Congratulations graduands

The Ministry of Education celebrates Kenyatta University during its 50th Graduation Ceremony. I specifically recognise the efforts of the University Council, Management, Senate, Teaching staff, Non-teaching staff and graduands for making this event possible. This being the 1st ceremony of Kenyatta University to be held virtually, I laud the institution for coming up with various interventions to deal with the challenges of Covid-19 pandemic. The successful completion of various academic programmes in spite of the pandemic is a testament to the fact that Kenyan universities have found a way to survive the challenges posed by the Covid-19 pandemic.

I encourage Kenyatta University to invest in research which is the hallmark of any institution of higher learning. The University has been in the forefront in both research and innovation, a spirit that must be upheld. The Ministry of Education will continue to empower our universities to ensure we effectively implement various educational reforms. I extend my best wishes to all the December 2021 graduates.

Dr. Julius Mula
AMB. SIMON W. NABUKWESEI, CBS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY STATE DEPARTMENT FOR UNIVERSITY EDUCATION AND RESEARCH

Congratulations

Graduation day is an opportunity for you to reflect both on the past and on the future. This event may very well signal a very significant change of direction in your life. Whatever choice you choose to take, the knowledge and skills that you have developed here will be beneficial to you, not only in your professional life but also as a contributing member of our society. Dear graduands, I am proud to celebrate your achievements and for successfully completing your various programmes at Kenyatta University under complex conditions. I urge you to go forth to the world armed with the knowledge and skills which have gained through your various academic programmes, and utilise them to contribute towards economic growth of our nation. At the State Department for University Education and Research, we acknowledge the tremendous efforts Kenyatta University has made towards the enhancement of education as it continually develops into a global centre of academic excellence.

Mr. Benson I. Wairegi, EBS CHANCELLOR

We acknowledge your great work

On behalf of the University Council and on my own behalf, I extend my hearty congratulations to all the graduands of Kenyatta University’s 50th graduation ceremony. We celebrate this great milestone and send you on your way to the next steps in your life with the blessings and best wishes from Kenyatta University Community. Go out there with humility, an open mind and passion to succeed.

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Kenyatta University School of Law victorious in African Moot Court Competition

Kenyatta University School of Law beat thirty seven African law schools to emerge winners of the 30th Edition of the prestigious African Human Rights Moot Court Competition in September 2021. The Competition was held on 20th - 25th September 2021 and was organized jointly by the Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria and Stellenbosch University. It was hosted by the Faculty of Law, Stellenbosch University in South Africa.

The Competition was held under the theme “Responsiveness of the African Human Rights System to Sexual and Gender Based Violence”. Thirty eight (38) teams representing African law schools including, the Stellenbosch University, University of Western Cape, University of Ghana, Kabarita University, African Nazrene University, Makerere University, Eduardo Mondlane University and University of Johannesburg participated in the Competition.

The winning team members were Sidney Tambasi, a fourth year student and Martin Kioko, a third year student. The team was coached to victory by a fourth year student, Mr. John Muchau, the best orator in the 2021 World Trade Organization Moot Court Competition and the Law School Dean Prof. Dr. Faith Kabata.

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**KSh. 18M Research Project on Use of Face Masks**

A research project on ‘Optimising Parameters for the Proper Use of Face Masks to Reduce Severity of Underlying Infections for Enhanced Tolerance to Covid-19’ was launched at Kenyatta University on Friday 5th November 2021. The study is funded by the National Research Fund (NRF) to the tune of Ksh. 18.15 Million.

During the launch and presentation of the inception report, the Principal Investigator, Dr. John Paul Oyere disclosed that the project was aimed at addressing key objectives including, to determine pathogenic microbial colonization profiles among disposable and reusable face masks after prolonged use, to determine the duration reusable face masks should be worn before washing. Establish the sources and characterise microbial colonies found on the face masks following extended use, to determine public awareness of the potential risks associated with wearing contaminated face masks and investigate the reasons why Kenyans are reluctant to properly wear the face masks. Other objectives include; to formulate interventions for managing COVID-19 and improving public health outcomes following the research outcomes, and knowledge sharing among stakeholders on the optimal parameters for proper use of face masks.

**KU-WEE Hub and FKE sign a memorandum of understanding**

Kenyatta University Women’s Economic Empowerment (KU-WEE) hub and the Federation of Kenya Employers (FKE) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to concretise a partnership that will see the two institutions conduct research on women in corporate governance.

The research study will evaluate the effectiveness of the Female Future Leadership Programme implemented by FKE. The programme aims to build capacity of women in mid-to-top levels of management to make them board-ready and to enhance their participation in leadership. Learners are drawn from private and public sectors as well as civil society. Since its inception, many of the programme’s graduates have either received promotions or earned board positions. The FKE/KU-WEE hub study is one of 12 research studies under the Hub’s project on initiatives on what works to advance women’s economic empowerment in Kenya, funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

FKE Executive Director, Mrs. Jackline Mugo and the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Paul Wainaina reiterated their commitment to the partnership, adding that such research findings will be key in ensuring that skills acquired in academic institutions are useful in contemporary work environments.

Prof. Wainaina said there is need for preparation on school-to-work transition adding that Kenyatta University achieves that through the Growing Leaders programme targeting final-year students.

**New KENET Open Wi-Fi @ KU**

Africa’s first Open Wi-Fi network is being rolled out by the Kenya Education Network Trust (KENET). The new Wi-Fi network will provide connectivity for over 65,000 students and staff at Kenyatta University among other institutions. The KENET Open Wi-Fi network will be delivered and deployed by Kenyan Cloud and integration services provider Atlantic Technologies, a leading Kenyan firm specializing in enterprise ICT solutions together with ecosystem partners Netexperience, and IO Networks by Himachal Futuristic Communications Ltd (HFCL), an Indian telecom firm.

The KENET network is a perfect example of how Telecom Infra Project (TIP) Open Wi-Fi ecosystem collaboration works. IO Networks by HFCL provides the access point hardware, while Netexperience delivers the open-source controller software. Other Open Wi-Fi projects involve controller software from TIP Open Wi-Fi compliant vendor Indio Networks.

The KENET network’s other Open Wi-Fi compliant projects are excellent examples of how the Open Wi-Fi community works and strong proof that Open Wi-Fi is the right Wi-Fi architecture choice. Kenyatta University is excited to be part of a strong international community bringing cost-effective connectivity to support learning and research.

**The 10th All Africa University Games set for June 2022 in Kenya**

Over 5,000 sports men and women from different universities across the 54 African countries will converge at KU to compete during the 10th KASU (Federation of African Sports Universities) Games to be held at Kenyatta University from 6th to 10th June 2022. Competition events include: Athletics, Badminton, Basketball, Chess, Football, Table Tennis, Tennis, Volleyball, Handball, Swimming, Taekwondo and Karate for both women and men. Woodball, Roll Ball, Goaball, Sitting Volleyball and Gurusumo (Kenyans, Borana Traditional Game) will be offered as demonstration sports. A Pre-Games Scientific conference is being organized to take place at Kenyatta University prior to the games. The purpose is to share scholarly research in Sports. The Vice-Chancellor Prof. Paul Wainaina will also host the forum for all vice-chancellors from Africa during the games to discuss the value of university sports as a vehicle for development.

**The 28th Edition of the Kenyatta University Culture Week Festivals**

The 28th Edition of the Kenyatta University Culture Week Festivals was held between 23rd and 29th October 2021. In adherence to the COVID-19 protocols, the festival was a hybrid event where some few groups performed at the University Amphitheatre and live streaming of the celebrations was done virtually through KU TV and social media platforms. The theme of this year’s festival, ‘Culture: Rising above the Pandemic’ was a true testament of the resilience witnessed given the devastating effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. The climax of the cultural celebrations was the Mr. and Miss KU beauty pageant which was held on Friday 29th October 2021. For the first time all the Satellite Campuses of Kenyatta University participated in the contest. During the display of various talents, Collins Ojwado and Wairimu Wambui were crowned Mr. and Miss Kenyatta University 2021. The contest was launched at Kenyatta University on October 2021. In adherence to the COVID-19 protocols, the festival was a hybrid event where some few groups performed at the University Amphitheatre and live streaming of the celebrations was done virtually through KU TV and social media platforms. The theme of this year’s festival, ‘Culture: Rising above the Pandemic’ was a true testament of the resilience witnessed given the devastating effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.