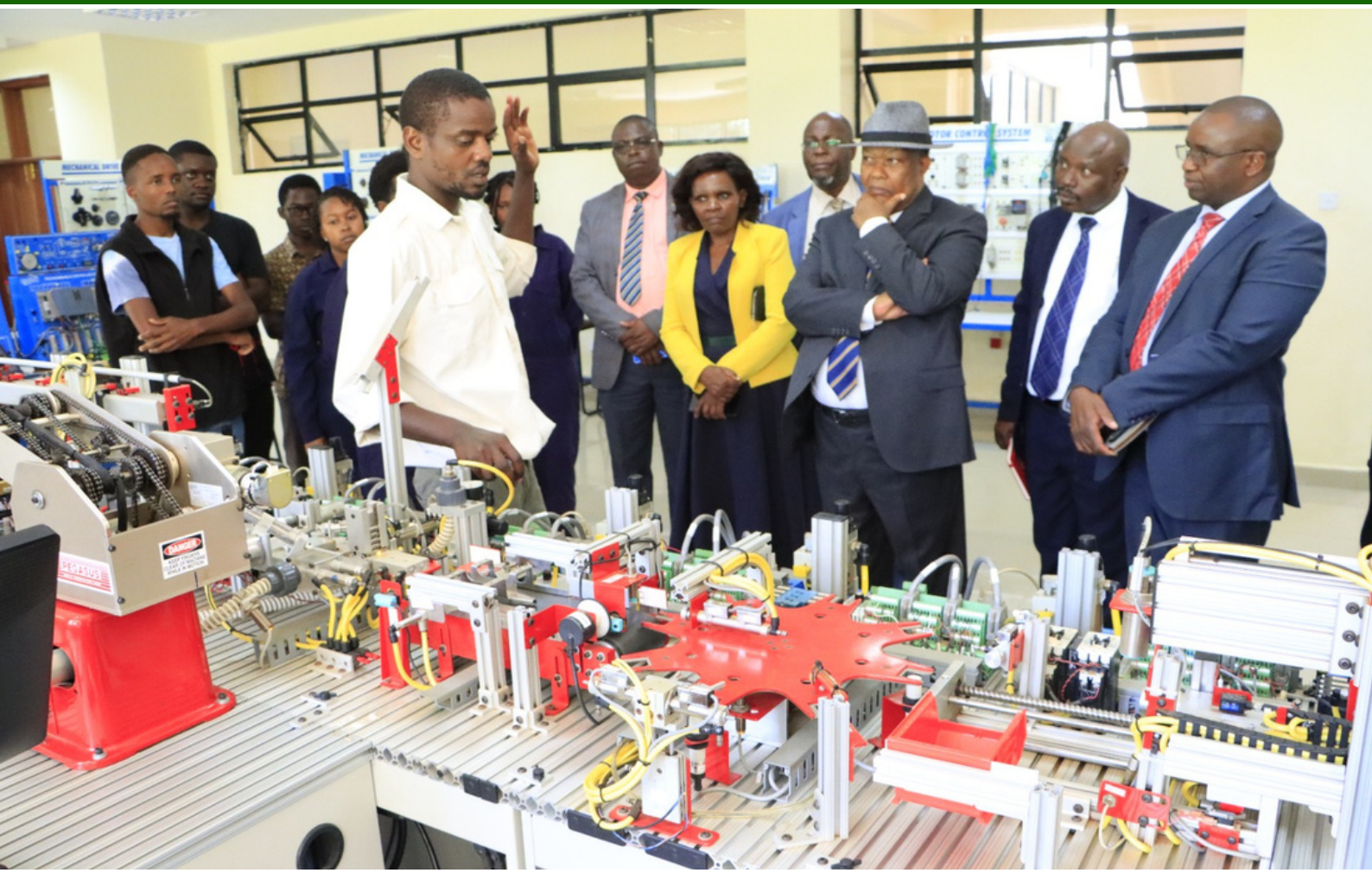
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DeKUT signs a collaboration agreement with the New Kenya Planters Co-operative Union



DeKUT signed a collaboration agreement with the New Kenya Planters Co-operative (New- KPCU). Hon.Simon Chelugui, Cabinet Secretary, Co-operatives and Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME), the Chairman of the New KPCU, among other dignitaries, were present.

At DeKUT, we recognize the immense value and potential of partnerships and collaborations with like-minded institutions. We share a vision of collaboration, innovation, and progress with the New KPCU. Collaborating with the New KPCU aligns with the University's goals of promoting sustainability, social responsibility, and community engagement.

This collaboration will provide valuable educational opportunities for our students and staff. We can identify and organise training workshops and seminars for capacity building towards improved coffee performance.



DeKUT Chancellor's Day



we had the pleasure of hosting the DeKUT Chancellor, General (Rtd) Dr. Julius Waweru Karangi EGH, CBS, DCO, LOM. He interacted with the staff members and students. He also shared his vision for the University under his leadership.

He launched the Robotic and Virtual Reality Infrastructure and the Chancellor's Foundation for Innovation Award during the visit to help needy and innovative students. He also donated Ksh 100,000 towards the foundation.





Technologist Peter Nyaga showcasing some of the equipment in the Mechatronics lab



The Chancelllor trying out some Virtual Reality gears



Mr.Julius Karanja showcasing the Center for Development of Electronic Devices (CDED) products



Dr.Paul Tanui showcasing some of the Leather Technology merchandise



The Launch of the Chancellor's Foundation for innovation

DeKUT hosts the i2B Storming Night



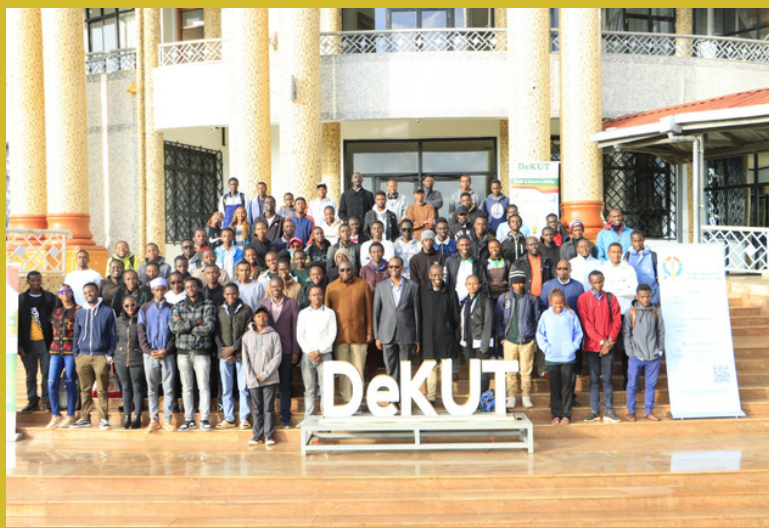


DeKUT has consistently prioritized cultivating innovation and entrepreneurship within its academic community. In this regard, the Dedan Kimathi Startup and Incubation Center (DeSIC) held the i2B (Idea to Business) Innovation Storming night yesterday.

The overarching goal for the i2B storming night was to entrench the startup process in the mindset of the participants and involve them throughout the entire process. Critical aspects include starting with the end in mind, business modelling, mindset shift, and pitching.

The DeKUT i2B storming night was very effective in creating a mindset change towards innovation and entrepreneurship among the students, enhancing multidisciplinary collaboration in problem-solving while sharpening entrepreneurial competencies and exposing the innovative side of our students in the entrepreneurial ecosystem.





DeKUT hosts a workshop on Leather Value Chain in Kenya



The leather sector has the potential to create much-needed jobs in Kenya. The sector aspires to create a competitive integrated value chain to drive the leather and leather products manufacturing industry. The leather goods and articles sub-sector is primarily driven by the vast informal sector that has continued to thrive. However, the sector's projected growth has yet to be realized. Gaps still exist in terms of training and knowledge sharing. The proposed project is aimed at creating an opportunity for the youth, women and persons living with disability (PLWDs). The trainees drawn from Nyeri, Nyandarua, Isiolo, Kisumu and Nakuru counties will access knowledge and gain skills that will enable them to venture into the production of finished leather goods and footwear or acquire new and specialized skills necessary for the growth of their ventures.

Technology keeps evolving, prompting the need to stay at the top of it. Therefore, it is essential to have continuous training for the stakeholders to ensure that those involved are not left behind. The five counties will each send five (5) trainees, with youth and women constituting>50% of the total. PLWDs will also be prioritized. The investigators in this project will determine the selection of the five trainees from each county through a competitive process. The training will be done in three phases (each spanning over a week). The project is expected to enhance the skills of the members of selected MSMEs, acting as TOTs to their members and thus boosting the realization of Vision 2030.





DeKUT hosts the CHIAM project partners



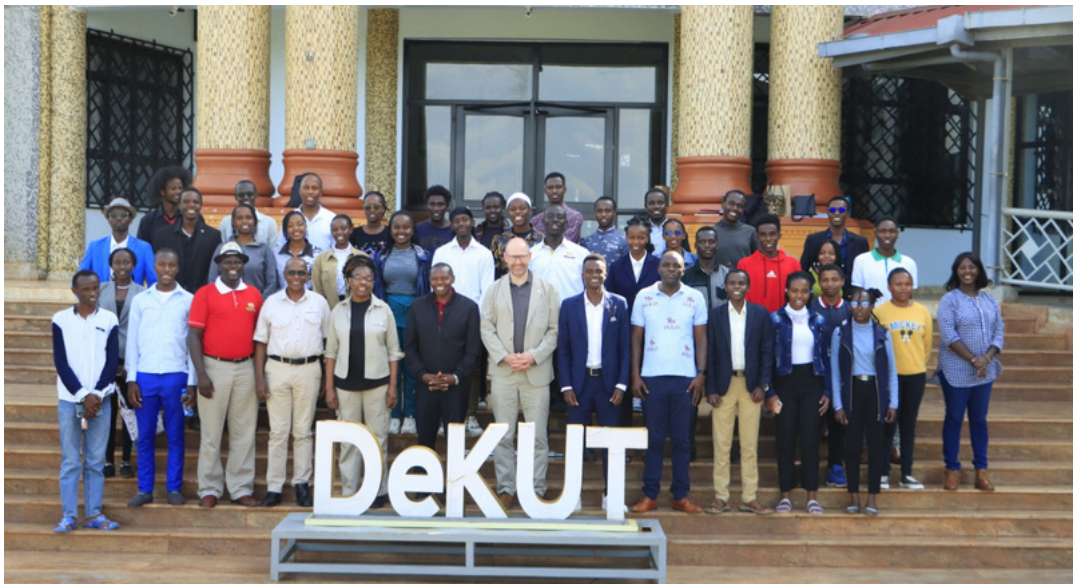
The Integrated Chia and Oyster Mushroom System for Sustainable Food Value Chain in Africa (CHIAM) project partners in DeKUT under the Project Coordinator, Dr. Monica Mburu, hosted the Hungarian partners (Pilze-Nagy Ltd). In the company of a Hunagro consultant and a Professor from the Hungarian University of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

The main goal of the visit was to see the progress of mushroom growth in DeKUT and explore further collaboration opportunities with DeKUT on modern farming.





DeKUT hosts the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award



We had the pleasure of hosting a delegation from the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award led by Secretary-General Martin Houghton-Brown, accompanied by the President's Award Kenya CEO Nellie Munala & were received by the Registrar A&F Dr. Paul Mbote and Dr. Paul Tanui.



DeKUT is a centre of excellence, and the club members had an opportunity to share their success stories, such as mentoring students at Muringato and Nyaribo primary schools. The members also donated set books to King'ong'o Maximum Prison.The Secretary-General had an interactive session with the participants, urging them to challenge themselves and improve their lives.







DeKUT hosts the US Ambassador Meg Whitman



We are pleased to have hosted the United States Ambassador to Kenya, Meg Whitman, the Semi-Conductors Technologies Limited (STL) Managing Director, Dr. Anthony Githinji and other key STL partners, during the Ambassador's visit to the company that is hosted by the University's Science and Technology Park.

During her visit, Amb. Meg Whitman engaged with various members of the University community. She participated in a fireside chat with the students. It served as a platform for meaningful dialogue and exchange of ideas, inspiring our students to embrace innovation and entrepreneurship in the rapidly evolving technological landscape. They talked about opportunities in technology for the youth, women and Persons with Disabilities (PWDs), the technological ecosystem in Kenya, how the government can help to scale up and the future of technological ways for young people to take advantage of these opportunities.







Staff team-building



Mr. Mwai conducted a team-building activity between Procurement, Public Relations, Finance and Audit departments. They participated in various team-building activities at the DeKUT Challenge Course.

Team-building enhances several skills, such as better communication among staff members. The exercises encourage staff members to communicate effectively with each other to complete tasks and solve problems, which leads to increased productivity.



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