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KEWI Conducts CBET Sensitization Programme

Ms Dorice Situma engages students during the Competency Based Education and Training (CBET) sensitization program.

BY FAIZAH JEPKORIR

Kenya Water Institute held a 3 day comprehensive Competency-Based Education and Training (CBET) sensitization programme for its students, a move that was conducted in a bid to equip them with the practical skills and competencies needed to thrive in today's dynamic job market.

The 3 day pioneering initiative which was attended by student from all the 4 campuses aimed at raising awareness about the benefits of CBET and promoting a culture of skills development and lifelong learning among our students.

The CBET sensitization programme which was officially opened by Deputy Director Academics Affairs Mr. Eric Wamiti kicked off with a series of engaging presentations and

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KEWI Conducts CBET Sensitization Programme

Students follow proceedings during the CBET sensitization programme.

informational sessions designed to demystify the concept of CBET and highlight its relevance in today's rapidly evolving workplace landscape.

Mr. Wamiti, while addressing the students, recognized the importance of aligning education and training with the needs of the labor market and further noted that CBET Curriculum offered a practical and effective approach to achieving the goal.

As an enabler of CBET curriculum, Technical and Vocational Education and Training, Curriculum Development Assessment and Certification Council (TVET-CDACC) established a CBET curriculum aimed at conducting assessment of the curriculum and certify the qualified trainees.

"To compliment TVET-CDACC, Kenya Water Institute has prepared curricula assessment and certification tool dabbed Portfolio of Evidence (POEs) that will enable you as the trainees to maintain all the files of assessment conducted during the course of your training," remarked Mr. Wamiti.

His sentiments were echoed by Senior Principal Registrar Mr. Ang'anyo M.O, who hailed the CBET learning approach as one that will ensure that graduates of the Kenya Water Institute are not only well-versed in the theoretical concepts but also capable of applying their knowledge in practical settings, such as water treatment plants, irrigation schemes and environmental monitoring projects.

The programme which is tailored to cater for diverse audiences not only foster a deeper understanding of CBET principles, methodologies, and implementation strategies but also allow participants to gain insights into how CBET can enhance employability, promote lifelong learning, and bridge the gap between education and industry needs.

KEWI, as the only institute mandated to promote standards of service in the water sector through training and developing human resource among other services remains committed to championing skills development and promoting the adoption of CBET principles across all its campuses.

KEWI's Cutting-Edge Conferencing Facility

KEWI's Water Resource Auditorium

BY EDITORIAL TEAM

At Kenya Water Institute (KEWI), we understand the significance of seamless communication and collaboration in today's fast-paced world; they are the cornerstones of success. We further recognize the establishment and maintenance of remote connections with people and groups as essential for a variety of purposes, including innovation promotion, idea sharing, and closing important business agreements. That's why we take immense pride in offering state-of-the-art conferencing facilities that empower our clients to unlock their full potential.

We further recognize that every gathering is unique, with its own set of requirements and objectives. That's why our conferencing facilities are designed to be versatile and adaptable, catering to a diverse range of events. Whether you're hosting a corporate meeting, a training workshop, or an academic symposium, we have the resources and expertise to accommodate your specific needs, ensuring a seamless and productive experience for all participants.

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TRAINING

Chiakariga Campus Intensifies its Intake Campaign

BY KORIR KIPKIRUI

Kenya Water Institute Chiakariga Campus marketing team has initiated a series of follow-up meetings with school principals across Chiakariga Town with an overarching goal of boosting the upcoming May 2024 intake campaign and fostering mutually beneficial educational initiatives.

Hailed as a proactive move towards fostering stronger ties with the local educational fraternity and advance community outreach, this collaborative endeavor aims at not only creating a lasting impact but also tapping on the rich student catchment that exists in Chiakariga.

Led by Ken Mwango, the marketing team initiated a series of targeted engagements with school principals across the district. These meetings served as a platform to discuss innovative approaches to promoting the intake campaign, as well as to explore opportunities for collaborative educational initiatives that benefit students and the broader community

"Education is at the heart of our mission, and we believe that by partnering with local schools, we can create meaningful opportunities for students and contribute to the overall advancement of our community," stated Ken Mwango while emphasizing the importance of collaboration in driving positive change.

The team with a singular aim of creating a cohesive campaign that resonates with students, parents, and educators alike, managed to visit Gaceraka Mixed Day, Nkareni Mixed Secondary School, Tunyai Secondary School, Chiakariga Girls Secondary School and SDA Chiakariga Mixed Day. The discussions with school principals focused on leveraging the strengths of both parties to maximize outreach and engagement from joint promotional activities to educational workshops and outreach events.

Furthermore, the engagement with school principals provided a platform to explore initiatives aimed at addressing community needs and promoting social responsibility. From scholarship programs to career counseling sessions and community outreach projects, the collaborative efforts seek to make a tangible difference in the lives of students and families within the community.

As the intake campaign gains momentum, the marketing team showed dedication to amplifying the outreach efforts and fostering meaningful partnerships with the local schools. This is by leveraging the collective resources and expertise of both Kenya Water Institute and local educational institutions.

I shall help redefine Protection Standards at KEWI

MASAA KIBET: KEWI'S SENIOR SECURITY OFFICER

How will you develop and implement security policies within the institute?

In close collaboration with the relevant institutional departments like the IT and Legal offices, I will be keen on developing and implementing security policies that will not only enhance compliance but ones that will also be applicable to all laws and regulations of the land. To further help improve employee safety, I shall implement a robust monitoring and reporting procedures to ensure that our policies are followed.

How do you ensure that all employees are aware of the institute's security protocols?

I work closely with the communications office and other relevant departments to disseminate as quickly as possible any information regarding a security issue. I tend to create a plan to educate and train all staff on the importance of secure systems, as well as the specific protocols in place such as regular audits or spot checks.

Explain physical security measures within the institute that help your office enhance security situation of the institute?

We have access control systems that have allowed us to monitor movement within the institute at all time. Our CCTV cameras are mounted strategically to keep monitoring the activities within their range and alarm systems are accessible to everyone for ease of use when the need arises. We are in the process of securing even more advanced CCTV cameras to beef the security further and especially now when security breaches are resulting to catastrophic consequence. We have also improved on how we scan and search all persons and motor vehicles accessing the institute to help mitigate any undesirable outcome.

What strategies do you use to stay informed about emerging threats in the security industry that may also affect our institution?

To stay informed about any new threats and vulnerabilities in the security industry, I subscribe to relevant publications and newsletter that disseminate information on any developments within the security industry, attend conferences and seminars, participate in online forums, and follow industry experts on social media. These keep me abreast on how this industry is evolving which is a competitive edge for me and the institute.

How do you intend to ensure the sustainability of security measures that your office will be rolling out for implementation?

Working closely with the director and other relevant offices, I shall regularly be conducting comprehensive risk assessment programs for our organization in collaboration with other security professionals so as to identify potential risk and thus develop strategies to mitigate them. This way the institution will be able to identify potential vulnerabilities in our security system, develop creative solutions to address them and thus ensure they are properly integrated into our existing infrastructure. Consecutively, this shall help reduce our

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overall risk of a security breach and increase our organization's security posture.

What steps do you take to ensure that confidential information remains secure?

We encourage members of staff and the students and also the public at large to share any information that may help improve the overall security situation of the institute. To ensure this is possible we guarantee them of protecting their identity and any confidential information they share. I shall ensure protocols, like biometric authentication and facial recognition, and other access control measures, to protect sensitive data are implemented to boost the confidence of any whistle blower who may need to divulge crucial security information to this office.

What do you intend to do to improve the response times to security incidents?

I intend to create a streamlined communication process between my office and other departments to allow quick communication on any issues or updates on security lapse. I will also work closely with theIT department to see development of an automated system for tracking and analyzing data related to security incidents. This I believe will significantly improve our response times by improving our incident detection and response capabilities.

What methods do you use to investigate suspicious activity within the organization?

I have a comprehensive approach to investigating suspicious activity that include physical and digital surveillance, interviews with staff members and students and all other persons of interest, and data analysis. These are further enhanced by our updated security surveillance mechanisms i.e. our CCTV monitoring, access control systems, and employee background checks.

How do you evaluate the effectiveness of our security measures?

By regularly monitoring and improving such measures to ensure that this office is providing the best possible protection for our organization.

What experience do you have working with law enforcement agencies?

I have extensive experience working with law enforcement agencies. In the spirit of teamwork, I shall regularly collaborate with local law enforcement establishments to ensure that our security practices are in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations.

How do you prioritize tasks when there are multiple security-related projects going on at once?

I prioritize tasks by assessing the risks and urgency of each one. I develop a plan of action and then prioritize based on the importance of each project. This allows me to easily keep track of progress and ensure that all tasks are completed in a timely manner.

Interview done by Pius Kimani.

Kitui Campus and St. Charles Lwanga face off in a friendly football game

Kitui Campus and St. Charles Lwanga School during the match at St. Charles Lwanga grounds.

BY JUDY WANJIRA

The Kenya Water Institute (KEWI) Kitui Campus lost narrowly in a thrilling friendly football match with St. Charles Lwanga School Kitui.

The tournament which took place at St. Charles Lwanga School grounds over the weekend saw KEWI score 3 goals against their opponent who had the advantage of playing at home and who managed to win narrowly by an extra goal.

KEWI team controlled and dominated the first half, clearly indicating their hunger and thirst to carry the day. By the 45th minute of the game, Bernard Mwania, Stephanie Kiema and Laurana Mwangi had managed to put the guests ahead of the game.

However, things took a different turn during the second half when the host team, reeling from the shock loosing at home, put their best feet forward to recoup the shame of losing in front of their home fans.

Moses Baraza, the star player of the host team led the assault by scoring 2 goals in quick succession, a feat that raised the morale of the disillusioned team. KEWIs efforts to convert every opportunity were thwarted by the strong host defense and hawk eyed goalkeeper who ensured it were either a win or a draw.

However, by the end of the game which was refereed by Kyalo, a member of the guest team and who had arbitrated matches between the two teams in previous meets, the hosts carried the day when Mathew Mutunga and Castor added 2 more goals to stop the game at 4 goals.

While welcoming both teams to the field Mr. Amos Odhiambo, Lwanga school patron thanked KEWI for making time to participate in the event, and honoring the invitation.

In his closing remarks, Mr. Simon Peter Wambua, the head of KEWI delegation thanked the host for considering KEWI Kitui in such arrangements.

"We are all winners, and we look forward to more engagements. The match was interesting, and I am sure each of us has picked one or two skills to improve on next." He added.

KEWI which is lately emerging as a sports powerhouse within the Kenya Technical Institutions Sports Association (KETISA) fraternity takes great satisfaction in incorporating extracurricular activities with academic trainings since the two are interrelated. The tournament comes at a time when the institutes is preparing for its 1st term sports engagement which will culminate in its participation in the prestigious KETISA sports bonanza that brings together teams from training institutions that are not under the Ministry of Education.

Round Up of the Week's Events

KEWI and Gatsby Africa inspect equipments for the Non-Revenue Water training.

Quote of the Week

"Leadership is the capacity to translate vision into reality."

-Warren Bennis.

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Diploma in Water Resources Management Technology (DWRTM)
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Certificate in Water Laboratory Technology (CWLT)
Certificate in Water Engineering Technology (CWET)
Drilling Operations and Management (DOM)
Plumbing and Pipe Fitting (PPF)
Water Operators Course (WOC) in:

- Water Supply
- Meter Reading
- Sewerage Operations

Short - Term Programmes

Use of Earth Observation Tools and GIS for Water Resources Management
Entrepreneurship and Financial Management for Water Managers
Operation and Maintenance of Water Supply Networks
Metering and Installation of Water Supply Networks
Leak Detection & Repair techniques
Drilling Operations and Management (DOM)
Operation & Maintenance of Pumping Stations
Pump Selection, Installation and Maintenance
Plumbing, Pipe Fitting and Solar Water Heating
Instrumentation for Water and Wastewater Systems
Water Governance, Management and Technology
Application of GIS for Water Utilities Mapping
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Vision

A Technical Centre of Excellence in Training, Research, Innovation and Consultancy in the water, Sanitation and Irrigation Sector.

Mission

T o offer Competency-Based Training, Research, Innovation, Consultancy and Outreach Services in the Water, Sanitation and Irrigation Sector for sustainable development.

Core Values

Good Corporate Governance
Professionalism
Customer Focus
Innovativeness
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