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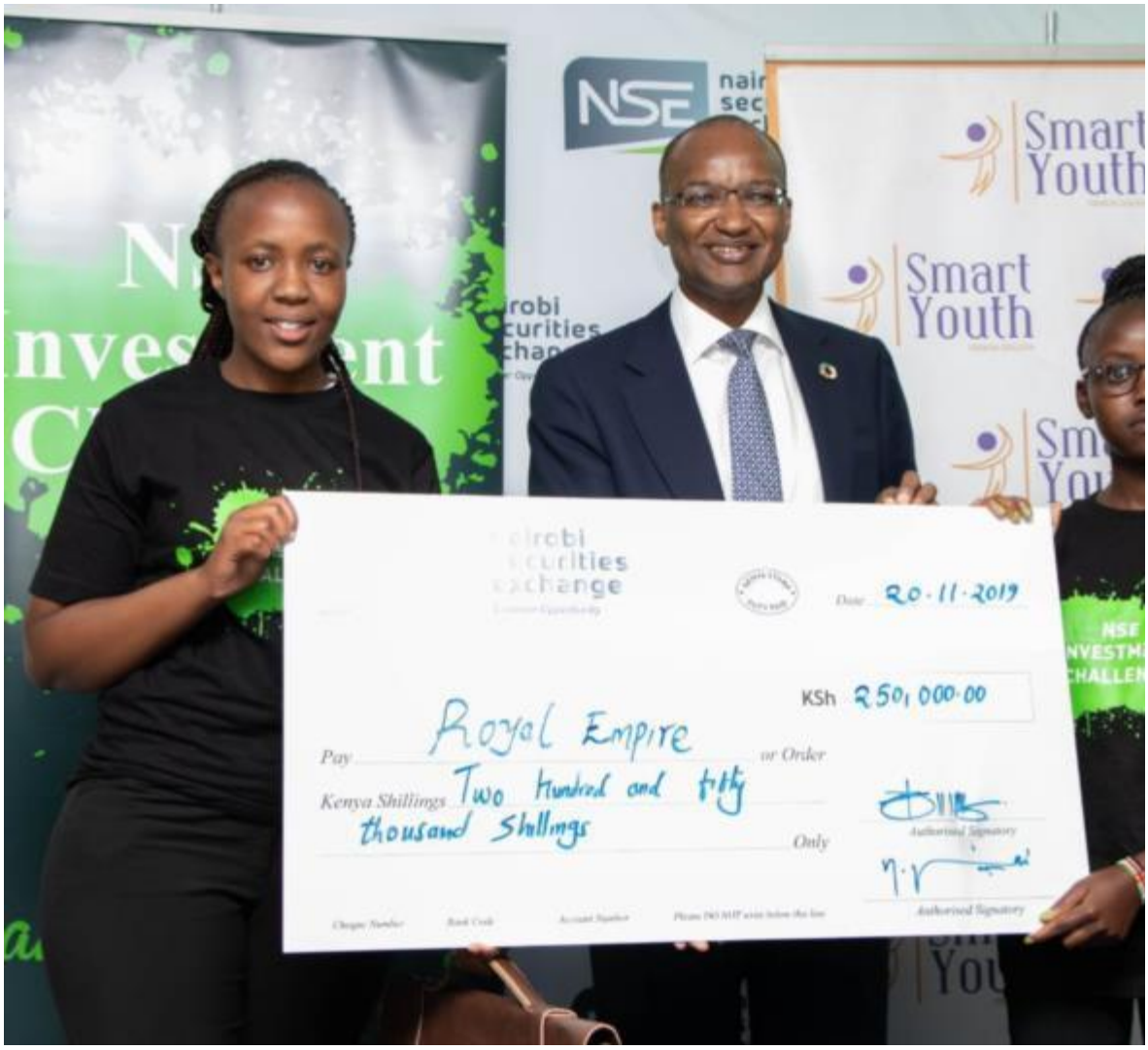
Institute of Geomatics, GIS & Remote Sensing (IGGReS) 3rd Soccer Derby

The Institute of Geomatics, GIS & Remote Sensing (IGGReS) held the 3rd soccer derby on 22nd of November in memory of Sarafine Wanjiru Njoroge. The late Sarafine Wanjiru Njoroge was a first-year student at Dedan Kimathi University of Technology in the Institute of Geomatics, GIS and Remote Sensing (IGGRes). This year 3rd-year students both male and female participated.



Nairobi Securities Exchange Investment Challenge

Congratulations to Monica Njambi and Beatrice Njeri, our third-year students pursuing Bachelor of Commerce (Finance Option) for winning the 2019 Nairobi Securities Exchange (NSE) Investment Challenge held in Nairobi last week. They won a monetary award, mobile devices, and internships at the NSE. The Nairobi Securities Exchange Investment Challenge (NSE Investment Challenge) is an edutainment initiative targeting Kenyan Youth who are in tertiary learning institutions such as Universities. The challenge is an online simulation of live trading at the Nairobi Securities Exchange, where each participating group/individual is given a virtual startup capital of 3 Million to invest using the NSE real-time information for 3 months. The winner is the team/individual with the highest portfolio value. One can participate as an individual or a group of a maximum of 4 members from the same institution. The challenge creates an avenue for educating the youth on the prudent process of investment decisions and risk management.



Fashion Runway Event

At DeKUT we provide an academically stimulating, culturally diverse and quality learning environment that fosters research, innovation and technology development towards producing relevant technical and managerial human resources and leaders to contribute to the attainment of national development goals. On 22nd November 2019, we hosted a fashion runway event in regards to the Institute of Tourism and Hospitality Management and stage 2 Fashion Design and Interior Decoration students as partial fulfillment of their Diploma award.



Student Exchange Program

DeKUT has several vibrant student exchange programs that are in line with the University's vision of producing globally competitive graduates and building international linkages to grow her profile as a global premier university of technology. International exchanges are life-changing experiences gained by students. This makes such programs critical to the institution's internationalization strategy. To date, many DeKUT students have taken part in assignments inside leading laboratories and manufacturing facilities around the world which have had a profound effect on the technical abilities of the students. Through these mechanisms, DeKUT has been able to send and receive students from different parts of the world which has not only enhanced the diversity of the university student population but also enabled DeKUT students to gain valuable international work experience. It is in this line that Jyoti Prashad, an exchange student from Canada, was able to facilitate the donation of about 24000 books to the University by Textbooks for Change Canada. The Vice-Chancellor presented a certificate of appreciation to her in recognition of her contribution.



5th DeKUT International Conference

DeKUT hosted the 5th International Conference on Science, Technology, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship from 13th to 15th November this year. The conference theme was Leveraging Science, Technology, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship for Sustainable Development. The main aim of this conference was to provide a forum for researchers and practitioners to discuss, engage and publish research information on sub-themes such as; Engineering Technologies and Innovations, Business Management and Entrepreneurship, Basic and Applied Sciences, Agricultural Sciences and Technologies, Water, Energy, GIS, and Remote Sensing, Environment and Climate Change, Health Sciences and Community Development, Information and Communication Technology, Tourism, Wildlife and Hospitality Management, Policy, Culture and Governance, Security Management and Innovations, Trends in Technical Education and Training, African Development and Harnessing Traditional Knowledge and Data Science.



Autism Awareness

On 14th November, the University through the Counseling Department organized a forum on autism awareness. Ms. Elke: an Autism therapist (Children and Adults) from Germany had a presentation on assessment as well as the management of persons living with autism. This program aimed to educate both the students and staff on how to treat people living with autism and treat them as equal persons instead of discriminating against them. She also urged them to celebrate the diversity of our global community and strengthen their commitment to the full inclusion and participation of people with autism. “Supporting them to achieve their full potential is a vital part of our efforts to uphold the core promise of the 2030 Agenda for

Sustainable Development: to leave no one behind.” She concluded.





Memorandum of Understanding with the Kenya Industrial Property

Institute

Dedan Kimathi University of Technology (DeKUT) on 13th November signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Kenya Industrial Property Institute (KIPI) DeKUT recognizes that operating a Technology and Innovation Support Center (TISC) will provide a ready pool of science and technical experts with competence to conduct patent search, patent drafting as well as assist in patent prosecution and benefit from the IP capacity-building interventions of KIPI which will ultimately result in increased IP creation, protection, and commercialization in the local community. The purpose of this MOU is to formalize the relationship between KIPI and DeKUT for the provision of TISC services. KIPI and DeKUT have agreed to undertake the TISC project under the terms and conditions set to achieve the following objectives: Strengthen the institutional capacity of DeKUT to offer a variety of IP services to its clients including patent searches, patent drafting and assistance in prosecution of IP applications, increase accessibility by DeKUT to technological information contained in patent literature and other sources and increase innovative and inventive outputs manifested by increased patent filing by or through DeKUT.

Student Recognition Award Ceremony

DeKUT is founded on the belief that self-actualization and solutions to global challenges are attainable through a spirit of dedication, self –confidence, determination, and best utilization of resources. The institution also believes in being globally competitive through the employment of global competencies. On 7th November, we held student recognition and award ceremony to recognize and award our best students as a way of motivating them to continue working hard and contribute to the attainment of national development goals. Both the academic and non-academic students were awarded motivating them to be all-round students.



Mr. and Miss DEKUT 2019/2020 Crowned

Dedan Kimathi University of Technology held Mr. & Miss Kimathi 2019/2020 pageant on Friday night, November 1st, 2019. The purpose of the pageant was not only for the participants to showcase their glamorous modes of dressing and lackadaisical catwalks but also to enhance the promotion of the welfare of students, ensuring the development of academic and social life skills as well as inculcating a sense of responsibility to the society by molding its students to attain intellectual excellence. This is an annual event in Kimathi campus and this year was no exception. The pageant generally ventured on various issues affecting the youth that touch on creativity and innovation, the position of youth in the society and other issues towards sustainable development goals. Congratulations to Migwi Calvin and Stephanie Chege for being Mr. & Miss. Kimathi respectively.



DeKUTSO Leadership Induction Training

The Directorate of Student Welfare organized a four-day student leaders training program from 29th October to 1st November 2019 at Tabor Hill, Nyahururu. The training was carried out by Peter Quest Leadership Institute. Some of the mentors who spoke to them were; Tom Makisa, Poppins Misoi, Collins Omondi as well as our Vice-Chancellor Prof Kioni and our Deputy Vice-Chancellor Prof. Esther Magiri. Some of the “Leadership comes with a responsibility.” Deputy Vice-Chancellor stated in her speech as she urged them to be confident in whatever they want to do. The vice-chancellor also urged the leaders to engage themselves in projects such as DePUK, Start-up weekends and Centre for Innovation & Entrepreneurship Management projects as well as the Science and Technology Park which he said will create job opportunities for young people.

