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DeKUT's i2B Innovation Weekend Sparks Ideas for Impact





The fifth edition of i2B Innovation Weekend was a remarkable celebration of creativity, collaboration and entrepreneurial thinking at the DeKUT Startup and Incubation Centre (DeSIC).

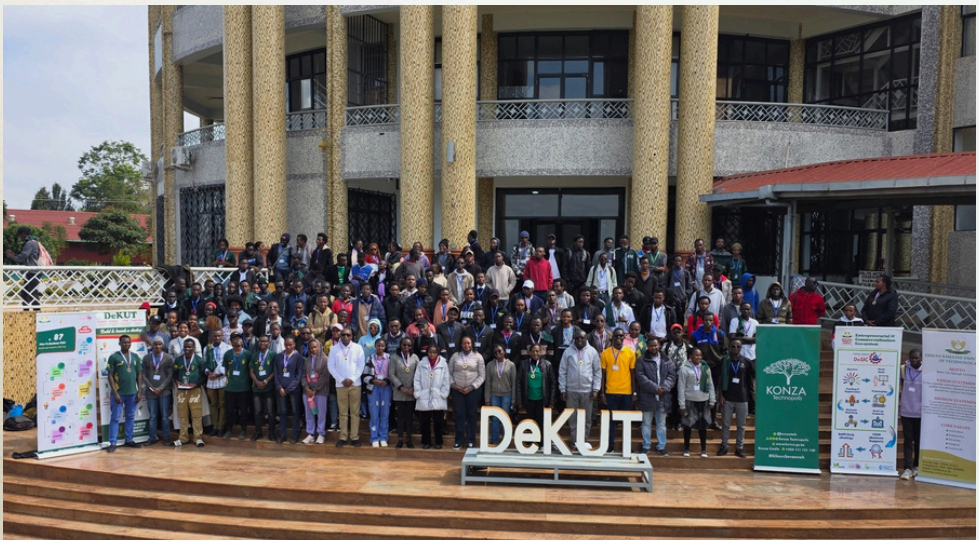
Over the course of the weekend, students, staff and alumni came together to refine innovative ideas, learn from experienced mentors, and explore how research and creativity can be transformed into solutions that address real-world challenges. The energy, curiosity and commitment demonstrated throughout the programme reaffirmed the growing culture of innovation at DeKUT.

We were honoured to host Prof. Eddy Owaga, Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic Affairs & Research), who encouraged participants to move beyond great ideas by taking deliberate action to create a meaningful and lasting impact. His message underscored the importance of innovation as a driver of sustainable development and societal transformation.

The success of this edition was made possible through the dedication of our facilitators, mentors, judges, volunteers and ecosystem partners, whose guidance and support continue to inspire the next generation of innovators. We also extend our sincere appreciation to the DeKUT management for championing innovation and entrepreneurship as key pillars of the university's vision.

As we conclude another successful i2B Innovation Weekend, we celebrate not just the ideas that were shared but the connections formed, the lessons learned and the entrepreneurial journeys that have only just begun.

Here's to building bold ideas, nurturing innovative minds and shaping solutions that will make a lasting difference.



DeKUT and Mwai Kibaki Referral Hospital Strengthen Partnership in Research and Healthcare Innovation



DeKUT, led by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic Affairs and Research), Prof. Eddy Owaga, held a strategic partnership meeting with Mwai Kibaki Referral Hospital (MKRH) to explore opportunities for collaboration in research, healthcare innovation, and technology-driven solutions.

The engagement brought together representatives from both institutions to discuss areas of mutual interest and identify opportunities for partnership that will enhance research, foster innovation, and contribute to the advancement of healthcare. Through this collaboration, DeKUT and MKRH aim to leverage their respective expertise to develop practical, technology-driven solutions that address emerging healthcare challenges.

The meeting reaffirmed the shared commitment of both institutions to strengthening research and innovation as key drivers of improved healthcare delivery and better patient outcomes. By working together, DeKUT and MKRH seek to bridge academia and healthcare practice, creating impactful solutions that improve lives and contribute to national development.





DeKUT's Lecturer Secures Prestigious University of Washington Fellowship for Cervical Cancer Research



DeKUT continues to strengthen its contribution to global research and innovation through the achievements of its academic community. The University is proud to announce that Dr. Diana Wangeshi Njuguna, Dean of the School of Nursing, has been awarded a prestigious Postdoctoral Fellowship at the University of Washington (USA) under the Launching Future Leaders in Global Health (LAUNCH) Research Training Program, funded by the U.S. National Institutes of Health (NIH).

The highly competitive fellowship provides an intensive year of mentored global health research at leading international institutions. As part of the programme, Dr. Njuguna recently participated in the NIH Fogarty International Center's annual orientation in Maryland, USA, where fellows engaged with renowned global health experts, including NIH Director Dr. Jay Bhattacharya and Fogarty International Center Director Dr. Steven Schiff.

This achievement reflects DeKUT's growing research capacity and its commitment to developing globally competitive scholars who contribute to addressing pressing health challenges through research, innovation, and international collaboration. The University congratulates Dr. Njuguna on this significant milestone and looks forward to the positive impact her work in cervical cancer research will have on improving health outcomes both in Kenya and globally.

DeKUT Celebrates Student Author Brian Okari at the Launch of Beyond the Horizon



Dedan Kimathi University of Technology (DeKUT) celebrated the launch of Beyond the Horizon, a book authored by Brian Okari, a fifth-year Telecommunication and Information Engineering student.

The book explores themes of identity, leadership, resilience, and personal growth, drawing inspiration from the author's experiences and leadership journey. Through his work, Brian encourages readers to embrace purpose, overcome challenges, and strive for personal and professional growth. The launch was officiated by Dr. Daniel Njoroge, Head of Career Services at DeKUT, who commended the author's achievement and highlighted the importance of nurturing creativity, leadership, and a culture of reading among students.

Speaking during the event, Brian expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the University Management, lecturers, mentors, family, friends, and everyone who supported him throughout his writing and publication journey. As part of the occasion, he donated two copies of Beyond the Horizon to the DeKUT Library, making the book accessible to the wider University community.

The book launch stands as a testament to DeKUT's commitment to nurturing talent, innovation, and academic excellence while providing students with opportunities to transform their ideas and experiences into meaningful contributions to society.



DeKUT Student Innovators Set Their Sights on the National Stage



DeKUT continues to strengthen its position as an entrepreneurial university by nurturing a new generation of innovators ready to solve real-world challenges through creativity, research, and technology.

Through the DeKUT Startup & Incubation Centre (DeSIC), student innovators have been undergoing intensive mentorship and capacity-building in preparation for Campus Spark, the flagship student innovation challenge organized by the Network of Entrepreneurial Leaders Institutions (NEIL). The programme has brought together promising innovators from across the University to refine their ideas, strengthen their business propositions, and enhance their pitching skills. With guidance from experienced mentors and faculty, participants have transformed innovative concepts into solutions with the potential to create meaningful social and economic impact.



The innovations are aligned with four national priority areas: Agriculture & Food Security, Health & Wellbeing, Digital Transformation & Artificial Intelligence, and Climate Action & Green Innovation. These focus areas reflect Kenya's development priorities while encouraging students to develop practical, sustainable, and scalable solutions to contemporary challenges. Following the mentorship and pitch preparation sessions, the most outstanding innovation in each category will earn the opportunity to represent DeKUT at the Campus Spark National Inter-University Competition, where they will compete alongside some of the country's most promising student innovators.

We congratulate all participating teams for their creativity, dedication, and resilience throughout the programme. The University also extends its appreciation to the mentors, faculty members, and the DeSIC team whose unwavering support continues to cultivate an ecosystem where innovation thrives and bold ideas are transformed into solutions that shape the future.



A New Chapter Begins at the DeKUT Library with the Launch of the Inaugural Library Ambassadors Programme



The DeKUT Library has launched its Inaugural Library Ambassadors Programme, marking the beginning of an exciting initiative designed to cultivate a vibrant reading culture and strengthen student engagement with the University's library resources and services.

The programme seeks to empower a team of passionate student ambassadors who will champion literacy, promote the effective use of library resources, and encourage their fellow students to embrace lifelong learning. Through peer-to-peer engagement, the ambassadors will play a vital role in creating awareness of the wide range of academic resources, digital platforms, and support services available at the DeKUT Library. The Library Ambassadors will serve as advocates for the library within the University community, inspiring students to make the most of the facilities and services available while promoting collaboration, innovation, and academic success.

Congratulations to our inaugural team of Library Ambassadors. As champions of knowledge and learning, your journey begins today, and we look forward to the positive impact you will make across the DeKUT community.



DeKUT Expands Global Opportunities with New Japanese Language Teaching Programme



DeKUT is set to expand its global academic footprint with the introduction of a Japanese Language Teaching Programme, an exciting initiative that will equip students with valuable language skills while strengthening international academic collaboration.

As part of the preparations for the programme's official launch, the University recently welcomed a guest instructor from the Japan Foundation and the Director of the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) Nairobi Research Station. Their visit marked an important milestone in the establishment of the programme and reaffirmed the growing partnership between DeKUT and leading Japanese institutions. During the visit, students participated in an engaging and interactive Japanese language demonstration class that offered a practical introduction to the language and culture. The hands-on session gave participants an opportunity to experience basic Japanese communication while gaining insights into the country's rich traditions and way of life.

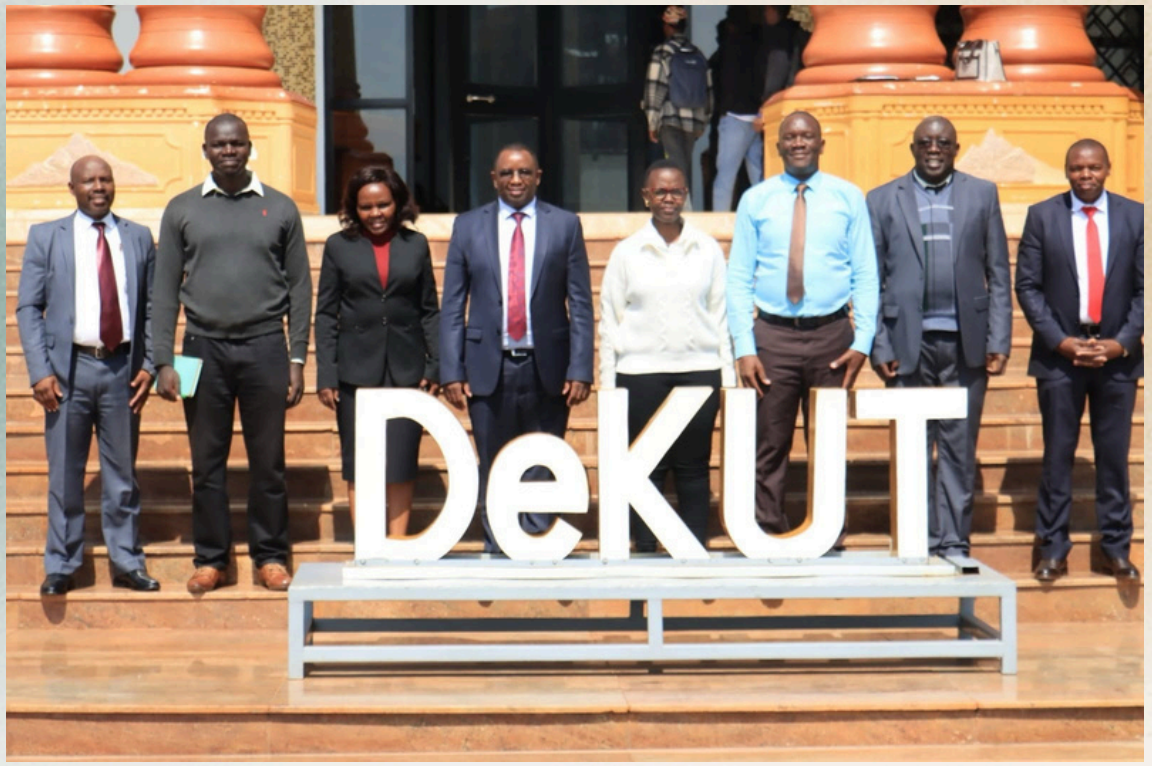
In addition to the demonstration class, the visiting delegation held strategic discussions with the University on the framework and formal establishment of the Japanese Language Teaching Programme. The deliberations focused on creating a sustainable programme that will provide students with quality language instruction while fostering academic exchange and international cooperation.

The introduction of the programme is expected to create new opportunities for DeKUT students by enhancing their global competitiveness, opening pathways to higher education and research collaborations in Japan, and increasing access to international scholarships, internships, and career opportunities. It will also promote cross-cultural understanding and strengthen the University's commitment to producing globally competent graduates.

More information on programme enrolment and commencement dates will be communicated in due course. Students are encouraged to stay tuned as DeKUT embarks on this exciting new chapter in global education and cultural exchange.



DeKUT Strengthens Competency-Based Education Through TVET CDACC Partnership

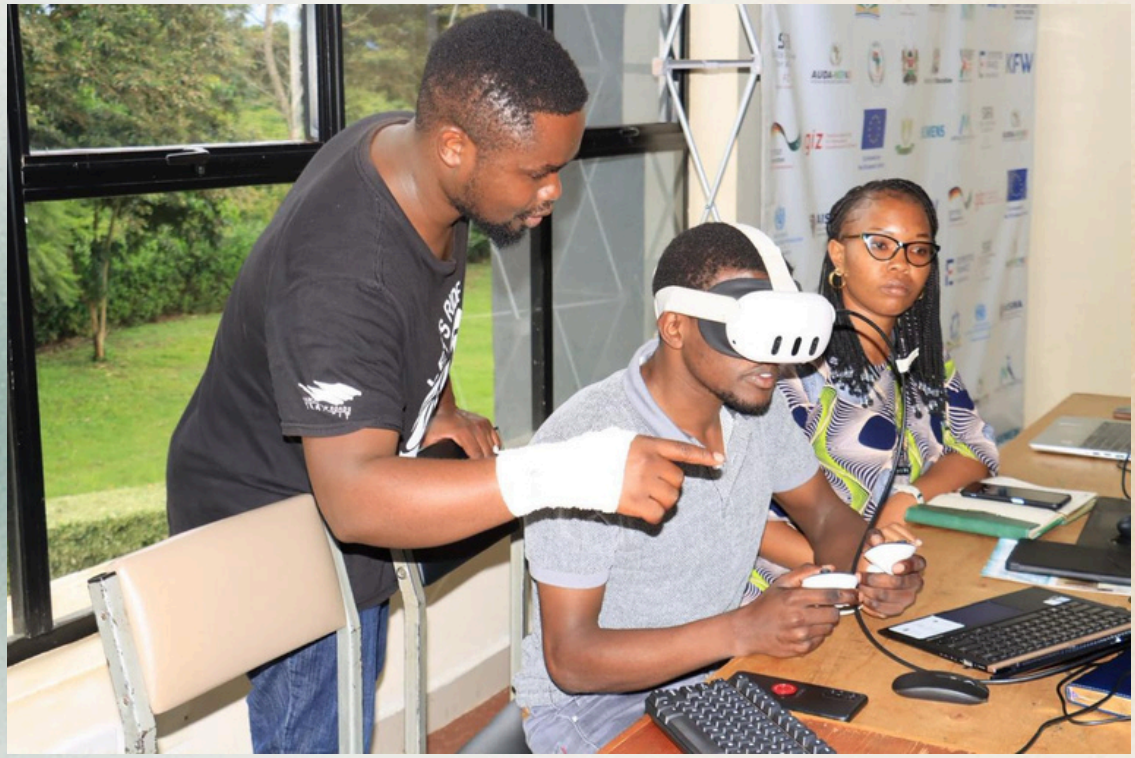


Dedan Kimathi University of Technology has reaffirmed its commitment to delivering quality Competency-Based Education (CBE) through a consultative meeting between the University Management and facilitators from the Technical and Vocational Education and Training Curriculum Development, Assessment and Certification Council (TVET CDACC).

The meeting brought together the University Management and TVET CDACC facilitators, Dr. Sophia Ndolo and Dr. Kiberenge, as part of the four-day Competency-Based Education (CBE) training programme for DeKUT academic staff. The facilitators were officially received by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Eng. Peter N. Muchiri, EBS, who underscored the University's commitment to strengthening its academic programmes through the effective implementation of the Competency-Based Education and Training (CBET) framework.

The engagement provided an opportunity for discussions on the University's progress in adopting competency-based approaches and highlighted the importance of collaboration in enhancing curriculum development, assessment, and quality assurance. The training equipped academic staff with the knowledge and practical skills required to effectively deliver competency-based education in line with National standards.

DeKUT is Recognised as Kenya's AI Node by the Inter-University Council for East Africa (IUCEA)



DeKUT is honoured to have been nominated by the Inter-University Council for East Africa (IUCEA) as Kenya's Artificial Intelligence (AI) Node under the AI4EAC Network.

This recognition positions DeKUT as a strategic hub for advancing Artificial Intelligence in education, research, innovation, and capacity building. In this role, the University will foster collaboration among universities across Kenya while contributing to a regional network of institutions championing AI adoption, knowledge exchange, and innovation across the East African Community.

As Kenya's AI Node, DeKUT looks forward to working closely with partner universities and stakeholders to harness the transformative potential of AI in driving sustainable development, addressing societal challenges, and creating lasting impact across the region.

Congratulations on Your Admission to DeKUT!



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