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THE 15TH GRADUATION CEREMONY



The University's Chancellor, Hon. Salim A Salim congratulating a graduate during the 15th graduation Ceremony.

Hubert Kairuki Memorial University (HKMU) held its 15th Graduation Ceremony on December 2017. At the occasion, HKMU conferred degrees and certificates to 228 graduates; 108 males and 120 females. This is a milestone towards the success of the vision of the founder to reduce the shortage of healthcare professionals in Tanzania through training of doctors and nurses at certificate, diploma, undergraduate and postgraduate degree levels. These graduates are well equipped to make their contributions in addressing the society's health challenges.



Academic staff and graduates marching to the 15th Graduation Ceremony

HKMU as a growing private medical University is delighted with the progress it has made to date. Looking back to 1997, only seven students were enrolled; three in the Faculty of Medicine and two in the Faculty of Nursing, currently the University has 1517 students. The increase of students has created the need to expand the University's teaching and research facilities. Plans are underway to implement the expansion in Boko, Kinondoni, Dar es Salaam, where it has 7.4 hectares of land.



Graduates taking the Hippocratic oath at the 15th Graduation Ceremony

Amongst other plans, the University is in the process of establishing an Endowment fund that will be used to finance development projects and support educational activities such as scholarships for students interested in pursuing studies in Medicine, Health and Allied Sciences.

MEET THE NEW VICE CHANCELLOR

The Board of Directors of Kairuki Health and Education Network (KHEN), appointed **Prof. Charles Stephen Mgone**, to the position of Vice Chancellor of Hubert Kairuki Memorial University, on March 2017, following the retirement of **Prof. Keto Mshigeni**, who served as Vice Chancellor for the past 10 years.

Prof. Mgone joined the University of Dar es Salaam's Faculty of Medicine at Muhimbili in 1970 where he graduated with a Doctor of Medicine degree (MD) in 1975. Between 1977 and 1980, Prof. Mgone undertook his post-graduate training at the same university where he earned a Master of Medicine (MMed) degree in Paediatrics and Child Health in 1980. After graduating, he was recruited as a lecturer in Paediatrics and Child Health a position he held until 1983 when he was promoted to the rank of Senior Lecturer and later in 1987, Associate Professor in the same University. Between 1988 and 1991, Prof. Mgone pursued his post-doctoral studies at the University of Glasgow in the UK where he graduated with a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree in Medical Genetics.



After a brief moment of teaching at Glasgow University, Prof. Mgone moved on to Papua New Guinea (PNG) where he joined the research team of the PNG Institute of Medical Research. He became the Institute's Deputy Director and later Acting Director of the Institute. He stayed in Papua New Guinea for nine years, and then came back to Tanzania where he served as Network Director of the African Malaria Network Trust (AMANET), a position he held for three years.

In 2006 Prof. Mgone joined the European and Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership (EDCTP) as Executive Director. The programme is a partnership for accelerating R&D to alleviate the burden of poverty-related and neglected diseases such as malaria, HIV, tuberculosis and neglected tropical diseases (NTDs).

In January 2016 he was appointed chairperson of the World Health Organisation's Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) of the Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases. Currently, Prof. Mgone chairs the board of the Africa Research Excellence Fund and serves as the convocation President of the Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences.

THE ROAD TO DISCOVERIES

SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE TO INSPIRE QUALITY RESEARCHES



HKMU Students Association under the guidance of Hubert Kairuki Memorial University Management organised a Medical Trainee Research conference with a motive of promoting quality researches amongst Medical Trainees in Tanzania. Research being one of the core functions of the University; it is encouraged and supported for its importance towards generating and advancing knowledge. Research provides evidence-based information, necessary for correct policy making, management, control and prevention of diseases in the country. The conference was attended by over 380 participants, a vast majority being researchers, healthcare professionals and medical trainees.



HKMU students during the Medical Trainee Conference

Participants came from across Tanzania - Dodoma, Mwanza, Kilimanjaro, Tanga, and Dar es Salaam. Over 7 Medical and Nursing universities were represented and different educators shared their research. Currently the University is working in partnership with other universities and research institutes to address major health challenges in Tanzania such as malaria, HIV/AIDS, communicable diseases, non-communicable diseases and micronutrient deficiency disorders.



A group photo of participants at the Medical Trainee Conference

LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL

RESPONDING TO BURNING SOCIAL PROBLEMS



Vice Chancellor Charles Mgone (centre) with HKMU staff and students handing over desks to Lugalo primary school in Mikocheni, Kinondoni District, Dar es Salaam Region

Apart from fulfilling the Universities core mission of education, research and consultancy services; the University aspires to produce ethically-minded scientists and professionals of integrity, devotion and commitment. The aim is to have educated professionals in medicine, who can deliver outstanding medical services and apply the benefits of discovery to improve public health and to build a strong and supportive academic community. The students see the need to give back to the society and take part in solving challenges facing the society.

"Desk for comfortable studies", is a campaign initiated by the HKMU students who mobilised funds to purchase desks for underprivileged primary schools in Dar es Salaam.



HKMU Staff and students in a group photo with Lugalo primary school pupils

Through the Campaign, the students were able to raise a total of TZS 584,000/= to order desks that were donated to Lugalo primary school through the Kinondoni District Commissioner's Office. The expectations, according to the HKMU student's president and organizer of the campaign, Leckton Leskar Morris; is to raise TZS 24 million from the staff of the University and Kairuki Hospital, students and other well-wishers so as to participate in the call and efforts of the Government of eliminating shortage of desks in primary schools in the country.

"Health education and screening community outreach at Monduli, Arusha;" Medical students from Hubert Kairuki Memorial University organised and conducted a free medical community outreach for health education and screening in three villages; Naalarami, Nanja and Eng'arooji in Monduli district, Arusha region. The objective of the activity was to provide health education and do screening on cholera, tuberculosis, HIV, hypertension.



HKMU students educating Monduli villagers on health issues

Mary Torongeya, one of the participants and a second year medical student at the University said, "although the activity was a success in all the earmarked villages, there is a need to improve the health sector through provision of necessary health facilities and promotion of health education in the society".



Jackson Swai a third year medical student conducting body screening to a patient in Monduli District, Arusha Region

"Putting into practice what we have been taught thrills us to do more for our societies. Back then, it was difficult to access proper medical care, especially in the remote places of the Masai Land due to shortage of medical facilities, doctors and nurses and even awareness of the society on what to do once they face health complications", says Leckton Leskar Morris a first-year medical student and also a participant of the activity.



Mudhihiri Hamis (MD 3) and Philomena Ngowi(MD 2) students giving health education to primary school pupils in Monduli District

The ladies in the team, Philomena Ngowi and Mary Torongey said, "It was amazement and a great motivation for the villages to see young women doing the work that was once thought only men could do". They considered it as inspiration for the girls in the Masai community to commit themselves in working harder in their studies so that the society will benefit from their future accomplishment in different careers. The team urges the Government and the society to address issues that are still barriers such as language, inadequate medical facilities, drugs and poor awareness of the society on health issues.



Philomena Ngowi and Mary Torongey MD 2 students conducting Medical check-up on Monduli Villagers.

RAISING CHAMPIONS

TANZANIA UNIVERSITIES SPORTS ASSOCIATION (TUSA) GAMES 2017



University Management and HKMU TUSA participants

HKMU celebrated victory through the student's teams shining in the TUSA games. A total of 38 HKMU students participated in the TUSA Games 2017, inaugurated by Hon. Dr. Harrison Mwakembe (MP) and Minister of Information, Youth, Culture and Sports held at the University of Dodoma. The competition brought together 22 Universities; where-by games competed included football, volleyball, basketball, pool table, table tennis, swimming, and athletics (running, high jump, and long jump).



HKMU student's team during the competition week in Dodoma

The team won trophies as second overall winners in athletics, swimming and 17 medals (9 Silver and 8 Bronze) in running, swimming and high jump. Expectations are to participate at the Eastern Africa University Games 2018, whereby Universities from Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi and South Sudan will compete in various indoor and outdoor games.

WELCOMING NEW FAMILY MEMBERS



Student presenters at the freshers' ball

HKMU Student's President Lectkon Leskar Morris (left) & other continuing students, during the freshers' ball.

New students enrolled at the University were joyfully welcomed at a freshers' ball that was held at Police Officers Mess in Kinondoni district, Dar es Salaam region. The event was organized by the students with approval from Management. This year's freshers' ball welcomed 364 students registered in the Medical Doctor (MD), Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BScN) and Diploma (Pre and In-service) programmes for the new academic year 2017/2018.

During his welcoming speech the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Charles Mgone said, "being at the University, is a great opportunity to fulfil your dreams, it is my hope that you will treasure and maximize this chance you have been given. We expect high moral standard from you joining students, and adherence to the regulation and rules stipulated".

The students are expected to adhere to the highest order of conduct as stipulated in the University's core values which subscribe to: Professionalism, Excellence, Adaptability, Competitiveness and Partnerships.

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