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International Conference on Africa Liberation Efforts

"Every country that has been colonized by another has had its own journey of liberation that it must never forget. Kenya's journey for liberation from colonialism has lasted more than a hundred years and she has yet to reach the Promised Land. Kenya's journey for liberation has come in phases and cycles of struggle, liberation and betrayal, said Hon. Koigi Wamwere during the first International Conference on African Liberation Efforts at Dedan Kimathi University of Technology.

Today, if we are serious about uniting Kenyan people and Kenya, we must accept the mission of the Kenyans, who participated in the liberation struggles and efforts which included the eradication of imperialism in its present neo-colonialist form, the establishment and the consolidation of the Kenyan nation. As a result, Dedan Kimathi University hosted international and national scholars to discuss liberation movements and the unsung heroes and heroines like the late Dedan Kimathi Waciuri from 19th – 21st February. This is because the real history of liberation had not been told and the actual custodians who are the aged freedom fighters in their sunset years may not live to tell and archive the story.



Among the scholars were Prof. Tabitha Kanogo- a history lecturer at the University of California, Berkley; Prof. Lawrence Njoroge who expounded on democracy since 1990s leading to freedom; Dr. Mathew Theuri who took the participants through "Dedan Kimathi the Person".

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Other speakers included Maryann Theuri, Dr. Jack Githae and representatives from University of Toronto, Kenya Methodist University, Maseno, Karatina, Riara, Moi, Kenyatta University, JKUAT, Masai Mara, and Jomo Kenyatta Foundation among others.



Dedan Kimathi University of Technology is set to establish a Mau Mau education centre. Speaking at the university during the conference, Vice Chancellor Prof. Ndirangu Kioni said students have shown "great interest" in the history of struggle for independence. "The main objective of the centre is to serve as a repository of educational and research materials covering the Mau Mau period. This centre will have a conference room, museum and a library at the heroes garden/corner," he said.

Prof. Kioni said a heroes' garden with statutes of notable liberation struggles heroes and heroines will be put up in their honour. He said a fund will be established to support studies on African liberation movements and provide scholarships for orphaned destitute children.

In Honor of Dedan Kimathi

DeKUT Kimathi University woke up on Monday 17th February, 2014 to what was to be a weeklong celebration of culture dubbed Kimathi Cultural week in honor of the late hero and freedom fighter Dedan Kimathi Waciuri. The event was hosted by the Dean of Students Office and the student body DeKUTSO. This is marked once a year and involves various activities that stretched through the week.

The first day was dedicated to tree planting around the University. The events continued through out the week where students went to Nyeri town for the town clean up and blood donation. The evening shows were well attended as everyone tried to catch a glimpse of what was happening on an otherwise overcrowded podium during the gala dinner held on Saturday, 22nd February 2014 from 7:00pm.

The purpose of the event was to appreciate and celebrate our heroes and heroines, culture, give back to the community and largely for students to have fun.