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MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



Dr. Kelly Oluoch
Chief Executive Officer

Welcome to yet another exciting edition of the KMTC Bulletin, covering the months of December 2022 to February 2023.

As we turn the page of another year, I wish to take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation for your ongoing support and partnership in advancing the College's mandate.

I am immensely proud of the KMTC team and all that we have achieved together.

In this new year, I am filled with optimism and excitement for what we can accomplish. We have a strong foundation, a talented and dedicated

team, and a clear vision for where we want to go.

As always, we remain committed to delivering value to our stakeholders, fostering strong relationships, building on trust and transparency, and making a positive impact in the communities we serve.

Despite the ongoing challenges posed by emerging and reemerging diseases, we have continued to provide high-quality education and training, and I am incredibly proud of the resilience and adaptability that our staff and students have continued to show during these unusual times.

In recent months, we have made significant progress in our efforts to expand our course offerings and enhance our facilities. Towards this, the Board has embarked on a robust plan to equip KMTC Campuses across the country to enhance the quality of training for the College's students.

In pursuit of its mandate, the College has continued to engage with development partners and both levels of government. In this issue, you will read all about these partnerships and the strides we have made in enhancing teaching and learning for our students.

Looking ahead, we remain committed to our mission of providing affordable, accessible, and high-quality

education and training to healthcare professionals in Kenya and beyond. We will continue to work closely with our partners in the healthcare industry to ensure that our programs are aligned with the needs of the sector and that our graduates are well-prepared to meet the challenges of the ever-evolving healthcare landscape.

On the other hand, the College is excited to be receiving applications for the March 2023 intake, with classes for the new students expected to kick off on 7th March 2023.

We are encouraging all prospective students to apply as soon as possible and join the KMTC family. The portal will remain open until all the available slots are dully filled.

While at it, it is important to note that the College is now registered on the Kenya National Qualifications Authority Framework (KNQA), equating our Higher National Diploma qualifications to university bachelor's degrees.

I want to thank our dedicated staff, committed students, and supportive partners for their contributions to our continued success. I wish you all happiness and wonderful moments, and I look forward to another successful year.



KMTC Holds 91st Graduation Ceremony, Releases 15,915 Medics into the Health Sector

KMTC during its 91st Graduation Ceremony held on December 2, 2022 released 15,915 fresh graduates ready to meet the health workforce gaps. Of this number, 692 were awarded Higher Diplomas, 8,235 Diplomas, and 6,988 Certificates.

The event presided over by the Health Cabinet Secretary Ms. Susan Nakhumicha Wafula, saw the highest-ever number of graduates in the history of the College given the power to put their training to work.

Giving her remarks, the CS observed that KMTC has been making great strides in the field of health care service delivery, “Anyone making contact with a health provider in this country and beyond, will most probably be attended by a KMTC graduate. I am proud to be a KMTC Alumna,” she said.

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>> Health CS Ms. Susan Nakhumicha (2nd right) flanked by KMTC Board Chairperson Amb. Zachary Muburi-Muita (2nd left) and CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch (right) presents an award to one of the graduands

Ministry Pledges to Support the College to Empower Campuses



>> Tharaka Nithi County Governor Hon. Muthomi Njuki (left) hands over a gift to KMTC CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch (right) during the handing over of Chuka Campus

The Ministry of Health will work hand in hand with KMTC to enable completion of Chuka Campus, as pledged by H.E. President William Ruto, Ph.D., Health CS Ms. Susan Nakhumicha has said.

The CS was speaking on February 6, 2023 during the official handover of Chuka Campus to the National Government by the Tharaka Nithi County Government..

The CS undertook to follow up on the resources required to ensure completion and operationalization of the new facility within the shortest time possible.

Speaking to the students, Ms. Nakhumicha encouraged them to leverage on the opportunity given to them by KMTC to actualize their dreams. “I am a living example that you can start at KMTC and ascend to the pinnacle of your career,” she said.

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High Expectations as Japan Ambassador to Kenya Visits KMTC



>> KMTC CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch (2nd right), Japan's Ambassador to Kenya Amb. Okaniwa Ken (2nd left), KMTC Board Chairperson Amb. Zachary Muburi-Muita (3rd right) and Nairobi Campus Principal Mr. Joseph Ahomo (right) with other staff members during a visit to the Simulation Laboratory

KMTC Board Chairperson Amb. Zachary Muburi-Muita hosted Japan's Ambassador to Kenya H.E. Ambassador Okaniwa Ken on January 31, 2023, during his inaugural visit to the College.

“At KMTC we aspire to maintain international standards in line with our mandate to produce competent health workers fit for practice in the Kenyan as well as the global context,” Amb. Muita said. “We hope this meeting will be the first, in a series of many, as we explore ways to solidify the strong ties between Kenya and Japan,” he added.

The Chairperson reported that the College has engaged in deliberate partnerships with the County governments, aimed at synergizing the country's efforts in tackling health challenges in addition to actualizing the Universal Health Coverage agenda.

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KMTC ranks top in the latest Webometrics Rankings

For the fourth time in a row, KMTC has earned international recognition for excellence in training, emerging at position two in the January 2023 Webometrics Universities and Tertiary Colleges' rankings.

The College also ranked at position 35 among the best institutions of higher learning in the country, defeating giants such as the African Nazarene University, Multimedia University, and Technical University of Mombasa, among others.

The first position in the University and Tertiary College category was scooped by the University of Nairobi and Kenya School of Government, consecutively.



>> KMTC students in the Nairobi Campus resource center

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The Board of Directors to embark on major College equipping plans



>> Kisumu County Governor Prof. Anyang Nyong'o (5th left), KMTC Board Chairperson Amb. Zachary Muburi-Muita (3rd left) and CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch (3rd right) with a section of KMTC Board Directors, and members of staff during a meeting in the Governor's Office

When he took office in 2021, the KMTC Board Chairperson Amb. Zachary Muburi-Muita announced an ambitious plan to scale up development as a roadmap for the College's transformational and growth agenda.

Top on the list was to create centers of excellence, automate services and reduce paperwork, equip learning facilities with state-of-the-art equipment, enhance strategic partnerships, and strengthen staff capacity to bridge staff-student ratios.

With signature projects like the Simulation Laboratory, English Language Training Center, and E-learning, KMTC has transformed to become a highly sought-after institution for thousands of students who would like to take up technical training slots.

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New Members Elected to Represent Staff in the Retirement Benefit Scheme



>> Ms. Susan Wangechi (2nd right) and Mr. Dossantos Kalungu (3rd right) with the Schemes' officials

The KMTC staff have elected two members for appointment by the Board to represent them in the College Staff Retirement Benefit and Staff Pension schemes, respectively.

This follows the expiry of the first term for Mr. Dossantos Kalungu, representing staff in the Defined Contribution Scheme (DCS) and second term for Mr. Hillary Rotich, representing staff in the Defined Benefits Scheme (DBS).

Resulting from the election held on Wednesday 7th December, 2022 in Nakuru, Ms. Susan Kabugi from the KMTC Headquarters and Mr. Dossantos Kalungu from KMTC Mbooni Campus have been elected by delegates to represent staff in the DBS and DCS respectively.

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Jubilation as More KMTCCampuses Receive Vehicles

It was jubilation at the KMTCC Headquarters in Nairobi during the commissioning of nine vehicles for various KMTCC Campuses.

“These vehicles will ensure students access their clinical training sites with ease, where they augment health service delivery to the local communities in the course of their training,” KMTCC Board Director Mr. Fred Wamwaki, representing the Board Chair Amb. Zachary Muburi-Muita, said.

The nine vehicles, four double-cabin utility vehicles, four buses and one ambulance will go to Thika, Kaptumo, Kuria, Iten, Kabarnet, Othaya, Busia, Webuye and Nairobi Campuses.

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>> KMTCC Board Director Mr. Fred Wamwaki (with Kenyan flag), and CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch (with KMTCC flag) during the commissioning of the vehicles. Looking on are Board Directors, Senior Managers, Staff and students

Joy as KMTCC Othaya Campus receives a vehicle



>> KMTCC Board Chairperson Amb. Zachary Muburi-Muita (holding Kenyan flag) and CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch (holding the KMTCC flag) flanked by a section of Board Directors, staff and students during the handing over of the vehicle.

KMTC Othaya Campus students could not hide their smiles after they received a vehicle on Monday, January 23, 2022.

The College in recent months embarked on equipping its facilities with free teaching equipment, transport vehicles, enhanced infrastructural development, among others in a bid to boost learning.

KMTCC Board Chairperson Amb. Zachary Muburi-Muita said the Board is committed to upholding international training standards in the College for production of a global healthcare workforce.

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KMTCC signs MoU with Bomet County



>> Bomet County Governor Hon. Hilary Barchok (5th right) and KMTCC Board Chairperson Amb. Zachary Muburi-Muita (4th right) exchange copies of the signed MOU as the KMTCC CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch (6th right), Board Directors, and Senior Managers look on

KMTC has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Bomet County Government, outlining modalities of engagement between the two institutions to enhance health services delivery in the County.

Speaking during the signing that took place on December 5, 2022, at the Governor’s office, the KMTCC Board Chairperson Amb. Zachary Muburi-Muita said the College will ensure that programmes offered at KMTCC Bomet Campus are tailor-made to meet the needs of the County. “This sets the pace for escalating our mission to work together for the betterment of KMTCC and the people of Bomet,” the Chairperson added.

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Nyeri County Government ups support to the College



>> Nyeri County Governor Hon. Mutahi Kahiga (2nd left), KMTCC Board Chairperson Amb. Zachary Muburi-Muita (center), CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch (left) with a section of Board Directors and Senior Managers during a courtesy call to the Governor's Office.

The Nyeri County Government has reiterated its commitment to supporting KMTCC Campuses in the County to enable them to discharge their mandate to Kenyans, County Governor Hon. Mutahi has said.

He was speaking on January 23, 2023, during a courtesy call on his office by the KMTCC Board of Directors led by Chairperson Amb. Zachary Muburi-Muita.

“Towards this end, we have seconded six lecturers to Nyeri Campus to strengthen staff numbers in support of teaching and learning for our students,” the Governor said.

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KMTCC Students Benefit from Bursary Allocations



>> Nandi County Governor H.E. Stephen Sang (right) hands over bursary cheques to some of the KMTCC beneficiaries.

One hundred and ninety-six KMTCC students are among beneficiaries of a Kshs 60 million bursary allocation by the Nandi County Government to support their access to education.

Handing over the cheque to the beneficiaries, Nandi County Governor Hon. Stephen Sang had this to say “We will be increasing bursary allocation in each subsequent year to ensure that we cushion a majority of the needy students in our society.”

The Governor reported that the disbursement was earmarked to benefit students from the County undertaking their studies in Universities and Colleges, Vocational Training Centres and Secondary Schools. In addition, the money would go towards supporting People Living with Disabilities access to education.

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Bungoma County Government Pledges More Support to KMTCC



>> Bungoma County Governor Hon. Kenneth Lusaka commissions a tuition block at KMTCC Webuye Campus. Looking on are KMTCC CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch (2nd left), Webuye East MP. Hon. Martin Wanyonyi (in red cap) and Webuye Campus Principal Ms. Lucy Chebungeti (3rd right).

The Bungoma County Government through Governor Hon. Kenneth Lusaka has pledged to support the KMTCC to actualize its vision of being “a model institution in the training and development of competent health professionals.”

Speaking when he commissioned a tuition block and double cabin utility vehicle at KMTCC Webuye on February 3, 2023, Hon. Lusaka promised to immediately install security lights in and around the Campus to ensure that all students learn in a safe and secure environment.

Appreciating the Governor's support for the immense support to the College, KMTCC CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch reported that the College has set aside Kshs 680 million for disbursement to needy students through Higher Education Loans Board (HELB) to facilitate their training at the Campus

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Jhpiego President visits KMTc, pledges support



>> KMTc Skills laboratory coordinator Ms. Elizabeth Mweha (right) showcasing some of the equipment to Jhpiego President Ms. Leslie Mancuso (2nd left) and Vice President Ms. Wendy Taylor (left) who were accompanied by the KMTc CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch (centre) and Nairobi Campus Deputy Principal Finance and Administration Ms. Caroline Oyugi (2nd right)

The Jhpiego President and CEO Dr. Leslie Mancuso paid a courtesy call on the KMTc CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch January 17, 2023 at the College headquarters in Nairobi.

The call was an opportunity to strengthen the longstanding collaboration between KMTc and Jhpiego, a non-profit organization for international health affiliated with Johns Hopkins University.

Speaking during the meeting, Dr. Oluoch acknowledged and extended deep appreciation for the generous support and assistance provided to the College over the years.

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KMTc Explores Partnership with Austrian Organization



>> KMTc CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch (center) with Lebenshilfe Vice President Mr. George Willeit (6th right) and KMTc Staff during a meeting at the KMTc Headquarters.

KMTC has held preliminary discussions with Lebenshilfe Austria on possible areas of partnership to support students' transition from College to the job market.

Speaking when he received the organization's Vice-President Mr. George Willeit at the KMTc headquarters in Nairobi on January 16, 2023, CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch welcomed the partnership noting that it is in line with the College's strategy of training for the global market.

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KMTc Explores partnership with IVI



>> KMTc CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch (seated centre) with IVI Director Dr. Jerome Kim (seated 2nd right), IVI staff Mr. Ondari Mogeni (seated 2nd left), Boston Consulting Mr. Arthur Salaum (seated right) and KMTc staff members Ms. Eglah Kigen (left), standing from left, Mr. Francis Kariuki, Dr. John Aswani, Dr. Charles Nzioka and Mr. Kelvin Oruko during the meeting.

The KMTc CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch on January 31, 2023 hosted the International Vaccine Institute (IVI) Director General Dr. Jerome Kim at the Headquarters in Nairobi for discussions on potential areas of collaboration.

Dr. Oluoch welcomed the prospect of partnering with IVI especially on research in the areas of vaccination and immunization.

"One of the College's key mandates is conducting research and we are excited to explore this opportunity of partnering with you to increase staff technical capability in this area," the CEO said.

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KMTC Commits to Work with Regulatory Bodies and Professional Associations to Enhance Training

KMTC has received a mostly clean bill of health on its quality of training according to a preliminary audit report by the Clinical Officers' Council of Kenya (COC) presented to the College on January 19, 2023.

As part of the quality control mechanism, the COC undertook an audit exercise on the College to assess its training programmes in March last year.

The COC Chairperson Prof. Joseph Kang'ethe lauded KMTC for having a standardized curriculum and teaching timetable across its Campuses spread across the country.

In addition, he reported that the placement of Campuses offering Clinical Medicine programmes next to health facilities, which had adequate clinical and medical officers, specialists as well as consultants, had enabled students to acquire the required skills.



>> KMTC CEO Dr. Kelly Oluoch (seated center) with Ministry of Health Director of Clinical services Mr. Manasseh Bocha (right) CoC Chairperson Prof. Simon Kang'ethe (2nd right) KMTC Registrar Dr. Lucy Waweru (2nd left) CoC CEO Mr. Ibrahim Wako (left), CoC Vice Chair Dr. Joseph Choge (standing 4th right) and members of staff.

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KMTC Student to Participate in Regional Beauty Pageant



>> KMTC Student
Ms. Sharline Nekesa

Sharline Nekesa, a third-year Physiotherapy student at KMTC Nairobi Campus will be among the participants in the Miss Tourism East Africa beauty pageant contest finals set to be held in Uganda from March 18 – April 1, 2023.

Nekesa, who is registered with a modeling academy, was recently selected by a panel, led by the Director of Miss Kenya Tourism, to represent the country in the upcoming East Africa 2023 contest among two other models.

“I am not only going as a participant but as a serious contender looking forward to bringing the crown home and making my country and specifically KMTC proud,” she says, adding, “My message to people is that beauty is always beyond what meets the eye and that even Medics have social lives outside the work environment.”

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