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DeKUT 10th Anniversary Celebrations and the Launch of Strategic Plan 2023-2028 and Vision 2040





We marked the tenth anniversary of receiving our charter to become a fully-fledged University on Friday, March 10th 2023.The institution operated as a constituent college of Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology (JKUAT) for five years until 14th December 2012, when it was upgraded to a fully-fledged University after being granted a charter and renamed Dedan Kimathi University of Technology (DeKUT). The grand ceremony of awarding the charter was presided over by the Late President of the Republic of Kenya, His Excellency Mwai Kibaki. The Government then appointed renowned educationalist, scholar, and education administrator Prof. S.O Keya as the University's first Chancellor. The Government also appointed a University Council, which comprised of people with diverse experiences in various fields.

Currently, the University offers a wide range of programs both at the undergraduate and postgraduate levels in various Schools and Institutes that are approved by the Senate and the various designated bodies like the Engineers Board of Kenya (EBK) and the Commission for University Education (CUE). To name but a few, we have; Computer Science and Information Technology, Engineering, Applied Sciences, Food Science and Technology, Health Science, Business Management and Economics, Geothermal Energy Technology, Geomatics, Geospatial Information Systems and Remote Sensing, Tourism and Hospitality and Technical and Professional Studies. The University also offers diploma and Certificate courses for mid-level technical skills.

The number of programs has also grown since the University was awarded a charter. In 2012 we had five programs, and now we have over 50 programs accredited by the Commission for University Education. 71% of our programs are also STEM-based. The

University is also steadily increasing her postgraduate enrolment in Master of Science (M.Sc.) and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) programmes to continuously increase innovation and intellectual property output. We have introduced a Postgraduate Diploma in Technical and Vocational Education (PGTVE) Training under the Centre for Excellence in Competency-Based Education Training (CCBET). The programme aims at providing prospective trainers with pedagogical skills and strategies for Competency-Based Education and Training (CBET) programmes in TVET institutions. Among other skills, the programme will equip the student trainers with the knowledge, skills and attitude required to train in TVET institutions.

Over the years, the University has also received several awards for its exemplary performance. To name but a few, In 2022, the Film, Animation and Gaming Hub emerged as the winner in the Best Kids Production Category during the Kalasha International TV and Film Awards. In 2021, the University was nominated as the Digital Brand of the year, competing alongside other strong brands such as Safaricom, Government of Kenya, Jambo Jet and EABL. Some of our staff members have also been recognized at regional and Country levels for their outstanding performance in research and innovation.

The University also launched its 2023-2028 Strategic Plan and the DeKUT Vision 2040 to guide the University in its phase of development.





DeKUT is feted with a 10 years long service award



Ms. Kirugumi, receives the award from the IAESTE President and Head of Operations

Dedan Kimathi University of Technology has been feted with 10 years long service award by the International Association for the Exchange of Students for Technical Experience (IAESTE) owing to her continued contribution in promoting students' academic exchange and providing internships to international students for over 10 years.

The award was presented during the 76th IAESTE Annual Conference that were held from 20th to 26th January 2023 in Warsaw, Poland. The award which was presented during the Association's 75th Anniversary celebrations was received by Ms. Ann Kirugumi, from the DeKUT International Office on behalf of the University.

During the Conference, IAESTE in Kenya was able to secure 40 opportunities for international internships out of which 23 are reserved for DeKUT students. DeKUT was also featured in the IAESTE Annual digest which highlighted the contributions of the University to student's exchange.

The IAESTE programme has contributed to enhancing internationalization of the University through providing international traineeship opportunities for DeKUT students thus broadening their horizons. The programme as gives DeKUT students an opportunity to learn from and with students from different nationalities hosted in the University thus enabling intercultural integration.



Gifts purchased by IAESTE DeKUT Local Chapter for presentation to her exchange partners.



Picture with other 100 hundred delegates from over 85 countries of the world

Capstone Training

Dedan Kimathi University of Technology, Institute of General Studies (IGS) has a new IGS curriculum offering 8 units in Year 1 of study. Then as the students' progress in their studies in year 4 Semester 1 and 2 they do Capstone Projects where they are trained on how to write Curriculum Vitae, Portfolio, Resume and Autography and to help them prepare for the work world.

The projects entails; An up-to-date resume in Kiswahili, English and one indigenous African Language, an autobiography essay, a PowerPoint presentation on any aspect of African culture demonstrating its importance and a photographic essay on any important issue identified by the student in the African Community. Additionally, a twenty-minute video presentation accompanied by an abstract in Kiswahili, English and one indigenous African language and the essay must include a discussion on the importance of gender awareness in the African society.

Lecturers are also trained on what to look for when guiding and accessing the students doing the Capstone projects.





Inter-sector Games Competitions

Every semester, the University wardenship program holds inter-sector competitions, an activity that brings students from all sectors together for cohesion and integration. The competition took place on March 18th, 2023. It was organized by the Deputy Director, DSW flagged off and was foreseen by Dr. Benson Gathoni, HOD Sports. All sectors were represented and over four hundred (400) students attended. The Edition was inclusive of various indoor and outdoor activities. The objectives of the inter-sector games are;

i. Foster Cohesion and Integration among staff and students.
ii. Entertain and build trust between students and staff.
iii. Raise awareness of the available university support system.
iv. Establish bonds and connections.
v. Hold an interactive session between different sectors to help people decide where to live within their financial means.
vi. Enhance students' creativity, social skills and build self-confidence.

The sectors were sub-divided into:

i. Internal sector both ladies and gents.
ii. Bomas Nyaribo/Show view,
iii. Town/Farmlands/Chania,
iv. Mathari, Kahawa/Greens
v. Catholic/Ladies Sector.



The cycling men's team



Ladies eating competition

The students coordinated the planned activities themselves. They also participated in various activities for example; sack race, egg race, balloon games, bike racing, eating competition and badminton. Where Nyaribo Football Sector Won the 2023 Football men sector. It was indeed a great support and effort from the office of the Director, Directorate Students' Welfare and the DSW representatives.

The students were also addressed, by Ms. Elizabeth Joseph, an ADA peer educator, who spoke to the students about the various forms of entertainment that they can engage in to keep them away from drugs. They were also educated on are other forms of entertainment, such as the way students were engaged in various activities on the day. She took them through the dangers of engaging in Alcohol and Drugs Abuse (ADA) and effects of engaging in drugs. She informed students about the University's available support systems, such as counseling, chaplaincy, DeFAO, and DSW, in the event of mental or financial issues. The University trains ADA peer educators who assists students and even refer them for further assistance. She emphasized on the importance of sobriety. Additionally, Dr. Benson Gathoni on behalf of the Director of Student's Welfare (DSW) wrapped up the speeches urging the students to take advantage of such activities and to actively join clubs and societies and to also engage in extra curriculum activities. He added that such events ensure balance between studies and free time where students engage in meaningful activities while free. He concluded by congratulating the students for having turned out in a large number.

A link to more photos of the inter-sector games: https://photos.app.goo.gl/XX5B7t5tbBccgC8v5



A photo of an ADA peer Educator Ms. Elizabeth Joseph addressing students



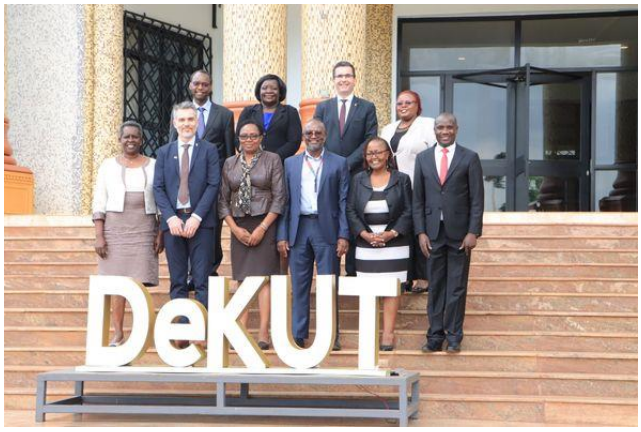
Nyaribo men's team

Courtesy Visit by Bishop Anthony Muheria



Courtesy visit by Obuda University





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