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DeKUT Hosts the 5th KUPAA Drama Festival



DeKUT prides itself in hosting the 5th Kenya University Performing Arts Association (KUPAA) Drama Festival from Friday, 3rd November to Friday, 10th November 2023. The event was held under the compelling theme "Supporting Economic Transformation Through Performing Arts." We actively participated in the 3rd and 4th Editions of the Kenya Universities Performing Arts Association (KUPAA) Drama Festival, showcasing exceptional talent and contributing significantly to the vibrant cultural landscape of the academic community.

The DeKUT Drama Club emerged in the top position, demonstrating their exceptional skill and dedication in each category.

Mr. & Miss Kimathi, the distinguished representatives of DeKUT in the Beauty Pageantry, captivated the audience with their grace and poise. Among the contestants, Miss Kimathi, the radiant Liza Nduruhu, showcased elegance and earned the coveted title of Miss Congeniality.





Inclusion of Every Child in Environmental Conservation



The continued realization of the threat posed by climate change has provided the much-needed impetus for various stakeholders to consolidate their efforts towards mitigating these threats. This year's World Children's Day on the 20th of November,2023, with the global theme "For Every Child, Every Right." provided a platform for learners to take climate action. The University hosted a workshop under the sub-theme "Inclusion of every child in environmental conservation" to commemorate the day. Over 140 participants graced the workshop. It included 83 learners from 19 schools within the Muringato Sub catchment area, 19 teachers from the represented schools, the Kenya Forest Service (KFS), the Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS), the Wildlife Research and Training Institute (WRTI), the Muringato Water Resources Users Association (M-WRUA), the Kenya Forest Club (KFC) and the University's Environmental and Wildlife Club.

The e-learning book: "Let's save our environment" was also launched during the event. The book draws its content from the country's Competency Based Curriculum (CBC), ensuring the developed book content is aligned with the learners' curriculum. It covers the basics of environmental conservation and introduces children to the power of technology in addressing environmental challenges. It serves as a valuable tool for instilling a sense of ecological responsibility in young learners, nurturing a generation that is aware of their rights and actively engaged in safeguarding the planet.

Afterwards, the participants proceeded to a tree-planting exercise within the University farm. The day's activities were carried out as part of the German Federal Ministry for Education and Research (BMBF) funded project 'Participatory Approach to Environmental Conservation of the Muringato Catchment Area for Sustainable Management and Ecosystem Health,' seeking to enhance learners' involvement in environmental conservation.



Official opening by DVC A&F Prof. Esther Magiri



Learners been assisted in the tree planting exercise by one of the teachers Mr Kamunya from Nyarugumu Primary School



The Water Resources Users Association Chairman Mr Gikonyo being assisted by Ms. Gladys and Ms. Brenda from the Kenya Wildlife Service



Display of the launched book "Let's Save Our Environment"



Participants after the tree planting exercise



Mr Gichuru from Wildlife Research and Training Institute (WRTI) Nyeri, demonstrating how to p[lant the seedlings

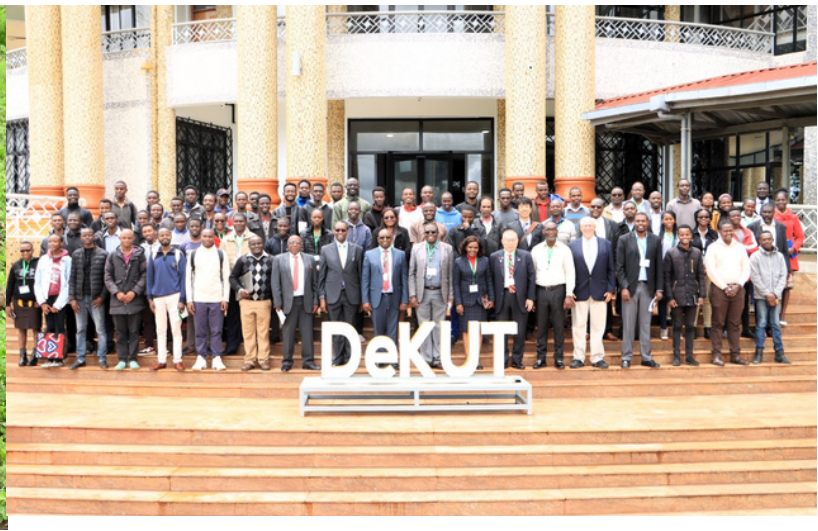
The 7th DeKUT International Conference on Science, Technology, Innovation and Entrepreneurship



The 7th DeKUT International Conference on Science, Technology, Innovation and Entrepreneurship was held from 8th -10th November, 2023. The conference theme was "Leveraging Science, Technology, Innovation and Entrepreneurship for Sustainability and Development. The conference provided a forum for research peers from local and international institutions to showcase innovations and discuss, share, and publish research findings.

The conference sub-themes were: Engineering Technologies and Innovations, Business Management and Entrepreneurship, Basic and Applied Sciences, Agricultural Sciences and Technologies, Water, Energy, GIS and Remote Sensing, Health Sciences, Community Development and Post Covid-19 Dynamics, ICT and Data Science, IOT, AI and Emerging Technologies, Tourism, Wildlife, Hospitality Management, Environment and Climate Change, Security Management, Forensics and Contemporary Crimes, Trends in Technical Education and Training, Project Management for Micro-Public Project. This year's conference attracted participants from Kenya, Nigeria and Japan, with over 89 papers presented.





The Second i2B Innovation Weekend



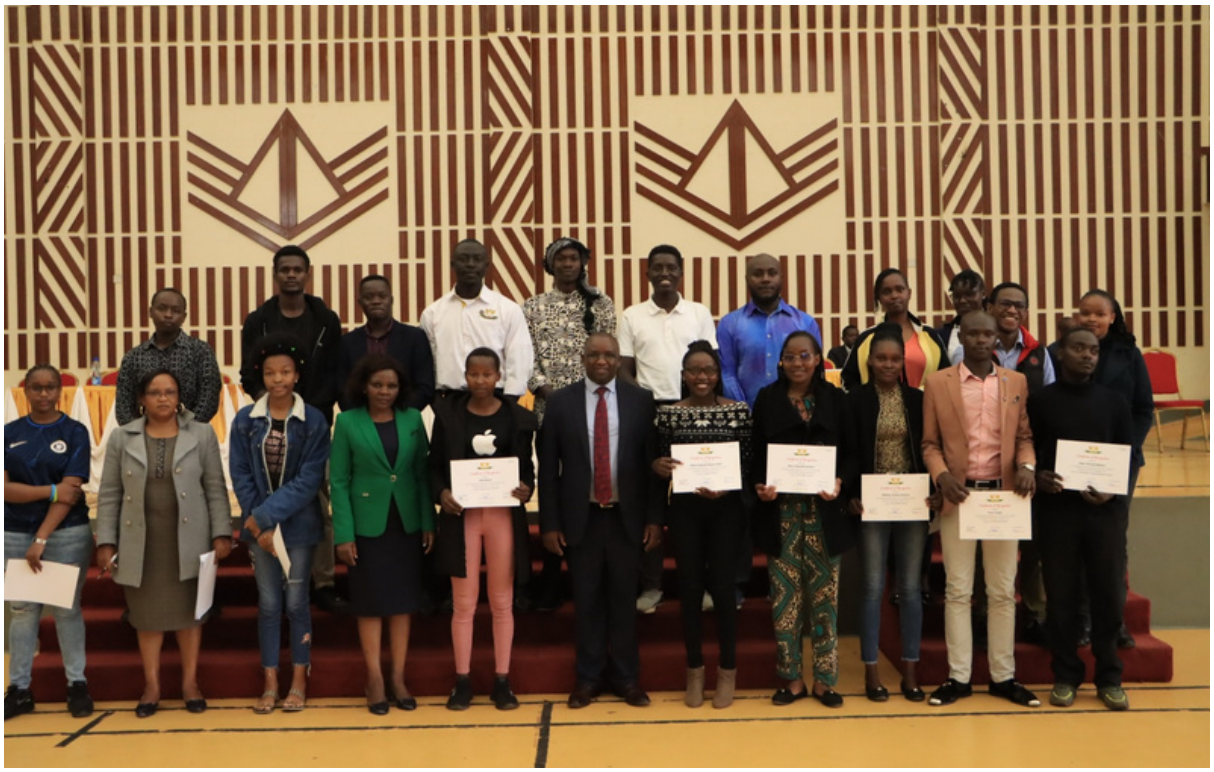
Dedan Kimathi University of Technology (DeKUT) has consistently prioritized cultivating innovation and entrepreneurship within its academic community. The Dedan Kimathi Startup and Incubation Center (DeSIC) is an integral center fostering student creativity and entrepreneurship. Functioning as a catalyst for transformative ideas, DeSIC plays a pivotal role in incubating these concepts until they evolve into viable startup ventures.

The i2BTM (Idea to Business) concept was developed to address this vital need, providing a platform (Innovation Weekend) for students and staff to conceive, ideate, design, and refine innovative ideas for starting a business. Hence, the i2B (Idea to Business) Innovation Weekend emerges as a biannual flagship event. Held on the 3rd and 4th of November, 2023, at the Satima Block, this event served as a platform where innovators, primarily students, explore the intricacies of innovation. DeKUT Vice Chancellor Prof Peter Muchiri officially opened the event on the 3rd of November 2023 and ran for 28 hours.

DeSIC organized the i2B Innovation Weekend with esteemed partners, including DeKUT faculty members, Centre for Innovation & Entrepreneurship Management (CIEM) and Dedan Kimathi University Science & Technology Park (DeST-Park), Konza Technopolis, Equity Bank, and Semiconductor Technologies Limited. The collective goal is to provide participants with a comprehensive and enriching experience beyond theoretical knowledge.

The DeKUT i2B Weekend is a great networking opportunity since the participants meet with like-minded individuals, founders, investors, and other influential people and gain exposure to local startups.

Student Recognition Award Ceremony



This year, we had various awards such as sports awards, talent awards, leadership/organizational awards. The qualifications received are a source of pride to us, as they represent the continuation of the legacy of academic excellence, which we have upheld over the past years. These awards reflect our commitment towards the academic, social, physical, moral and ethical development of our students.

We further commit to the academic development pillars of knowledge, skills and attitude when it comes to how we offer education as an institution. Congratulations to all of you for your achievements.

Every year, as part of our norm, we award students who have excelled both in their academics and extracurricular activities. This annual award ceremony is among the most treasured occasions of the university calendar. It allows us to reflect on the preceding year and share our students' achievements.





DeKUT joins the rest of the world in celebrating World GIS Day



We virtually joined the rest of the world in marking and celebrating the Annual World's GIS Day on Wednesday, 15th November , 2023. GIS Day provides an international forum for Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Technology users to demonstrate real-world applications that make a difference in our society.

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