



MASINDE MULIRO UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

VICE CHANCELLOR'S WEEKLY ROUND-UP FOR THE WEEK ENDING FRIDAY 9TH JULY 2021)

- The Governor, Kakamega County, H.E Hon. Wycliffe Ambetsa Oparanya paid a goodwill visit to the University on Thursday, 8th July 2021.
- The University has received the first disbursement of KShs 50 million from the Government towards the construction of the MMUST Engineering and TVET Complex. The advertisement for tender is set to run this week. Groundbreaking for the same will also take place soon.
- The Award of Contract for the University Olympic-size swimming pool and bridge has been done. Contractors are expected to be on the ground soon.
- The University hosted a one-week 2021 Hands-on Plant-Molecular Bio-Laboratory Training Workshop for African Agricultural Researchers in collaboration with the University of Cambridge and JR Biotek Foundation. The Workshop was part of the 'Reach and Teach Science in Africa' projects by JR Biotek Foundation.

The mandate of the Foundation is to strengthen Research and Innovation in Sub-Saharan Africa through capacity building for young African scientists. The Intensive training took place in the University's fully equipped Biotechnology Lab and was

enhanced through virtual lectures by Dr. Leonie Luginbuel and Gregory Reeves, PhD from University of Cambridge.

- MMUST Scholars, led by Prof. Peter Bukhala(P.I) and Co. P.I's Dr. Damaris Ochanda, Mr. John Arudo and Dr. Donald Kokonya, carried out a Training of Trainers(T.O.T) on implementation of physical activities at household level for community based volunteers at Bukhungu Stadium, Kakamega County. This is part of the implementation of the *'Home-based Physical Activities Model for improving mental well-being of Kakamega County Residents during COVID-19 Pandemic'* URF Funded Project.
- Sixteen (16) MMUST Scholars have gone through Research Management Training by SARIMA (Southern Africa Research Innovation and Management Association) and BRECCIA (Building Research Capacity for Sustainable Water and Food Security in drylands of Sub-Saharan Africa) project. The scholars were nominated via the MMUST BRECCIA team through a process managed by BRECCIA project, University of Southampton-UoS.

The BRECCIA consortia brings together Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology (MMUST), University of Southampton-UoS (UK), University of Nairobi (UoN), Technical University of Kenya (TUK), Kenyatta University (KU), University of Ghana, University of Malawi and eight (8) other International Institutions.

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