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Better Life through
Technology

VISION STATEMENT

A Premier Technological
University Excelling in
Quality Education,
Research, and Technology
Transfer for national
development.

MISSION STATEMENT

To provide academically
stimulating, culturally
diverse and quality
learning environment that
fosters research, innovation
and technology
development towards
producing relevant
technical and managerial
human resource and
leaders to contribute to
attainment of national
development goals.

Quote of the month

"Quality is never an accident;
it is always the result of high
intention, sincere effort,
intelligent direction and
skillful execution; it
represents the wise choice
of many alternatives."

William A. Foster

Start of May-August Semester

The May-August 2016 semester started on 2nd May 2016. Classes were on from the very first week, an indication of a new beginning and a smooth semester, much thanks to our Deans/ Directors, Lecturers and students for breaking the culture of lateness. We also successfully admitted new students for various programmes. Wishing all students on session all the best during this semester

University Audit

The second surveillance audit after recertification was conducted on 12th and 13th may 2016 by the certifying body, Bureau Veritas (K) Ltd. The objectives of the audit were:

1. To confirm that the management system conforms with all the requirements of the audit standard;
2. To confirm that the organization has effectively implemented its planned arrangements;
3. To confirm that the management system is capable of achieving the organization's policies objectives

The audit team conducted a process-based audit focussing on objectives and targets. The audit methods used were interviews, observations of activities and review of documents and records.

The audit team raised seven nonconformities which are being addressed for the purpose of corrective and preventive action. Root cause analysis will be done to avoid recurrence in future.

The audit team found out that there was strong management commitment. The organization's top management were present in the opening meeting, and they communicated their commitment to meeting and exceeding the requirements of the International Standard. This was the case in the closing meeting as well.

After a successful audit, Bureau Veritas(K)Ltd, recommended that the university continues with certification of the standard, ISO 9001:2008.

Quality assurance office wishes to thank all members of staff for their continued commitment in maintaining the standard and innovatively finding ways to improve in the way they perform their duties. This will improve efficiency and raise the satisfaction among our customers and stakeholders.

Tree Planting



DeKUT tree planting exercise took place on 13th May 2016. Both the staff and students took part in the activity. The exercise was coordinated from the RTMCL office and the Vice Chancellor was ably represented by the DVC RTMCL, Prof. Paul Wambua. The trees were planted around the University's grounds to boost the government's effort to increase the national forest cover to the targeted 10% as per the country's development blue print vision 2030. Around 500 trees were planted.

Award on Tax Compliance

On 11th May, the KRA Regional Office Manager Mr. Geoffrey J. Omas, gave a Courtesy call to present a certificate of appreciation to the University on Tax Compliance. He was accompanied by the Marketing Manager Mr. Obedo, and Mr. Peter Mwangi, and Compliance Manager Mr. Denis Gachere.

Robotics Contest



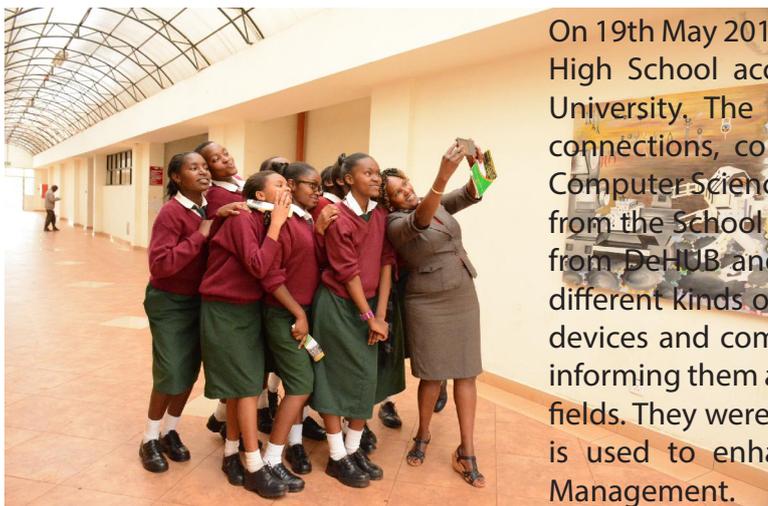
This year's robotics contest was held at Kenya International Conference Centre (KICC) between 16th and 20th May. DeKUT emerged position 2 out of the participating 29 institutions and position 1 Technical Institutions category. The team was led by the Dean School of Engineering, Dr. Jean Bosco, Teaching Assistant, Mr. Kamande and Technologists Mr. Karanja. The participants were 10 Mechatronic Engineering students. We continue offering quality education to our students and providing academically stimulating environment towards attainment of vision 2030 and beyond.

Training on Internationalization

Ms. Ann Kirugumi, Assistant Registrar in the International Office at DeKUT, attended the First workshop of the Dialogue on Innovative Higher Education Strategies (DIES) Training Course on Management of Internationalisation between 18th – 28th May, 2016 at Leibniz University in Hannover, Germany. The DIES Programme was jointly conducted by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) and the German Rectors' Conference (HRK). The key objective of the training course, which will be conducted in a series of workshops, is to qualify university staff from selected countries of Africa, Latin America, the Middle East and Asia to manage processes and tasks of internationalisation in the area of Higher Education. The programme enables participants to build up improved and more effective structures of internationalisation in their home universities. The course has been designed for Heads of International Offices and University Managers who are responsible for coordinating international activities for their universities. The first workshop was in Hannover, Germany, a second one will be held in Nairobi, Kenya and a third and final workshop will be held in Hannover, Germany on completion of the programme. Participants are assisted in implementing practical changes at their home institutions.

Being part of this training will enable the internationalisation office manage international student mobility programmes in a more effective manner. With the new knowledge gained, the International Office will be able to participate in a broader and more informed way in enhancement of internationalisation activities of the university.

Mahiga Girls High School Visit



On 19th May 2016, 10 computer studies students from Mahiga Girls' High School accompanied by one of their teachers toured the University. The aim of the visit was to learn about internet connections, communication devices & media and overview of Computer Science and Information Technology. Two staff members from the School of Computer Science and IT facilitated the session from DeHUB and the IT labs demonstrating to the students the different kinds of machines, internet connections, communication devices and communication media that are used there as well as informing them about the courses that DeKUT offers in IT and other fields. They were later taken to the University's conservancy, which is used to enhance training in B. Sc. Tourism and Hospitality Management.

Sr. Irene Stefani "Nyaatha" 1st Anniversary

On 23rd May 2016 the University had the privilege of hosting the 1st Anniversary of Sister Irene Stefani Nyaatha. Sr. Irene was beatified on the same grounds on 23rd May, 2015. The event was graced by The Most Reverend Archbishop Peter Kairo, the Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Nyeri. As part of the sermon, Rev. Peter Kairo, the Archbishop, urged the congregation to follow Sr. Irene's example of love, mercy, prayer, calmness and compassion. He appealed for peace that comes from Christ. Loving all, being merciful to all and serving all as Christ demonstrated and as followed by Blessed Sr. Irene Stefani. The Ceremony also involved launching of Sister Irene Stefani Nyaatha's scholarship and bursary fund and commissioning of a shrine built at DeKUT hero's garden.

In attendance were Francis Kimemia, former Secretary to the Cabinet of Kenya and Head of Public Service, who is also the Nyandarua gubernatorial seat aspirant and Githinji Kinyanjui, Nyeri gubernatorial seat aspirant and prominent businessman

Sensitization on Security Matters

On 25th May 2016, DeKUT received guests from the Directorate of Criminal Investigations who included Mr. Evans Osiya, Mr. Joseph Sang and Mr. Samuel Chai. They were invited through the Security Department Head, Mr. George Anyonje. The workshop that was conducted at the University's auditorium was aimed at sensitizing both the staff and students of DeKUT concerning security matters and also informing them on the different radicalization methods which terrorists are using today. The team also demonstrated the different types of devices that are used during attacks. The training and demonstrations were towards enlightening the DeKUT community on how to identify some of the materials used in assembling weapons and how to respond to terror attacks.

Pedagogy workshop

On 25th, 26th, and 27th May, DeKUT held the second in-house training on Effective Training Skills at the Conference Centre located at the University's Conservancy. Evaluation on the effectiveness of the first training was done before proceeding to the 2nd level of the training.



Conference on 3D Printing

We continue being on the forefront in research, innovation and technology development. On 26th and 27th May, Mr. Bande (M. Sc. Advanced Manufacturing and Automation Eng.) presented a publication, on behalf of the University, during the International Conference on 3D printing for Sustainable Manufacturing in Africa held at Kenyatta University. The publication was supervised by Dr. Jean Bosco, Dean School of Engineering and Prof. Peter Muchiri, Director Nairobi Campus

DeHUB Hackathon

DeHUB, our Innovation and Incubation Centre, held a Hackathon on 27th to 29th May 2016. A Hackathon is an event, typically lasting 48 hours, in which developers and entrepreneurs collaborate to build real solutions. The challenge of the Hackathon was to develop a mobile app, web app, USSD, or SMS to solve a problem; as identified by every group. The Hackathon was well attended and the winner was the M- Kuku app. Among the guests were officials from Africa's Talking and Andela Kenya who formed a panel of judges and gave advice to the groups after presentation. They also promised to give the developers training on programming languages they wish to learn.