collaborative research. During the visit, the delegation engaged in in-depth discussions with DeKUT leadership aimed at exploring new avenues for joint innovation initiatives and enhanced cooperation across various academic and research areas.

This engagement reaffirms DeKUT's commitment to building strong global partnerships that enrich its academic environment, broaden opportunities for its students and faculty, and advance its mission of becoming a leading centre for technology, innovation, and international collaboration.

DeKUT Hosts Transformative AI Summit



DeKUT Office of Career Services, in collaboration with Teach2Give and Cerebri AI, successfully hosted an impactful AI Summit that brought together industry experts, innovators, and students for a day of knowledge sharing, hands-on learning, and networking.

The summit provided participants with valuable insights into current trends, practical applications, and emerging career opportunities in Artificial Intelligence. Through engaging presentations and interactive workshops, students were empowered to envision their role in shaping the future of the digital economy.

This collaborative initiative highlighted the critical role of University-industry partnerships in equipping graduates with future-ready skills, reinforcing DeKUT's commitment to producing professionals who can thrive in an increasingly technology-driven world.





Fostering Meaningful Connections Beyond the Academic Setting



The Department of Chemistry at Dedan Kimathi University of Technology hosted a Coffee Hour at the University Conservancy, bringing together Diploma, Bachelor's, and Postgraduate students alongside faculty and staff members.

The initiative created a relaxed and welcoming environment where participants could socialize, network, and engage in informal discussions beyond their academic commitments. By fostering open dialogue and meaningful connections, the Department aims to strengthen the sense of community, enhance peer support, and promote collaborative relationships that contribute to both academic success and personal growth.

Such initiatives are integral to cultivating a holistic University experience that goes beyond lectures and laboratories, reinforcing DeKUT's commitment to providing a supportive and inclusive learning environment.



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