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KU Holds 30th Graduation Ceremony



Ph.D. graduands in a Group photo with the Chancellor, Prof. Justice (Rtd) Onesimus K. Mutungi and the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Olive Mugenda.

Kenyatta University Chancellor, Prof. Justice (Rtd) Onesimus K. Mutungi has called on University graduates to support good governance in the organizations and the places where they will be called to serve adding that poor governance is a major cause of underdevelopment in Africa.

He was speaking during the University's 30th graduation ceremony on 1st July 2011.

In his advice to the graduands, the Chancellor said, *"Have confidence in the knowledge you have gained from the University. Hold firm to your faith and let it guide you all through the journey of life."* Prof Mutungi

further called on institutions of higher learning to realign themselves with the emerging societal changes in order to be responsive to the needs of the society.

The Chairman of Council, Mr. Benson I. Wairegi, urged the graduands to pursue personal development and excellence. *"You have been adequately prepared to play your role in the world of work. Use the skills and knowledge you have acquired to improve your life and the lives of others,"* he said.

In his speech during the ceremony, Mr. Wairegi said universities should embrace the entrepreneurship spirit as a strategy of propelling their institutions as well as contributing to the development of their socio-economic environments.

He commended Kenyatta University for embracing entrepreneurship and strategic transformational strategies that have made it possible for it to achieve the successes realized so far. He noted that the transformation process in the institution is being driven

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Chandaria Business Innovation and Incubation Centre Launched

The Minister for Trade, Hon. Chirau Ali Mwakwere has commended Kenyatta University for leading the way in creating an environment that supports business innovations and transfer of knowledge to the society urging other universities to follow suit. *"Universities should not only concentrate in academic pursuits but also create jobs through entrepreneurial activities and this is what Kenyatta University is doing,"* said Minister when he presided over the launch of the Chandaria Business Innovation and Incubation Centre on 8th July 2011.

The Minister further lauded organizations that have accepted to collaborate with Kenyatta University to provide important entrepreneurial training to young people who are

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Dr. Manu Chandaria presents a cheque worth Ksh 25 Million to the Vice-Chancellor towards the construction of the Chandaria Business Innovation and Incubation Centre



Editorial

The 30th Graduation saw over 2000 graduands, eighteen of them PhDs, swell the ranks of Kenyans readied to develop this Nation. For this, the Kenyatta University community is mightily and unabashedly proud. However, this is a University that never rests on its laurels – for the needs of our Nation are multifarious.

That is why we have ventured into fields apparently far-flung from academia such as military training and the nurturing of young business talent.

His Excellency the President of Kenya, the Hon. Mwai Kibaki, recently launched our Bachelor of Science (Military Studies) Programme. This is indeed an ironic twist of fate: the Main Campus was originally Templer Barracks, a British Army garrison for the preservation of colonialism. From last June, we are helping train our own military to protect our freedom from external threat.

As for nurturing business talent, The Chandaria Business Innovation and Incubation Centre is the brainchild of Dr Manu Chandaria, an honorary doctoral alumnus of KU, and arguably this country's leading industrialist and philanthropist to boot. This inspired programme launch was opened by the Minister of Trade, the Hon. Chirau Mwakwere, who praised the venture for facilitating job creation, a major concern for this Nation. Backing up Dr Chandaria were two other business luminaries: Mr. Chris Kirubi, Chairman, Haco Industries, and Mr. SK. Macharia, Chairman, Royal Media Services (RMS has often covered our graduation ceremonies assiduously). This event brought together the largest number of corporate partners of KU seen on Campus.

On a sad note, we regret the passing away of Prof. Jonathan Chege, Dean, School of Business. He was one of our younger professors and had tremendous potential, alas interrupted by the inevitable. We extend our heartfelt condolences to his family and friends secure in the hope that the Almighty will give them the strength to carry on.

Always keep us on our toes by constructive criticism and informative contributions.

Davis V. Karanja
Editor

30th Graduation Ceremony



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by a top-down commitment by senior management under the able leadership of the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Olive Mugenda.

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Olive Mugenda, advised the graduands to offer their best service at all times. "You must always remember that KU has given you the best training and relevant skills that will enable you to fit in and compete effectively in the labour market and I am confident that you will excel in your careers and vocations," said the VC. Prof. Mugenda also called on the graduands to use their skills and knowledge to create opportunities, not just for themselves, but for others. The University, she said, had started a Business Innovation and Incubation Centre to help students become entrepreneurs.

Jubilant Graduands celebrate their achievement

KU / Telcom Orange Partnership Strengthened

Kenyatta University and Telcom (K) Ltd have signed a Memorandum of Understanding that will see the communications company support the initiative by the University to start the Chandaria Business Innovation and Incubation Centre. Telcom as one of the collaborating partners of the Innovation Centre will provide free internet connection for the incubatees.

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Olive Mugenda the CEO of Telcom Orange Mr. Mickael Ghossein signed the MoU on 28th July 2011 at the University's Main Campus. The Head of Communications at Telcom (K) Ms. Angela Nganga Mumo, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Finance, Planning and Development), Prof. Daniel Mugendi, and the Director of University Industry Links, Dr. Peter Wanderi, and Professional Mentors Dr.

George Kosimbey and Dr. Charles Onindo witnessed the signing of the MoU.

Prof. Mugenda thanked Telcom (K) Ltd for their continued support and partnership, especially during the launch of the Chandaria Business Innovation and Incubation Centre. The VC noted that C-BIIC initiative was based on a strong Public- Private Partnership and thanked Telcom for accepting to partner with the University. According to Prof. Mugenda, the motivation to start the Business Incubation Centre came from the observation that world-class universities such as Harvard have such centres to encourage students develop and nurture their ideas. She further noted that KU students were coming up with good business ideas as exhibited during the Annual Career Week fairs at the University.

Mr. Ghossein, on the other hand, said that Telcom (K) Ltd was committed to supporting initiatives that promote students talents and innovative ideas as exhibited by the incubatees. He noted the MoU would enhance mutual benefits even in the long term. Mr. Ghossein said that his company would consider providing employment and internship opportunities to KU students. Telcom in return, will benefit by having high quality employees. The company will also seek to enhance internet accessibility within the whole campus thus enabling students to stay connected from any location at the campus.



VC. Prof. Olive Mugenda and the CEO, Telcom Orange Mr. Mickael Ghossein, sign the MoU to cement the partnership between the two Institutions.

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-Chancellor, Prof. Justice (Rtd) Onesimus K. Mutungi

C-BIIC Launched

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the future of this country. He urged other organizations to join Kenyatta University in setting up the centres to accommodate more students including other Kenyans.

Hon. Mwakwere said that the launch of the centre was not only significant to Kenyatta University but to the country as a whole considering the magnitude of the impact of the initiative. *"I am pleased to note that Kenyatta University has established this centre which is going to transform the lives of the beneficiaries of the programme as well as spur socio-economic development in this country in line with Kenya Vision 2030,"* said the Minister.

He challenged the incubatees to do their best within the period of incubation to ensure that they develop strong companies whose top-notch products and services will easily penetrate, not only the local market, but the regional and international markets. Hon. Mwakwere underscored the need to patent the innovative ideas by the young Kenyans.

In her speech, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Olive Mugenda, said the centre aims at annually assisting about 50 young innovators/entrepreneurs towards a gradual and systematic growth of their ideas to maturity. A team of experts from within Kenyatta University and distinguished mentors outside the University will vet and select the proposals for incubation. Prof. Mugenda also added the University would like to see her Alumni create wealth for



The Minister for Trade, Hon. Amb. Chirau Ali Mwakwere, signs the visitors book at the University as the VC, Prof. Olive Mugenda and the Chairman of the Chandaria Foundation, Dr. Manu Chandaria look on.

themselves, their families, their communities and other Kenyans through creation of jobs.

The Vice-Chancellor expressed gratitude on behalf of the University to the Chandaria Foundation for the contribution of Kshs 25 million that will be used as part of the cost for the construction of the Centre.

Among the key personalities who attended the launch included the renowned industrialist and Chairman of the Chandaria Foundation, Dr. Manu Chandaria, who was also accompanied by the Board of Trustees of the Chandaria Foundation, Chairman of Haco Industries, Mr. Chris Kirubi, and Chairman of Royal Media Services, Mr. S.K. Macharia. Others included, CEO of the Youth Fund Mr. Juma Mwatata, CEO of Talanta

Media, Mr. Gor Semelango, Mrs. Evelyn Mungai, Founder, Evelyn College of Design, Ms. Angela Mumo who represented the CEO of Telcom Ltd. Mr. Mickael Ghossein and Dr. Karimi who represented the CEO of National Council for Science and Technology Prof. Shaukat Abdulrazak and Mr. James Gitau Singh the Chairman of the Youth Fund Board. Mr. Kirubi, Mr. Macharia and Mr. Semelango who are among the distinguished mentors in the programme pledged Ksh 1 million each towards the centre.

It is expected that this initiative will promote innovation; successful entrepreneurship and self reliance; creation of self employment; creation of wealth and contribution towards the attainment of Kenya's Vision 2030.

Launch of the Chandaria Business Innovation and Incubation Centre

What others said



Kenya's biggest strength is its manpower. Let us all invest in our young people in order to create job opportunities and help eradicate idleness and poverty. Let us encourage young people to grow themselves." **Dr. Manu Chandaria, Chairman, Chandaria Foundation**



Universities should not be judged by how many graduates they churn out, but how they prepare young people to become job creators. That is what impacts the economy. We hope that KU will be the first to prepare students to create jobs for others."

Mr. Chris Kirubi, Chairman, Haco Industries (K) Ltd and Distinguished Mentor



"We will support the Centre as its objectives resonate very well with the objectives of the Youth Enterprise Development Fund."

Mr. James Gitau Singh, Chairman, Youth Enterprise Development Fund



"Ideas, Innovation and Incubation given a chance, will work wonders."

Mr. S. K. Macharia, Chairman Royal Media Services and Distinguished Mentor



"The University would like to see her Alumni create wealth for themselves, their families, their communities and other Kenyans through creation of jobs."

-Prof. Olive Mugenda, Vice-Chancellor, KU

International Education Conference Held

Kenyatta University, together with the Syracuse University, recently held a joint International Conference on Education.

This was the second conference organized through the Department of Educational Communication and Technology under the auspices of Africa-US Higher Education Initiative (USAID).

The Theme of this year's Conference was "Quality Education for Societal Transformation." The Minister for Higher Education, Science and Technology, Hon. Prof. Hellen Sambili opened the Conference on 20th July 2011. The Minister noted that the theme of the conference was in line with Kenya's Vision 2030 that sees education as key in provision of skills required to steer the country to a middle income and industrialized country status

with high quality of life by the year 2030. Prof. Sambili hailed the collaborative partnerships between KU and Syracuse University, adding that such partnerships were crucial for the promotion and sustainability of academic excellence.

She called on local universities to forge linkages with one another and with similar institutions all over the world in order to improve the quality of programmes and enhance the chances of attaining world-class university status.

Speaking during the opening ceremony, Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Olive Mugenda, said that provision of quality education was key for the development of any country. *"Without provision of quality education and learning, and especially without the use of new technologies in education, the developing countries will continue to experience poor education achievement which is detrimental,*



The Ag. Minister for Higher Education, Science and Technology, Prof. Hellen Sambili(2nd right) with the VC, Prof. Olive Mugenda, in a group photo with other members of University management and organizers of the 2nd International Conference on Education.

not only to individual learners but also to communities and the entire nation." said the VC.

The conference was officially closed on Friday 22nd July 2011 by Mr. Enos Oyaya, the Director, Quality Assurance and Standards in the Ministry of Education. In his closing remarks, Mr. Oyaya said that the 3rd World was in a period of dramatic change with many daunting challenges, thus prompting the need to make conceptual adjustments and innovate novel approaches as educationists to cope with the situation. *"We need to refocus our thinking as higher education creators of the society and these*

reforms must be propelled by societal transformations", added Mr. Oyaya. He also called on the participants to conceptualize the ideas learnt from the conference and put them to action.

The three-day conference brought together scholars, educators, administrators policy makers, teachers and other stakeholders in education from 35 countries that included USA, Canada, Poland, East Africa Community, South Africa, and Nigeria, among others. Over 100 papers addressing topical issues on quality of education were presented.

International Collaborations



The VC Prof. Olive Mugenda and Prof. Jianmin Yin the President of Weifang University, China exchange copies of the MoU between the two Institutions.

Kenyatta University and Weifang University, China have signed a Memorandum of Understanding that will see the two institutions collaborate in different areas of interest. The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Olive Mugenda and President of Weifang University, Prof. Jianmin Yin signed the MoU on 27th July 2011. The two

institutions will seek to collaborate through joint research, students and faculty exchange, joint publications, cultural exchange and provision of scholarships to KU students among other areas of mutual benefit.

The Vice-Chancellor noted that KU has established good relations with China. Prof. Mugenda cited the 600 bed capacity KU

Teaching, Research and Referral Hospital that will be built through a grant and loan by the Chinese government. Kenyatta University is also one of the few institutions that have a Confucius Institute in Africa. Prof. Jianmin hailed the collaboration with KU as a beginning of great things to come between the two institutions.

Present during the ceremony included Prof. John Okumu DVC (Academic), Prof. P.K. Wainaina DVC (Administration), Prof. Daniel Mugendi DVC (Finance, Planning and Development) Dr. Linda Musumba, Dean School of Law, Dr. Tom Kimani, Dean School of Economics, Dr. Vincent Onyvera, Director Centre for Linkages, Dr. Lazarus Ngari who represented the Dean, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Dr. Martin Njoroge, Director of Confucius Institute, Prof. Pang Hui and Prof. Yany Daping the new Chinese Directors at Confucius Institute. The Weifang President was accompanied by the Prof. Zhentao Shan, Dean College of Law, Prof. Jinchun Miao, Dean College of Literature and Journalism, and Prof. Junjun Nan, Dean, International Co-operation and Exchange Office.

H.E. The President Launches the Bachelor of Science (Military Studies) Programme

The Bachelor of Science (Military Studies) Programme was officially launched by His Excellency the President and Commander in Chief of the Defence Forces of Kenya, Hon. Mwai Kibaki on the 28th June 2011 at Kenya Military Academy-Lanet.

The President congratulated Kenyatta University for being the first in the region to offer such a degree Programme to the military. He noted that this would go a long way in uplifting the academic and professional training of the military personnel to face the ever challenging and demanding tasks of security. He noted that the programme would prepare the officer cadets for leadership, command and professional service.

Speaking during the launching ceremony and official opening of the Training Complex, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Olive Mugenda, noted that the B.Sc in Military Studies is a multidisciplinary course with both professional military training and academic training. She noted that the programme was benchmarked on international standards. She assured the President and the Military that Kenyatta University would deliver the programme in a way that meets the professional, academic and human resource needs of the country's Defence Forces.

Speaking later in the day, the Chief of the



VC, Prof. Mugenda makes her remarks during the launch Bachelor of Science in Military Studies at Kenya Military Academy, Lanet. Looking on is H.E. The President Hon. Mwai Kibaki and the then Chief of The Defence Forces of Kenya, Gen. Jeremiah Kianga and other Senior Military Officers.

Defence Forces of Kenya, General Jeremiah Mutinda Kianga, lauded the Programme as the only one of its kind in the region pointing out that it would go along way in uplifting the status, strength and professionalism of the Defence Forces not only in Kenya but the whole region.

Speaking at the Presidential luncheon, the CDF thanked and lauded Kenyatta University for the Programme and reiterated his full support. He thanked the President for officiating over the launching ceremony, as well as presiding over the Passout Parade. He noted that the programme would mark a new

era in Military training.

The launching ceremony was the first activity of the morning when the President arrived at the Kenya Military Academy, before he officially opening the new ultra-modern Training Complex where the programme will be based. Present were the 132 officers cadets (known as KMA 01) who are being trained under the Programme.

The new complex will house state of the art lecture rooms, library, amphi-theatre, offices, Kenyatta University Liaison office, ICT Library, among other facilities.

Another Feather in the VC's Cap

Kenyatta University is once again honoured to have the Vice-Chancellor appointed as a member of the Advisory Group to the Farmer Organizations Support Centre in Africa (FOSCA) under the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA).

The Advisory Group consists of eight eminent persons drawn from East Africa, South Africa, West Africa, Europe and the

U.S.A.

It is a strategic advisory structure whose mandate is to champion FOSCA and support its work in the interest of its primary clients, farmer organizations and other key actors in the network of support to smallholder farmers.

This programme is based on the premise that effective Farmer Organizations can play a critical role in the transformation of smallholder agriculture in Sub Saharan Africa. The power

of farmers' collective action in boosting their production and improving their livelihood is widely recognized. Farmer Organizations represent millions of smallholder farmers linking them to markets, catalyzing the adoption of new technologies and inputs; encouraging effective soil fertility, land and natural resource management; as well as articulating the voice of smallholder producers in policy dialogues. It is to this noble task

that Professor Olive Mugenda has been called.

The Advisory Group is also expected to assist AGRA to: reduce food insecurity by 50% in at least 15 African countries, double the incomes of 20 million small holder farmers; and put at least 30 countries on track to attain and sustain a uniquely African Green Revolution by 2020.

Vice-Chancellor Mourns one of her Long-Serving Deans

The Vice-Chancellor and the University community are saddened by the passing on of Prof. Jonathan Chege. Prof. Chege

was appointed Dean by the Vice-Chancellor for four years before being elected by his colleagues in the School of Business two years ago, thus becoming Dean for six years. "I have lost a supportive Dean who was thorough, focused and very passionate about the School of Business and the University. I will miss his encouragement, support and his role as a key player in my team." said Prof. Mugenda.

May God rest his soul in eternal peace and give his family strength and courage to move on.



The Late Prof. Jonathan Chege

FOCUS

ON STUDENTS



A budding entrepreneur, Ms. Mercy Obukwa, explains a point to the Minister and other guests when they toured the incubation Centre

KU Pioneer Incubatees

Gituma Johnson Mwangi

Title of Business idea: Ben and Johnson Inventions

Richard Machomba

Title of Business idea: Functional Art Design

Mungai Samuel Mwangi

Title of Business idea: Online Supermarket

Ernest Mwangi

Title of Business idea: Sports and Events Betting and Social networking

Sheila Kerubo

Title of Business idea: Recycling plastics, glass, paper & electronic waste

Victoria Muchiri

Title of Business idea: Political and Corporate Strategy Consultancy

Israel David Bwire

Title of Business idea: Intrusion Alert System

Antony Mwiraria

Title of Business idea: Art Safarian

KU Shares African Cisco Award

This year Cisco Academy Safari 2011 for East Africa region was hosted by Cisco Systems in partnership with University of Dar es salaam Computing Centre from 13th to 16th June, 2011. This event brought together all legal main contacts and Cisco Academy instructors in the region.

The instructors share challenges and they are updated on curriculum changes and other news relevant to the academies.

Kenyatta University Cisco Academy together with AFRALTI emerged best in the Operational Excellence Award, East Africa category. The award was received by Mrs. Muchai, KU Cisco Networking Academy coordinator on behalf of the University.

Kenyatta University Cisco Networking Academy is offering competitive Cisco Networking courses for its students and the public. The courses lead to an international industry certification. This offers the student a competitive advantage for employment in computer networks in organizations and companies.

The courses run throughout the year at the AVU (Cisco Labs). The courses are: IT Essentials & CCNA1-4. These are offered in K.U Main campus, City Campus, Mombasa campus, Nyeri campus and Nakuru Campus. Day classes are available and they start from 8a.m.-5p.m. while evening classes start from 5.30p.m.-7.30p.m. & Saturday classes start from 8.00a.m. to 5.00p.m.

Cisco Networking Academy is currently offering the following courses:

PROGRAMME	MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS	AMOUNT CHARGED PER MODULE
IT Essentials	Mean Grade D+(Plus) at KCSE or Equivalent with at least D+(Plus) in Mathematics and English 10,000 Kshs.	10,000 Kshs
Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA 1)	Mean grade C (Plain) at KCSE or Equivalent with at least D+(Plus) in Mathematics or Physics.	10,000 Kshs
Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA 2)	All CCNA 2 applicants must have passed CCNA 1 exams.	10,000 Kshs
Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA 3)	All CCNA 3 applicants must have passed CCNA 1 and CCNA 2 exams.	10,000 Kshs
Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA 4)	All CCNA 4 applicants must have passed CCNA 2, CCNA 3 exams.	10,000 Kshs



FOCUS ON STUDENTS CONTINUED

New International Students Arrive on Campus



Students from the University of California Berkeley in a lecture session at KU.

In April and May, Kenyatta University, through the Centre for Linkages and International Programmes (CLIP), received students and faculty from three different universities from North America. This was part of an exchange programmes organized during summer.

The University of Ottawa from Canada was the first to arrive. Fourteen (14) students and 1 faculty member arrived on the 30th of April and stayed through to the 21st of May 2011. The group basically consisted of International Development Majors with biases to the Developing countries.

Second to arrive was a group from Oklahoma State University, USA. The Programme which runs three weeks started on the 10th and run through to the 30th of May 2011. This group had also 14 students and 3 Faculty members including Prof. Stephen Wilson, the Dean, College of Human Environment Sciences OSU. The students are

basically from the Department of Human Development and Family Science. The third group is from the University of California, Berkeley USA. This is a group from the School of Environmental Sciences. To organize these programme, CLIP has worked with different departments which have been the liaison between Kenyatta University and the respective Universities.

The Departments of Development Studies and Sociology through Dr. Caroline Gitao were key in organizing lectures, field trips and attachments for the students of the University of Ottawa.

The Department of Tourism played a key role in hosting and organizing lectures and field studies for the students from Oklahoma State University. Students and Faculty from the University of California, Berkeley are under the care of the Department of Environmental Sciences headed by Prof. Kungu.

The exchanges Programme are in line

with the vision of Kenyatta University to internationalize its programmes. They are also key in promoting links with international educational institutions and also in creating exposure for both students and faculty. In this line therefore the CLIP has worked with the various departments as mentioned above to organize relevant lectures in relation to the academic need of the visiting students.

The CLIP has also worked with other departments in the University in matters of logistics to ensure that the visitors have both fulfilling and memorable experiences. These departments are transport, the KUCC, the BSSC, University Boardroom, to name but a few.

Kenyatta University also signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the University of Ottawa that cements a five year relationship between the two Universities.



"Don't wait until everything is just right. It will never be perfect. There will always be challenges, obstacles and less than perfect conditions. So what. Get started now. With each step you take, you will grow stronger and stronger, more and more skilled, more and more self-confident and more and more successful."

New Deans Elected

Elections of Deans of Schools were held on Tuesday 26th July 2011. In what has been termed as rather muted but fair elections, five Deans were elected.

The elections saw Dr. Fatuma Chege elected unopposed as Dean, School of Education. The other four Schools had more than one candidate and the losers accepted the outcome of the

elections, promising to work with the elected Deans. The new Deans will take Office for a term of two years and are eligible to be elected for another term of two years upon the expiry of the current one. In their remarks, the new Deans promised to work towards the improvement of their respective Schools and the University at large.

The results of the elections were as follows;

School of Education - Dr. Fatuma Chege Un-opposed)		School of Pure and Applied Sciences - Prof. K. Kotut 48 votes - Prof. P. Aloo-Obudho 32 votes - Dr. Eunice Kairu 27 votes	
School of Humanities and Social Sciences - Prof. Christopher Shisanya 72 votes - Prof. Wangari Mwai 50 votes - Dr. Joyce Wangia 17 votes		Graduate School - Prof. Paul Okemo 161 votes - Dr. Michael Wainaina 141 votes - Prof. Eliud Njagi 53 votes	
School of Environmental Studies - Prof. J.B. Kung'u 24 votes - Dr. Simon Onywere 19 votes			

30th Graduation Ceremony



Prof. Noah Midamba, VC, KCA University, Prof. Mabel Imbuga, VC, Jomo Kenyatta University of Technology, Prof. Olive Mugenda, VC Kenyatta University, Mr. Benson I. Wairegi (partly hidden), Chairman of Council, Kenyatta University, and KU Chancellor, Prof. Justice (Rtd) Onesimus K. Mutungi, arrive for the ceremony



(L-R) Prof. Mabel Imbuga, VC, Jomo Kenyatta University of Technology, Hon. Asman Kamama, Assistant Minister for Higher Education, Science & Technology, and the Chancellor, Prof. Justice (Rtd) Onesimus K. Mutungi, follow proceedings of the ceremony.



The Chairman of Council, Mr. Benson I. Wairegi (left) and the Chairman of Council, Pwani University College, Prof. Justin Irina (right), follow proceedings at the graduation Square.



Graduands at the 30th Graduation Ceremony.



The VC, Prof. Olive Mugenda and the CEO, Telkom Orange, Mr. Mickael Ghossein, exchange copies of the signed MoU that will see Telkom Kenya support the Business Incubation Centre.



Hon. Prof. Helen Sambili, the Ag. Minister for Higher Education, Science & Technology, opens the 2nd International Conference in Education at Kenyatta University.

30th Graduation Ceremony



Jubilant graduands celebrate their achievement.



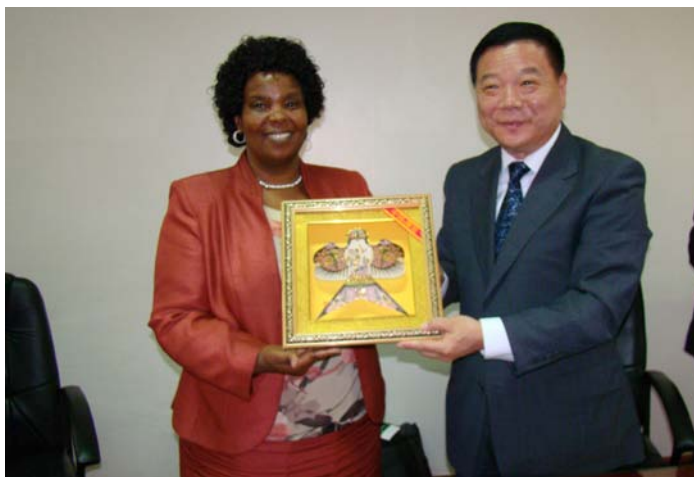
The Director, Mombasa Campus, Prof. Edwin Wamukoya (left), and the Director, Migori Campus, Dr. P. M. Sinda.



A section of Graduands follow the proceedings.



The Dean, School of Applied Human Sciences, Prof. Keren Mburugu (left), and the Dean, School of Visual and Performing Arts, Dr. Beatrice Digolo, during the ceremony.



Prof. Olive Mugenda receives a gift from Jianmin Yin, the President of Weifang University, China.



Delegates attending the 2nd International Conference on Education held recently at KU.

30th Graduation Ceremony



The KU Chancellor Prof. Justice (Rtd) Onesimus K. Mutungi, presents a Certificate to a Ph. D. candidate, as the VC, Prof. Olive Mugenda looks on.



The Chairman of Council, Mr. Benson I. Wairegi, Addresses the congregation at the Ceremony.



(L-R) Prof. Mohammed Rajab, Principal, Pwani University College, Prof. Noah Midamba, VC, KCA University, Prof. Mabel Imbuga, VC, Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology.



The Student representative, Mr. Francis Kimani makes his remarks.



(L-R) Prof. Noah Midamba, VC, KCA University, Prof. Mabel Imbuga, VC, JKUAT, Prof. Justice (Rtd) Onesimus Mutungi, KU Chancellor, Prof. Olive Mugenda, VC, Mr. Benson Wairegi, KU Chairman of Council and Prof. Justin Irina, Chairman of Council, Pwani University College.



The Dean, School of Health Sciences, Dr. B. M. Okello Agina, reads out the names of the Graduands.

30th Graduation Ceremony



Guests follow proceedings at the Graduation Ceremony.



The Minister for Trade, Hon. Amb. Chirau Ali Mwakwere, and the Chairman of Chandaria Foundation, Dr. Manu Chandaria, during the launch of the Chandaria Business Innovation and Incubation Centre at KU.



The KU Chancellor, Prof. Justice (Rtd) Onesimus K. Mutungi and the VC, Prof. Olive Mugenda, lead the procession from the Graduation Square after the Ceremony.



The Kenya Prisons Band leads the procession from the Graduation Square after the Ceremony.



Students from Kigumo Bendera High School entertain guests during the luncheon after the graduation ceremony. They attended the graduation ceremony on invitation by the Vice-Chancellor.



The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Olive Mugenda, speaks to the students of Kigumo Bendera High School after the luncheon in the VC's lawn. She advised them to work hard and focus on their studies.



Research Updates

22nd Annual Post-graduate Seminar held

The 22nd Kenyatta University annual post-graduate seminars were held between the 6th and 10th June 2011. This year's event was graced by Prof. George Godia, Secretary, Ministry of Education who was representing the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Education - Prof. James ole Kiyapi.

Every time the University holds a graduation ceremony, Masters and Doctoral graduands are availed an opportunity to disseminate their research findings through seminars. The annual seminar is a forum for graduating postgraduate students to present and converse their research alongside guests from industry and academia.

The aim of the symposium is to provide a space for new researchers to disseminate research findings. Representing the Vice-Chancellor at the event, Prof. D. Mugendi (DVC, Finance Planning & Development) congratulated the Ph.D candidates for meticulously working through the years to write quality dissertations. The VC through the DVC however cautioned the PhD candidates to be good role models and to mentor young budding scholars. She reiterated that a PhD holder needs to be a person of integrity who acts rationally.



"Transforming Education and Research towards Inclusion and Social Justice in Africa." Seminar Theme

Ph.D candidates during the 22nd Annual Post-Graduate Seminar.

Kenyatta University Funeral Home (KUFH) Inspected



The Coordinator of KU Funeral Home, Dr. Albert Gachau, explains a point to public Health Officers who were on an inspection tour of the facility.

Kenyatta University Funeral Home hosted a joint team of inspectors led by the Nairobi Provincial and the Kasarani District Public Health Officers.

The inspection took place on Wednesday, June 15, 2011, in fulfillment of regulatory requirement by the Medical Practitioners & Dentists Board, which requires that all funeral homes be certified by the Ministry of Public Health & Sanitation, prior to registration and licensing.

The Dean, School of Health Sciences, Dr. B. M. Okello Agina, welcomed the visitors warmly and the Coordinator, Dr. Gachau, guided them as they toured the morgue. The fundamental requirements were trained and qualified personnel, safe functioning, adequate facilities, and documented procedures of day-to-day activities. The Home was observed to be compliant of the requirements.

Amongst those present were the Chairman, K.U.F.H Committee, Dr. Kabiru, and the Finance Officer representing the University Administration. The team was highly impressed by the standards of hygiene, efficient customer care services, records management and the serenity of the environment.

The Dean, School of Health Sciences, was so confident of the services offered at the Home that he encouraged the inspectors to do an impromptu inspection.

Campus Round-Up

KITUI

Mentoring and Career Talk

A mentoring and career talk was held at the Kitui Campus on June 11th 2011 for secondary school students with the theme **"Higher Education: A Pathway to a Successful Career Choice"**. The forum was attended by teachers and students from Shanda Secondary School, St.

Pauls' Secondary, Mulango Girls and St. Mary's Mutitu Girls and the host, KU Kitui Campus students. The key speakers were Prof. Wilson Njue, the Campus Director, the Director, Mentoring Dr. Elishiba Kimani, Dr. Sauda Swaleh and Mr. K. Njoroge.

The main themes were on mental health, healthy living and the need for self-determination. These were presented by Dr. Elishiba Kimani. Dr. Swaleh, the Acting Dean of students, took time to inform the students of the many services offered to them by the University. Some of these included health services, catering for needs of

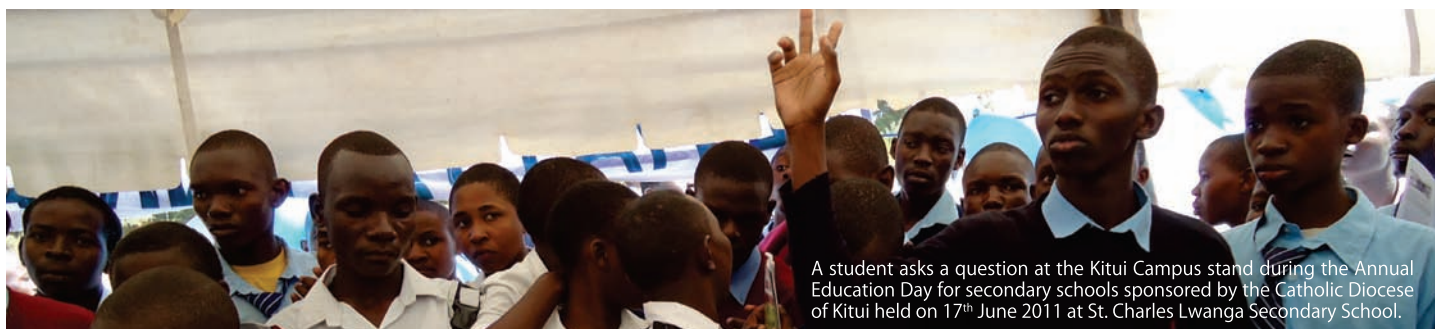
physically disabled students such as Braille services for the visually impaired, transport services, banking services at the Students' Services and Business Centre, subsidized shuttle transport, subsidized meals, among other services.

Oklahoma State University Students and Staff Visit KU

A team of staff and students from Oklahoma State University visited Kitui Campus between 16th and 18th of May 2011. While here, they took

time to interact with students and tour the campus. The students stayed in the students' hostels together with KU students while the staffs were accommodated at the tranquil campus Guest House.

They team took time to visit food and nutritional security projects in the Kitui area such as contribution of bee-keeping and the honey industry to poverty alleviation and renewable energy programmes in the region. They also had an opportunity to climb the Nzambani Rock, and visit the Nyumbani Village.



A student asks a question at the Kitui Campus stand during the Annual Education Day for secondary schools sponsored by the Catholic Diocese of Kitui held on 17th June 2011 at St. Charles Lwanga Secondary School.

ReCCaDe Coordinates Trainings

As proof of the ever-rising visibility of the Centre as an icon of excellence in Capacity Development in the Region, the Regional Centre for Capacity Development (ReCCaDe), in line with its mandate has conducted six trainings for various clients between 6th June – 8th July 2011.

Government of Kenya Ministries have continued to seek our services to conduct capacity development programmes for their staff and this time around four of the six trainings were conducted to train 166 members of staff in the Pensions Department of the Ministry of Finance.

Three groups were trained at the Kenyatta University Conference Centre while the fourth group comprising senior management staff

from the Department was trained from the Northcoast Beach Hotel in Kilifi. The four groups underwent training in Team Building and Management Skills with a view to ensuring cohesiveness among them.

The Centre also conducted the fourth round of training in Environmental Impact Assessment in collaboration with Ecoplan Ltd in which two KU academic members of staff

were trained. Seven participants were trained.

Another training conducted during the same period was on Managing and Archiving Electronic Records, in which nine participants were trained, with the Higher Education Loans Board (HELB) providing most of the clients. The Centre is looking forward to more penetration into the market in the coming months as marketing efforts intensify.

Participants in a team building session during their training at KU.



Confucius Institute Scholarships

This year, 21 Confucius Institute students have won short-term and long-term scholarships tenable in China, after a very competitive exam. Among the recipients are seven Kenyatta University members of staff who take proficiency in the Chinese programme in the evenings. Congratulations to all the awardees!

Library Boosted by Sabre Foundation, Again



Staff and Students of KU welcome the trucks carrying the second consignment of books from the SABRE Foundation.

Kenyatta University library received donations from Sabre Foundation of U.S.A. second phase on 21st June 2011. According to the documentation, the donation comprises 896 titles, representing 30,909 copies worth 125,161,511.40.

The books donated are high quality educational materials covering diverse disciplines published between 1992-2010.

The majority of titles are in multiples of 20-50 copies. The field of humanities is a major beneficiary in this consignment with 621 titles, followed by social sciences 248 titles, sciences general 145 titles and education 27 titles. The donations will have a profound impact on the delivery of quality education by Kenyatta University. In particular, the donations will: expand the library collection; enable students to access a wide variety of titles in their disciplines and reduce sharing of copies; and give the library the capacity to achieve CHE standards for books provision "minimum collection of 60 titles per programme or 5 titles per unit"

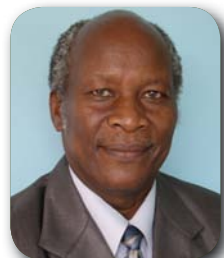
The library department at the University extends sincere thanks to the Sabre Foundation for their continuous generosity to the University.

"Sabre Foundation is committed to supporting Kenyatta University and see it become the best in Africa."

-Dr. Martin Mwangi, Harvard University & a Distinguished KU Alumni

School of Public Health Established

The School of Public Health has been established in accordance with the approval of the University Senate. The School has been hived off from the current School of Health Sciences, which will now be referred to as the School of Medicine. Consequently, the following appointments have been made:



Prof. Ephantus W. Kabiru has been appointed Acting Dean, School of Public Health.



Dr. Isaac Mwanzo has been appointed Chairman, Department of Community Health.



Dr. Margaret Kereka has been appointed Chairperson, Department of Environmental Health.



Dr. Ochieng Otieno has been appointed Chairperson, Department of Health Management and Informatics.

Other Appointments



Prof. Henry Mwanzi has been appointed Acting Director, Public and Staff Complaints Office on behalf of Prof. Robert Murungi who is on leave.

Sports

KU 1st years Participate in Ushirika Tournament

The Annual Ushirika tournament held at the Railway Club Nairobi on 25th and 26th of June 2011 attracted huge entries in football, basketball, netball and volleyball.

Kenyatta University entered 1st year students in basketball, football and Volleyball.

In football, the men won 1 game, drew 2 and lost 3 matches, their highlight match was against the former Kenya Premier League side red berets, the Hard Nuts lost the match but they put up a hard fight, displaying good passes and excellent moves.

Lack of experience took terrible toll on them and they succumbed to a narrow 2-1 loss.

In basketball KU played Cooperative Bank in a match that passed for the final, they lost with a margin of 28-40. K.U. Ladies first years beat Far East 54-06 Rugby played in Thika Road 5 tournament and lost to USIU 16-15 Swimming competed in a friendly Gala. KU had 49 points, JKUAT 28 and USIU 7 points.

KU	1	-	AFYA	1
KU	0	-	Cooperative College	1
KU	1	-	Sheria	2
KU	2	-	CIC	0
KU	1	-	Kenya Poly	1

In Volleyball,

Ladies played 2 matches and lost in both

KU	0	-	CIC	2
KU	0	-	Cooperative College	2

Men volleyball played 3 matches won 1 and lost 2

KU	3	-	CIC	0
KU	0	-	Kenya Police	3

Quarters

KU	0	-	Cooperative Bank	3
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Other events and Fixtures were shown below

July 2011	02	Rugby	KU	KU vs. KCA	3 p.m.
	02	Swimming	Ruiru	FISU	8 p.m.
	02	Athletics	Nyayo	Kenya Polytechnique	8 a.m.
	09	Rugby	JKUAT	KU vs JKUAT	3 p.m.
	09	Basketball	Railways	KU vs Upperhill	3 p.m.
	10	Basketball	Railways	Upperhill vs Old Pirates	1.30 p.m.
	16	Rugby	MKU	KU vs MKU	3 p.m.

Tribute



The Late
Ms. Lydia Wairimu Njoroge

Until her death, Ms. Njoroge was a Cleaner in the Department of Educational Communication and Technology. She joined the University in 1978. Lydia loved her work and was a very dedicated and hardworking employee who was highly respected by her colleagues. The University appreciates Lydia's 33 years of dedicated service. Lydia was laid to rest on Friday 15th July at her home in Nyeri

Bereavement

Prof. Catherine Ndungo, the Chairman of the Department of Gender Studies, lost her mother, Mama Safidah Wairimu Githinji, on 22nd July 2011. Mama Safidah was laid to rest on 28th July 2011.



The Vice-Chancellor sends heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families on behalf of the University Community.

Tribute to The Late Prof. Jonathan Chege, Dean, School of Business



Kenyatta University community is deeply saddened by the sudden death of

Prof. Jonathan Chege, a respected Professor of Business Management and the Dean, School of Business. Prof. Chege passed away on 28th July 2011 at the MP Shah Hospital.

Prof. Chege began his career as a Tutorial Fellow at Kenyatta University in 1983, was promoted to Lecturer in 1987 and to Senior Lecturer in 1995. In 2007, he was promoted to Associate Professor, a position he held until he was called home to be with the Lord.

He held the following management and administrative positions in Kenyatta University: Chairman, Department of Business Studies (3 years); Director, Bureau of Training and Consultancy (5 years); Chairman, Kenyatta University Procurement Committee (4 years); and Dean of the Faculty of Commerce and the School of Business for 8 years. He was also Advisory Board member of the International Association of Economics, Science and Commerce Students AIESEC, Kenyatta University Chapter.

He was a mentor to many students and staff. The University has lost a very resourceful academician who made significant contribution to its development.

Profile



Dr. Judith R. Mathews

Through a Fulbright Scholarship, I have been a Visiting Professor in the Department of Psychology at Kenyatta University since January of this year. Each week I travel to Nakuru campus to teach graduate students in Counselling. In addition, I teach a seminar in Applied Behaviour Analysis on the KU campus and assist in teaching Clinical Supervision at City Campus. My research is with adolescent girls in Mathare and Kibera. I feel privileged to work with exceptional lecturers, professors and students, and I'm so grateful to the many Kenyans who have welcomed me here and made this a wonderful experience. It will be hard to leave KU and Kenya, but I am sure I will be back! Asante sana!!!

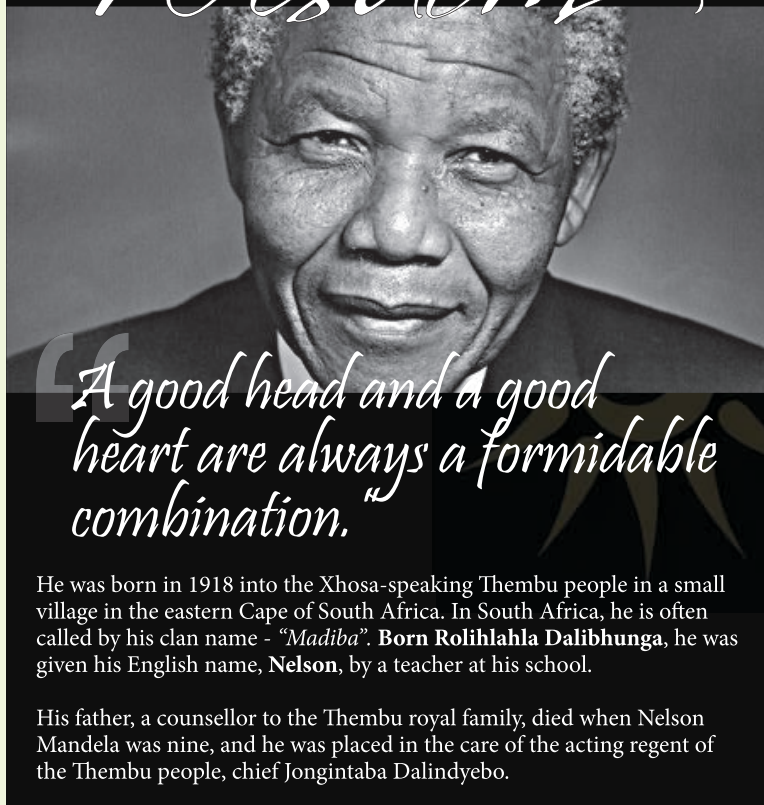
Spiritual Lines

Lest we Forget

In Psalm 78: 1-8, God wants people to remember their history. Deuteronomy 6:6-9, 1 Corinthians 10: 11 also depicts the same principle. One of the ways God reveals himself is through history. Each generation experiences Him anew based on that history. Psalms 78, is a warning, that history must not repeat itself, but at the same time it is a heart warming reminder of God's gracious dealings with his wayward people. Psalms 105:2 indicates that we should sing psalms to him and talk of his wondrous works. Paul echoes this thought when he instructs the young preacher Timothy, that all scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, reproof correction and instruction. Further we notice that God gave Moses a song to teach the people before he died. It was a lengthy recitation of how God had delivered Israel from their many rebellious activities and the lessons they had learnt about God's character during their years of wandering in the desert. These recitations were not stories of individuals, they were the stories of how a people had come to be in the place where they were. It was a great danger, to forget what God had done and the lessons that were learned at such a great cost. Therefore it is important for us to remember our history, and least we forget that Palms 78, 105 and 106 are great hymns that were sang or recited to remind Israel of God's leadership in the past.

BY GEORGE MONAYO

Wisdom



A good head and a good heart are always a formidable combination.

He was born in 1918 into the Xhosa-speaking Thembu people in a small village in the eastern Cape of South Africa. In South Africa, he is often called by his clan name - "Madiba". Born Rolihlahla Dalibhunga, he was given his English name, Nelson, by a teacher at his school.

His father, a counsellor to the Thembu royal family, died when Nelson Mandela was nine, and he was placed in the care of the acting regent of the Thembu people, chief Jongintaba Dalindyebo.

Poem

ODE TO MY MADNESS

Random: Thoughts *and* expression
Humor *with* mixed aggression
Depression *from* oppression
Questioning *the* question

-Derek del Barrio

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