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CEO, Dr. Kelly Oluoch

Welcome to this edition of our Info Desk Bulletin! During the period under review, we achieved incredible milestones that continue to shape the future of healthcare training at KMTC.

A key highlight was the inauguration of Chemolingot Campus in Baringo County by H.E. President Dr. William Ruto. His commitment to expanding healthcare training was demonstrated by his directive to introduce new courses and allocate Kshs. 250 million for infrastructure development at the Campus. This significant move underscores the government's dedication to providing quality healthcare education and empowering communities through training.

The College Board of Directors, Management, Staff and Students congratulate Dr. Deborah Mlongo Barasa on

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S MESSAGE

her appointment as the Health Cabinet Secretary. We wish her all the best as she serves our great nation of Kenya. This edition also features the successful 14th Edition of the KMTC National Sports Competition, which was graced by the Principal Secretary for Public Health and Professional Standards, Mary Muthoni. Additionally, the PS paid a visit to KMTC Teso Campus, where she engaged with staff and students, reiterating the government's continued support for grassroots healthcare education.

Our capacity to deliver quality education has been further strengthened by the induction of 607 new employees following a successful recruitment exercise. Additionally, we completed a comprehensive ISO recertification audit conducted by the Kenya Bureau of Standards (KEBS), reaffirming our compliance with ISO 9001:2015 standards and our commitment to continuous improvement.

On the collaboration front, KMTC participated in the 2024 Diaspora Job Fair, presided over by Prime Cabinet Secretary Hon. Musalia Mudavadi. During the event, we processed over 200 transcripts under the #KaziMa-juu initiative, reinforcing our global outlook. Moreover, we expanded our training infrastructure through a partnership with the County Government

of West Pokot, securing access to a multimillion-shilling facility in Kapenguria.

These milestones reflect KMTC's unwavering dedication to training healthcare professionals, advancing research, and serving our communities. We remain committed to our mission to produce fit-for-purpose health professionals through training and research, and provide consultancy services.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership with KMTC.

CORE STATEMENTS

VISION:

A globally competitive institution for training human resource for health.

MISSION:

To develop fit-for-purpose middlelevel health professionals through transformative training, research, and consultancy.

CORE VALUES:

Accountability, Integrity, Responsiveness, Equity, Teamwork, Professionalism, Creativity and innovation.

















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CORPORATE UPDATES

President Ruto Inaugurates KMTC Chemolingot



H.E. President Dr. William Ruto (3rd right), Baringo County Governor Benjamin Cheboi (right), CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch (2nd right) with staff and students during the event.

E. President Dr. William Ruto officially opened KMTC Chemolingot Campus in Baringo County on August 2, 2024. During the event, the President directed the Ministry of Health to introduce additional health courses at the Campus to enhance learning opportunities and align with the growing healthcare demands.

To support this, the President said the government will allocate Kshs. 250 million for the construction of a 150-capacity hostel and the equipping of two other technical colleges in the county. To secure a reliable and sufficient water supply in the Campus, the President said KDF will drill a borehole.

Chemolingot Campus, which began operations in 2021, currently offers a Community Health Assistant course.

President Ruto emphasized the importance of education in transforming the region, urging residents to embrace learning and shun detrimental practices like cattle rustling. "We have built KMTC and other technical training institutions to provide your children with opportunities for education and employment," he stated.



KDF surveyors at Chemolingot Campus.

The College took swift action in response to the President's directive to drill a borehole at the campus. The campus welcomed the PMC committee and KDF surveyors on August 7, 2024, who conducted a site visit to assess and identify the optimal location for sinking the borehole.



H.E. President Dr. William Ruto welcomed by Siaya Campus Principal Mr. Ben Simiyu upon arrival during his tour of Siaya County.

College Pays Visit to Newly Appointed Health CS



Health CS Dr.
Deborah M.
Barasa (center),
KMTC Board
Chairperson
Mr. Joseah K.
Cheruiyot (right),
and CEO Dr. Kelly
Oluoch during a
courtesy visit to
the CS.

he College Board Chairperson, Mr. Joseah K. Cheruiyot, and CEO, Dr. Kelly Oluoch, on August 15, 2024, paid a courtesy visit to the newly appointed Health Cabinet Secretary, Dr. Deborah Mlongo Barasa, at the Ministry of Health Headquarters in Nairobi.

The trio held a wide range of discussions, touching on the College's mandate in bridging healthcare workforce deficits in the country through training and how that contributes to realizing the country's Universal Health Coverage.

Mr. Cheruiyot and Dr. Oluoch congratulated Dr. Barasa on her appointment, committing to work with her to realize

the mission of the College in developing fit-for-purpose middle health professionals through transformative training, research, and consultancy.

The Cabinet Secretary commended KMTC on its achievements in health professions education, noting that the College's graduates were highly regarded in the global market.

She urged KMTC to uphold quality and institutional sustainability while being responsive to emerging demands in the health sector.

National Sports Competition Concludes With Grand Closing In Kisumu



Health PS Mary M. Muriuki during the official opening of the National Sports competitions in Kisumu.

he 14th Edition of the KMTC National Sports Competition concluded successfully in Kisumu, on August 2, 2024. The event, which drew 2,210 participating students from KMTC campuses across the country, was not only a celebration of athletic prowess but also a demonstration of the close link between sports and healthcare training.

During the opening ceremony, Principal Secretary of the State Department for Public Health and Professional Standards Mary Muthoni, highlighted the symbolic timing of the competition.

"It is truly symbolic that our 14th Edition of the KMTC National Sports Competition is taking place alongside the Olympic Games in Paris," she said, encouraging students to aim for international sports competitions.

She emphasized that sports and health training go hand in hand, promoting both physical fitness and mental well-being.

On the sidelines, a KMTC delegation, led by Board Chairperson Mr. Joseah Cheruiyot, paid a courtesy visit on Kisumu County Governor Prof. Peter Anyang' Nyong'o. The visit came against the backdrop of a solid partnership between KMTC and the Kisumu County Government in training healthcare professionals.

Governor Nyong'o lauded KMTC's extensive presence in 45 counties and its critical role in enhancing community healthcare. He noted that KMTC-trained professionals are essential at the foundational levels of healthcare.

Grateful for Kisumu County's unwavering support, both Mr. Cheruiyot and Dr. Oluoch expressed appreciation for the county's commitment, especially in offering clinical practice opportunities and seconding staff to the institution. Governor Nyong'o, in turn, graciously accepted an invitation to officially close the competition at Moi Stadium.

At the closing ceremony, Governor Nyong'o emphasized the importance of sportsmanship, encouraging students to embrace victories and setbacks alike as part of their personal growth. He commended KMTC for shaping healthcare professionals who are not only academically gifted but also physically and mentally resilient.

In his address, KMTC Chairperson Mr. Cheruiyot reinforced the College's commitment to enhancing sports facilities across its campuses. "Events like this not only provide an opportunity to showcase skills and relieve stress but also



Kisumu County Governor Prof. Peter Anyang Nyong'o during the official closing ceremony.

to strengthen bonds and build lasting friendships" he said.

CEO Dr. Oluoch echoed these sentiments, noting that KMTC's holistic approach to education fosters well-rounded individuals. "By integrating sports into our core educational framework, we enable our students to develop resilience, teamwork, and leadership skills that extend far beyond the playing field," he remarked.

The competition featured a wide array of indoor and outdoor games, with Nairobi Campus emerging as overall champions. Kakamega and Kaptumo campuses took second and third places, respectively. The event set a new standard, seamlessly blending athletic excellence with the rigorous training of future healthcare professionals.

The 14th Edition not only celebrated athleticism but also reaffirmed KMTC's mission to produce globally competitive, fit-for-purpose healthcare professionals, who are as strong in body as they are in mind.



Golden Boot striker Brenda Akinyi from Siaya Campus breaks loose to beat the Nairobi Campus defense during the ladies Soccer finals.



KMTC Board Chairperson Mr. Joseah K. Cheruiyot (2nd left) and CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch (left) interact with the Nairobi KMTC Rugby team.



Kisumu County Governor Prof. Peter Anyang Nyong'o (left) hands over an award to Nairobi Campus Principal Mr. Joseph Ahomo (right) after the Soccer finals.



Health PS Mary M. Muriuki (2nd right), Board Chairperson Mr. Joseah K. Cheruiyot (right), CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch (left) Principals and staff during the official opening of the KMTC National sports competitions in Kisumu County.

KMTC Welcomes 600 New Staff in Drive to Boost Training Excellence

As KMTC students prepare to return from their short holiday break, they will be greeted by an expanded team of around 600 newly recruited staff, part of KMTC's initiative to improve training quality and address lecturer-to-student ratios. In the month of August, the College hosted an induction in Mombasa for the fourth cohort of new staff, emphasizing integrity and the importance of providing top-tier education.

During the induction, the Principal Secretary of the State Department for Public Health and Professional Standards, Mary Muriuki, extended a warm welcome to new staff members of KMTC during her address on August 16, 2024.

"Karibuni KMTC!" she greeted.

"KMTC stands as Kenya's premier institution dedicated to developing skilled middle-level health professionals, and we take immense pride in this mission."

She emphasized that the Ministry of Health is committed to supporting KMTC in delivering high-quality training services



Health PS Mary M. Muriuki addressing newly recruited staff during induction training.

to develop competent healthcare professionals.

She encouraged the new staff to commit themselves to serve with dedication, strive for excellence at their respective campuses, avoid complacency, and embrace humility.

"Ensure your actions align with the integrity of our institution," PS. Muthoni advised, further urging the recruits to familiarize themselves with the broader initiatives of the Ministry of Health and the government at large. "Our focus is firmly on public health, in alignment with our vision of becoming 'A globally competitive, healthy, and productive nation."

Speaking at an earlier induction, the Board led by Chairperson Mr. Joseah K. Cheruiyot, welcomed the new employees, noting that KMTC is an equal opportunity employer.

The Board highlighted the pivotal role of the new staff in shaping the future of KMTC graduates, who make up over 85% of Kenya's healthcare workforce. "You are now part of a legacy that directly impacts the health of our nation. Upholding integrity, professionalism, and a commitment to excellence will not only sustain KMTC's reputation but will also help us achieve our vision of becoming a globally competitive health training institution," he emphasized. He also encouraged them to treat students with dignity and to take advantage of opportunities within the College to further their education.

CEO, Dr. Kelly Oluoch, also congratulated and warmly welcomed the new staff to the College, reflecting on KMTC's remarkable growth since its humble beginnings in 1927 with just four students to its current enrollment of 66,192. He expressed confidence in the new team's ability to shape the future of healthcare professionals who are fit-for-purpose and globally competitive.

Dr. Oluoch urged the recruits to fully understand the College's vision and embrace its core values, which include accountability, integrity, responsiveness, equity, teamwork, professionalism, creativity, and innovation.



Board Chairperson Mr. Joseah K. Cheruiyot during induction for the newly recruited staff



CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch addressing the inductees

During the induction, the senior management team, comprising heads of various divisions provided an overview of their respective functions, ensuring that the new staff members are well-equipped to excel in their roles.

The induction training for the final cohort of newly hired staff was conducted in three phases. The first and second groups received their training in Mombasa from August $12^{\rm th}$ to $16^{\rm th}$, and August $26^{\rm th}$ to $30^{\rm th}$, 2024, respectively. The final team will undergo their induction in September.



CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch (seated Center), Managers and a section of the newly recruited staff during induction training.

KMTCShinesat2024DiasporaJobFairWith#Transcriptmashinani and Global Training Programs



Prime Cabinet Secretary Hon. Musalia Mudavadi (center) and Vihiga County Governor Wilber Otichilo (2nd right) interact with Transcripts Mashinani beneficiaries during the Western Region Diaspora Job Fair at Mbale High School, Vihiga County.

he 2024 Diaspora Job Fair, held at Mbale Boys High School in Vihiga County, concluded on a remarkable note, with the College leaving a lasting impression on attendees. The event, officially opened by the Prime Cabinet Secretary Hon. Musalia Mudavadi, showcased KMTC's active involvement in shaping global healthcare opportunities for Kenyans.

During the event, Mathare Campus Principal, Ms. Florence Maina, represented KMTC in a panel discussion titled "Training for a Global Course." Ms. Maina underscored the importance of the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN) course, highlighting KMTC's efforts in preparing nurses for global job markets in the U.S., Canada,

and Australia. This initiative resonated with the event's theme, #KaziMajuu, positioning KMTC as a leader in global health training.

The #TranscriptMashinani initiative, a major feature at KMTC's exhibition stand, attracted hundreds of students and alumni eager to access on-site transcript services. Over 200 transcripts were processed during the fair, enabling graduates to secure the necessary documents for both local and international employment opportunities.

KMTC's participation at the Diaspora Job Fair not only highlighted its commitment to producing world-class health professionals but also reaffirmed its dedication to meeting the demands of a rapidly evolving global workforce.

Health PS Pays A Courtesy Call on Teso Campus



Health PS Mary M. Muriuki (3rd left) during a courtesy visit to KMTC Teso.

A ccompanied by the area MP, Hon. Oku Kaunya, the PS thanked the community and particularly Hon. Kaunya for establishing the Campus.

She also expressed her appreciation to the campus management, staff, and students for their evident dedication to training fit-for-purpose healthcare professionals.

Earlier, PS Muthoni had visited the Malaba one-stop border post in Busia County, where she emphasized that the government has implemented robust measures to prevent the spread of Mpox in the country.

She reassured the public that there is no cause for alarm regarding the Mpox outbreak.

PICTORIAL



Board Chairperson Mr. Joseah Cheruiyot (left) with Board Directors during a meeting at the headquarters.



Board Directors Ms. Eunice Karanja (left) and Eng. Joseph Atonga during a board meeting.



Chairperson of the Board's Audit Committee Eng. Joseph Atonga.



Board's Audit Committee during a session at the headquarters.



Chairperson of the Board's Finance, Planning and Development Committee Ms. Eunice Karanja during a meeting .



Board's Finance, Planning and Development Committee during a meeting at the headquarters.

KNOW YOUR LEADER

Q & A with the Deputy Director of Finance, Planning, and Administration Ms. Lucy Chebungei

I am a nurse and researcher, with a Master's in Health Research and Ethics, which is fundamental to my work as a lecturer at KMTC and in my current role. Researching for information and knowledge is crucial in every aspect of work-it's difficult to be effective without it.

1. What inspired you to pursue a career in finance and planning, particularly in education and health?

My journey to becoming the Deputy Director of Finance & Administration started during my time as a nurse. I managed various departments, gaining valuable experience in leadership and resource management. At KMTC, I served as a HoD and Campus Principal before taking on my current role. This journey has prepared me to handle finances, human resources, and planning effectively.

2. Can you share the most significant financial challenges KMTC has faced recently, and how did your department address them?

Financial challenges are universal. At KMTC, delays in disbursement of grants occasionally strain our budgets. We tackle this by sticking to our budgets and procurement plans. We ensure we never spend beyond our means, prioritizing essential payments like staff salaries to keep operations running smoothly.

3. What strategies do you believe are most critical for ensuring financial sustainability and growth at KMTC?

We make sure our classes are full by actively mobilizing students from local communities, which helps generate substantial revenue for the College. The College is also involved in resource mobilization by writing proposals for grants and seeking funding from county and national governments, as well as from development partners.

4. How do you align financial planning with KMTC's strategic goals?



Deputy Director Finance, Planning and Administration Ms. Lucy Chebungei

Our budgets align with the KMTC Strategic Plan (2023-2028). We allocate funds based on the goals for each financial year, directing resources towards achieving our strategic objectives. Additionally, we draw some of our goals from Performance Contracting (PC) and allocate resources accordingly.

5. What role does innovation play in your approach to financial management?

Innovation is key at KMTC. For instance, we have established Campus-level resource mobilization champions to engage local stakeholders. We have also partnered with the Higher Education Loans Board (HELB) to provide student loans, easing the financial burden on our needy students.

6. How do you balance cost efficiency with maintaining the quality of education and services at KMTC?

We conduct market surveys to find cost-effective materials that meet our quality standards. Prioritization is equally crucial-we focus on the most needed items each financial year while maintaining quality.

7. What advice would you give to emerging financial leaders at KMTC or in the education sector?

Equip yourself with relevant knowledge and skills, practice integrity, and promote teamwork. Planning is also essential-a clear road map helps you navigate effectively from point A to point B.

8. Can you share a challenging moment in your career and how you overcame it?

Balancing work, study, and personal life was tough. I managed it by creating a structured work plan, balancing my

duties as an employee, student, and mother. During my master's, I was breastfeeding and managing a department, but effective planning helped me succeed.

9. How do you maintain work-life balance, given the demanding nature of your role?

I start my day at 4 a.m. for exercise and reading. I've learned to separate work and family time, planning my schedule to stay organized and flexible.

10. What is one piece of advice you wish you had received earlier in your career?

Guidance on career progression and mentorship would have been invaluable. Early mentorship can help individuals make informed career choices and better understand their roles. My aunt, who guided me through various life stages and inspired me to aim higher. Her support has been instrumental in my success.

11. Who has been your greatest mentor or influence in your professional journey?

My aunt, who guided me through various life stages and inspired me to aim higher. Her support has been instrumental in my success.

12. Outside of work, what hobbies or activities help you recharge?

I enjoy farming, spending time with animals, helping others, and taking road trips. These activities keep me motivated and grounded.

PARTNERSHIP AND COLLABORATION

Partnership and Collaboration West Pokot County Grants KMTC Multimillion Facility to Expand Training



West Pokot County Governor Simon Kachapin (right), KMTC Board Chairperson Mr. Joseah K. Cheruiyot (2nd left) and CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch (left) during a visit to the County Headquarters.

he County Government of West Pokot has approved Kenya Medical Training College to occupy a large building in Kapenguria town to support teaching and learning.

The announcement was made by Governor Simon Kachapin on July 31, 2024, during a meeting with KMTC's Board of Directors, led by the Chairperson Mr. Joseah K. Cheruiyot.

The multimillion-shilling facility, situated on a 26-acre land,

includes 13 classrooms, a hostel with a capacity of 300 beds, 14 offices, a multipurpose hall that can accommodate over 500 people, a library, and an ICT laboratory, among other amenities.

The county completed the construction of the facility seven years ago with the intent of opening its first ECD college. However, priorities shifted after locals asked the leaders to consider handing over the facility to KMTC to attract lucrative investment opportunities to the region.

"When people think of West Pokot, they often associate it with banditry, but our county is peaceful, with fertile land and hospitable people," said Governor Kachapin. "We want to change this perception by hosting thousands of KMTC students from other counties, who can then promote our county positively. Positive feedback is crucial for marketing a place," he added.

The Governor noted that the region has lagged in development since independence and emphasized the need to create opportunities for locals. He mentioned that West Pokot was designated a "closed" district during the colonial era, serving as a buffer between the northern "White Highlands," Kenya's European-settled areas, and the fluctuating boundaries of Turkana.

The region received its first college in 2015 with the opening of the KMTC Kapenguria Campus.

"Since then, we have seen significant interest in the region. We believe KMTC has a bright future, as its graduates are in demand globally," he said. "By providing more space and equipment, we hope to accommodate a large number of students. Consequently, we will create more opportunities for our youths."

West Pokot County, located in the North Rift region, neighbors Trans-Nzoia and Elgeyo Marakwet counties to the south, Baringo County to the east, Turkana County to the north, and the Kenya-Uganda border to the west.

Hundreds of locals, along with leaders including Deputy Governor Robert Komolle, Members of the County Assembly, and County Executive Committee (CEC) members, attended the event before the team assembled in the governor's office for talks.

Mr. Cheruiyot thanked the county for choosing KMTC to take over the facility, saying, "We are aware that many institutions could have been considered, and selecting KMTC shows how highly you value us." The Board Chairperson pledged to work closely with the county to operationalize the facility.

CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch thanked the Governor for seconding 15 staff members from the county to work at the College and announced that courses in Orthopaedic and Trauma Medicine, Medical Imaging Sciences, and Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) training would be introduced.

Board Directors Ms. Hardlyne Lusui and Mr. Paul Cheboi, Kapenguria Campus Principal Mr. Allan Ichaminya, staff, and students were also present.

KMTC Strengthens Global Health Partnerships to

Enhance Healthcare Training

n a significant move to reinforce its commitment to providing globally competitive healthcare training, KMTC has received a courtesy call from Dr. Nick Bass, Director of the Global Health Force Programme at East London Foundation Trust (ELFT), UK. Dr. Bass was accompanied by Ms. Florence Maina, Principal of KMTC Mathari campus, Mr. Sam Munga, In-Country Consultant Kenya for the Tropical Health Education Trust (THET), and Ms. Christina Nuli, Kenya Consultant for THET. They were received by KMTC CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch.

The visit highlights a crucial collaboration supported by the Small Grant SG 56 from THET. This initiative aims to link Kenya, the UK, Nigeria, and Ghana in addressing vital health concerns. In partnership with Kisii University and ELFT, KMTC Mathari campus is spearheading a program designed to scale integrated mental health training and provide ongoing support to non-specialist healthcare workers in primary care and oncology settings.

The grant will facilitate the training of 30 Trainers of Trainers (ToTs), 60 healthcare workers, and 60 community health promoters. These efforts are focused on strengthening health sys-



CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch (center) with Director of East London Foundation Trust Dr. Nick Bass (2nd left), In-Country Consultant for the Tropical Health Education Trust (THET) Mr. Sam Munga (2nd right), Kenya Consultant for THET Ms. Christine Nuli (right), and Mathare Campus Principal Ms. Florence Maina (left) during a courtesy visit to the CEO at KMTC Headquarters.

tems and improving overall population health outcomes, with an emphasis on both physical and mental health conditions.

This partnership and the subsequent training programs are expected to significantly enhance mental health services and support systems within the involved regions. It also aims to contribute to the development of a resilient health workforce in Kenya, Nigeria, and Ghana, supporting post-pandemic recovery and advancing towards universal health coverage.

CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch Tours Usaid Misingi Imara (UMI) Program



CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch (2nd left), USAID Misingi Imara (UMI) HRH Technical Officer Mr. Stephen Biwott (right), and KMTC staff during a visit to the UMI program office in Mombasa.

he College CEO, Dr. Kelly Oluoch on August 21, 2024, paid a courtesy visit to the USAID Misingi Imara (UMI) Program in Mombasa, where he received an update on the program's implementation.

During the visit, Dr. Oluoch also met with the UMI Program staff, who expressed their appreciation for his dedication to advancing healthcare in Kenya.

He reaffirmed his commitment to supporting the project, highlighting that KMTC remains open to partnerships in the healthcare field.

"Witnessing firsthand the dedication and impact of this program fuels my belief in the power of collaboration to transform the healthcare sector," Dr. Oluoch said.

The UMI program, funded by the United States Agency for International Development USAID Kenya is a three-year health systems strengthening initiative implemented by KMTC in partnership with Jhpiego and Living Goods, working closely with the Government of Kenya.

ACADEMICS CORNER

Pioneering Clinical Forensic Medicine Course to Enhance Healthcare Training and Justice System Integration

n alignment with our commitment to transforming health training on a global scale, the College, in partnership with Physicians for Human Rights (PHR), held a curriculum validation workshop for the new Higher Diploma in Clinical Forensic Medicine. The workshop brought together experts from the Ministry of Health, Clinical Officers Council, Office of the Director of Public Prosecution, Department of Criminal Investigation, County government forensic medicine specialists, and KMTC Technical Experts.

This specialized course, set to launch at KMTC Nairobi Campus this September, is designed to equip Clinical Officers with advanced skills in forensic medicine, effectively bridging the gap between healthcare and the justice system. The validation process is a critical step in ensuring the course meets the highest national and international standards, reflecting our dedication to providing cutting-edge training that empowers our students to excel in their professions



FILE PHOTO: Clinical Medicine students during a practical session.

KMTC undergoes ISO recertification audit by KEBS



he Kenya Medical Training College (KMTC) has completed a comprehensive ISO recertification audit conducted by the Kenya Bureau of Standards (KEBS) across its 15 campuses and headquarters.

The audit, which concluded on August 29, 2024, painted numerous positive findings, confirming the College's compliance with Quality Management Systems (QMS) and ISO 9001:2015 standards.

CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch expressed confidence in the process noting that KMTC's commitment to excellence is in its service delivery.

"Our adherence to ISO standards has ensured that we con-

tinuously improve our operations, benefiting staff and students. We are confident that this recertification will further solidify our place as a leading institution in healthcare training," he said.

A corrective action plan to address minor non-conformities has already been submitted to KEBS for review ahead of the final recertification decision.

Since first receiving ISO certification for its QMS in 2009, KMTC has diligently upheld the certification through rigorous adherence to the ISO 9001:2015 standards and other statutory requirements. Each ISO certification cycle spans three years, with recertification audits required before a new certificate can be issued.

The latest audit, conducted between June and August 2024, was essential as the current certificate, issued in 2021, is due to expire this year.

Dr. Oluoch emphasized the importance of such audits, noting, "These external assessments provide invaluable feedback, ensuring we not only meet but exceed international standards, driving continual improvement in our processes."

ISO certification has brought KMTC numerous benefits, including enhanced global recognition, operational efficiency, prudent resource management, strong record-keeping practices, evidence-based decision-making, and improved stakeholder engagement.

With the audit successfully concluded, KMTC remains confident in securing its recertification and looks forward to another three-year tenure under ISO certification.



Call for papers

KMTC International Journal of Health Professions



Opens: 28 May 2024

Closes: 28 November 2024

Editor-in-Chief: Dr. John Aswani

Special issue 1: Health professions education

This special issue aims to provide a platform for researchers, educators, and practitioners to share insights, experiences, and research findings that contribute to the advancement of health professions' education. We invite submissions of original research articles, reviews, case studies, and theoretical papers that address various aspects of health professions' education. The topics of interest include but are not limited to: teaching and learning methods, assessment, educational technology, curriculum design and development, faculty development and support, global perspectives and comparative studies, student experience and support.

Guest Editors: Dr. Marsellah Ogendo and Mr. Zachary Ombasa

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Authors should select the special issue call that they are responding to when uploading their article. We welcome original research articles, review articles, and perspective pieces. All submissions will be subject to double-blind peer review. Papers will be published online as they come and as they get accepted for publication

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Editor-in-Chief: Dr. John Aswani

Special issue 2: Transformative leadership for health systems

This special issue focuses on the role of leadership in strengthening health systems. We invite submissions of original research articles, reviews, case studies, and theoretical papers that address various aspects of leadership in health systems. The topics of interest include, but are not limited to: leadership theories and models, innovative leadership practices, impact on health outcomes, change management, challenges and solutions, leadership development and training, global perspectives

Guest Editors: Dr. Everlyn Nyamai and Mr. Ndegwa Mwanyoha

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Special issue 3: Research processes in health

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Guest Editors: Dr. Munyoki Nyamai and Ms. Winnie Moimet

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CAMPUS CORNER

Kakamega Alumni Gather to Strengthen Network



Kakamega Campus Alumni showcase their dancing skills during the launch of the Alumni Chapter.

In August 9, 2024, KMTC Kakamega witnessed a momentous event as alumni from various graduating classes converged on the campus grounds to build a robust and supportive alumni network. The gathering was marked by a spirit of unity and commitment to strengthening connections among former students.

The event was graced by the Chief Officer of Medical Services for Kakamega County, Dr. David Alila, who was the chief guest. His participation underscored the significance of the alumni's role in the broader healthcare community and highlighted the continuing impact of KMTC graduates.

The College's Resource Mobilization Manager Mr. Job Nyakado represented the CEO and delivered a speech on his behalf, reflecting the institution's ongoing support for its alumni. The Head of Alumni Relations Mr. Amos Kipsumbai was also in attendance, contributing to the discussions on future initiatives and the importance of maintaining a strong alumni net-

Also in attendance was the area Member of the County Assembly Mr. David Igunza, who emphasized the crucial role of community engagement and support in the growth of the alumni network.

KMTC Kakamega's Management led by the Principal Dr. James Mailu reaffirmed their commitment to supporting the alumni association, ensuring that former students have the resources and connections needed to thrive in their professional endeavors. The day's discussions and interactions laid a solid foundation for future collaboration and mutual support among KMTC Kakamega alumni.

This gathering marked a significant step towards fostering a vibrant and interconnected alumni community, reflecting the ongoing dedication of KMTC Kakamega to its graduates and their continued success.

PICTORIAL



KMTC Mbooni receives skills lab equipment in preparation for mounting nursing programme.

Mombasa campus hosted the 3rd annual morticians and allied professionals



Mombasa Campus Principal Dr. Jacinta Mukonzo at the Morticians and Allied Professionals Association Conference in Mombasa.



Kwale and Msambweni campuses during the PEPEA scholarship program career mentorship.

A ssociation Kenya (MAPAKe) Conference from August 12th to 15th, 2024. The event was a resounding success, showcasing the exceptional talent and innovative ideas of KMTC students from Mombasa, Nairobi, and Kisumu campuses. Their presentations were both thought-provoking and insightful, contributing significantly to the conference's success.

Throughout the conference, the Campuses engaged in productive discussions about forming strategic partnerships with MAPAKe, focusing on the development and training of highly skilled, fit-for-purpose morticians. These discussions have laid a strong foundation for future collaborations and advancements in this field.

MAPAKe is a dynamic union dedicated to uniting morticians across the industry to foster professional growth and enhance the quality-of-service delivery. Their mission is to bring together all morticians, providing a collaborative platform for sharing best practices, advancing professional standards, and driving innovations that elevate the field. Through continuous learning, mutual support, and a shared commitment to excellence, MAPAKe strives to ensure that every member contributes to a higher standard of service in the mortuary profession.

Looking ahead, the College is enthusiastic about the prospects of expanding the scope of engagement and collaboration. These includes a proposal to host the next MAPAKe international science conference, aiming to attract a global audience and further enhance the College's impact in the industry.

Nyahururu Campus Signs MoU With Dove International Wellness Centre



Nyahururu Campus Principal Mr. Ezekiel Kombech (2nd right) with Dove International officials during signing a Memorandum of Understanding.

n a significant milestone for mental health education, Dove International Wellness Centre signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Nyahururu Campus. This strategic partnership aims to provide KMTC students with valuable opportunities through internship and exchange programs at Dove International Wellness Centre.

The collaboration focuses on enhancing practical skills in mental health care, rehabilitation, and wellness, ensuring that the next generation of healthcare professionals gains hands-on experience. Dove International Wellness Centre is dedicated to fostering education and a deeper understanding of mental health, equipping future healthcare leaders to serve the community with excellence.

This partnership marks a pivotal step in shaping the future of mental health care in Kenya, as Dove International and KMTC work together to empower healthcare professionals with the skills and knowledge needed for the sector.

Construction of Second Phase of Three Storey Classroom Block Ongoing in Mbooni

A t KMTC Mbooni, construction is progressing steadily on the second phase of a new three-storey classroom block. This development represents a significant milestone in the campus's expansion and infrastructure enhancement efforts.

The second phase of construction is a crucial step in realizing the campus's vision for improved educational facilities.



Mbooni Campus tuition block under construction.

The new classroom block will provide additional space to accommodate a growing number of students and support an enhanced learning environment. The three-storey structure is designed to offer modern and versatile learning spaces, equipped with the latest amenities to support both students and faculty.

As the construction progresses, the campus community is eagerly anticipating the benefits that this new facility will bring. The expanded classroom space will not only address current space needs but also position KMTC Mbooni for future growth and development.

Nursing Council Visits to Nyahururu



KMTC staff and Nursing Council of Kenya officials during a visit to Nyahururu Campus.

ollowing a successful intake of nursing students, KMTC Nyahururu hosted a team from the Nursing Council of Kenya, Standards Department. The purpose of the visit was to evaluate their readiness for approval to conduct a second intake of nursing students.

Nyahururu Campus expressed their heartfelt gratitude to Dr. Kelly, the CEO, for his invaluable support in facilitating this important process. His efforts were instrumental in ensuring the smooth execution of the NCK's evaluation.

KMTC Nyahururu now looks forward to the possibility of expanding their student intake and continuing their commitment to delivering exceptional nursing education.

Awendo Access Road Graded

In collaboration with the County Government of Migori, KMTC Awendo Campus now benefits from a newly gravelled and improved half-kilometer access road, enhancing accessibility for students and staff.



Awendo Campus access road.

TRANSITIONS

W ith profound sadness, the KMTC community mourns the sudden loss of Mr. Collins Anubi Sirigoi, a dedicated staff member at Vihiga Campus, and Mr. William Noah Mwai, a student from Makindu Campus. Their passing is a tremendous loss to the College. They will be deeply missed by all who knew them and the entire College.

We extend our heartfelt condolences to their families, friends, and colleagues during this difficult time.









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