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Cabinet Secretary Officially opens KEWI's Water Resource Centre



Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Water, Sanitation & Irrigation Hon. Zacharia M. Njeru (centre), when he officially opened The Water Resource Centre.

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In a momentous occasion, Kenya Water Institute marked a significant milestone in its pursuit of excellence and sustainability as the Cabinet Secretary Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation, Hon. Zacharia Mwangi Njeru

officially inaugurated the state-of-the-art Water Resource Center during the 35th Graduation Ceremony.

This center, designed to accommodate guests and serve as an income-generating hub, stands as a testament to the institute's commitment to environmental stewardship and

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community development.

The state-of-the-art facility which stands as a testament to the institutes' commitment to excellence in water management and research boasts of a total 63 rooms spanning the three meticulously designed floors, with each floor accommodating 21 rooms

Within this impressive facility, visitors will find a carefully curate rooms catering to diverse needs of the wide base of its clientele. The majestic building is home to four exclusive and strategically appointed executive rooms.

These rooms are equipped with cutting-edge amenities and designed to meet the highest standards of comfort, providing an unparalleled experience for executives and leaders in the field.

The remaining 17 rooms on each floor are designated as

as standard rooms, contributing to a dynamic environment where researchers, experts, and enthusiasts can engage in discussions, workshops, and collaborative projects. Each standard room is thoughtfully furnished to create an environment conducive to productivity and innovation, fostering a vibrant exchange of ideas and insights.

With its 3 floors housing the modern rooms, the Water Resource Center stands as a beacon of knowledge and progress, inviting individuals from various disciplines to join us in our mission to safeguard and optimize water resources for future generations.

Beyond its educational and research functions, the Water Resource Center is strategically designed to generate income for the institute. The facility includes a 500 person maximum capacity audito-

rium and breakaway hall that can be rented out for conferences, workshops, and events. This not only provides a platform for knowledge exchange but also creates a sustainable revenue stream for KEWI.

The Water Resource Center is envisioned as a focal point for community engagement. Outreach programs, workshops, and training sessions will be conducted to raise awareness about water conservation and responsible water management. By involving the local community, KEWI aims to create a ripple effect of positive change in the country.

The official opening of the Water Resource Center marked a momentous occasion in the institute's journey towards sustainability and community development. With the Cabinet Secretary's endorsement, the center is poised to make a lasting impact on water research, education, and income generation.

As KEWI embraced its role as a steward of the environment, the Water Resource Center stands as a shining example of how academic institutions can contribute to both knowledge and the well-being of the community.

ABOVE: A view of one of the rooms in the recently opened WRC accommodation

KEWI Danida TVET Consortium Project



KEWI Danida project team doing a report on future proofing jobs in Kenya.

BY: ABIGAEL SONGOK

The Kenya Water Institute Kitui Campus hosted a two-day workshop on future-proofing jobs in Kenya's construction and water infrastructure sectors for the KEWI Danida TVET consortium project.

The team leader, Mr. Leonard Makokha, Head of Department Management Information Technology, reiterated that professional water artisans play an essential role in the improvement of

water services by adhering to standards geared towards efficiency. Repositioning water and construction in Kenya requires a cultural shift.

Given that, traditionally, the plumbing and other water artisans in Kenya have been ignored in discussions of the environmental agenda and priorities, the overall objective of the future-proofing jobs in Kenya's construction and water infrastructure sector project is to strengthen linkages between industry and TVET and create stronger

participation of companies, workers' organizations, the water industry at large, and business associations in TVET governance.

The sponsors of the project are: The Confederation of Danish Industry, East Africa, 3F: Fagligt Fælles Forbund (3F), Divers: Diversity and Equal Opportunities (Divers), and Ulandssekretariatet (DTDA).

In order to entrench the role artisans play in improving water services, the project came up with three outcomes, namely: promoting decent work

for 700 students within the construction sector in Kenya through their cooperation to improve TVET for the sector; promoting green transition in the construction sector through cooperation; improving demand responsive training and certification; and promoting improved gender balance and equal opportunities in the construction sector in Kenya through TVET access, training outcomes, and sustainable development competencies.

Examinations rules sensitivity: Students review exam rules



KEWI Kisumu Campus Registrar Mr. Otieno takes the students through a session on examination policies ahead of December examinations series.

BY: EBININO RONIEX

The Kenya Water Institute (KEWI) Kisumu campus recently held a sensitization session on exam policy for the upcoming examination period commencing on 4th December 2023.

The event spearheaded by the Campus Principal, Dr. Emily Chepkoech saw the staff, and the student fraternity attend.

The session aimed to highlight the importance of exams, sustainable examination practices, irregularities, and their repercussions, as well as the role of the institution's examination in the workforce

of the future.

During the session, the importance of exams was emphasized, stressing that they are a critical assessment tool that evaluates students' understanding of the course material.

Sustainable examination practices, including the need for integrity, fairness, and transparency, were also discussed.

The session addressed the various forms of examination irregularities, such as cheating, and the serious repercussions they can have on students, including disciplinary action and damage to their academic and

professional reputation. Furthermore, the role of the institution's examination in the workforce of the future was highlighted, emphasizing that genuine results are essential for producing competent professionals who can contribute effectively to the water sector. The session underscored the importance of upholding the integrity

of the examination process to ensure that the results accurately reflect students' knowledge and skills.

In conclusion, the sensitization session at the Kisumu campus provided valuable insights into the significance of exams, sustainable examination practices, and the consequences of irregularities.

By promoting a culture of academic integrity, the institute is equipping its students with the knowledge and skills necessary to succeed in their future careers.

KEWI Sustains its Winning Tradition as it Harvests Trophies at KETISA Games



KEWI team savors a moment on the podium with a trophy they scooped during the recently concluded KETISA games.

BY: PIUS KIMANI

Kenya Water Institute (KEWI) managed to harvest 6 trophies to finish in fourth position with 116 points in the recently concluded Kenya Technical Institutions Sports Associations (KETISA) 31st Edition indoor games championships.

The 3rd term sporting event that was held at Kenya Institute of Highway and

Building Technology (KIHBT) Ngong ,Kajiado County brought together teams drawn from 13 institutions that do not fall under the ministry of education umbrella which participated in 9 disciplines.

It was a walk in the park for KEWI ladies Lawn Tennis when Philomena Patrick ousted her rival from KIHBT to take home the winner's trophy. However, it was an

uphill task for men in the same sport after they failed to progress past the quarter finals.

KEWI eased past Railway Training Institute (RTI) in Men Table Tennis category to clinch a second position on the podium in a game that saw the ladies finish third after they were outweighed by Institute of Energy Studies and Research (IESR).

The quest to take any medal

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home on men's categories on Badminton and Pool Tables categories was aborted by their rivals at the quarter levels of the games with ladies giving KEWI a reprieve in Pool Table category when they thrashed the National Youth Service (NYS) to take contend with a third finish.

However, it was a disappointing run for the water engineers as they did not manage to wriggle themselves out of group stages of the tournament in Chess, Athletics, Darts, and Scrabble disciplines.

The apex of the sporting gala and which attracted a lot of attention and was witnessed by a host of invited guests including the guest of honor Mr. Abednego

Etyang, Director of Administration State Department for Infrastructure and Mr. Michael Ang'anyo, Senior Principal Registrar, KEWI was the finals of the Handball game on both men and women categories.

KEWI was parading its finest sportspersons in both

games. The quick paced and thrilling game however saw both teams fall narrowly under the weight and wits of their rivals in the duo matches that were dubbed as the "fight of the titans".

By the blow of the final whistle, KEWI men were ousted by National Industrial Training Authority (NITA) Kisumu by a margin of 2 points with winners scooping 14 points against KEWI's 12. It was the same fate for the Ladies category as they fell under their rivals the National

sporting capabilities despite the challenges that were witnessed during the event.

"Our boys and girls have once again shown that they can be counted to deliver on such a crucial event. We have had to contend with muddy conditions due to the ongoing rains but that only motivated our teams to display excellent sportsmanship," he said.

Mr. Omondi remained optimistic that with enough trainings, frequent exposure friendly games and enough material and financial facilitations, KEWI was poised to lead from the front in scouting for sports talents among its students with a keen intent to harness, develop and even export them.

"I am specifically thanking the institute's management and especially the CEO Dr. Leiro Letangule for having been a great enthusiast of these games. His timely interventions and support have brought us this far and we believe that even in days to come, we shall showcase even more under his watch. His support is sure to help us make KEWI a sporting powerhouse," he added.



A scene during a ladies handball finals at KETISA games.

Youth Service (NYS) who scored 12 points against KEWI's 10 points to be declared the champions.

Speaking during the games, KEWI Sports Officer who also doubles as Registrar Student Affairs Byron Omondi heaped praise on his team for having showcased high levels of

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Hon. Felix Maiyo, Deputy Governor Baringo County, when he paid a courtesy call on KEWI CEO Dr. Leiro Letangule.



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Long - Term Programmes

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 Drilling Operations and Management (DOM)
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- Water Supply
- Meter Reading
- Sewerage Operations

Short - Term Programmes

Use of Earth Observation Tools and GIS for Water Resources Management
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