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Dear MMUST Community!

Welcome to Issue 12 of the MMUST NewsPost.

Special about this Edition is that it marks our 23rd issue since the Launch of the First Issue on 16th September 2018!!!

In this Edition we cover the exciting Annual Cultural Week christened "Tamasha"

We also update you of various collaborations the University is undertaking towards achieving a Global University of Choice.
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Huduma Namba Registration Campaign Hits MMUST

By Wangari Mary Wambugu

The National Integrated Identity Management System (NIIMS) Huduma Namba registration is ongoing country wide with the deadline set for 17th May, 2019. NIIMS is a mass biometric system of registration that has been introduced by the government to create, manage and store data of the Kenyan citizens aged six (6) years and above.

In Kenya, one is obligated to carry along many government documents to acquire different services. The Kenyan administration hence settled on wrapping all this data into a single source that requires one card in identifying a person. The Huduma Namba will now function as a unique proof of identity. This number will be crucial as no government services, such as registering, renewing or replacing national identity cards, attaining a birth certificate and applying or renewing driving licenses, will be availed without it.

The registration team was in Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology from 18th to 19th April 2019 to help register the University staff, some of whom brought their children, and students. The requirements for registration are;

- Birth certificate
- NHIF
- NSSF
- KRA pin
- Driving license
- National identification card (ID)
- Physical presence

During the registration, one is required to fill a form in the following fields;

- Nationality
- Biodata information
- Parent/guardian information
- Birthplace
- Marital status
- Educational particulars
- Occupation
- Agricultural information

A photograph of two men in business suits standing and looking at a document together. The man on the left is white with grey hair, smiling, and holding the document. The man on the right is Black with glasses, also smiling, and pointing at the document. They are in an office setting with a window and curtains in the background.

MMUST Continues to Enhance Quality Education through Collaborations

By Wangari Mary Wambugu

Consistent with the cordial and cooperative bilateral relationship between Canada and Kenya, and in order to foster additional academic and scholarly collaborations between the two countries, Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology, through the School of Public Health, Biomedical Sciences and Technology (SPHBST) and the School of Medicine (SOM), signed a Memorandum of Understanding with University of Saskatchewan (referred to as U of Sask), on Thursday 18th April, 2019.

The team from U of Sask was led by Dr. Steven Jones, an Executive Director in the School of Public Health in that institution. Dr. Jones is one of the Canadians associated with the discovery of Ebola vaccine which has been used in Congo to control an outbreak of the deadly disease. Also, from U of Sask, was Dr. Diane Martz, Co- PI and Director International Research and Partnerships.

The MOU, which will remain in force for five (5) years from the date it was signed, will involve the following activities;

- Exchange, training and internship opportunities for students, faculty and staff
- Introduction of new curricula
- Joint research projects
- Exchange of publications and training materials
- Development of joint academic programming

The primary area of focus of this agreement is to promote technical as well as human capacity building in the field of public health and medicine. Of particular interest is the comparative impact of health inequity in urban, rural and remote communities in Saskatchewan and Kenya, paying close attention to the impact of infectious diseases such as HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, as well as food and water security. Sickle Cell Anaemia is also an issue of common concern. Health systems strengthening and leadership development will form an essential curriculum for joint development.

Also present during the signing were; Ag. Vice Chancellor, Prof. Joseph Bosire, Ag. Deputy Vice Chancellor Planning, Research and Innovation, Prof. Charles Mutai, Prof Aggrey Oloo and Ag. Legal Officer, Ms. Linda Omenya

A group of MMUST students in white lab coats and gloves are participating in a waste management exercise. They are using tools like shovels and wheelbarrows to collect and dispose of waste. The background shows a building with arches and the words "Students' Centre" visible.

MMUST students Conduct Waste Management Exercise within the University

By Sandra Dorcas Awuor

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Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology (MMUST) students from the Department of Health Promotion and Education conducted a cleanup exercise within the University on 17th April, 2019.

The exercise involved collecting and wheeling litter to strategic garbage collection sites and grass cutting, especially in bushy areas around the Main Catering Unit(MCU), Students' Center and the Graduation Square.

MMUST Public Health Officer, Mr. Cheboi, said that staff and students should be responsible for their environment. He urged staff and students to take waste management seriously and make it their mandate to ensure proper disposal and collection of garbage in their places of work and study. He added that some of the waste bins within the University were in irreparable state, hence a contributing factor to the littering and poor waste disposal.

Mr. Cheboi emphasized on the poor waste management at the Students' Centre, which is a place of businesses such as hotels and shops.

"The students who own businesses here should take up more active roles in proper disposal and management of waste because poor hygiene can easily lead to transmission of diseases," he said.

Speaking to Patrick Esinyen, one of the students who took part in the exercise, he said that they received a lot of support from their departmental chair, Dr. Bukhala, who liaised with the Public Health Officer to ensure that the day was a success.

"We realized that waste disposal and management is very poor at strategic areas of the University such as the Students' Centre. This is what motivated us to come together for this cleaning exercise," said Esinyen.

He also said that there is need for improvement of hygiene and waste disposal in the students' hostels and their environs.

The 30 students were provided with wheelbarrows, slashers, gloves and tractors which were useful for the cleaning exercise.



The 2019 MMUST Tamasha in a Nutshell

By Victor Mukoshi

A time comes when the daily inflow of comrades into campus begins to rise. They will be wearing friendly faces; smiles from one corner of their faces to the other, walking with a spring in their step among other jovial involuntary illustrations.

Well, you may note a few beans in the maize since others may seem stranded and less cheerful. Let's assume the pressures from class is the cause of that. Although we know too well that many times academics is the least of most comrades' worries. For instance, you'd hear some say, "Bwana baridi imezidi." It's definitely not cold in class, is it?

When you begin to note all these and the air in and around campus smells less of books and more of expectance, then you need not wait to be told that a major event is on the way. It is none other than The Cultural Week, otherwise known as **Tamasha**.

Last week was a week to remember as it was the week that the 2019 Tamasha Event went down. The series of events that make up the cultural week began on the 10th all the way to its climatic end on the night of the 13th of April.

The theme of the Cultural Week was 'Recognizing and celebrating our heritage and diversity for the attainment of the big four agenda.'

The icons to be watched in the Tamasha Event were Mr. Flex and Miss Jumbo and pageants, Mr. and Miss MMUST.

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So here is a breakdown of how the most anticipated for event in Masinde Muliro Campus went down.

Day 1, Wednesday

The Cultural Week kicked off on this day. The opening of the event was melodiously graced by the MMUST Brass Band and The Team 1 Talented GYG PoP Band at the Graduation Square. It was then followed by interdenominational prayers with various university officials led by a Deputy Vice Chancellor and members of the senate present.

Day 2, Thursday

The number of attendees began to shoot as comrades gathered to watch the event as it unfolded in many colours that involved tons of entertainment. Among the colours was the showcase of talent which presented once again just how much MMUST is favoured with talented comrades.

Day 3, Friday

Being a Friday, the event had to go on a bowling spree. This day had hundreds of comrades get a personal taste of the Cultural Week bowling ball because, well, it had everything to do with the diverse Kenyan cultures that we are all a part of.

Each one of the 14 clusters of cultures did their best to outshine the other through exhibitions of how well they know and cherish their culture and traditions. The fruits of these exhibitions fell on G Square in forms of busaa, nyama choma and oruji among other traditional delicacies. Dancing, singing and traditional chants was the vibe of the day.

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Friday night

The night is usually saved for the crowns in the Tamasha Events. The setting up of the performance stage delayed the commencement of the night's program. However, the night caught fire just in time courtesy of MC Vic and MC Jeff in collaboration with a number of DJs; Vamda 254 and Ray The Big Popper; just to name a few.

The psych of the crowd was ignited when the MCs sought for a dancer with a fire waist. Oh you bet they found one Mercy, a first year who made the hit song Tetema to be the song to remember her with. Seeing that it was the night to crown Miss Jumbo, the psych went a notch higher when the crowd was fed with Jumbo models including the former Miss Jumbo - to raise the curtains for the night.

Then one by one this year's five Miss Jumbo contestants were called to the stage as they cat walked their mightily blessed bodies.

The able bodied flexors came later with oiled bodies to showcase what their affair with the gym has been all about.

Two time Flex champion, Samuel Mbeche was crowned Mr. Flex 2019 for the third time in a row.

The surprise win came from Jelagat Kosgey, a first year, Disaster Management student as Miss Jumbo 2019.

The Prom Night at MCU had Tommy Lee and Njeri Odhiambo crowned as King and Queen of Prom.

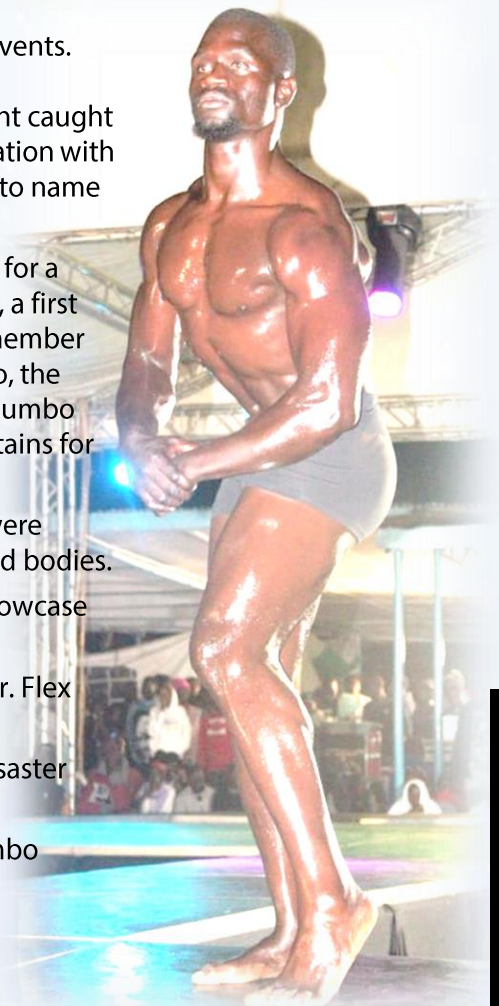




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Day 4, Saturday

The peak of the cultural exhibitions came on Saturday when enormous beasts in the name of bulls were marched into the MMUST grounds. The battle of the animal kingdom saw a bull nicknamed Bahati carry the day on its horns.

Saturday night

The climax of all climaxes you might say. All roads led to G Square on Saturday night and by 9.30PM, the show had began officially. The great mantle of propelling the energy of the crowd was upon the popular MC Warren who did a tremendous job alongside MC Jeff.

On the judges' bench where the fate of 13 female and 9 male pageants sat was Sylvester Okoth (Mr. Peace - Nairobi County), Victoria Imelda (Miss Tourism - Vihiga County), Mary (Miss Environment - Meru County) and Benita Ogega (Miss Tourism Kenya - Nyamira County and former Miss MMUST.)

The male and female finalists were shortlisted after several tireless trips on the runway.

The judges announced the new Mr. And Miss MMUST as Samuel Doe and Wairimu Mwangi.

Samuel is a 3rd year, nursing student and Wairimu is a 3rd year Disaster Management student.

However amidst elations were foul cries that the final results had been rigged. The top male pageantry position is still disputed until further notice.

The thick competitive atmosphere was cleared away when the big guest of the night, the Kansoul's one and only Meija took the stage by storm. All feet swang in the air to the 'Kufa Juu' hit song that doesn't seem to grow old.



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