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STAFF MOVES

New Appointments

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

Reuben W. Mwangi
Lecturer
Civil Engineering

Ken Mwirigi
E– Learning Content Developer

DeKUT Collaborations with Nyeri on Coffee

Dedan Kimathi University of Technology met and discussed possible partnerships and identification of areas for collaboration with the Nyeri county government officials on 8th November, 2013. The programme will involve conducting joint coffee research and training farmers to improve farmers' products and profits.



Prof. P.N. Kioni holding a discussion with Hon. Samuel Wamathai, Deputy Governor– Nyeri County

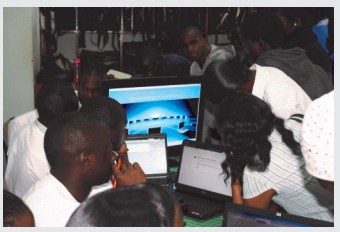
Prof. Ndirangu Kioni said the university has short courses on coffee technology to boost coffee value.

The certificate and diploma course in coffee technology are offered at the Institute of Food Bio-resources Technology within DeKUT main campus on the Nyeri- Nyahururu road.

DeKUT has set up an ultra-modern coffee cupping laboratory where research and cupping takes place.

E– Resource Awareness Programme

The DeKUT University Library has a wide range of e-books and e-journals that can be accessed for free within/ out of the University. The University Library together with the E-learning department conducted an e-resource awareness programme on Thursday 14th November 2013 at the library from 8:00am to 2:00pm.



DeKUT staff and students during the e-resource training.

Fred Otike, the University Librarian said, "the main aim of the training programme was to update library users on the range of e- resources the University has access to; conduct a short training program on e-resource searching strategy; market library services to staff and students; receive compliments and provide feedback on pertinent issues affecting our students and staff regarding our library services and resources."

DeKUT Collaborations

"The primary aim of the venture was to contribute to the growth of the coffee industry into a profitable business through training, research and technology transfer for national development, " added Prof. Kioni.



Prof. Kioni (ER)with DeKUT team during a meeting with the Nyeri County officials

"The institution targets coffee farmers, cooperative societies, processors, millers and other stakeholders who will be trained on value addition through demonstration of best international practices," said the Vice Chancellor.

The Nyeri County Government hailed the partnership saying that it would not only be beneficial to local farmers but would go a long way in improving livelihoods of residents who rely on coffee for their incomes.

DeKUT Ladies Empowerment



Prof. M.K. Gachari, Deputy Vice Chancellor (Administration & Finance) and the student Female Warden Marjory launched a student's ladies club on 24th November, 2013 to empower DeKUT ladies.

This club was launched to take care of all female students leaving outside the university. Prof. Gachari said that this was an excellent initiative to take care of the welfare of the female students. He added that this channel of communication must be respected and that communication must be two way for the good of the students.



DeKUT Pictorial of Miss Tourism Nyeri County





Ms. Rebecca Wairimu, second year Mechatronic Engineering student being presented t o Prof. M.K. Gachari, DVC (A&F). Looking on is Ms. Teresa Waithera from the Dean of Students office.

DeKUT hosts the first Nyeri County Investors Forum

Dedan Kimathi University of Technology hosted the 1st Nyeri Investors Forum on 15th and 16th November on its grounds.

DeKUT hosted the two day event with the theme of *'Harnessing investment opportunities for wealth and job creation in Nyeri county'*. Some of the business opportunities included education, agribusiness, real estates, tourism, health, energy, and cottage industries among many others.



Prof. M.K. Gachari who represented the Vice Chancellor at the forum, welcomed the Nyeri County Governor; Hon. Nderitu Gachagua. Hon Gachagua said the purpose of the forum was to promote domestic and international direct investments in Nyeri county and to create awareness on investment opportunities in the region.

The forum also served as an opportunity for DeKUT to market itself as an investment opportunity for the student hostels providers and as a useful link cum agent for various technology investors.

The investors had a chance to showcase key opportunities and incentives for promotion of growth in Nyeri. Dedan Kimathi University also showcased various education opportunities at the University.



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1. *Hon. Nderitu Gachagua, Governor Nyeri , Hon Samuel Wamaathai, Deputy Governor Nyeri during the signing of an investment MoU with a potential investor at DeKUT.*
2. *Prof. M.K. Gachari , DVC (A&F) and Prof. P. Wambua, DVC (RTMCL) actively following the Nyeri Investors Forum hosted at DeKUT. DeKUT engineering students showcasing their innovations during the forum.*