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Machakos University Celebrates a Vibrant and Inclusive Cultural Week



Machakos University came alive from November 17th -21st , 2025, as the Students Association of Machakos University (SAMU) hosted a colourful and energetic Cultural Week under the theme “Co-Creating Sustainable Connections.” The annual festival showcased the rich diversity, creativity, and talent within the student community. The week opened with a lively ceremony featuring TikTok challenges, poetry, and spoken-word performances. Tuesday’s programme highlighted drama, acrobatics, art, and karate, while Wednesday brought a nostalgic twist with a Vintage Wear theme, a standout fashion show, and performances by emerging student artists.

Thursday’s Inter-Community Day was a celebration of heritage, with cultural dances, traditional foods, and displays of unique artifacts that reflected Kenya’s and Africa’s rich traditions. The festival will conclude on Friday evening with the Mr. and Miss Machakos University pageant and a high-energy concert that will lit up the campus until dawn. SAMU praised the week as a powerful expression of unity and creativity, reinforcing Cultural Week as one of the university’s most anticipated and impactful events.



Highlights



Cultural



Week



Machakos University's President's Award Club Recognized as National Leader in Youth Development Empowerment

Machakos University has received regional acclaim after its President's Award Club an affiliate of the Duke of Edinburgh International Award, was recognized for hosting the highest number of student volunteers in the Eastern Region.

The recognition followed a progress monitoring visit from the National Head Office, led by Ms. Wambui Matheri, the Eastern Region Coordinator of the President's Award. She was accompanied by her team and officially received at the university by Prof. Charles Ombuki, representing the Vice-Chancellor, alongside Ms. Caroline Karani who is the PA coordinator at MksU.

During the visit, the officials toured various club activities, interacted with student volunteers, and reviewed the club's structure and impact. They commended Machakos University for its strong dedication to nurturing responsible, skilled, and community-driven young people.

A club representative highlighted the unique value of the program, noting that the President's Award remains a powerful platform for developing well-rounded youth



Prof. Charles Ombuki receiving a gift from Ms. Wambui Matheri, on behalf of the Vice Chancellor

The President's Award Club at Machakos University focuses on holistic youth development for individuals aged 14–24, equipping them with essential life skills, leadership abilities, and community service values. In alignment with modern trends, the club has also introduced training in emerging competencies, such as coding, to ensure students are prepared for a dynamic global job market.

Ms. Matheri expressed satisfaction with the club's remarkable progress, applauding the students' enthusiasm, discipline, and commitment to personal growth. She encouraged the club leadership and members to continue strengthening their culture of service and innovation.

Machakos University's continued success with the President's Award program underscores the institution's dedication to empowering young people and strengthening community impact across the region.



Ms. Wambui Matheri, with volunteers of the presidential awards club



MksU Forges Dynamic New Partnership with Tianjin City Vocational College

In a landmark event for international education collaboration, Prof. Joyce Agalo, Vice Chancellor of Machakos University (MksU), formally welcomed a high-level delegation from China, led by Prof. Cui Fengmei, Vice Chancellor of Tianjin City Vocational College, and official Mr. Lui Yanbin. The occasion was a dinner at Letechnisch Hotel on Thursday, 20th November 2025, held under the theme "Strengthening Partnerships for Development."

The cornerstone of this workshop will be the implementation of the innovative EPIP (Exploration, Practice, Integration, Progress) Teaching Model in strategic fields such as Cloud Computing and Information Security.

In her remarks, Prof. Joyce Agalo highlighted the transformative potential of this partnership. "The establishment of the Luban Workshop, centered on the EPIP model, is a game-changer for practical education in Kenya. This collaboration with our esteemed partners from Tianjin moves beyond theory, ensuring our students gain the hands-on, industry-ready skills required to thrive in the digital economy and contribute meaningfully to Kenya's development agenda."



Exchanging of gifts between Prof. Joyce Agalo, right and Prof. Cui Fengmei



Prof. Cui Fengmei of Tianjin City Vocational College emphasized the Luban Workshop's role in building a skilled workforce. "The Luban Initiative is built on the principle of sharing practical knowledge and fostering innovation. We are confident that the EPIP model, integrated through this workshop, will equip Machakos University students with exceptional technical proficiency and problem-solving capabilities, setting a new standard for vocational excellence in the region."

The evening included a ceremonial exchange of gifts, symbolizing the long-term commitment between the two institutions.

This partnership, operationalized through the Luban Workshop and the EPIP model, positions Machakos University as a pioneer in practical, industry-aligned education, directly fulfilling its mission of "Co-Creating Sustainable Futures."



Featured Researcher in the School of Humanities and Social Sciences

Dr. Fred Siambe Omweri is a seasoned academic and public policy scholar whose work spans the domains of governance reform, institutional performance, and indigenous knowledge systems. He currently serves as a Lecturer in the Department of Social Sciences at Machakos University, Kenya, where he also holds the role of Examinations and Timetable Coordinator.

His academic journey reflects a deep commitment to interdisciplinary inquiry, combining empirical rigor with culturally grounded analysis.

Dr. Siambe holds a Doctor of Philosophy in Public Policy and Management from Kenyatta University, a Master of Arts in Public Administration and Public Policy from Kisii University, and dual qualifications in Education from Bugema University, Uganda. His scholarly work is distinguished by its thematic breadth and methodological depth, often integrating qualitative and policy-oriented approaches to address complex governance challenges in East Africa.

His research interests include public sector remuneration and compensation frameworks, organizational performance and institutional effectiveness, youth-led policy advocacy, and democratic governance. He is particularly invested in comparative decentralization and participatory governance across East African contexts, as well as the implementation of e-government systems and the implications of digital bureaucracy. His work further extends to climate policy, health systems, and the alignment of public administration with Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 16.6 on effective, accountable institutions.





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Programmes

1. MSc in IT areas of
Specializations:

Artificial Intelligence

Information Systems Security

Cloud Computing

2. MSc Computer Science areas
of Specialization

Distributed Systems

Artificial Intelligence

Computer Security

Navigate to Entry

Requirements:

<https://set.mksu.ac.ke/admissions/>

Upcoming events.

Machakos University 7th International Conference

Tentative: May, 2026.

More details on the Call, Theme
and Sub-themes to follow.



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