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Kenyatta University's Digital School Issues Free Smartphone Tablets to Enrolled Students

Tuesday 9th September, 2014: Kenyatta University's Digital School continued with the inaugural issuance of free Smartphone Tablets to first year students enrolled in certificate, diploma, bachelors and postgraduate programmes.

This is yet another milestone for the University in a clear demonstration of its commitment to promoting scholarship anchored on cutting edge technology in delivering digital instruction in line with her academic agenda..

The event is a follow up to the recent launch of KU Digital School on 30th June 2014. This is the youngest of the 16 academic schools in the University. The launch of the school and subsequent use of Smart phablets for learners was borne out of the University's desire to increase access to higher education through cutting edge technology.

In her speech during the launch, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Olive Mugenda who presided over the inaugural issuance on 4th September, 2014 highlighted that introduction of Smart Phablets for use by the newly admitted students of the Digital School would encourage learning experiences beyond the confines of a teacher-managed classroom environment. From her remarks, she noted that the 'anywhere, anytime' capabilities of the Tablet PCs would foster self-paced learning for learners with diverse needs by enriching content with interactive features. This would provide students with a wider array of e-resources while encouraging collaborative learning and timely communication through chat platforms and online forums.

As part of the Institution's initiative to facilitate digital instruction delivery, an upgrade of its interactive learning platform has been done to enhance online interactions between learners and lecturers. This is envisaged to make teaching and learning under the new Digital School a more interactive experience.

Speaking during the event, the Vice-Chancellor further indicated that introduction of Smartphone Tablets would be a trend setter in showcasing use of cutting edge technology in teaching and learning.

The Kenyatta University Digital School of Virtual and Open Learning has new structures unlike other schools aimed at offering blended modes of learning supported by ICT. With use of Tablet PCs, the school envisages more Kenyans willing to pursue university education would not be disadvantaged in respect to access. Dubbed the 'Anywhere School', the new School provides affordable and flexible learning through technology. The Digital School draws from inclusive digital

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learning resources developed by the University as part of ongoing changes towards provision of interactive learning.

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About Kenyatta University

Kenyatta University is the one of the largest universities in Eastern Africa whose vision is to be a dynamic, inclusive and a competitive centre for excellence in teaching, learning, research and service to humanity.

Founded in 1965, K.U has taken significant steps towards becoming a world-class university.

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