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Editor's Note



Dear KIBU Community,
As the world comes to terms with the COVID-19, KIBU *NewsWEEK* continues to patch pieces on the happenings within higher education circles and more in particular, the activities of our students and faculty.

In this edition we congratulate Prof. Solomon Shibairo for his sudden elevation to head our mother institution, MMUST. We shall also give you briefs on our strategies of tackling the corona pandemic within our environs.

Enjoy the brief reading!

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Message from the Vice Chancellor



Dear Kibabii Fraternity,

I first of all wish to commend our members of staff for the conduct you exhibited during the first two weeks of the Corona Virus Pandemic. In the face of this pandemic, you have performed in an exemplary manner and we must commend you for that. It is important to report that none of our staff or student has been taken ill or directly affected by the pandemic. However, with the upward trend in the statistics of confirmed infections, I wish to encourage our staff and students wherever you are to take this pandemic with the seriousness it deserves. We must endeavor to heed to the call by government operatives and directives concerning this.

I am glad to inform that the university has procured relevant chemicals and safety gears to protect our staff and offices in the essential services as we combat this deadly disease. For those working in these areas, I beseech you to take maximum precaution as you partake of your duties.

Dear staff and students, this is a period when we should commit ourselves to full automation of administrative functions and maximum use of electronic learning resources. We have no room for reverse gear in this.

Condolence to the Loss of Archbishop Ndingi Mwanza a’Nzeki

At this time when we are confronted with this global challenge and grappling with its effects, we have lost a great spiritual leader; Retired Catholic Archbishop Ndingi Mwanza a’Nzeki. Kenya and the catholic church has indeed lost a personality. He shall be remembered for his astute fight for freedom and welfare of the less privileged in society.

I wish to join the country in mourning this great icon. My heartfelt condolences and prayers of comfort to his family, his friends and the Catholic faithful in whom he has left an indelible mark. May he Rest in Eternal Peace.

Prof. Isaac Ipara Odeo

VICE CHANCELLOR

1st April, 2020



Left to Right: Dr. Alice Mutua (MMUST Council Chair), Prof. Asenath Sigot, Prof. Solomon Shibairo and Amb. Simon Nabukwesi (PS) during the handing over ceremony. Photo Courtesy: MMUST Media

Prof. Shibairo Appointed Acting Vice Chancellor of MMUST

By Meshack Nyambane

Kibabii University's Prof. Solomon Igosangwa Shibairo is the Acting Vice chancellor of Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology. Prof. Shibairo, who until his new appointment has been the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic and Students Affairs) shall be at the helm of the institution for a period six (6) months effective 25th March, 2020. The professor of horticulture, and a father of five shall be succeeding Prof. Asenath Sigot who has led the mother institution since 1st July, 2019. The handing over ceremony that was administered by MMUST Council was graced by the

Principal Secretary, State Department for University Education and Research Amb. Simon Nabukwesi on Friday 27th March, 2020.

Speaking to KIBU "NewsWEEK", the elated Professor welcomed the new challenge ahead and avowed to his total commitment in leading the institution.

"This is quite a busy environment but I want to confess that am settling quickly, I have met different stakeholders and shall be meeting more in due course. We will definitely be up and running soon," he remarked.

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He thanked the Kibabii community of staff and students for the worthy moments they shared. He particularly passed accolades to the Kibabii University Vice Chancellor Prof. Isaac Ipara Odeo for the inspiration and leadership acumen that has exponentially grown the institution, and from whom he draws a lot of experience.

"Kwa watu wangu wa Kibabii, Nitawamiss sana, nyinyi ni watu wazuri kabisa!"

{“To my colleagues and students of Kibabii University, I will miss you so much. You have been the best!”}

Kibabii University Vice Chancellor Prof. Isaac Ipara Odeo had prodigious words to describe Prof. Shibairo. He described him as a great scholar with strong credentials who developed unmatched cordial relationships with students.

“I have worked with Prof. Shibairo since 2013. He is a good listener who seeks counsel each and every time. This is indeed great privilege for Kibabii University that one of our senior members has been appointed to sit at the highest level of governance in our mother university. This is a mark of confidence that the ministry has in our governance structures in just 5 years of autonomy. We wish him the best and its our hope and belief that under his leadership MMUST will rise to its gloary as

the 7th Public University in Kenya,” Prof Ipara said.

Prof. Solomon I. Shibairo went to Tinderet Primary School in 1968, then to Kemeloi High School in Nandi County where he sat for The East African Certificate of Education in 1978 and then proceeded to Kericho High School and sat for the Kenya Advanced Certificate if Education. He attended the University of Nairobi and graduated with Bachelor of Science in Agriculture (BSc (Agric)) honours degree in 1985. He attained a Master of Science (MSc (Agronomy)) from The University of Nairobi in 1989, before being awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy of The University of British Columbia in 1996.

Prof. Shibairo has taught and researched in both Agronomy and Horticulture and specializes in post harvest biotechnology. His major research goal is to develop strategies to mitigate food and nutrition insecurity, malnutrition, and poverty alleviation and wealth creation among small scale farmers. To this end he managed to win, in collaboration with others, many research grants of over Kshs. 100 million and continue to expect more. He has supervised over 32 Masters and 9 PhD students in his discipline and published 51 peer reviewed papers and one book chapter.



KIBU Staffers Attend Huawei Certified ICT Associate Training

Huawei entered into memorandum of understanding with several universities in Kenya and globally with the aim of establishing academies to offer professional courses in the ICT field. The Chinese multinational technology giant which provides telecommunications equipment and consumer electronics is headquartered in Shenzhen, Guangdong. Part of its obligation to the academies is to offer capacity building to those academies as well as of free training material and

certifications to the academies as a way of enabling them generate income for the host universities to make the programme sustainable. This means that the host universities retain 100% of the revenues generated by the programme which is in line with the broad Huawei corporate social responsibility. Other than free training material and certifications, Huawei also offers equipment support to the academies that are running one or several of their programmes.

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Between 1st and 13th March, 2020 Mr. Dennis Gichuki (Senior Technologist, IT Department) and Florence Koske (Technologist, Computer Science) represented Kibabii University at the training held at Huawei (K) Headquarters in Nairobi's Lavington. This training was one of the many trainings organized by Huawei for academy instructors.

The training, which was organized as per the MOUs between Huawei and the various Universities/Colleges was meant to build human capital for the academies that are to offer the same programme in their academies. Under HCAI security, the training was the first globally whose main objective was to get the academy instructors learn and gain skills, get the HCIA security certification to enable them teach the same at their academies as well as expose the instructors to emerging issues in computer security an area that is faced with acute shortage of

qualified professionals globally.

It brought together thirty one (31) Huawei academy instructors from sixteen (16) universities in Kenya, both public and private. The participants were drawn from the following universities: Catholic University, Dedan Kimathi University , Jomo Kenya University of Agriculture and Technology, Kabarak University, Kenyatta University, **Kibabii University**, Laikipia University, Machakos University, Meru University of Science and Technology, Multimedia University of Kenya, South Eastern Kenyan university, Strathmore University , Technical University of Kenya , Technical University of Mombasa, University of Nairobi and Zetech University

Upon completion of the five modules, the participants sat for three examinations that were expected of any instructor to qualify as a certified instructor.



Left: Mr. Dennis Gichuki and Florence Koske during the training session.

Below: A section of delegates from various universities sharing light moments





DO's and DONT's incase of Rape

What is Rape?

An act done which causes penetration of one person's genital organs with the genital organs of another without their consent or where the consent is obtained by force, threats or intimidation of any kind.

What is Sexual Assault?

Any act where a person unlawfully and purposely uses an object or any part of his body (except his or her private parts) or any part of an animal, to penetrate the private parts of another person without permission. (The only exception is where such penetration is carried out for medical reasons)

What is Sexual violence?

Any sexual act, attempt to obtain a sexual act, unwanted sexual comments or advances, or acts to traffic women's sexuality, using coercion, threats of harm or physical force, by any person regardless of relationship to the survivor, in any setting, including but not limited to home and work.

What to NOTE in case of Rape/ Sexual Assault

1. The date and time of the sexual violence
2. The location and description of the type of surface on which the violence

occurred

3. The name, identity and number of assailants
4. The nature of the physical contacts and detailed account of violence inflicted
5. Use of weapons and restraints
6. Use of medications/drugs/alcohol/inhaled substances
7. Use of condoms and lubricants

What you should NOT DO in case of Rape/Sexual Assault that might alter evidence?

1. Bathing
2. Douching
3. Wiping
4. Use of tampons
5. Change of clothing

What TO DO

Urgently for survivors/victims seek medical attention to the nearest health facility for:

1. Post exposure prophylaxis for HIV infection
2. Pregnancy prevention
3. Management of sexual transmitted infections
4. Clinical psycho social support

It is Kibabii University's strategic objective and commitment to develop and implement policies towards efficient and effective health service. The "Doctor's Corner" column shall be featuring on each issue of KIBU "NewsWEEK". It aims at offering sensitization on preventive and curative strategies laid down by health professionals at Kibabii University.



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Applicability: The tool is useful for enterprises and firms seeking to develop and manage their business plans.

How COVID-19 has exposed our Ironies in different sectors especially in Education

By Emmanuel Wamalwa

Over years, many scholars have benefited from lucrative scholarships and international linkages that has made the world a small community of sharing experiences in different fields of academia. International Universities have grown following these cross-sectional scholarships in education, technology, banking, and businesses just to mention.

However, the world has suddenly been switched to a standstill mode following the introduction of the novel corona virus in the space of man. Will the governments encourage international scholarship when the COVID-19 is over? A song about virus is being written to address the cases of international scholarships in the future.

It is with no doubt those Universities which encouraged inceptions of foreign students are going to reconsider in relation to the affected international schooling calendar.

Many students stay locked out of their home country currently in isolation regions having no one to share the stories of their home amid the deadly coronavirus in the globe.

“We do not want international scholarship programs anymore,” some have lamented. We have all learnt from the pandemic, parents whose children went for international studies fold their arms in dismay as majority plan to stop the underway education overseas.

The native countries are going to benefit from the taxes, investments and fees paid in foreign land. I think we are all going to appreciate our education as a country; we are going to stabilize in all sectors that will see no more travels abroad.

The same challenge goes to the medical families in Native countries. Many patients who went out to receive medical attentions in Countries like India, Austria, United States of America, and Philippines amongst others stay isolated at such a time as no more travels by their families to see their wellbeing. This poses a challenge to more governments, especially the third world countries.

Medical labs and facilities should be stressed by the continuing leadership and

the incoming leadership to help save the lives of humans in the future.

The pandemic has exposed the weakness of human beings in the entire world. The weakness is failure in appreciating our own strengths no matter how little they are. As countries we have failed to improve our sectors that ought to empower our economy, and education which is the only equal path to be used by every citizen. Education does not mean classroom attention only but equally physical interaction.

I buy the idea that no man is an island unto self. Though, I pose the question; how well have we established our own homes? African leaderships still have the mind of the colonizer, where we take our African heritage and sell it overseas. Children in schools are taught how the colonizer squeezed Africa in his hands; the child grows up identifying himself with the most powerful. We teach, a dead education when we tell our African students that the whites are the inventors of everything we see in Africa. Who will reject the proposal of going overseas for a better life?



“QUALITY is Our Guiding Principle”

**-Prof. Isaac Ipara Odeo
Vice Chancellor**

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