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STAFF MOVES

New Appointments

The following staff also took up appointment at Dedan Kimathi University of Technology:

Prof. Eng. Paul Wambua
DVC-RTMCL

Dr. Ciira Maina
Lecturer– Electronic & Electrical Engineering

Paul M. Muturi
Assistant Security Officer

Joseph K. Muguro
Teaching Assistant
Electronic & Electrical Engineering (EEE)

Stephen M. Kimathi
Teaching Assistant– EEE

Matilda W. Maina
Teaching Assistant– EEE

Josphat M. Runka
Assistant Lecturer– Food Bioresources

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DeKUT ranked highly in the Central ASK Show

The Central Kenya ASK fair opened its gates on Wednesday, 11th September, 2013 and was officially opened by the Deputy President H.E. William S. Ruto on Friday, 13th September 2013. During his address, Hon. Ruto commended all exhibitors for excellent interpretation of the 2013 theme: "enhancing technology in Agriculture and industry for food security and national growth" and encouraged farmers and exhibitors to embrace technology in the agriculture sector.

The DeKUT Stand won the following Trophies in the just concluded Central Kenya ASK Show held on 11th- 14th September, 2013 at Kabiruini grounds in Nyeri County



- 1st Prize -The Branch Chairman Commendation
- 1st Prize -The best stand-best interpretation of current theme (Research based)
- 2nd Prize -The best Engineering Based Institution of Higher Learning
- 3rd Prize -The best University Stand
- 3rdPrize -The best stand Embraced Information Technology & Communication System.

Making the Most of DeKUT Open Day



Having a choice is great, but when it's a big decision like choosing a university, then high school students need a lot of research to be done. Open days can be an invaluable part of this. Dedan Kimathi University of Technology famously known as DeKUT opened its doors to prospective students onto the main campus to take a look around on Wednesday, 18th September, 2013.

This open day provided potential students with an initial opportunity to explore the campus and meet members of the University's

departments and find out more about studying and living at DeKUT. The students were also able to meet various Deans, staff and current students, and found out more about different study programs and extra-curricular activities offered at DeKUT.



This first ever open day showcased the university at its best. Visiting DeKUT on an ordinary day in September was something completely different. The students were able to attend important one on one talks on their chosen subject and later had presentations on accommodation, finance and student life, as well as going on a walking tour of DeKUT facilities. The university tours were led by current students and this gave a good opportunity to hear what life at that University really was like.



Prof. P.N. Kioni, Vice Chancellor DeKUT in his welcome speech and address encouraged most visiting students and teachers to use this opportunity to find out more about the programs they are interested in. He added that the candidates should talk to lecturers teaching the courses - and students, and get better ideas of how well it fits their own interests, and the kinds of options and experiences they should expect. "This was a good time to ask about how the course is taught - for example, is it mainly through large lectures, or will it also be taught in smaller groups? Is there any group work involved, field trips and so on?" said Prof. Kioni.



Prof. Kioni takes a tour of students exhibit by clubs



Linda, ITPS staff, explains to students from Bishop Gatimu Ngandu Girls. Looking on is Prof. Kioni.



Prof. P. Wambua addressing prospective students from various high schools.

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Sharon A. Omollo
Teaching Assistant– Civil Engineering

Philip N. Kiragu
Tractor Driver

Daniel K. Wainaina
Assistant Security Officer

Brian M. Mutua
Teaching Assistant Civil Engineering

Dr. Naomi K. Mutea
Senior Lecturer– Nursing

Geoffrey K. Gikunda
Coffee Supervisor

Catherine Muthoni
Public Relations Officer

DeKUT hosts a National Engineering Conference

Kenya Society of Electrical Electronic Engineers (KSEEE) in conjunction with Japan Society of Applied Electromagnetics and Mechanics (JSAEM), Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology and Dedan Kimathi University of Technology organized an annual KSEEE International Conference on 4th and 5th September, 2013. This conference brought together research from Academia, Industry Policy makers and other stakeholders together to share their expertise and experiences.



This year's theme "Engineering and Technology as a key Driver for Sustainable Development" was carefully selected to stimulate the Conference participants into relating their expertise in the field of engineering to the long cherished dream of Sustainable development in Kenya and in other countries which find themselves in a similar situation like Kenya.

In the 2013 conference, thirty five research papers, policy papers and application oriented papers were presented during the two day conference that was officially opened and addressed by Eng. J.M. Riungu, Chairman- Institution of Engineers of Kenya (IEK). Eng. J.M. Riungu concluded by informing the participants that engineering and technology are the key drivers for sustainable development in Kenya and globally.

Prof. N. Kioni, Vice Chancellor of DeKUT welcomed all participants of the KSEEE conference which was hosted at Dedan Kimathi University of Technology by the School of Engineering. During his address, he commended the organizers, and particularly the DeKUT committee, of Juma Wabwire, Asaph Mbugua and Luke Otieno among others for their considerable effort to make the international conference a success.

The conference was also attended by Prof. Minoru Sassaki, who represented JSAEM and Prof. Saito who has attended every KSEEE conference since its inception in the late 1980s. The Chairman of the KSEEE, Prof. Ndichu Nderu also announced that the next conference will be at Technical University of Mombasa.

Welcome to DeKUT Fratenity

First years reported on Monday, 2nd September 2013 with the whole week up to Friday, 6th September having been dedicated to their orientation. They arrived as early as 3:00a.m. in the morning from various parts of the country. Some came from as far as Kisii and Kapenguria. But our staff were well prepared for the largest intake since Dedan Kimathi University of Technology was established. Except for a few instances of power outage and system downtimes the registration process was smooth.



The new students were given a guided tour of the university courtesy of the dean of students on day two. They were also addressed by various speakers including Mr. Kaimoe Muriithi, the dean of Students, Mr. Kirunya Limbitu (SSP), the area OCPD and other key speakers on day three and four. The students were officially welcomed into the University of Technology by all Heads of Department before the Vice Chancellor Prof. P.N. Kioni addressed the first years, which was the climax of the orientation process on Friday, 6th September 2013. The Vice Chancellor Prof. Kioni officially welcomed the students and gave them a word of advice that he hopes would carry them throughout the entire time they will be at the university. He addressed the students on student life, discipline, studies, sporting and clubbing activities among other topics. A total of 1,258 students were admitted into the university including 972 JAB students and 286 self sponsored students.