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DeKUT Start-up and Incubation Centre win



The DeKUT Startup and Incubation Centre (DeSIC) has achieved a remarkable milestone by being crowned the Best University/TVET Innovation Hub. This prestigious recognition celebrates the outstanding efforts of DeSIC in fostering innovation and providing an enabling environment for innovators and researchers to thrive. DeSIC has become a beacon of innovation, demonstrating a steadfast commitment to nurturing creativity and entrepreneurship among students and youth. The centre empowers aspiring innovators with the skills, mentorship, and resources necessary to turn ideas into impactful solutions through its well-structured programs.

The award acknowledges DeSIC's exceptional role in creating a collaborative platform where innovators and researchers can address real-world challenges.

By fostering partnerships and encouraging a culture of innovation, DeSIC has solidified its position as a leader in the innovation ecosystem. DeSIC's initiatives empowers students, the youth and contribute significantly to regional and national development by addressing pressing societal needs through innovative solutions.

The recognition as the Best University/TVET Innovation Hub is a testament to DeSIC's unwavering dedication to excellence and its transformative impact on the innovation landscape. As DeSIC continues to champion creativity and entrepreneurship, its success is a powerful reminder of the potential within well-supported innovation ecosystems.

Congratulations to the DeKUT Startup and Incubation Centre for this well-deserved accolade!

DeKUT holds the 8th Science, Technology, Innovation and Entrepreneurship (STI&E) International Conference



DeKUT is proud to have hosted the 8th Science, Technology, Innovation, and Engineering (STI&E) International Conference, a dynamic platform dedicated to advancing sustainable development through cutting-edge research and innovation. This annual event brings together scholars, researchers, industry professionals, and thought leaders from diverse fields to engage in meaningful discussions and collaborations.

The STI&E International Conference is a cornerstone of DeKUT's commitment to applied research, emphasizing innovation and real-world problem-solving. The conference catalyzes impactful solutions addressing some of the most pressing global challenges by fostering an environment that bridges academia and industry. Attendees can present their findings, exchange ideas, and network with like-minded professionals who share a vision for a sustainable future.

At its core, the conference is a celebration of knowledge and creativity. It offers a platform for participants to showcase groundbreaking research, explore emerging trends, and engage in insightful discussions on topics that drive societal and economic progress. By encouraging collaboration, the event advances individual projects and strengthens the collective capacity to innovate and address critical issues. The institution's focus on applied research and dedication to sustainable development make it an ideal host for this transformative event.

As we look forward to next year's conference, we invite all academia, industry, and beyond stakeholders to join us in this remarkable journey of discovery and collaboration. Together, we can shape a future that leverages knowledge and innovation for the greater good.

DeKUT hosts Campus France

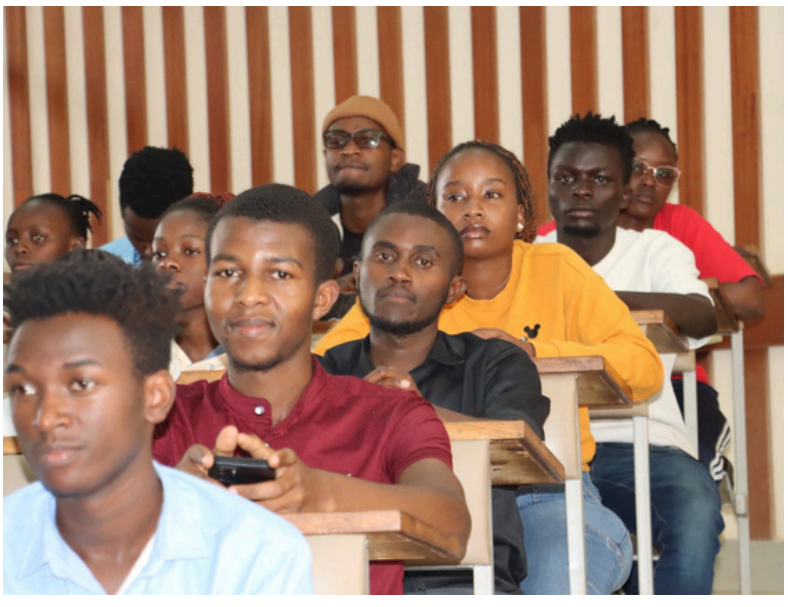


We had the pleasure of hosting Mr. Alexandre Regina from Campus France at DeKUT, where he engaged with our students and French exchange interns at the University. His visit was inspiring and insightful, offering invaluable perspectives on the benefits of international academic experiences in enriching education and fostering global opportunities.

Students gained a deeper understanding of studying in France during the event, including opportunities for semester exchanges and degree programs. Mr. Alexandre highlighted the transformative impact of embracing new cultures, learning new languages, and developing a global outlook—skills essential for personal and professional growth in today's interconnected world.

The event was a motivating experience, encouraging students to explore international education opportunities while emphasizing the importance of global collaborations. By fostering such connections, DeKUT continues to equip its community with the tools and inspiration needed to thrive in a globalized environment.

As we look to the future, this visit underscores our shared commitment to building bridges across cultures and creating a brighter, more connected world through education.



DeKUT hosts RISE 4.0 Hackathon



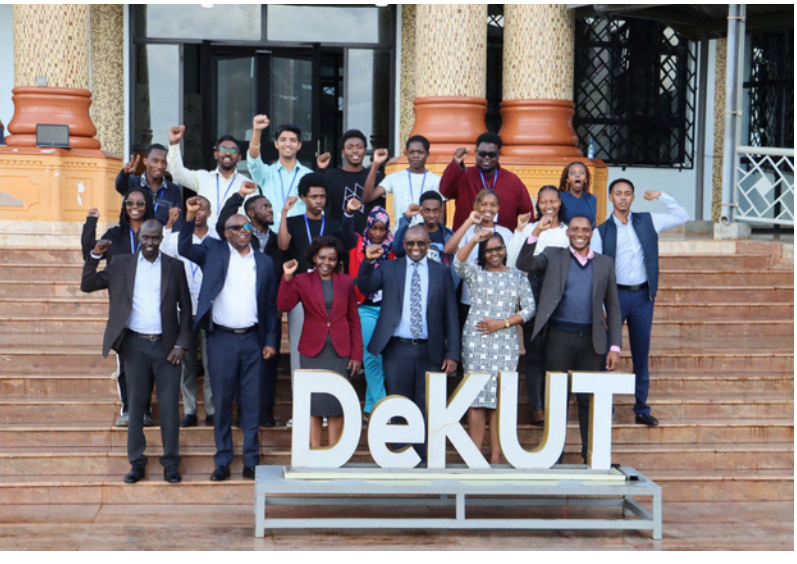


We are thrilled to have hosted the RISE 4.0 Hackathon, themed "Reimagining Innovation for Sustainable Ecosystems Through Industry 4.0." This groundbreaking event brought together brilliant minds from DeKUT, Riara University, the University of Dar es Salaam, the University of Leeds, and the Indian Institute of Technology Madras.

Participants collaborated to address some of the world's most pressing challenges, developing scalable and innovative solutions in key areas, including: Climate resilience and adaptation, Smart Cities and Sustainable Infrastructure, Renewable Energy Systems, The Circular Economy and Waste Management.

By leveraging transformative technologies such as Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, and the Internet of Things, these teams crafted impactful innovations to promote sustainable development across urban and rural communities.

The RISE 4.0 Hackathon exemplifies the power of collaboration and creativity in addressing global sustainability challenges. By uniting participants from diverse backgrounds and leveraging the latest technological advancements, we are shaping a world where innovation meets sustainability. Together, we drive the change needed to create a more sustainable future.





DeKUT takes part in the Kenya Innovation Week



During the Kenya Innovation Week held in Nairobi, Prof. Eng. Peter N. Muchiri, the Vice-Chancellor, DeKUT had an opportunity to showcase the University's groundbreaking innovations to H.E. Dr. William Samoei Ruto, C.G.H., President of the Republic of Kenya. This momentous occasion highlighted DeKUT's dedication to advancing technology, research, and innovation, aligning with national development goals. The event brought together key stakeholders, including government officials, academia, industry leaders, and innovators, all committed to fostering a culture of innovation in Kenya. DeKUT's participation underscored its pivotal role in driving technological solutions to societal challenges.

The event also provided a platform for DeKUT to strengthen collaborations with government agencies, private sector partners, and other institutions of higher learning. These partnerships are essential in scaling up innovations and ensuring their successful implementation. The Kenya Innovation Week was a testament to the transformative potential of innovation in shaping Kenya's future. DeKUT's active participation underscores the University's position as a technological advancement and innovation leader. As DeKUT continues to push the boundaries of knowledge and technology, it remains steadfast in its mission to contribute to Kenya's socio-economic development.



DeKUT Students Awards



The Students Recognition and Awards Ceremony for the 2023/2024 academic year was a resounding success, bringing together students, faculty, and staff to celebrate excellence and dedication in various fields. This much-anticipated event serves as a platform to honour students with exceptional academic and co-curricular performance. DeKUT prides itself on fostering an environment that nurtures academic growth and intellectual rigor. To this end, the top three students in each course were recognized for their outstanding academic achievements. These students exemplify hard work, resilience, and a commitment to excellence, setting a high standard for their peers and future cohorts. Understanding that success extends beyond the classroom, the ceremony also celebrated students who have made remarkable contributions in other areas. The University recognizes that leadership, creativity, and community engagement are integral to holistic education.

Awards were given in several categories, including:

- Talents Award: Honoring students who have excelled in the arts, music, drama, and other creative fields.
- Extra Mile Award: Recognizing individuals who have gone above and beyond in their endeavors, demonstrating extraordinary dedication and initiative.
- All-Rounder Award: Celebrating students who have successfully balanced academics with co-curricular activities, embodying the spirit of versatility and balance.
- Entrepreneurial Award: Acknowledging innovative students who have showcased exceptional entrepreneurial skills and business acumen.
- Leadership/Organizational Award: Recognizing students with exemplary leadership and organizational skills, inspiring others, and contributing to the University's community.
- Male & Female Sports Awards: Celebrating outstanding achievements in sports, highlighting the importance of teamwork, discipline, and physical fitness.

The event underscores the University's commitment to recognizing and nurturing talent in all its forms. By celebrating these achievements, the institution reaffirms its dedication to producing well-rounded individuals ready to make meaningful contributions to society. As the academic year progresses, the University remains committed to providing opportunities for students to excel and be recognized.

Congratulations to all the awardees of the 2023/2024 academic year. Your achievements inspire us all!



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Participants pose for a group photo with the VC, Prof. Eng. Peter N. Muchiri, EBS and the DVC A&F Prof. Esther Magiri



Some of the participants pose for a photo



Some of the participants pose for a photo with their Instructor Mr. Kennedy Mwai

DeKUT Shines in Chess



DeKUT has once again proven its mettle on the sports field, showcasing talent, dedication, and teamwork at the recently concluded Kenya University National Sports Association (KUSA) - Central Conference championships. The event at Kirinyaga University brought together top-tier talent from Universities across the region, and DeKUT stood tall among its peers.

The highlight of the championships was undoubtedly DeKUT's outstanding performance in the chess tournament. Competing against other institutions, the DeKUT chess team demonstrated exceptional skill, strategy, and composure, ultimately securing a first-place finish. This victory underscores the team's dedication to their craft and is a testament to the University's commitment to fostering excellence in sports.

Beyond chess, the University's representatives exhibited remarkable sportsmanship and determination across various disciplines, reflecting the institution's holistic approach to academically and athletically nurturing talent. This noteworthy achievement reflects DeKUT's unwavering commitment to sports excellence, innovation, and teamwork. By supporting its students in academic and extracurricular pursuits, the University continues to build a legacy of all-rounded achievers who excel in multiple arenas.

Congratulations to the DeKUT sports team for their exemplary performance and for bringing pride to the University.

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