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Machakos University Commissions Modern Internal Roads Network



Machakos University officially commissioned its newly completed Internal Roads Network Project at the University Hotel and Conference Centre, marking another milestone in the University's commitment to modernizing campus infrastructure and enhancing the quality of its physical environment. The project reflects the institution's vision of creating a safe, accessible, and sustainable campus that supports learning, research, and innovation.

The project was officially commissioned by the Chairperson of the University Council, Dr. Peter Maangi Mitiambo, and comprises modern parking facilities, improved drainage systems, well-marked roads, pedestrian-friendly walkways, and landscaped surroundings. These upgrades are expected to improve mobility, enhance safety, and provide a more convenient and welcoming environment for students, staff, and visitors.



Speaking during the commissioning, University leaders reaffirmed their commitment to investing in infrastructure that supports the University's long-term growth and responds to the evolving needs of the University community. The improvements are part of broader efforts to create a modern campus that promotes efficiency, accessibility, and environmental sustainability.

Looking ahead, the University plans to expand the project through the installation of a solar-powered parking canopy and additional upgrades to its internal road network. The initiative underscores Machakos University's continued commitment to smart infrastructure, sustainable development, and providing a world-class environment that fosters academic excellence and innovation.

Welcome Message to First-Year Students – August 2026 Intake.

On behalf of Machakos University, I warmly welcome you as you prepare to join our vibrant academic community this August. Congratulations on earning your place at one of Kenya's leading institutions of higher learning. We are delighted to have you become part of the Machakos University family. As you prepare to begin your academic journey, I would like to inform you that Machakos University adopts a blended mode of teaching and learning, combining face-to-face instruction with online learning. This flexible approach enables students to enjoy the benefits of classroom interaction while leveraging digital technologies to enhance learning. The University's online teaching and learning journey began in 2020 during the COVID-19 pandemic. Since then, we have continuously strengthened our digital learning ecosystem to provide a flexible, engaging, and high-quality educational experience for all our students.

Over the years, the University has successfully utilized an open-source Moodle Learning Management System (LMS) to support teaching and learning. As part of our commitment to continuous improvement and digital transformation, we are pleased to introduce a new, modern Learning Management System equipped with enhanced features and advanced functionalities designed to support 21st-century teaching and learning. This next-generation platform will provide a more interactive, user-friendly, and engaging learning experience for both students and lecturers.

DEAR FUTURE ENGINEERS

To fully participate in this digital learning environment, all first-year students are required to report with a laptop during admission. A personal laptop is an essential academic tool that will enable you to access learning materials, attend online classes, submit assignments, participate in discussions, undertake assessments, and collaborate effectively with your lecturers and fellow students. To ensure a smooth transition into university life, all freshers will undergo comprehensive training on the University's Learning Management System and digital learning environment during orientation. This training will equip you with the knowledge, skills, and confidence needed to succeed in a blended learning environment from your very first semester.

At Machakos University, we believe that the future is digital. Digital transformation is central to our teaching, learning, research, innovation, and service delivery. We are committed to equipping our students with the digital competencies required to solve real-world problems and thrive in an increasingly technology-driven global environment. As you embark on this exciting academic journey, I encourage you to embrace technology, remain curious, work hard, and make the most of the many opportunities available at Machakos University. Your university experience will shape not only your career but also your ability to innovate, lead, and make a positive impact on society.

Welcome to Machakos University, where knowledge, innovation, and digital transformation shape the future.

Prof. Kibet Peter Koech
Director, Open and Distance Learning (ODEL) Machakos University

Strengthening Learning Through Strategic Partnership

Machakos University received a donation of 29 medical textbooks from Educate Yourself Ltd, reaffirming its commitment to strengthening teaching, learning, and research through meaningful strategic partnerships. The books were officially received by Mr. Mark Mwendwa, Head of the University's Library Technical Section, on behalf of the institution.

The donation significantly enriches the University's medical library collection, providing students, researchers, and academic staff in health-related disciplines with access to current and relevant reference materials that support quality teaching, evidence-based learning, and scholarly research. The additional resources will play an important role in enhancing the academic experience by equipping learners with up-to-date knowledge and strengthening the University's capacity to deliver quality education.

Speaking during the handover, the University acknowledged the importance of partnerships in expanding access to educational resources and creating an enabling environment for academic excellence. Such collaborations complement the University's ongoing efforts to develop a modern, resource-rich library that meets the evolving needs of students and faculty.

Machakos University extends its sincere appreciation to Educate Yourself Ltd for its generous contribution and continued support of higher education. The donation reflects a shared commitment to advancing knowledge, promoting lifelong learning, and empowering future healthcare professionals through access to quality learning resources.



Fig. 1.1: Medical textbooks donated to Machakos University by Educate Yourself Ltd.



Fig. 1.2



Fig. 1.3

KUSU Machakos University Branch Highlights Milestones in Staff Welfare and Institutional Collaboration

The Kenya Universities Staff Union (KUSU), Machakos University Branch, held its 6th Annual General Meeting on 31st July 2026, providing an opportunity to reflect on key milestones achieved through constructive engagement between the Union and the University. The meeting underscored the value of collaboration, social dialogue, and collective bargaining in promoting staff welfare and institutional growth. Among the notable achievements highlighted was the promotion of staff members, exceeding the initial target identified under the NITA Promotions Report.

The Branch Officials commended the University Council, Management, and the Human Resource Department for facilitating the process, describing it as a significant step in supporting career progression and recognizing staff excellence. The report also acknowledged the University's efforts made in the implementation of the National Collective Bargaining Agreements and the ongoing negotiations towards concluding the Local Collective Bargaining Agreement were recognized as important milestones in enhancing staff welfare.

The meeting further noted the positive working relationship between the University Management and the Union, emphasizing that continued dialogue, mutual respect, and partnership remain essential in fostering a conducive working environment and advancing the University's strategic objectives. As the Branch looks ahead, it reaffirmed its commitment to working collaboratively with the University to promote staff development, strengthen industrial harmony, and support initiatives that contribute to the continued growth and success of Machakos University.



Mr. Anthony Wambua, Chairperson, KUSU Machakos University Branch.



KUSU officials during the AGM

Dear Future Engineers,

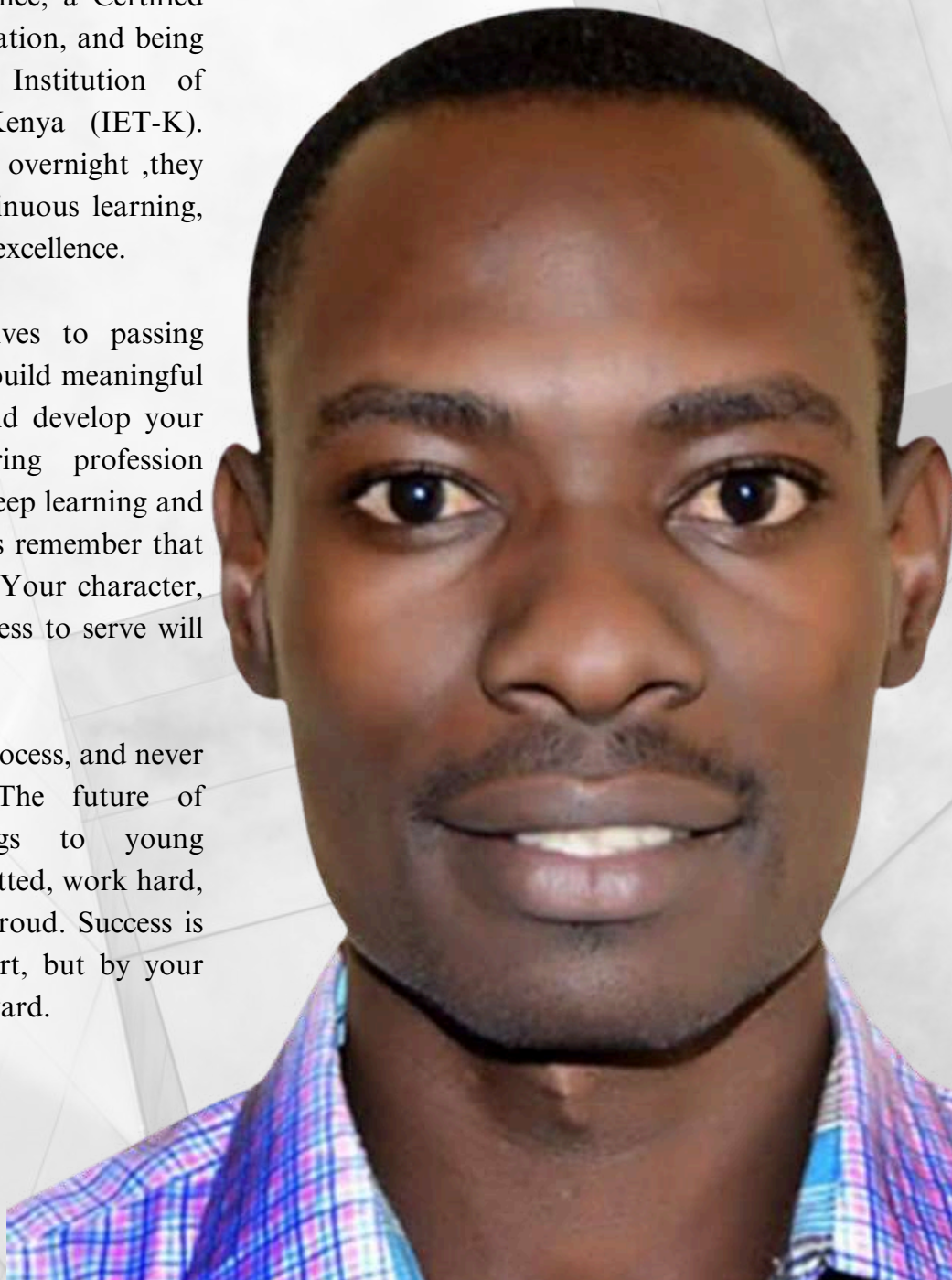
My name is Brian Were, a proud alumnus of Machakos University, having graduated from the School of Engineering in 2015. The journey through engineering is never easy, but I want to encourage you to remain focused, disciplined, and determined. Every challenge you face in class, every practical session, and every project is shaping you into the professional the industry needs.

Today, I am privileged to serve as an Electrical Engineer, holding an EPRA Licence, a Certified NCA Electrical Supervisor certification, and being a registered member of the Institution of Engineering Technologists of Kenya (IET-K). These achievements did not come overnight, they are the result of hard work, continuous learning, and a commitment to professional excellence.

As students, don't limit yourselves to passing exams. Seek practical experience, build meaningful networks, embrace innovation, and develop your leadership skills. The engineering profession rewards those who are willing to keep learning and adapt to new technologies. Always remember that your degree is just the beginning. Your character, work ethic, integrity, and willingness to serve will define your career.

Believe in your dreams, trust the process, and never underestimate your potential. The future of engineering in Kenya belongs to young professionals like you. Stay committed, work hard, and make Machakos University proud. Success is not determined by where you start, but by your determination to keep moving forward.

*Brian Were, alumnus of the School of Engineering,
Machakos University, Class of 2015.*



Machakos University Mourns the Passing of Dr. Vijoo Rattansi



The late Dr. Vijoo Rattansi, former Chancellor of the University of Nairobi.

Machakos University joins the academic fraternity and the nation in mourning the passing of Dr. Vijoo Rattansi, a distinguished leader whose life was defined by compassion, service, and an unwavering commitment to education. Dr. Rattansi was a beacon of hope for countless students. Through her family scholarship initiatives under the RET, she extended a lifeline to needy learners, ensuring that financial hardship did not hinder their pursuit of knowledge.

Her generosity opened doors of opportunity and transformed futures, leaving an indelible mark on Kenya's higher education landscape.

Her impact has been felt at Machakos University, where her scholarship support continues to uplift needy students year after year. By sustaining this commitment, she enabled many of our learners to pursue their studies with dignity and determination.

Her ongoing support strengthened our mission of inclusivity and excellence, and her contributions remain a cherished part of our institutional journey.

Beyond scholarships, she has also greatly enriched our library resources, ensuring that students and faculty had access to knowledge that empowers academic growth and research.

As we grieve this profound loss, Machakos University extends heartfelt condolences to her family, friends, and all who were touched by her remarkable life. We stand in solidarity during this time of mourning and remain committed to advancing the ideals she so passionately championed.

She was a personal friend and mentor to me.

***PROF. JOYCE J. AGALO, Ph.D.
VICE -CHANCELLOR***

UPCOMING EVENTS

Upcoming: Machakos University Students Choir to Participate in the 2026 Kenya Music Festivals. The Choir is set to participate in the 2026 Kenya Music Festivals, scheduled to take place at Kibabii University, Bungoma County, from 1st to 11th August 2026.

During the festival, the choir will showcase its talent through a diverse repertoire that includes:

- Two choral verses
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