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MKU signs partnership deal with Machakos Level 5 Hospital

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Mount Kenya University (MKU) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Machakos Level 5 Hospital.

The MoU, which comes as the university is preparing to admit its pioneer class of the School of Medicine, covers several mutually beneficial areas. Staff and students from the MKU Schools of Medicine, Health Sciences, Pharmacy, Nursing and Pure and Applied Sciences, will use Machakos Hospital for teaching, research, clinical and public health practice. Students will also get practical attachment at the Hospital. In return, MKU will support the Hospital in staff capacity development, as well as grant access to its facilities notably the library, laboratories, classes, sports field and other amenities.

During the signing of the MoU at Thika Main Campus today, MKU Vice-Chancellor Prof. Stanley Waudu said the new deal accentuates the university's reputation as a pacesetter in establishing industrial linkages.

"By establishing more industrial linkages and partnerships, we are setting the pace for other universities on the importance of sharing knowledge, human resource and academic infrastructure so as to confront the challenges that face our society."

MKU has existing linkages with Thika Level 5 Hospital, Kiambu County Assembly, National Museums of Kenya and Kenya Forestry Research Institute, among others.

“This MoU is further proof of the universal recognition of our academic programmes,” said MKU Vice-Chancellor Prof. Stanley Waudu. Early this year, MKU in partnership with Thika Level 5 Hospital, opened the Ksh300 million General Kago Road Funeral Home/Anatomy lab in Kiambu County. The anatomy lab paved the way for accreditation of the MKU School of Medicine by the Medical Practitioners and Dentists Board.

Prof. Kimathi Kigatiira, Dean, MKU School of Medicine said the MoU with Machakos Level 5 Hospital will give more practical exposure to the MKU students. “The role of universities is to train and conduct research which will lead to generation of new knowledge. This MoU provides yet another platform to enhance this training.” He added that with the increased capacity to train medical students, MKU will increase the number of students it admits to the School of Medicine.

The MoU will be valid for a period of 15 years.

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About Mount Kenya University

Mount Kenya University is a Chartered university operating as a non-profit making institution of higher learning in East Africa. The university has its main campus in Thika town, 45 kilometres North East of Kenya’s capital Nairobi. It has other campuses in Nairobi, Nakuru, Kakamega, Kitale, Lodwar, Kabarnet, Eldoret, Kisii, Mombasa, Nkubu, Kigali (Rwanda) and Hargeisa (Somaliland). The university is among the top 10 universities and the leading private university in science and technology in East Africa. Its service delivery is guided by the ISO 9001: 2008 international certification. The university provides a stimulating learning environment through an innovative student-based and quality driven approach to teaching and learning. We ensure that our students enjoy a rich, highly interactive and personalised learning environment, which is essential in the realisation of one’s potential and preparation for the future. Those who choose Mount Kenya University get access to a wide-range of courses that form a springboard to a sea of opportunities. We seek to promote a record of achievement and success in academic excellence and job prospects. To enable our students realise their lifetime agenda, we

have invested heavily in facilities and staff. Mount Kenya University is on the forefront in using Information and Communications Technology to support learning and teaching. We have blended the use of e-learning with traditional learning and teaching values to give our students a flexible and dynamic learning experience. Our aim is to become a leading centre of academic excellence and a preferred destination for all those who aspire for an academically fulfilling experience. Recently, the university, which received a Charter on January 26, 2011, was admitted to the Association of Commonwealth Universities.

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