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51st GRADUATION CEREMONY

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Repositioning Research and Education beyond COVID-19 Pandemic

Happy graduation day



PROF. GEORGE A. O. MAGOHA, EGH
CABINET SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

In honour of Kenyatta University's 51st Graduation Ceremony, the Ministry of Education joins in the academic celebration. For making this occasion possible, I express my sincere gratitude to the Chancellor, University Council, Management Board, Senate, Teaching Staff, Nonteaching Staff, students and Graduates for another successful academic year. Kenyatta University has held last three graduation ceremonies virtually due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, and I applaud the University for holding its 51st Graduation ceremony physically. I celebrate Kenyatta University for developing a number of solutions to the problems brought on by the Covid-19 Pandemic. The fact that several academic programmes were successfully completed in spite of the pandemic is evidence that Kenyan universities were able to overcome the difficulties caused by the pandemic.

It is important to uphold the University's pioneering character in both research and innovation. The Ministry of Education will keep giving our universities more authority so that we can successfully execute different educational changes. I send my best wishes to each and every graduate of July 2022! You have done us proud and, therefore, we celebrate you for your success, dedication and sacrifices.

Recognize your victories and successes



AMB. SIMON W. NABUKWESI, CBS
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, STATE DEPARTMENT FOR UNIVERSITY EDUCATION AND RESEARCH

Higher education success is power bestowed upon you to enable you to succeed. It is designed to empower you to be a winner and strengthen you to overcome obstacles and prosper. Your graduation ceremony can very well herald a major change in your life's course. Whatever path you choose, you will benefit from the education and skills you have gained at Kenyatta University in both your professional life and as a productive member of our society.

I am pleased to celebrate your accomplishments and to congratulate you on completing your programmes. I implore you to use the education and skills you have acquired through your various academic programmes to help our nation's economy thrive. At the State Department for University Education and Research, we applaud Kenyatta University for its outstanding contributions to education improvement as it continues to grow into a centre of academic excellence on a global scale. To our dear graduates, you are the reason we are all gathered here today for this prestigious occasion. Congratulations!

Congratulations



DR. BENSON I. WAIREGI, EBS
CHANCELLOR

Let me extend my heartfelt congratulations to all who have earned the right to receive degrees, diplomas, and certificates during the 51st Kenyatta University Graduation Ceremony. Every graduating class deserves to be commended for their achievements. But the fact that you persevered through a pandemic to complete your studies gives special meaning and significance to this ceremony. Since December 2020, the world changed unexpectedly. Your patience and perseverance as students is worthy of admiration. I urge you not to stop here but to give back to the community. Your hard work and productivity are essential ingredients for a better Kenya, Africa and the world.

If the pandemic has taught us anything, it is that we are all connected and that our future as members of the human race is interconnected. To all who are graduating, always keep in mind that Kenyatta University is a member of your larger family.

I want to express my gratitude to the Government for continuing to support the University through the Ministry of Education. I request the government to give Kenyatta University financial and other material support so that it can continue to grow as one of the leading universities in the world.

We appreciate all of your hard work



PROF. CRISPUS KIAMBA
CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL

I offer my sincere congratulations to all the graduands of Kenyatta University's 51st Graduation Ceremony on behalf of the University Council and on my personal behalf. We commemorate this significant accomplishment and send you off to the next exciting chapter of your life. Be humble, have an open mind, and be driven to succeed. At Kenyatta University, we share your desire to provide the greatest education and research possible in order to advance our beautiful great country Kenya.

The University Council continues to work closely and collaborate with the Management Board, teaching and non-teaching staff to provide the best services possible in this exemplary institution. Our role as Council is to ensure that the right policy standards are followed in order to achieve the best goals set for Kenyatta University. I am confident that our institution has done an outstanding job preparing all of you for the job market. Go into the world with confidence and use the acquired skills in carving out your own identity and in planning for your career. More importantly, have faith in your own abilities, and use the knowledge and expertise you have acquired over the years from this prestigious university. My very best wishes to you all!

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CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL



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Mr. Samuel Mwai
Chief Finance Officer

KU Ksh69M Phytotherapeutics centre commissioned



Kenyatta University has launched a Phytotherapeutics research centre that will undertake research on plant-based medicines. The centre is the first of its type in the region.

The centre was officially launched by the Council Chairman Prof. Shem Migot-Adholla, Chairman of Council. The commissioning of the National Phytotherapeutics Research Centre (NPRC) was made possible through a grant of Ksh69M from the National Research Fund (NRF).

Prof. Migot-Adholla stated that plant-based medicines has a big potential in Kenya and Africa and the use of herbal medicine to treat various ills goes many years back as the African society evolved. He said that NPRC will be a bridge between Modern Science technologies, Innovations and traditional science. The Kenyatta University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Paul Wainaina expressed gratitude to the team that worked towards the special and extraordinary development of the National Phytotherapeutics Research Center.

The National Phytotherapeutics Research Centre aims to develop a suitable habitat for further research and commercialization of research products and processes emanating from Kenyatta university research and from other institutions.

Promoting health during and beyond Covid-19

The School of Public Health and Applied Human Sciences in partnership with the Ministry of Health held an international health promotion conference on COVID-19 under the theme "Promoting Health during and beyond Covid-19" from 12th to 14th April 2022. The conference provided an interdisciplinary platform for researchers, practitioners and educators drawn locally and internationally to present and discuss papers on the most recent innovations, trends, and concerns as well as practical challenges encountered and solutions adopted in the use of health promotion for disease prevention and management.

The conference was officially opened by Her Excellency, First Lady Margaret Kenyatta on 12th April 2022. The First Lady highlighted the importance of health promotion in tackling the challenges brought about by COVID-19. She also took the opportunity to inform participants how through her Beyond Zero campaigns, she has championed health promotion with a goal of improving maternal and child health care.

Her sentiments were supported by the Kenyatta University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Paul K. Wainaina who said health promotion is very important during the COVID-19 Pandemic in supporting the wellbeing of people in our communities.



We are proud of your accomplishments



PROF. WACEKE WANJOHI
Ag. Vice-Chancellor

With great pride, we celebrate your accomplishments during our 51st Graduation Ceremony and present to this Country a skilled polished workforce ready to take their place in the world. Graduating demonstrates your tenacity, focus and drive to succeed. I have every confidence that you are prepared for the path ahead thanks to the knowledge, skills and experience you have gained at Kenyatta University.

The graduation ceremony's theme this year, "Repositioning Research and Education beyond Covid-19 Pandemic," aligns well with our mission to provide quality education and training, promote scholarship, service, innovation and creativity nurturing talents. Kenyatta University is home to some of the world's top scholars, researchers and experts in diverse fields. We pride ourselves in providing high quality programmes for students who wish to be globally competitive.

Challenges should never be used as an excuse to lower the quality of education or research; on the contrary, they have allowed us to thrive further in research and innovation. Through research, scholarship, and partnerships, the University aims to uphold ideas, ideologies, and interests. We remain dedicated to overcoming the challenges of COVID-19 Pandemic by stepping up our efforts to maintain academic success.

class of July 2022

	Programme	Number
1	PhD	67
2	Masters	434
3	Postgraduate Dip	40
4	Bachelors	3846
6	Diplomas	251
7	Certificates	52
	Total	4690



The Vice-Chancellor of the National Defense University- Kenya (NDU-K) Lieutenant-General Jonah Mwangi presents a painting to Kenyatta University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Paul K. Wainaina to celebrate over a decade of partnership between the two institutions. The event took place during the Matriculation Ceremony of the 11th cohort of Kenya Military Academy (KMA) cadets.

Students win Global ICT Competition

Kenyatta University students triumphed over 21 teams from around the world in the sixth edition of the 2022 Huawei ICT competition. Along with students from China, Malaysia, and the United Kingdom, the KU team won first place in the innovation track category. It was recognized for addressing the country's challenges by leveraging new technology such as the Internet of Things (IoT), Artificial Intelligence (AI), and Huawei cloud computing. Earlier in the year, the students competed on the national stage, where they won. They then advanced to the regional stage held in Sandton, South Africa where they emerged tops. They then advanced to the global stage, representing Africa. The Huawei ICT Competition attracted 150,000 students from over 2,000 universities in 85 countries across the globe this year. More than 15,000 participants from 50 Sub-Saharan African universities took part. The competition in Shenzhen, China, concluded on June 25 with Ku emerging tops.



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Engineering Students Chapter Hold Career Fair



Hon. Zachary Ayieko (3rd left), Chief Administrative Secretary, Ministry of Energy and Kenyatta University Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Waceke Wanjohi (centre) during the 2022 Career Fair for Petroleum Engineering Students .

The Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE)- Kenyatta University Chapter hosted a Career Fair at the Business and Students Services Centre (BSSC) on the 23rd May 2022, themed '***Energy Transition and Sustainability***'. This was a three-day event marked by engaging, informative and educative sessions. The three topics covered were: The Future of the Energy Sector in East Africa, The implications of energy transition and sustainability to companies and students, and Digitization of oil and gas industry.

The Chief Guest, the Chief Administrative Secretary, Ministry of Energy Hon. Zachary Ayieko who was representing the Cabinet Secretary, Amb. Dr. Monica Juma, as well as the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Paul K. Wainaina, representatives from the School of Engineering, Department of Petroleum Engineering, the Management Board and panelists graced the career fair.

In his speech, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Wainaina mentioned a Hellen Keller quote: "Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much". Kenyatta University remains committed to pursuing measures that mitigate climate change and achieving sustainable energy transition.

The three-day event dubbed "Energy Transition and Sustainability" brought together various petroleum stakeholders to discuss and mentor students undertaking bachelor's degree in Petroleum Engineering so as to enhance their capacity building, address climate change, commit to successful energy transition and secure clean sustainable energy policies that are accountable to emerging trends.



Kenyatta University Soccer team showcasing medals won during the 10th All African Universities Games. held in June 2022. KU won the Gold Medal and will represent Africa in the FISU games in China next year Inset Football Head Coach, Tobias Ochola.

KU to Implement YALI Phase II At $7.5m



Kenyatta University is the implementing partner for the USAID YALI Phase II under the Fixed Amount Award Contract with an anticipated period of performance being two years from April 12, 2022 to April 11, 2024. The award is worth $7.5M.

The Regional Leadership Centre (RLC) East Africa based in Nairobi at Kenyatta University focuses on 14 countries in East and Central Africa namely, Burundi, Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Kenya, Republic of Congo, Rwanda, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania, and Uganda. The Centre focuses on engaging young leaders from a wide range of organisations and backgrounds and with a diversity of experiences.

The curriculum is delivered in three tracks focused on **civic leadership, business and entrepreneurship, and public management.** It is designed to stretch the boundaries of current leadership paradigms to create new opportunities for dialogue and capacity building.

KU Career Day at Mukumu Girls



Students of Sacred Heart Mukumu Girls High School at the KU tent during the secondary schools Career Day on Saturday 11th June, 2022. The students were guided on career choices and about academic programmes that are available at Kenyatta University.